



# Parish of the Holy Cross



*Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!*

## **Vision Statement:**

Holy Cross is a vibrant Catholic community striving to maintain a spirit of welcome to all, serving as a guiding beacon to nourish and sustain prayer, work and play.



## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord- April 13, 2025**



## **Come and Pray with Us!**

### **We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM;

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass  
are livestreamed on Facebook.

### **We celebrate Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM;

Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
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10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

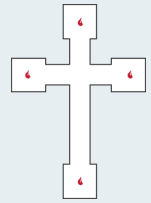


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for more information on how we can serve you.



## BETWEEN THE TIMES

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



Palm Sunday is always a challenging day. The spirit of the day begins joyfully as Jesus enters Jerusalem to the praise of many. However, the day quickly takes on a more somber tone with the proclamation of the Passion Story. It is a hard day in terms of hearing the physical suffering Jesus had to endure. But it also makes a connection to the suffering and crosses that are present in our own lives as well as around the world. The title of today's article is the title of a song that will be introduced at some of the Masses this weekend. This song will also play an important role in our liturgy on Good Friday.

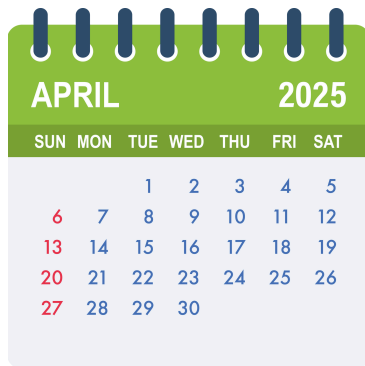
In this song there is a significant detail in the spiritual journey that is named. Our Christian nature calls us to be people of hope. We claim the victory and life that Jesus won for us in the resurrection. Well, if all that is true, then life should be a stroll of always rejoicing in the blessings that abound in our lives. But we all know this is not realistic. There are times when life seems to get derailed. There are moments of fear, loneliness, struggle, and doubt that touch all of our lives. When that happens, we know the emotions that surround turmoil are real and they can run deep. That doesn't mean we abandon our faith and run away. We still turn to the cross as a source of hope, but the fullness of what it offers may not yet dispel our suffering. We find ourselves between the life and presence of God we long for, while facing the pain and sorrow of our situation. We are between two distant places. In the midst of this we might raise the question, "What do we do between the times?"

It is not only suffering in our own life. In too many corners of the world there are injustices, brokenness, and violence. Too many people live with fear and pain in their lives. For some people, "between the times" feels like a way of life. Rarely are there ways to fast forward ourselves through the challenges of life. Rather we need to allow the journey to unfold. What is that path we are to walk? Jesus teaches it to us in a beautiful and profound way. It is all that we are to celebrate in the coming days. The celebrations of Holy Week are more than a list of required prayers and rituals we must get through. Holy Week is the pattern of the great Paschal Mystery Jesus taught us, that is, his dying and rising. We can make real connections to our own life when we dare to allow the power of the Spirit to lead and guide us.

For most people, the in between time is not a happy place to be. It lacks security and predictability. But in between is often the place where the Spirit can abound. Think of how many saints were able to flourish, minister to others, and rejoice in the place where God brought them. Their success was not in bringing people to a destination but rather allowing them to encounter God exactly where they were. We can experience God in precisely the same way, and we can allow others to know that same gift. When you are in between, don't give in to despair; allow the void to be the place we touch the face of God.

May these most holy days be a source of life and hope for you.





# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**APRIL 19**  
8:00 PM  
FR. MICHAEL

**APRIL 20**  
8:00 AM  
FR. FRANK  
9:30 AM  
FR. MICHAEL  
11:30 AM  
FR. MICHAEL



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 20

+ Acts 10:34a; 37-43  
+ Colossians 3:1-4  
+ John 20:1-9

**Saturday, April 12th**..... HOLY HOUR  
3:30PM - 4:30PM, Worship Area

**Monday, April 14th**..... CONFESSION  
3PM - 5PM, & 5:30PM - 7:30PM, Chapel

**Monday, April 14th**..... TENEBRAE  
7:30PM, Worship Area

**Tuesday, April 15th**..... IN STITCHES  
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

**Wednesday, April 16th**..... BEREAVEMENT  
1:30PM - 3:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

*There is no Morning Mass on Thursday, APRIL 17th.*

**Thursday, April 17th**..... CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY PRACTICE  
4:00PM, Worship Area

**Thursday, April 17th**..... MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
8:00PM, Worship Area  
*Adoration following the 8PM Mass until 10PM.*

*The Parish Office is closed on Good Friday, APRIL 18th.*

**Friday, April 18th**..... CONFESSION  
9:00AM - 9:30AM, Chapel

**Friday, April 18th**..... CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
12:00PM, Worship Area

**Friday, April 18th**..... LORD'S PASSION  
3:00PM, Worship Area

**Saturday, April 19th**..... CONFESSION  
9:00AM - 9:30AM, Chapel

*There is NO 5PM Mass & NO Afternoon Confession on Saturday, APRIL 19th.*

**Saturday, April 19th**..... EASTER VIGIL  
8:00PM, Worship Area

**Sunday, April 20th**..... EASTER MASSES  
8, 9:30 & 11:30AM, Worship Area



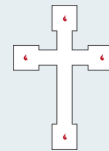
Luke 22:19-20

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."  
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,  
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

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to find out more about the different ministries  
we have to offer, how you can be involved,  
and when they meet.



# WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



## Upcoming Mass Intentions

**Week of Sunday, April 13,  
Palm Sunday**

**9:00AM Masses:**

**Mon.** Steve Matonti (living)  
Ralph Hughes (living)

**Tues.** Barbara Sherry

**Wed.** Barbara Swingle (living)

**Holy Thursday, April 17**

**8:00 PM** People of the Parish

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19**

**8:00 PM** All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

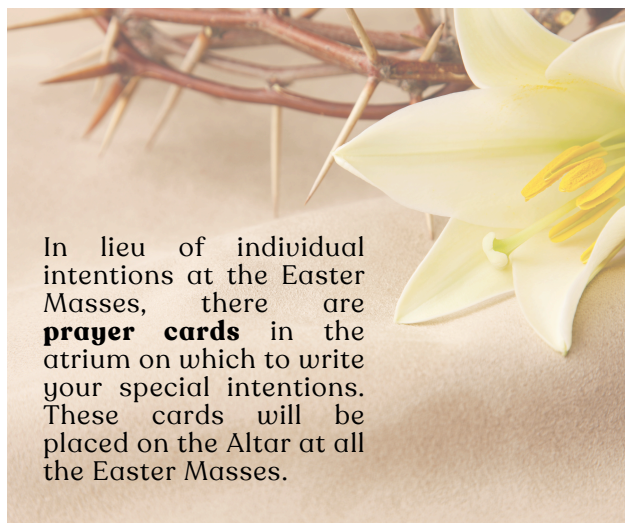
**Easter Sunday, April 20**

**8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:30 AM**

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

*Please pray for those in our parish  
who are sick, their families and caregivers*

Bob Alderdice	Jo-Ann Loh
Theresa Arzillo	Mary Lopez
Alejandro Astegiano	Gerald Losquadro
Jo Barry	Viola Malek
Kathy Barry	Jeanne Marie Malley
Cole Brennan	Steve Matonti
Judy Carlson	Olivia Melia
Hank Champagne	Loretto Narducci
Mary Champagne	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccarelli	Darin Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Patricia Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Carina Ranieri
Anthony DeGennaro	Rob Remhild
Manuela Diaz	Liam Richards
Ann Egan	Lynn Rodger
Vincent Esposito	Sean Romeo
Ralph Farino	Elaine Ruane
Yolanda Fattarusso	Jacqueline Santamaria
Sienna Fricke	Louise Scagnelli
Linda Giordano	Casey Schultz
James Greene	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Heinrichs	John Serri
Ralph Hughes	Celeste Sichenze
Debbie Jablinowski	Sue Southard
Kristen Kennedy	Bill Tanner
Caroline Lazar	Grace Van Epps
Carol Leahy	Peter Warns
Victor Lewandowski	Emma Zeidman



In lieu of individual intentions at the Easter Masses, there are **prayer cards** in the atrium on which to write your special intentions. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Easter Masses.

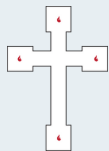
**If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have been donated in loving memory of **John Michael Sullivan** by his family.

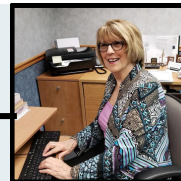


*We thank  
the men and women  
who serve in our military  
for their service.*



# THE GREAT 3 DAYS

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



**"We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe"**

## Triduum



*As we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we want to call attention to the end of the week known as Holy Week and focus on the Triduum, the great days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.*

As everyone is busy preparing for their Easter celebration with family and friends, the Church too is busy preparing for the most important feast in the liturgical year – EASTER – celebrating the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus from the dead. Even though we move from the "red" color of Palm Sunday back to the purple of Lent, then to the white of Holy Thursday, the red on Good Friday, and finally the introduction of white and gold for Easter and a church full of flowers, it is important to walk slowly through embracing the story of those final moments of Jesus on earth. As sacred as these days are, they are not days of obligation (except for Easter Sunday). Celebrating Jesus' dying and rising for our salvation during the Triduum is not merely about obligation. Obligation is relatively easy. Participating in the Triduum is about love: certainly, the love God showed for us hanging on the cross, but also our love for God. Love is much harder than obligation. It requires more from us, and the stakes are higher. This love should compel each of us to join in these celebrations. Our liturgies help us to grow from feeling obliged to attend to understanding liturgy as an expression of love for God.

So, let us join one another at one or all three of these beautiful celebrations of love. Join with your parish family this year and feel the love of God around you. Our services are at 8 PM on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 3 PM on Good Friday, and at 8 PM on Holy Saturday known as the Easter Vigil. The prayers, the music and the message will touch your heart.

*Have a prayerful, loving, and peaceful week ahead!*



*If we confess our sins,  
He is faithful and righteous  
to forgive us our sins and  
to cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.  
- 1 John 1:9*

### **Confession Opportunities this Week in the Chapel**

**Monday, April 14th  
3PM - 5PM  
5:30PM-7:30PM**

**Friday, April 18th  
9:00AM - 9:30AM**

**Saturday, April 19th  
9:00AM - 9:30AM**

*There will be no afternoon  
confession on Saturday, April 19th*



The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy  
will be prayed together at  
10:30AM in the Worship Area.  
Bring your own rosary beads.

**Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 27, 2025**



### **Holy Hour Saturday, April 12th**

**3:30pm - 4:30pm  
in the Worship Area**

This weekend at the offertory  
we will also be collecting for our  
**Renovations and Major Repairs Fund.**  
Thank you for your continued support!



### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

*Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month  
at the 11:30AM Mass*



Due to Easter falling on the third weekend in  
April, there will be no Children's Liturgy on the  
third weekend this month.



# Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2025

## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

**Masses:**  
**8:00 AM**  
**9:30 AM**  
**11:30 AM (LS)**

**(LS) = Also Live Streamed**

## TENEBRAE SERVICE

Monday, April 14, 2025: 7:30 PM (LS)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Wednesdays in Lent: after 9:00 AM Mass

Saturdays in Lent: 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Monday, April 14: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 18: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Holy Saturday, April 19: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

## PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

Saturday 4/12/25: 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

## HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM (LS)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025

Children's Service - 12:00 Noon (LS)

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM (LS)

## HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2025

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

No Afternoon Confessions or 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

*We pray for our Candidate and  
Elect as they continue their  
preparation to celebrate their  
initiation at the Easter Vigil*



Sarah Churchill



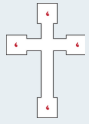
Tyler Caputo



Kevin Cardinale



Jarrod Cagnone



# PARISH OUTREACH

## ***Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat***



*Next Sunday is the beautiful celebration of Easter. Our Lenten journey is coming to an end as we anticipate the joy of Christ's Resurrection!*

If you haven't already done so, we ask that you return your "Eat Simply" envelopes by next weekend.

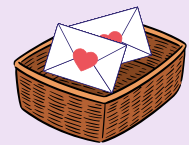
On behalf of the hungry we serve each day, we thank you for participating in this special Lenten activity.

Your prayerful sacrifices will help feed our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Thank you.

***Parish Outreach***



We will meet on  
**Tuesday,  
April 22nd,  
1-3PM**  
in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewers create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

*All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer?*

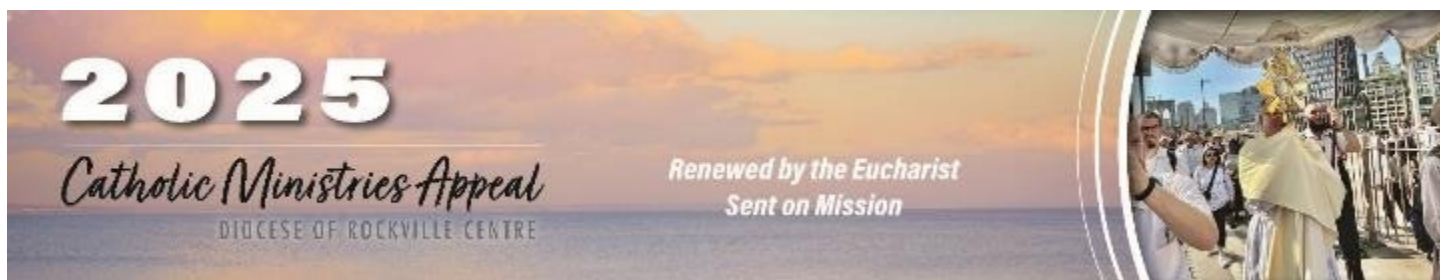
*Our ministry leaders will help guide you as you work alongside others.*

**If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631- 265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend.**

**"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."**

**-Mother Teresa**





Dear Friends:

During the special Holy Week, please let us share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2025 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and ministries that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our Church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!**

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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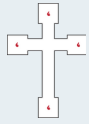
City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

**CMA Brochures are located on the tables in the Atrium for your convenience.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Have a Blessed Easter

There are  
no Religious Education classes  
this week.



### Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")

Palm Sunday has the only Mass of the year in which two Gospel accounts are proclaimed. The liturgy begins with the faithful holding palm branches and the Gospel proclamation of Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem, as the crowds sang, "Hosanna!" In the Liturgy of the Word, the Gospel account details Jesus' arrest, trial, conviction, torture, crucifixion, and death on the cross.

Walk and pray the stations of the cross this week, reflecting on your Lenten journey and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Adorn your prayer space at home with a red cloth, palm branches, and a crucifix.

Holy Week offers the opportunity to walk alongside our Lord from the garden to the cross. Approach these days as a week-long retreat. Make the necessary arrangements to participate fully in the liturgies of Holy Week and to prayerfully accompany our Lord.

**The Lord God is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.**

-Isaiah 50:7



## WE GROW IN FAITH

### Holy Week for Children

During the holiest week of the Church year, we remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday. Children and their families are invited to commemorate this important day at a special prayer service, designed especially for our youngest parishioners.

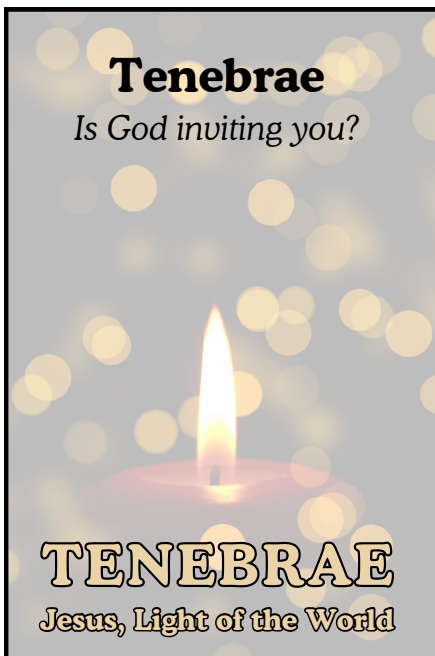
Please join us at Holy Cross  
for our  
**Children's Good Friday  
Prayer Service**  
April 18th at 12:00 Noon

*Come, bring your family, bring a friend.  
Let this holy day deepen your appreciation  
of God's great love for us!*



# LENTEN EVENT





**Tenebrae**  
*Is God inviting you?*

**TENEBRAE**  
*Jesus, Light of the World*

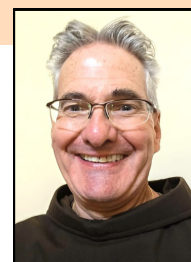
**Tenebrae** is a candlelight prayer service held in anticipation of our holiest week. During **Tenebrae** (which means darkness), the candles are gradually dimmed as we experience **the Passion of Jesus Christ** through Scripture readings, meditations, and beautiful music.

We encourage all parishioners to join us for **Tenebrae** on **Monday, April 14th, at 7:30PM** as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week.

## Something Special for the Easter Season

Many of you are familiar with the wit and wisdom of Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, from the Mission he offered at Holy Cross last year, or from his DVD series, *"Catching Fire, Becoming Flame."*

We are pleased to announce that another opportunity to experience Fr. Albert's insights is coming to Holy Cross soon, through his follow-up series, ***"Keeping the Fire Alive"***



Fr. Albert

*Who couldn't use a little encouragement and support on the Spiritual Journey?*  
Please join us for this DVD series which will include small group discussion.

Wednesdays		Thursdays
April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 4, 11	or	April 24, May 1, 8, 15, June 5, 12
7:00 - 8:00PM		1:30 - 2:30PM

*(Attendance at "Catching Fire, Becoming Flame" is NOT a pre-requisite for this series)*

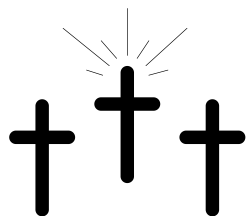
Please fill in (please print) and return this slip to the Parish Office by April 21st

### ***"Keeping the Fire Alive"***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday evenings \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday afternoons



# The Stations of the Cross

Begin by asking, "God, what is one way that I can become a-better-version-of-myself this week?" Use the Stations of the Cross as a way to deepen that reflection.

As you approach each Station, first genuflect and pray "We adore you o Christ and praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." If in a group, the leader says the first sentence and the group continues with the second.

## THE FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

**Scripture:** Mark 15:1-5, 15 And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barab'bas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

## THE SECOND STATION: JESUS CARRIES THE CROSS

**Scripture:** John 19:6, 15-17 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha.

## THE THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

**Scripture:** John 19:1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly.

## THE FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

**Scripture:** John 19: 25-27

So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, you son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## THE FIFTH STATION: SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

**Scripture:** Mark 15:21

And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyre'ne, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

## THE SIXTH STATION: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:2-3

He had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

## THE SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? God who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who has loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



[Scan here to learn more about  
The Stations of the Cross.](https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/stations-of-the-cross.html)

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## **THE EIGHTH STATION: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

**Scripture:** Luke 23:27-31 And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

## **THE NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME**

**Scripture:** Psalm 38

I am overwhelmed by a burden beyond my strength. I am stooped and deeply bowed; all day I go about mourning. My heart shudders, my strength forsakes me; the very light of my eyes has failed. Friends and companions shun my pain; my neighbors stand far off. Those who seek my life lay snares for me; they seek my misfortune, they speak of ruin; they plot treachery all the day. I am very near to falling; my pain is with me always. Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my salvation.

## **THE TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

**Scripture:** John 19:23-24

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

## **THE ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

**Scripture:** Luke 23:33-34

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

## **THE TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

**Scripture:** Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

## **THE THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS' BODY IS REMOVED FROM THE CROSS**

**Scripture:** John 20:38-42 Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate permitted it. So Joseph came and took his body. Nicodemus also came. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with spices, according to the Jewish burial custom.

## **THE FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

**Scripture:** Matthew 27:57-60

And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

## **THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

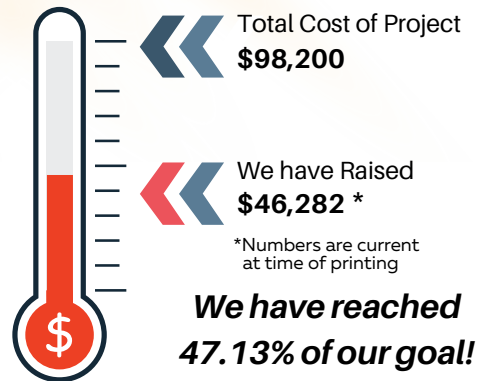
Loving Father,

I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times. Amen.

This information and more on the "Stations of the Cross" can be found on the following website:  
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# **“Let there be Light” Update**

This undertaking began mid-March and we are already enjoying the benefits of the project. We are pleased with the results. There was minimal disruption to parish activities during the installation. This was a necessary improvement that will meet our needs for years to come.



Our Worship Area and the church building are now 30 years old. Components of the original building have reached the end of their useful life, and we need to make some improvements. In October of 2024 the HVAC system was replaced. We are now facing a failure of the lighting system which leaves half of the Worship Area in darkness. It is not simply a matter of changing burned-out bulbs. We need new fixtures and a new control system. Additionally, gaining access to the lights mounted on our high ceilings is not a simple or inexpensive task.

**We are grateful to all who have already generously contributed. This is an essential repair, and we deeply appreciate those who have helped in this undertaking.**

**This is the first major fundraising effort we have had to conduct in more than 15 years. We have been blessed with consistent and generous support by so many parishioners through the years.**

**Please consider helping us meet our goal.  
*Thank you for your kind and generous support.***



You can find envelopes for the “Let there be Light” fundraiser in the atrium, or you can do a direct donation using the Venmo or PayPal QR code.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office.

***God bless you and Thank You for being part of “Let there be Light.”***





# Spring Cash Fling

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

*At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.*

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May
- Drawing will be held MAY 28TH

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- 1 Prize @ \$250
- 2 Prizes @ \$100
- 10 Prizes @ \$50
- 15 Prizes @ \$25

This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each.  
*If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.*

**Please cut out and use the tickets below.**

You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

**Thank you for your support!**



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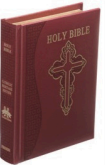
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