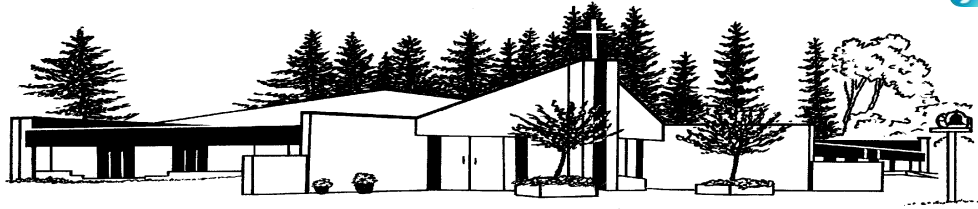

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Curtis Gomes, Maintenance

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **March 21, 2021**
Saturday, March 20, Mass for March Intentions. **5:00 pm**
Sunday, March 21, Mass for the Parish..... **9:30 am**
Monday, March 22, Mass for the Soul of Shelley Hembd, rb Slobojan family..... **8:45 am**
Tuesday, March 23, Mass for the Soul of Millie Heister, rb Diane Slobojan **8:45 am**
Wed., March 24, Mass for the Soul of Mary Anna Rockefeller, rb Chris & Mary Anne Gill **12:10 pm**
Thursday, March 25, Mass for the Soul of Dennis Tobiason, rb Helen Tobiason **9:00 am**
Friday, March 26 **No Mass**

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are:

**Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill,
John Gunnerson, Loren Vranish, and Wally Walbruch**

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your Pastoral Council is always interested in your concerns. The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community. Take your questions about the future of the parish, your hopes and needs, to a Pastoral Council member:

**Mark Fredenberg, 756-6142, Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461, Judy Stack, 752-4411,
Ken Barrett, 755-0269, Jamie Miller, 257-9636, Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170**

**Sacrament of Baptism by appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 PM**

DATES TO REMEMBER

March	21	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Evening Prayer for Families of Risen Christ	6:30 pm
	24	Ladies' Scripture Study.....	10:15 – 11:45 am
		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after 12:10 pm Mass until 3:00 pm	
		Religious Formation K-6 & Youth Group.....	NO CLASSES
	26	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	27	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	28	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Evening Prayer for Sanctity of Life.....	6:30 pm
	31	Ladies' Scripture Study.....	10:15 – 11:45 am
		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after 12:10 pm Mass until 3:00 pm	
		Religious Formation K-6 & Youth Group.....	NO CLASSES
APRIL	1	HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.....	7:00 pm
		ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL 10:00 PM	
	2	GOOD FRIDAY, Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord	12:30 pm
	3	EASTER VIGIL, Mass.....	7:00 pm
	4	EASTER SUNDAY, Mass.....	9:30 & 11:00 am

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Evening Prayer—Vespers
Sundays during Lent — 6:30 PM**

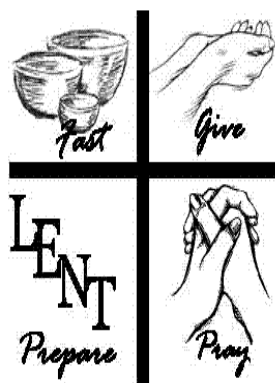
**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Prayed 20 minutes before each Mass**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Wed. after 12:10 Mass until 3:00 PM**

Father will be available for Confessions from 1-3 PM

**Stations of the Cross
Each Friday evening, 7:00 PM**

Father will be available for Confessions from 6-7 PM



Ministry Schedule for March, 2021

DATE	LECTOR	SAFETY AND SECURITY
March 27	Mary Reckin	John Gunnerson/Mike Wright
March 28	Dixon Rice	Neil Heino/BJ Hattel

~OUR GIFT TO GOD~

“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received.”

(1 Peter 4:8-10)

Thanks to everyone who so generously supports our parish.
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

March 13 & 14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,291
Building Envelopes	70
Total	\$4,361



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 8329 & Make a Difference!

Join the Knights of Columbus Council #8329 on-line. Now until June 30th, 2021, enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership:

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism

THANK YOU

Dear Risen Christ Parishioners: I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the cards and prayers for Norma and myself. Your love and support means so much to me. I appreciate your warm words of comfort during this time.

Sincerely, Malcolm Coote

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE – CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

Friday, April 16th @ 6 pm Mass & Rosary Offered for Families

For all Men, Women & Children

Catholic Women’s Conference ~ Saturday, April 17, 2021

Check out Group Registration Rate ~ helenacwc.com

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowl at **The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**, or after that to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

“Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.”
-- **Saint Francis de Sales**

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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**Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter
Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas
Poat & Roberts Family, rb Chris Beyer
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Eileen Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb
Dorothy Redinger, rb Robert Redinger
Norma Coote, rb Risen Christ Parish
Anne Marie Thompson, rb Brockman Family
Guillermo Saure & Calesta Lebranza, rb Lilia & Brian Hattel
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd**

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS

FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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**Greg Grace, Lavine Heuscher,
Michael Arace, Joe Riska, Sherry Miller, Bob Neitzling
Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Rose Sweetzer
Audrey Turner, Deacon Jay Biedermann
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status**

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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**Dillon Armstrong, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich
John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz
Kaleb Mitchell, Kyle Tannehill**

†CONFIRMATION †

The following youth will be Confirmed at Risen Christ on Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 pm
Please include them in your prayers.

Tyler Durbin, Jonathan Grachek, Zachary Lapke, Lily Tanko

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

1 Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Holy Week begins with the long story of the arrest, torture, and death of Jesus. Before Jesus suffers, a woman anoints him with costly oil. Though some of his followers were “infuriated” with the woman for being wasteful, Jesus defends her loving action, saying, “She has done what she could.” He knows that he will soon die as a criminal, in which case his body cannot receive the traditional burial anointing. He sees beyond their limited view.

Do you do what you can to bless and tend those around you? Charity is often blocked for practical reasons that have no bearing on what is required of followers of Christ.

Ask yourself if you have failed in charity because of a perspective focused on practicalities.

Reflect on whether you are generous or judgmental in how you view the actions of others. Spend some quiet time today in prayerful preparation for Holy Week.

..... At Home With the Word 2021

SPRING BENEFIT CONCERT AT ST. MATTHEW’S CHURCH

April 11, 3:00 pm and Friday, April 16, 7:00 pm

Featuring Violinist Lauren Welch and Wai Mizutani

Cellist Jessica Chen, Organist Giorgio Navarini

St. Matthew’s & St. John Paul II Choirs and other local artists

To support scholarships for St. Matthew’s School and RENEW Campus Restoration

Free Will Offering

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE



Call Lavine Heuscher at 406-752-4007 should you or someone you know need prayer. The Risen Christ Prayer Line is in place to pray for the needs of our families, friends, or our community intentions. You are also invited to join us in this important ministry. Please call for more information.

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 250-8610. She will send a card.

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP – CHECK OUT OUR GREAT GIFTS!

Looking for an amazing gift that gives back? We have many gifts that are sure to bring blessings to the recipients! We have gift solutions for any occasion. There are small scapulars, cross necklaces, rosaries, key chains, and holy water fonts. Check it out for yourself! Please see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend Masses, or the office during the week.

QUESTIONS FOR CATHOLICS

1. Chrism refers to:

- A. Incense used during funeral Masses
- B. Perfumed oil used during baptism, confirmation and holy orders
- C. Wax used to make the Easter candle
- D. Blessed oil used for anointing of the sick

2. What is considered the “feast of feasts”:

- A. Christmas
- B. Good Friday
- C. Easter
- D. Pentecost

Answers: 1. B, 2, C.

Source: osvnews.com

RETROUVAILLE VIRTUAL WEEKEND

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate the conflicts with their spouse. Retrouvaille is NOT just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken; it is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. A **VIRTUAL ONLINE** marriage help program begins Thursday evening, April 22nd. For more information about the program, contact the registration team: at **1-406-761-4830** or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.co

ST. BASIL THE YOUNGER – FEAST DAY MARCH 26

As a young man, Basil began living as a hermit near Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey. Courtiers of the Byzantine emperor, alarmed at his appearance and fearful of his influence, had him arrested and questioned as a spy. Basil would say only that he was a pilgrim and stranger on earth, but he denounced their immoral lifestyles. According to his hagiography, (the writing of the lives of saints), he survived their cruel tortures and being thrown to a lion unharmed, and was saved from an official drowning by two dolphins. These miracles won him freedom. Thereafter, many of the faithful came to his hermitage for healing, prophecies and instruction. Basil reportedly lived to the age of 110. *Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.*

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during Lent. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus..

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration time will be every Wednesday after Mass during Lent until 3:00 pm.

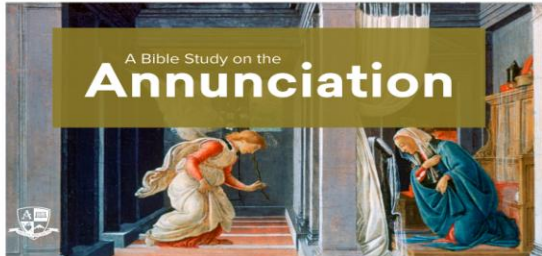
Come and adore our Lord in Adoration and He will give you His grace!

March 21, 2021

WATCH

THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

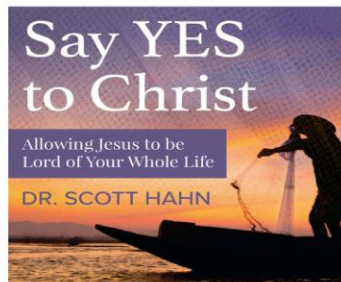
In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

LEARN

LISTEN

SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

We have no record of what Lazarus was thinking when he walked out of the tomb where his body was stored for four days. All we have are the complaints of his sisters, Martha and Mary, which they voiced to Jesus. Their general point was why didn't Jesus come earlier and cure their brother before he died.

Theirs was a concern for timing and reflects our human desire to control the events of the day, a need that all of us have at one time or another. We have no difficulty siding with the two sisters. If we have a desire for one thing or another to happen, we commonly want it done sooner rather than later. And at a time when we want it to happen.

I spent close to a decade of my life in seminary life, preparing for eventual ordination to the Catholic priesthood. Without boring you with the details, it was eventually decided jointly by my religious community and myself that I head in another direction, which I did. Yet I began to ask myself, why didn't God inform me about all this a few years earlier. Like the two sisters of Lazarus, I questioned God's timing. I didn't so much question God's new call to me, just the timing of it.

Jesus' response to them (and to me) is the same: this was the way that God wanted to accomplish something, and this was God's schedule for doing it. We humans are not in full control of our lives. God is, and God has reasons (the best of reasons) in playing a major role in our personal lives. Of course, determining what's God's intent is far from easy. We all struggle with this. I did as I walked out the door of the seminary. Lazarus's sisters did when he (finally) came forth from the tomb.

Today's gospel even suggests that the question of God's intent and timing is not a simple matter. When Jesus first heard about the death of his friend, we are given some of the most poignant words of the gospels: "And Jesus wept." Yes, that was a reference to his deep human love for his friend, Lazarus. And his own struggle with the deep issues (life and death issues) that we all face.

Our best prayer in this matter is found in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done." I am also reminded of a prayer sometimes attributed to St. Ignatius Loyola. "Act as if everything depended on you. Pray as if it all depended on God." Life is filled with mysteries. God's use of time in each of our lives is one of them.

David M. Thomas, PhD



St. Matthew's Catholic School
Pre K Academy & Kindergarten
Round-Up

April 8th

Kindergarten 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Pre K Academy 5:30pm - 7:00pm

St. Matthew's Catholic School
602 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT. 59901

Registration forms are on line at
stmattsaints.org

Phone: 406-752-6303

Email: office@stmattsaints.org

Pre-School 1/2 day

⇒ Must be 4 years old by September 10th
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Classes
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Pre-K Academy

⇒ Must be 3-5 years old by September 10th
Monday - Friday Classes 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Kindergarten full day

⇒ Must be 5 years old by September 10th
Monday - Friday Classes 8:15 am - 3:15 pm



PALMS VERSUS PASSION

By Father Larry Rice

Each year at around this time, as Lent draws to a close, and Easter nears, Catholics everywhere look at their parish bulletins, missalettes, and publications, and wonder why the last Sunday in Lent is called “Passion Sunday” and not “Palm Sunday.” The formal designation changed in 1970; still, many people are much more accustomed to calling it “Palm Sunday.”

The palms, of course, are a commemoration of the ancient custom of covering the path of an honored person as he passed by. In many parts of the Near East, this was among the highest honors, often reserved for royalty. All four of the Gospels speak of Jesus receiving this honor as he entered triumphantly into Jerusalem, days before his execution. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the crowds are said to have laid their cloaks in the street, as well as cut rushes. Only John’s Gospel specifically mentions palm fronds.

It’s the custom in Catholic churches to give people palms that are blessed at the beginning of the liturgy and carried in procession at the start of the mass. It is many people’s private custom to weave these palms into crosses or other shapes during the liturgy. I would like to believe that they’re not doing this during my homily, but experience tells me they are.

Ultimately, the celebration of this day isn’t about the palms, any more than the celebration of Christmas is about decorated evergreen trees. As the prayers and scripture readings make clear, the liturgy is really about Christ’s passion— his willingness to suffer for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. By the end of the reading of the passion narrative, the palms seem sad and ironic, as the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem would be transformed into the crowd shouting “Crucify him!” during his trial. Human fickleness and frailty are contrasted with Jesus’ integrity and courage.

So, it makes sense to call it “Passion Sunday.” Still, old customs and old terminology don’t change easily.

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