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#### LITURGY:

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00 am

#### **SACRAMENTS:**

**Baptism:** To arrange a baptism and begin the required preparation class, call 480-998-3843 a minimum of three months in advance.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of nine months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

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# First Down with Fr. Eric

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent invites Christians to look into our lives to identify our sins, our weaknesses. The reason we do this is that Christ is the one who enlightens our lives by helping us to turn away from sin and to live in the freedom of living as God's children. For some of us it is painful to look at our lives and see our failings, our sins that we might feel shame about or it is too uncomfortable for some to confront the acts of selfishness.

We hear in the Gospels during Lent the mercy, the love and compassion that Jesus shows people. This is what we are to place our faith in. Some people put faith in rules, laws, religious practices. By themselves they do not necessarily lead one to faith in Jesus Christ. The faith in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not faith in a "nice" priest; rather it is faith in a place in Christ himself who offers mercy even if the priest is not at his best in that moment. Thank God for Christ's grace to offer us forgiveness.

Please mark your calendars for the Penance Service on Monday, April 3 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We will have eight priests ready to celebrate the mercy of God and prepare us for the great celebration of Easter. We will hear confessions past 8:00 pm if people are still present.

This will be the last main opportunity for confession before the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. On these sacred days our attention is to enter into these days of remembering Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. I hope many parishioners and guests take the step to know God's mercy through this great sacrament.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

#### **Lent Confession Schedule** We invite parishioners to view our Lenten Penance Prayer Service on YouTube. Confessions every Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm March 27 Monday 12:00 - 2:00 pm 1 priest Wednesday March 29 2 priests 6:00 - 7:30 pm Monday **April 3** 6:00 - 8:00 pm 8 priests **LAST** OPPORTUNITY Wednesday **April 5** 1 priest 6:00 - 7:30 pm

#### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES IN MISSION • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 26, 2023

## Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY MARY PERMODA,
Director of Pastoral Activities



#### **Christian Disciples in Mission**

Great job in the audio visual booth during 10:30 am Mass Elayna, Harrison and Aiden Penell (all siblings!) Always room for more audio visual team members - contact Eddie Brenes at ebrenes@stpatcc.org.



Hospital Minister in training! You are never too young to live out your baptismal call! Thank you Erika Mendoza for taking Hunter under your wing and teaching him the hospitality ropes! For more information on how to become a Minister of Hospitality at one of our Masses, contact Nic Cortez - ncortez@stpatcc.org.

Next week, April 2, is Palm Sunday....Don't forget to wear RED.



## **Welcome Connie Jada!**

Connie has accepted the position of Coordinator of Social Justice and Outreach and is now on the job as of March 16! Please give her a warm St. Patrick welcome when you see her!

## **Lenten Almsgiving**

The practice of almsgiving is to not only bring us closer to understanding our dependence on God, but also to bring the love of God to others. THANK YOU for your commitment to this Lenten practice through our global - Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls, local - Habitat for Humanity banks, and parish - Catholic Charities Counseling.

The almsgiving collection is Palm Sunday the weekend of April 1/2 before and after all the Masses. There will be a table outside the church for your convenience. We hope this Lenten almsgiving practice was a way to grow closer to our loving God who is never out done in generosity. Thank you in advance!





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### Stewardship

When Jesus heard that Lazarus had died, he went to the home of Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary. There Jesus promised life after death for all who have faith in him. Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death. As a sign of that promise, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We are called to be like Martha and Mary, confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. How can you live this week differently?

#### **Prayer:**

Jesus, you save me. You have lifted me out of the water when I have not trusted, you have cleansed me from my sin, and you have raised me from death. You are my only. I praise your name, for you alone are worthy. Help me to not be blinded by flesh, but to see with the spirit.

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

## PALM SUNDAY | SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Regular Weekend Schedule - All are encouraged to wear red

## **RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Monday, April 3 - Church & Classrooms 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5 - Matthew & Luke Classrooms 6:00 - 8:00 pm

## **HOLY THURSDAY | THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

7:00 pm Liturgy - In-person & Livestreamed

## GOOD FRIDAY | FRIDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 pm - Family Stations of the Cross - In-person and Livestreamed

1:00 - 3:00 pm - Quiet Prayer & Meditation

7:00 pm Liturgy - In-person & Livestreamed

## **HOLY SATURDAY | SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

11:00 am - Easter Basket Blessing (Outside)

7:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy - In-person & Livestreamed

## **EASTER SUNDAY | SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

8:30 am - Church and Fenlon Hospitality Center

10:30 am - Church (Livestreamed) and Fenlon Hospitality Center

12:30 pm - Church







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# Christ in Our Neighborhood



Sunday

of the

Lord's Passion



## April 2, 2023

#### Prayer

Loving God,

you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving His life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Commentary

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

This passage from Isaiah is clearly pointing to the theme of this Palm Sunday. In it, we read the steadfast loyalty of a true servant of

God. It reveals to the reader what the future Messiah will be for all of Israel. The Messaih (King) will be a suffering servant for the sake of God's people.

Jesus the Christ (the word means King) is the suffering servant whose fidelity to God comes with a price. As Isaiah fortells, the King of Kings does not rebell against the Father:

"I have not rebelled ... I gave my back to those who beat me ... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting."

On this Passion Sunday, we give thanks to God who sent us his faithful Son to suffer and die for our infidelity. His death sealed for us a covenant with God that would be everlasting.

#### Question

Have you ever wondered why God would go through so much to become one with us and suffer for our sins? Why do you think God would do this for our world? Why would he do this for you?

## Commentary

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this beautiful reading, we see the descent of the divine Word and the ascent of humanity in Jesus the Christ. In these few words, Paul delivers the mission and purpose of Jesus.

#### The Descent:

(1) Christ, who is in the form of God, (2) does not equate Himself with God, but (3) takes the form of a human, (4) is enslaved (5) and humbled (6) to the point of death on a cross.

#### The Ascent:

Because of this, God enthrones the Christ (the anointed King) and places His name

(Jesus) above every other name. The humiliated one now receives genuflections and acclamations, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

This Palm Sunday reminds us that the Christ entered Jerusalem triumphantly to embrace the cross. Paul reminds us that the Christ began His journey to His Passover moment long before He entered the gates of Jerusalem. The Church reminds us that, from the first sin of Adam, the pre-existent Word of God was silently, mysteriously, and deliberately descending from the heavens to be Jesus (meaning, God Saves!)

#### Question

Has this Lenten period helped you to "humble" yourself or descend from your own sense of pride?

Be a part of the parish Triduum experience!

Join us for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter!

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## Commentary

#### Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke (also known as the synoptic gospels because of their similarities) are proclaimed in their respective cycles according to our

Church calendar. Matthew's passion account is proclaimed this year (Cycle A). Mark's account will be proclaimed next year (Cycle B) and Luke's in (Cycle C) the year following.

The Gospel of John includes a passion account that differs greatly from the accounts of the synoptic gospels. For this reason, John is read each year on Good Friday.

For the most part, Matthew's account of Jesus' passion follows the Gospel of Mark. It is interesting to note that Matthew is the only evangelist who mentions Judas' suicide. Notice that Judas actually does come to see the error of his ways. He knows that he has wrongly betrayed Jesus. He is truly contrite, confesses, tries to make amends, but is unable to accept that he

is worthy of grace and forgiveness. So, in an act of total desperation, he ends his life.

Despair is the opposite of the virtue of Hope. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reads:

In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end." (Catechism, 1821). We have all sinned, but we cannot despair. Hope in Christ, who came to call sinners to himself. This is the very reason why we celebrate this Holiest of Weeks!

Question

How has my Lenten Season given me hope?

This Week's Task

Make an attempt to participate in the Triduum (three great days). Join us on Holy Thursday for the Lord's Supper, the washing of the feet and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us on Good Friday for the Stations and or the Lord's Passion. Finally, join us at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning.

## Group Prayer

The leader invites each member to pass around a crucifix. Holding the cross, they offer a prayer of gratitude for the Lord's passion and death. Then, each will say the following:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!

The group will respond each time:

Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

The leader will then guide the group in praying Psalm 22.

Psalm

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me, scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him.

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; they have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, be not far from me;

O my help, hasten to aid me.

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my bretheren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Conclude with an OUR FATHER

"My God,

my God,

why

have you

forsaken

me?"



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# BLESSINGS OF EASTER BASKETS

## Please join us.

History and Tradition:

Święconka, meaning "the blessing of the Easter baskets," is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday. While originally observed by Polish people in the U.S., it has grown in popularity.



The tradition is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form, the more modern form containing bread and eggs (symbols of resurrection and Christ) are said to date from the 12th century.

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood, the typical Easter evergreen. Poles take special pride in

preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. Observing the creativity of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

The foods in the baskets have a symbolic meaning:

- \* Eggs symbolize life and Christ's resurrection
- \* Bread symbolic of Jesus
- \* Lamb represents Christ
- \* Salt represents purification
- \* **Horseradish** symbolic of the bitter sacrifice of Christ
- \* Ham symbolic of great joy and abudance.

The food blessed in the church remains untouched until Sunday morning.



Please join us for
The Blessing of the Easter Baskets
on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 am
Outside the main entrance to the church.
Remember to bring your basket to be blessed.

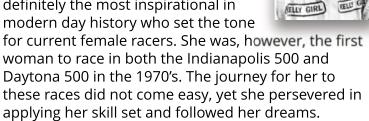


## **Social Justice**

Janet Guthrie, retired race car driver

Born 1938 in Iowa City, Iowa Retired from racing in 1983

Although Janet was not the first woman race car driver, she was definitely the most inspirational in modern day history who set the tone



Both of her parents were pilots and Janet wanted to be an astronaut when growing up. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1960 and then worked as a research and development engineer for Republic Aviation. Her father taught her

to be a pilot and she obtained her license when she was 17 years old.

In 1963, she was rejected to become a scientist-astronaut so she decided to become a race car driver. Contrary to others in the male-dominated sport, she did not have sponsorship

or funding. Janet built her own engines and towed the car from venue to venue across the

country.

She raced for 13 years before getting recognized in the mid 1970's by a low-budget team owned by Rolla Vollstedt from Portland, OR who

wanted to give a female driver a chance to compete in the infamous Indy 500 in 1977. Janet faced ongoing hostility from fans and competing drivers over the years. Yet, ultimately she qualified for three Indy 500 races. Her most successful finish in the Indy 500 was top-ten (9th) in the 1978 race despite racing with a broken wrist.

Her awards include International Women's Sports Hall of Fame (1980 and 2006) and Automotive Hall of Fame (2019). She is a strong advocate for women in racing sports in the nation and throughout the world.

"Racing is a matter of spirit, not strength. It is a matter of doing your best each little moment....." Janet Guthrie

#### **Daily Mass Readings For Your Personal Reflections**

Monday	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-3	30, 33-62
		John 8:1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20, 24-25, 28	John 8:31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-57

#### **Come Prepared for Sunday Mass**

Reading and praying the Sunday readings starting on Monday and reflecting on them during the week is a great way to come hear the scripture readings proclaimed at Sunday Liturgy. Here are the readings and reflections for next week

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

**First Reading:** The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

**Second Reading:** Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

**Gospel Reading:** Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

You can pray the Daily and Sunday Readings via our website: **stpatcc.org**.

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am

## Masses for the Week

	Masses	ioi tile week
Mar. 27	8:00 am	<b><sup>⊕</sup>Don Minarich</b>
Mar. 28	8:00 am	ਊBetty McCabe
Mar. 29	8:00 am	ᡥRobert "Rob" Rogers
Mar. 30	8:00 am	廿Joseph Tobe Glennon
Mar. 31	8:00 am	For the people
April 1	4:30 pm	∜Maria Ranieri
April 2	8:30 am	유nne Marie Boholnick Sadvary
	10:30 am	<sup></sup> John Minarich
	5:00 pm	<b>ਊAntoinette Healey</b>

#### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES IN MISSION • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 26, 2023

#### **Nurses Corner**



## Behavioral Health Ministry's next workshop

April 20, 8:00 – 11:30 am

Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Topics: Childhood 2.0: How to

Reach, Teach, and Support iGeneration Kids and a Public Health Model Approach to Youth Mental Health.

## Help! We are in need of Nurses for Easter Weekend Masses!



We are in need of nurses for Easter weekend Masses to assist Hospitality Ministers when

someone becomes ill or is injured. The nurse's role is to assess the situation and determine what assistance a person might need. The goal is to have one nurse at each Mass.

**Time commitment:** You can select Mass time and dates.

**Requirements:** Active Arizona Nursing license, CPR and Safe Environment Training.

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#### **CARE & SUPPORT AT ST. PATRICK**

**Cancer Support** This support group is for those dealing with the effects of cancer in their lives and their families' lives. Group meets virtually the first Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7:00 - 7:30 pm. For more information please contact Gloria Yturralde at 602-370-7042.

**Divorced/Separated** The "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" is a twelve part program of sharing, comfort, and healing for divorced or separated people. It is a journey of learning, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. This course is offered in the spring and fall. For more information contact Benny Jetson at 602-920-1671 or Therese Mexas at 480-278-3805.

**Family, Personal Support** Catholic Charities Counselor available Mondays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For an appointment call 602-749-4405. Fees based on sliding scale.

**Annulment Support**—A group of annulment ministers help people navigate the system of annulments in the Phoenix Diocese. For an appointment call 480-264-4319.

**Prayer Support** Small Christian Communities is a support for people who have a desire to pray with others in a supportive community. For prayer requests email to **weprayforyou@stpatcc.org**.

**Grief Support** Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly Monday seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Sessions started in September. Please contact Sandy Meyers at **griefsupport@stpatcc.org**.

**Benefits Assistance Program** Assistance with Medicare and other health insurance benefits available for seniors, the disabled and caregivers. For information, please call Megan Popa at 480-998-3843 ext. 138.

**The Next Chapter** A group for men and women further along on their grief journey to address the ongoing needs after the loss of a loved one through spiritual, educational and social activities. Meeting start date was Tuesday, September 13. Please contact Peg Bohnert at **thenextchapter@stpatcc.org.** 

**NAMI Family Support Group -** This group is a free, confidential and safe place, open to family members, partners and friends of individuals living with a mental illness in order to support each other. Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm in the House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room. Questions: **namimaricopa@gmail.com**.

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**ROCK45** Meets on Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church building



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**EDGE** is a Catholic youth ministry program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. EDGE meets Mondays during the school year from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Fenlon Hospitality Center. All middle school youth are welcome!

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#### ROCK45

This Monday, March 27 at ROCK45 we will continue our semester on **KNOWING JESUS** as we listen and learn about the parables Jesus shared. Jesus enjoyed teaching through these stories and had many lessons to learn. Join us as we dive into these different parables and see what He wanted us to know and live by.

ROCK45 is open to all 4th and 5th graders who like to have fun all in the name of Jesus! Come check us out on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information, please contact Diane Kar, 480-998-3843 ext. 209 or dkar@stpatcc.org.

#### **EDGE**

Remember to sign up for our Spring Lock-In April 22-23! Registration can be found at **stpatcc.org/registration/lockin23**.

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to join us on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please contact the EDGE Coordinator, Thomas Bestul, at **tbestul@stpatcc.org** if you have any questions!

# OLIFE TEEN

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#### **LIFE TEEN**

Life Teen meets tonight! We are so excited to gather in our Fenlon Hospitality Center as we break open our Lenten Series. As always, Life Teen meets following our 5:00 pm Youth Mass. Dinner is always served.

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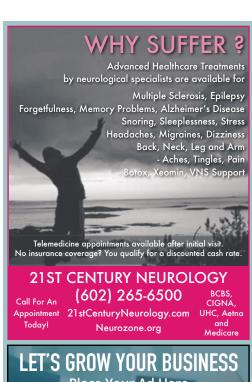
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