

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord –April 3, 2022

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14--23:56

Today's second reading and Passion narrative focus on Jesus, history's ultimate player. On Calvary the world must have judged him defeated. In fact, he had won both the battle and the war against sin and death for all ages to come.

The Philippians passage describes Jesus exchanging the mantle of divinity for the mantle of suffering, even to death on a cross. The drama does not end in defeat; God intervenes to make this cross the tree of victory. The entire universe must proclaim to God's glory that Jesus Christ is Lord. The slave had set humanity free.

Luke's account of Jesus' Passion and death focuses not on historical detail but on the portrait of a martyr. A clear example of Jesus the martyr is his forgiveness prayer for the executioners, a prayer not found in Matthew and Mark. Luke also relates how Jesus granted forgiveness to the Good Thief. Jesus' final words in Matthew and Mark were, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In Luke they were, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (see Luke 23:46).

Paul and Luke show that victory is not always measured according to worldly criteria. Generosity and truth will win out because they are preserved in the living memory of a loving God and the Christian community. Whenever that community sings or recites the story of such heroes and heroines, they solemnly announce the ultimate victory of genuine good, but not always in the fashion the world would expect.

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Reflecting on the Procession. We read and hear the Passion Gospel today. But first, at the procession, when we bless palms, we hear what precedes it. There is a colt, there are cloaks spread on the road, there are shouts: "Blessed is the king"..."Peace in heaven."

- ◆ What cloak will I spread before Jesus to make it easy for him to come to me?
- ◆ So that stones do not cry out, what will I proclaim about Jesus Christ?
- ◆ How will I clear my calendar so I can come to my parish church for all the celebrations of the Easter Triduum?

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. Colossians 3:1-4.



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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am
Weekdays –Fri 6:00 pm

Abandonment and Salvation

Jesus came triumphantly into Jerusalem, but he knew what faced him. The death would be terrible, and the suffering that would accompany it would be searing.

Worst of all would be the pain of abandonment. Jesus would die abandoned by everyone. His friends and disciples would run away and leave him alone.

From among his very best friends, one would turn him over to the authorities and another would deny knowing him. Jesus' experience of abandonment even seemed to extend to his Father: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

In dying his lonely death on the cross, Jesus brought salvation to all those who are abandoned by others: the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, the lonely elderly, those suffering from communicable diseases, the hungry, political prisoners, prostitutes, those on death row.

Jesus died and rose that they might be liberated from their abandonment.

"Your attitude must be Christ's," we are told by St. Paul. We must empty ourselves and take the form of slaves on behalf of those who are abandoned by the world.

The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were nonmembers of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: 77

--Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Site

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Apr 10 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson
Thu Apr 14 7:00 pm Holy Thursday
Fri Apr 15 7:00 pm Good Friday
Holy Land Collection
Sat Apr 16 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun Apr 17 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass Heather Fred

No Birthdays this week

Liturgical Ministers

Apr 10	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	Z Garrett	B Bowers	M Slife <u>Cantor</u>	M Palmer J Starrett	* J Slife, J Bergmann
Apr 17	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	M Miller	X Gruszezyk	P Widowski <u>Cantor</u>	M Palmer, M Bergmann J Starrett	* M Slife, R Weeks

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING April 3, 2022

Envelope (24) \$1830.00
Loose \$32.00
Flowers \$45.00
Masses \$10.00
CRS \$50.00
Fish Fry \$1586.00
CSMA (1) \$15.00
Total: \$3553.00
Building & Maint. (2) \$110.00 **Total \$110.00**

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Apr 10 8:00 am Palm Sunday
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
Thu Apr 14 7:00 pm Holy Thursday
Fri Apr 15 7:00 pm Good Friday
Sat Apr 16 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun Apr 17 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt weather permitting

Apr 14	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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Apr 15	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	Z Garrett	Vol.	M Nelson <u>Cantor</u>	M Palmer TBA	*Vol
Apr 16	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	A Dueker	Vol.	M Slife <u>Cantor</u>	Vol TBA	* F Dueker, Vol.

LONG TIME PARISHIONER ANNA MAE STREET DIED APRIL 3, 2022. She married Lenard Street at the old St. Paul Catholic Church in Vienna in 1951. She was an active member of our parish and a member of our St. Paul Altar Sodality (now CCW). We were honored to provide her family a visitation at the church prior to her Mass yesterday and to provide a meal for her family. Parishioners who could not attend her visitation or Mass can send condolences to her daughters Joany Cook and Angela Street at Anna Mae Street’s address (listed in your parish directory) Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make her family feel welcome.

THANK YOU VICKIE FOR CHASING DOWN THE PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY. When they were not delivered as expected, Vickie traced them to our local post office where they were held hostage needing a signature on delivery!

THANK YOU TO ZACH AND FR. CHRISTIAN FOR LEADING OUR Synod listening session and all who participated in this session last Sunday.

OUR TRI- PARISH DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE. Our new parish directory is combined of members from our parish, St. Mary, Harrisburg and St. Mary Eldorado. (Separate sections for each parish) Look for the directory with your name on it in the church foyer. Our separate St. Paul photo directory (with pictures of parishioners who posed or sent pictures) will soon be available. Phone numbers will be listed with these pictures. Special thanks to Fr. Tom Barrett who coordinated this directory.

THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH ALIVE WORKERS APRIL 7-9. Proceeds from the sales go to many local charities in our area.

CPR CLASS BEING OFFERED AT ST. PAUL ON APRIL 21 AT 5 P.M. Please let Peggy Widowski know if you can attend. 618 771-2077

SAVE THESE DATES:
April 12 Wellness Committee meeting 6:00 pm in Parish Hall
April 20 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm following 5:30 Mass.
April 21 CPR class at 5:00 pm in Parish Hall