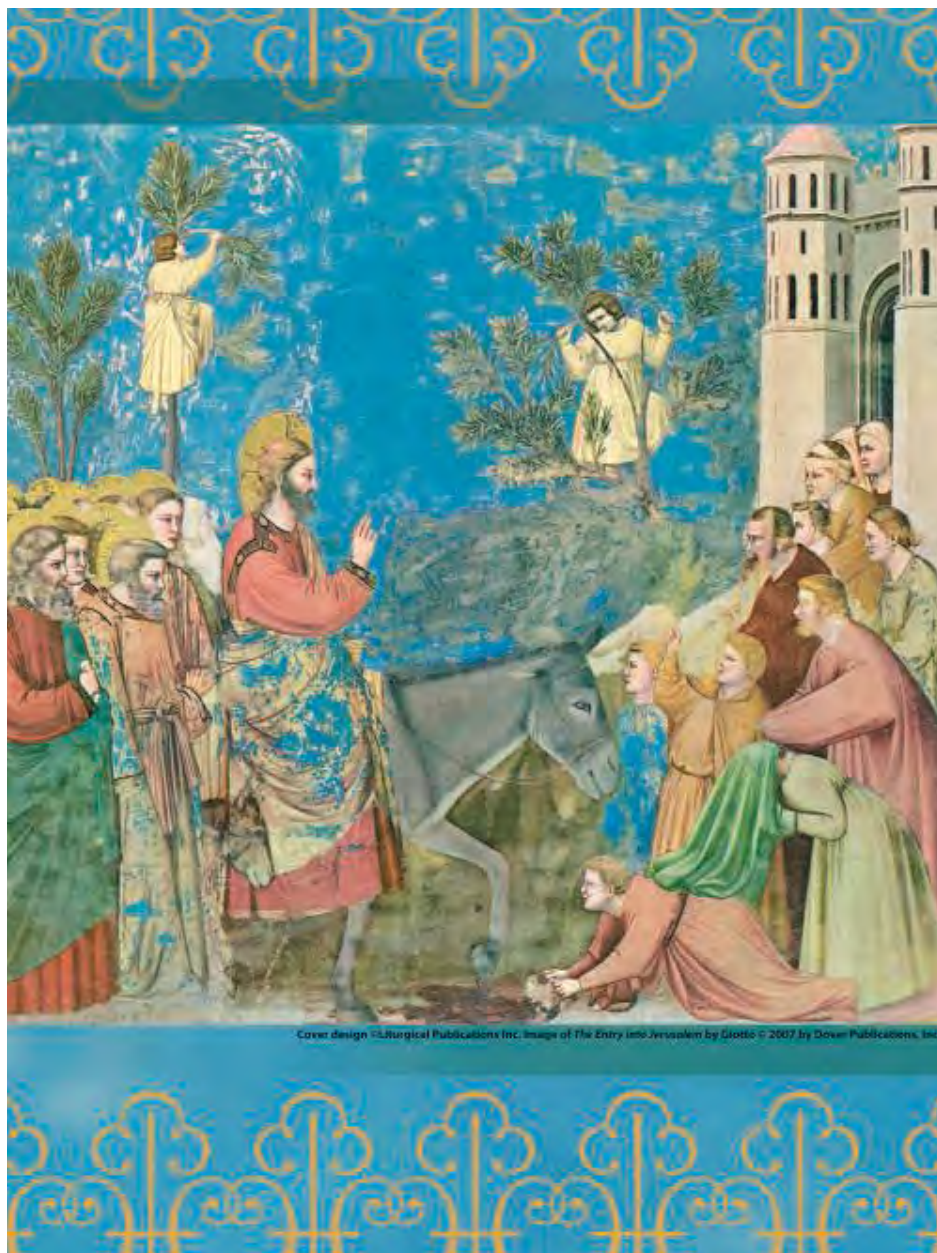


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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Reflections from our Pastoral Associate

It's Palm Sunday and so begins Holy Week. I have come to appreciate the wisdom of setting aside such a significant period of time to reflect on the great gift of the Paschal Mystery. It is also fitting that we would mark the beginning of this week with Jesus's Passion. It is a rare opportunity to turn inward, to take inventory in our own lives of the ways in which we answer God's call to us to convert our hearts and turn always toward God's love.

Holy Week allows us to ready ourselves to receive the gift of Easter. Even in the midst of our busy lives, even when we have to live up to the demands of our paid responsibilities and our unpaid work, Holy Week can be experienced as a retreat. Although it's unlikely many of us will be able to check out of everyday life this week, it's also unlikely that every one of us can't live differently for a few days.

One of the strengths of a traditional retreat is that it takes us outside of the ordinary. There's a different schedule, a different environment, different people. New opportunities for prayer, as well as reminders of those forms of prayer we used to revere. Entertain for a few days the willingness to make Holy Week look, sound, and feel different than the 51 other weeks on the calendar.

I offer a few practical, and very doable, suggestions, which I've based on my own retreat experiences, as well as the opening prayer for Mass this weekend.

*Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the
human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit
to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his
lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.*

Is your time spent differently?

- * Set your alarm for 15 minutes earlier and read your Bible. Try Matthew 26:14-27:66, John 14, or the daily readings for each day. Sit quietly with God when you're finished and listen for what God wants you to hear.
- * Turn off your television or computer for a set period of time each day. Pick a time when you would typically use it. Use that time to pray in a new way or a way you haven't done so in a while. If you have children, teach them how to do it with you.
- * Every day, find a few minutes to go to a place

where you feel close to God. Is it in a church? In the woods? On a river bank?

- * Attend all of the Triduum services. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil tell our story from creation and Christ's story through Resurrection and are different than any other Mass you have ever experienced. If you haven't given yourself this gift, I encourage you to do so.

Is your environment different?

- * As you consider how you have decorated for Easter, ask yourself if you have included crosses with your Easter eggs. Can you tell that it's a special week when you look around your home? It can be as extravagant as you like, or as simple as a palm placed in the most central location of your home.
- * Set up a small prayer area. If it takes up more room than you really have, that's okay. It's only a week. If it's in the way, you're more likely to be reminded of the importance of prayer.
- * Is your house full of warm clothes you rarely use? More food than you could possibly eat? Give it away. Make room for the Lord in your home at the same time you care for one of God's beloved children.
- * When you read and watch television this week, think about how what you're doing is (or isn't) for the glory of God.

Are the people around you different?

- * Spend some time in service to people in need. Bring flowers to a nursing home and find out who never receives visitors. Spend time listening to their stories.
- * Make time for volunteering for a cause you are passionate about.
- * Sit somewhere new at Mass and introduce yourself to those near you.
- * Spend more time with the people who care about you the most this week. Do something special for them without getting any recognition for it.
- * Tell just one person in your life what faith in Jesus Christ means to you. Tell them how it makes you behave differently. Invite them to come to Mass with you or if that is too intimidating for them, invite them to a social event at church.

We have this beautiful, unique opportunity to spend some meaningful time with the One who loves us beyond all understanding. Let's not waste it. Let's embrace it. And when Easter Sunday has come and gone, let's share the experience of it with one another in true community again, and again, and again.



Lisa Amos
Pastoral Associate

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education Programs

Please note that we **do not** have classes for Grades 1-8 on **Wednesday, April 16**, due to Holy Week and confession opportunities at the parish. Classes will resume on April 23.

Religious Education/Faith Formation

Registration for 2014-2015: All families should have received registration information via email for the 2014-2015 religious education classes. You may also go to St. Peter's website to register. Please remember the registration deadline of May 16. If you have not received the registration materials or if you have any questions, please contact the RE office.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2014-2015

Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in second grade next year and you wish to have him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to May 16. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.



Hospitality This Weekend

The students, staff and families at Faithful Shepherd will be serving hospitality after Masses this weekend as a way to thank parishioners for their support and prayers. Faithful Shepherd will also have an informational table in the Gathering Space and welcomes you to stop by. We will be selling candy bars at the informational table as a fundraiser for our middle school spring performance program. Buying a candy bar will give you a chance to 'be our guest' by winning front row seats to this year's performance of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." on May 19-20! Performance ticket order forms will also be available at the table.

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Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

All Liturgies are in the Main Church

Individual Confessions:

Wednesday, April 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m.

(no Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Holy Thursday, April 17

No 9 a.m. Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.

With transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the
Historic Church at conclusion

Good Friday, April 18

No 9 a.m. Mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 19

No 5 p.m. Mass

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m.

and end by 10:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20

Mass celebrated at 9 and 11 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

The parish will close at 12 noon
on Good Friday, April 18.

Closed all day Monday, April 21.

Good Friday Vigil

April 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Planned Parenthood

671 Vandalia Street, St. Paul

Thousands of Christians join in prayer throughout the day at this vigil each Good Friday. Experience Good Friday as never before! For more information or to volunteer contact us at 651-771-1500 or vigil@plam.org.

There will be no parking near the mega-Planned Parenthood on Good Friday. We have reserved free parking at the University of St. Thomas parking ramp and will be running shuttle buses all day from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. to and from the vigil. **Please do not attempt to park near the vigil site.**



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 3/31/14-4/6/14	\$20,743
Actual for the period 3/31/14-4/6/14	\$20,815
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$729,376
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$635,111

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, April 18, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous!

Easter Offerings

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the parish with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participations is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan. Visit our website at www.stpetersmendota.org and locate the donate online link or complete a paper authorization form. Contact Mary Jubenville in the parish office—651-452-4550—if you have any questions.



Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are welcome for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church **on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass**

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:
**“Could you not watch with me one hour?
 Watch and pray.”**

For more information
 please contact Jane Vasiliou at 651-454-5292
 or jvasiliou@comcast.net.

Blood Drive

Thursday, May 1

1-6 p.m.

You can sign up online for a donation appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>, enter the zip code for St. Peter's—55120—or call Rita at 651-454-4773. If you are healthy, 17 years or older and weigh more than 110 pounds, chances are you can donate blood.



Please plan on participating in this important event.

May Family Rosary Procession

Sunday, May 4

1:30 p.m. gather on the State Capitol grounds

2:00 p.m. procession begins

Pray the Rosary in procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Our prayer intention is for a ‘new springtime’ for the virtue of purity in our culture and a deeper understanding of the holiness of marriage and family life.

Inside the Cathedral we will renew the consecration of our Archdiocese to Mary, offer prayers for marriage and the family and close with adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Come with family and friends in a public witness to our Catholic Faith during this month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Tootsie Rolls after Mass the weekend of April 26-27 in support of people with developmental disabilities. Donations will be accepted on behalf of several Eagan and state-level charities: ProAct of Eagan, which provides job training; ARC Twin Cities, which advocates on behalf of those with disabilities; and the Minnesota Special Olympics. All of the money collected will be forwarded to these charities. Thank you for your generosity.

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The Week of April 14

Monday, April 14

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center

Tuesday, April 15

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
 10:30 am Mobile Meals
 11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion
 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, April 16

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
 6-7:30 pm Individual Confessions, Main Church

Thursday, April 17—Holy Thursday

- NO 9 a.m. Mass
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper,**
Main Church
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, April 18—Good Friday

- NO 9 am Mass
 Parish Office Closed at 12 Noon
 7 pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion,**
Main Church

Saturday, April 19

- NO 5 pm Mass
 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt, Gathering Space
 8 pm **Easter Vigil, Main Church**

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 & 11 am **Mass, (Baptism at 11 am Mass)**
Main Church
 After Masses:
 Neighbors, Inc. Food Drive

Easter Egg Hunt

The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at St. Peter's on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. This event will be held either indoors or outside depending on the weather. Please arrive with your children in the church's Gathering Space between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Have your children bring Easter baskets or plastic bags will be provided. Come enjoy a fun and exciting way to celebrate Easter with your children—brought to you by your local Knights of Columbus.



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Readings for the Week of April 13

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

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Mass Intentions

The following are the intentions remembered by the priest at Mass:

Monday, April 14 - Kim Whebbe

Tuesday, April 15 - †Deceased Linnell
 Family Members

Wednesday, April 16 - †Jean E. Huber

Saturday, April 19- Mass For the People

Sunday, April 13 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffery Weiss
11 a.m. - †Alfred Zimmerman

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn how to refocus your marriage on what is most important. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 2-4 in Buffalo and July 18-20 in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brian & Becky Tarbox at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332.

Hearing and Vision Aids Available for Mass

If you find it hard to hear at Mass or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you're here. Thank you.

St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women 82nd Convention

Yes, you! Come and be a part of the excitement! Let us share our hopes and dreams, our faith and beliefs! The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the 82nd ACCW Convention on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1, at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. During the two days nourish yourself with Mass, delicious food, inspiring speakers, shopping, praying, singing, voting, and of course *lots* of socializing with women from all corners of the Archdiocese. This is definitely an event you'll want to treat yourself to this spring! Be sure to sign up by filling out the online form today! Come and share in being The Voice of Catholic Women. It's a "song" that you won't want to miss!!

Wednesday, April 30, Registration at 12 Noon

Thursday, May 1, Registration at 8 a.m.

St. John the Baptist

835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton

Cost: \$30 for one day or \$50 for both days.

A \$10 fee will be added to the registration prices after April 14.

For more information call 651-291-4545

or visit their website

at www.accwarchspm.org

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Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Thursday, May 15, 2014

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Heritage Center

Dinner, dessert, beverages, and entertainment will be provided by the parish staff.

If you will be attending, please respond by Sunday, May 11.

Drop this form in the collection basket or mail to
Appreciation Dinner, Church of St. Peter, PO Box 50679, Mendota, MN 55150-0679.

Number Attending _____ Name(s) _____

Phone # (with area code) _____ Email _____

You can also respond with the above information by leaving a message at 651-452-4550
or emailing volunteer@stpetersmendota.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Please join us for this special observance in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy



Jesus said to Saint M. Faustina Kowalska:

*"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy.
On this day the very depths of My tender
mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean
of graces upon those souls who approach
the fount of my Mercy.
And this is why the first Sunday after Easter
is to be the Feast of Mercy,
and on that day, priests are to tell everyone
about my great and unfathomable mercy."*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy on Us,*

Observances on Divine Mercy Sunday

- 2:00 p.m.** Reflection on Saints John XXIII and John Paul II
- 2:15 p.m.** Silent reflection
- 2:40 pm** Rosary
- 3:00 pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet



Divine Mercy Novena 2014...

*Is a wonderful way to prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.
A novena is 9 days of prayer in honor of God's Divine Mercy.
It begins on Good Friday, April 18, and ends on Saturday, April 26, the eve of the Feast.*

The different souls prayed for each day of the Novena are:

- Day 1 – All mankind, especially sinners
- Day 2 – The souls of priests and religious
- Day 3 – All devout and faithful souls
- Day 4 – Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
- Day 5 – The souls of the departed brethren
- Day 6 – The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
- Day 7 – The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
- Day 8 – The souls who are detained in purgatory
- Day 9 – The souls who have become lukewarm

You are encouraged to receive sacramental Confession and Eucharistic Communion either on April 26 or on one of "several days preceding or following" Divine Mercy Sunday (see norm 23-3, [Handbook of Indulgence](#), 1991)

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