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**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

EPISTLE Hebrews 9: 11-14
GOSPEL Mark 10: 35-45

*Sanctuary Candle:
+Robert Cedeno*

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of Sister Margaret Fedyszak
by the Bentivegna Family

no weekday services -----

Palm Sunday

EPISTLE Philippians 4: 4-9
GOSPEL John 12: 1-18

*Sanctuary Candle:
Health & Blessing of Jennifer Powel by Nanny*

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy.
You may also schedule an appointment in advance by contacting Fr. Martin.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Please continue to remember in our prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, especially Frantisek Vavrak, Helena Hukova, George Stojkovic, Mateo Stojkovic, Danny Leckliter, Luz Mirella Vargas, Miguel Angel Alarcon, Viviana Rosa Munoz, Natasha Lemeshova, Heather Thomas, Sister Margaret Fedyszak and Fr. Ed Kakaty. Let us remember the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart. Please contact Fred to have a name added or removed.

WELCOME!

We welcome our guests and visitors, and are happy to have them join us in prayer. If you have not officially registered in the parish, and would like to, please speak with Fred.

PASCHA FOOD ORDERS Today is the final day to submit your orders for both Paska breads and other seasonal treats! This coming Thursday, March 26, our very own Bakers will be busy baking Paska bread. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to savor the taste of traditionally made Paska... AND... they come in two sizes! If you have yet to place your order, or sign up to help bake, please do so today. See Michelle or Suzanne to sign up to help the bakers. All help is welcome, even if you only have an hour or two to spare.

This past week, longtime parishioner, Robert Cedeno, passed unto the Lord. Please pray for his family during this difficulty time. In Blessed Repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant +Robert, and remember him forever!

PYSANKY Join us at Our Lady of the Sign on Thursday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. to learn how to write your own pysanka! Cost is only \$20.00, and includes supplies and a light bite to eat. Speak with Fred to RSVP.

ST. THOMAS DAY PICNIC Our Annual Picnic will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy on Saturday, April 11. A volunteer is need to organize the picnic. If you are willing, please speak with Fr. Martin or Fred.

FINANCIAL HELP We need your help with the following expenses, as we do not have the funds to pay these invoices. Please consider making a contribution so that we can become solvent with our service providers.

- Balance of Gold Vestments: \$1,500.00
- Balance of Church A/C: \$3,500.00
- Building Recertification: \$4,000.00

Pastoral Message

Dear faithful parishioners, and you who have come to our church for the first time – welcome!

If Jesus had granted the wish of His Apostles James and John expressed in today's Gospel reading, both would have died on the cross with Him..., one on each side. But what they really wanted was to be seated on royal thrones one to the right and the other to the left of Jesus when He came into His kingdom.

Like the other Apostles, James and John thought Jesus would be a famous earthly king. They believed some day He would raise an army and free the Jewish people from the Romans who had conquered their country. They wanted to be second in authority in the new Jewish kingdom.

They didn't realize that Jesus' kingdom was not of this world. They couldn't believe I-Us earthly throne would be a cross on which He would be suspended between two criminals. This is way Jesus told them: "You do not know what you are asking for."

All this happened just after Jesus finished telling the Apostles He would be betrayed, condemned to death, mocked, spit upon, scourged and killed. But He also reminded them that He would rise to life again on the third day. In other words, He was trying to tell them He would establish a new kingdom.... a spiritual one. This required Him to die on the cross. By His death and resurrection He would conquer death, break the power of Satan and open the gates of heaven. The cross would be the symbol of this kingdom.

Both James and John did later die a martyr's death. They had to shed their blood for their faith In Christ. It would be a baptism of blood. This Is what Jesus meant when He said: "You shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized."

*In Christ,
Fr. Martin Vavrak - Administrator*