

PALM SUNDAY + APRIL 14, 2019



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WEEKLY THOUGHTS

APRIL 14, 2019

Greetings.

Many thanks to Jenith Burry, all the volunteers, donors, and attendees who made our 2019 Red Carpet Gala a notable success! It is remarkable to see the transformation of our building with all the hard work and countless hours that entails. We are blessed to have so much support & dedication to our Parish & School.

With our Palm Sunday celebration, we begin our annual Holy Week observance. Today, Jesus makes his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna in the highest!" Then in just a few short days, we will remember His passion, death, and ultimately His Resurrection.

So much in such a short period of time. Don't our own lives seem this way.....the highs and lows of daily life. The great joys, the disappointing struggles, carrying our own crosses...wondering when it will get better. Jesus' life during this week is such a good example. No matter how difficult his life became, Jesus carried out his mission in the world; he carried out the Father's plan. He did not try to escape; he did not despair. When carrying my cross, do I strive to do the same in my life? First, we hear Jesus on the Cross utter the words "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then moments later, we hear him say "Father into your hands I commend my Spirit." In the most difficult of times, do I trust in God's presence and guidance?

Let's do our best to make this truly a Holy Week. A reminder of our liturgies: Wednesday Evening Mass at 6pm; Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm, Good Friday: Living Stations of the Cross at 2:15pm and Good Friday Service at 7pm; Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8pm and Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

Have a good week



holy week

journey together

Wednesday Evening - Mass at 6:00 pm

April 17th

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday - April 18th

Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration in Gym

Good Friday - April 19th

Living Stations of the Cross at 2:15 pm

Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil - April 20th

Vigil at 8:00 pm followed by reception in Parish Hall

Easter Sunday - April 21st

Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

HELP US WITH THE DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thank you to all of our families that have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our goal is 100 percent participation.

We need your help! If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider supporting our Catholic Church in southwest Iowa by making one today. Pledge cards are in the Church or in the Parish Office. We would be glad to mail a pledge card to you as well...call 255-3162 with that request. Thank you for your continued support!





SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

At the Procession with the Palms:

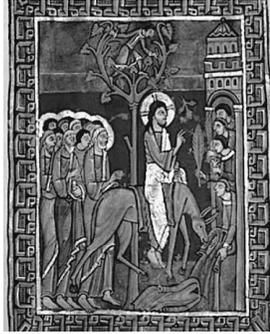
Luke 19:28-40

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 or
23:1-49



What Kind of King?

We are shown two kinds of king in the bible story for Sunday.

One kind has power, wealth, pride, and the forces of war. This king had room only for what he pretended was the welfare of the people. Instead, he took only what he himself wanted. At the other end of the spectrum is a king or queen who has empathetic care for each person, for the well-being of the populace.

I know that this idea could apply easily to the political condition of the United States today. But, this Sunday, let us look at the biblical grounding of such an idea. I want to use TH White's story of King Arthur (*The Once and Future King*). There we are told that Arthur was slated to be the good kind of ruler, not the power monger.

As you may know, Merlin the magician, in White's version, kidnapped Arthur the baby from his father's great castle and began to train him in a far away bedraggled court, in order to teach him about the small and modest beings of the world around him.

The remainder of that story remains for another day, but it is interesting to note that nearly the same thing happened to Jesus. Not that he was kidnapped, but that he was brought up in quite unpretentious circumstances, and that he loved the small and beautiful parts of his dusty childhood.

Then, this Sunday, Jesus suddenly receives the pomp and glory of power! What happened? Has he changed into the bad kind of king? Let us look.

The custom was for a royal person to ride on a colt, or as it is often translated, a donkey. This was not a sign of humility but of kingly status! People would strew their cloaks on the roadway, along with the tall palm fronds they had picked, in order to shield the King from the dirty road.

Jesus did not shy away from such honors; in fact, in

the Processional Reading we hear that he caused them to happen! He sent disciples to get the colt/donkey. Then he rode it into Jerusalem. People honored him with cloaks and palms as Savior King.

Why did Jesus submit to such treatment?

Liturgy has an answer. Peter, who had vowed and sworn that he would never ever deny Jesus, goes ahead and denies him three times. Jesus says out loud that Peter must be "counted among the wicked" (Luke 22:37, quoting Isaiah 53:8-12). Then Jesus sweats blood in the garden, and at last gives himself over into the devil's hands, saying in effect, "This is your hour, the time for your darkness." A mock trial follows and our King joins simple thieves in bloody death.

So there was no king at all. Had the throwing the Palms been a mistake?

Look again.

Leadership has, at its root, service. The real reason for kingship is not dominance, riches, honor or power. These give siren calls to entrap the leader. Kingship and all leadership exist in order to secure the welfare of the kingdom and especially the welfare of those who are in it.

Jesus comes to bring this kind of kingdom, one of service and humility, not of pride and competition. The way of the cross is the greatest fulfillment of his kingship, as opposed to cheering and accolades.

Palm Sunday brings us the real thing.

John Foley, S. J. of the Center for Liturgy

Image: *The Entry into Jerusalem; miniature from the Psalter of St Albans, 1st part of the 12th century*

FAITH QUESTIONS

Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Adults: What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTES

REWARDING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY HELP WITH EASTER VIGIL ON SATURDAY- APRIL 20TH

Conclude your Lenten journey by helping welcome our new members into our Church. Help needed for Easter Vigil preparation 1 pm - 4 pm Saturday AND/OR after Easter Vigil Mass serving and clean up. Please contact Mike and Mary Mahoney to volunteer - Email, call, or text 515-238-3557 / irishmmjd@msn.com Thank you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

One of the many wonderful ministries we offer at Holy Trinity is Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children ages 5-10 are invited during mass to gather, read, and discuss the Gospel for the week as a small group. This is an opportunity for our children to break open the word and discuss the Gospel with other children their own age. We have a number of adults who lead our Children's Liturgy of the Ministry, and they work very hard to make this an uplifting and fun experience for our children. When Father Mark extends the invitation during mass for our Children to come forward for their Liturgy of the Word, we hope that you child(ren) will join us. Please remember that this ministry is for children ages 5-10. We ask that children any younger or older remain with their families during the Gospel and Homily. If you have any questions about Children's Liturgy of the Word please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org or 255-3162, extension 224.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

If you would like your child baptized at Holy Trinity, our next Baptism Class is Monday, April 22nd. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 or email parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org to sign up. We look forward to celebrating this

Sacrament with your family!

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever wanted to look behind the curtain? The Worship & Spirituality team is in need of some people to assist with setting up for Easter. Set-up starts at 7AM on Saturday April 20. We are usually done by 9AM. While we often have great volunteers from the youth and the older parts of the parish we could use some members of the middle agers to assist. Come for as long as you can 30 minutes, 1 hour or more. Hope to see you there!

Bishop Drumm Garage Sale

On Thursdays, from May 2-September 27th, there will be a Garage Sale at the Bishop Drumm Retirement Center garage (5834 Winwood Drive-Johnston). Donations will be accepted. Items needed: household goods, children and adult clothing, furniture in good condition, toys, books. For questions please call Sue Jansen, 515-279-1843. All proceeds go to the needs of the Bishop Drumm Care Center. Thank you so much for your help.

NCYC 2019

Holy Trinity is once again making preparations to take a group of High School youth from our parish to the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), a Biennial event that is organized and hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. This conference is open to any youth of the parish entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2019. NCYC will take place November 21st - 24th in Indianapolis. NCYC brings together top Catholic leaders, speakers and musicians from all over the country to host what all turns out to be a beyond words experience. Holy Trinity will be hosting an NCYC planning meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. If you are thinking about going, or have already reserved your spot, please make plans to be at this meeting. We also invite you to go to www.ncyc.info to learn more about the conference. If you have questions please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation, or Christy Peletz, High School Youth Minister for more details.



Vacation Bible School 2019

Participant and Leader Applications are now available for Vacation Bible School 2019. Our Great Safari Adventure will run the week of July 8th -12th from 9:00 - 11:30 am each morning. Participants must be entering DK/K through 5th grade in the fall of 2019. If you would like to help lead VBS this year and you are going to be entering grades 6-12 in the fall, then we want you! We also need lots of adult help to make our week success. Applications can be found on our parish website, in both the parish & school offices along with being in the breezeways of the church. Cost for participants is \$40 per child with a \$100 family maximum. There is no fee for adult & teen leaders. If you have questions please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or (515) 255-3162 ext. 224.



PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTES

Upcoming Youth/Confirmation Retreat

NET (National Evangelization Teams) is coming to Holy Trinity to inspire and ignite OUR HT YOUTH on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25.

On Wednesday, April 24 - Grades 9-12 students are invited to a retreat from 5-10pm. This retreat includes a meal and will count towards their confirmation retreat requirement. There is no cost for the retreat. Students already confirmed are WELCOME and ENCOURAGED to attend as well! PLEASE RSVP if you plan to attend this retreat to Christy at christyp@holyltrinitydm.org/255-3162 ext. 226 or John at johnm@holyltrinitydm.org.

Contact Janelle Kerr (710-6400) or John Mertes (255-3162 ext. 224) if you want to hear more about hosting 2 or more missionaries in your home on the evenings of Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25. They do travel with sleeping bags but appreciate a warm shower and breakfast! You don't have to have a teen in your home to host overnight guests. Thank you!

Iowa Pork Chop Dinner

St. Mary of Nazareth will host a Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27 from 5-8pm. It will be served at St. Mary of Nazareth Parish Hall—4600 Meredith Dr. in Des Moines. Cost is Adult - \$10/ children 5 to 12 - \$5/family (immediate) - \$25. Hope to see you there.

CONCERT AT ST. PIUS ON MAY 2ND

St. Pius X (3663 66th St. in Urbandale) is pleased to invite you to an evening with David Haas, renowned composer of liturgical music (We Are Called, Blest Are They, Song of the Body of Christ, Send Us Your Spirit, Now We Remain and many, many others) and author of many celebrated texts. Music and books by David will be available for sale and David will be available for autographs after the concert on May 2nd. A free-will offering will be accepted. We hope to see you on May 2nd.

CATHOLIC CULTURE SERIES PRESENTS

An Evening with G.K. Chesterton at 7 PM • APRIL 27, 2019 at ST. AUGUSTIN CHURCH (Des Moines). Join us for an evening of education, conversation, and fun as Dr. Chuck Chalberg performs a one-man show as G.K. Chesterton, Catholic convert and apologist known for his wisdom, intellect, and great good humor. Light snacks and beverages begin at 7; show begins at 7:30.

Memorial Golf Tournament

St. Pius and the men of the Holy Name Society would like to invite all Holy Trinity members to take part in the 2019 Holy Name - Paul Sweeney Memorial Golf Outing. Event details are as follows:

Date: June 7, 2019

Time: 7am Registration / 8am Shotgun Start

Venue: Terrace Hills Golf Course - Altoona

Cost: \$70 per player (includes cart, golf and lunch)

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RED CARPET GALA THANK YOU

Envelope please.... and the winner for the Best School, Parish & Surrounding Community goes to HOLY TRINITY!! The 2019 Hollywood Gala Auction was an amazing evening that showed just how much Holy Trinity means to so many! Thank you for supporting our School & Parish! As they say in show business...that's a wrap!

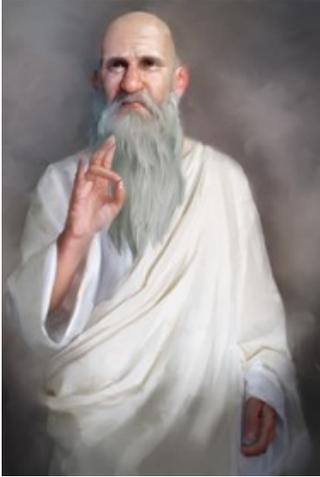
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean B.'.





SAINT OF THE WEEK & OUR SCHOOL NEWS

Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor, c. 315-386



Cyril is thought to have been the son of Christian parents and, if not born in Jerusalem, he certainly was raised there. He received an excellent education from his parents which helped to prepare him for his coming trials.

Ordained by St. Maximus, the bishop of Jerusalem, one of Cyril's first duties was to instruct the catechumens as they prepared for the reception of the sacraments at

the Easter vigil (what we call the period of Purification and Enlightenment) and during the Easter season after the sacraments have been received (Mystagogy). Much of what we know about the way the catechumens were prepared for baptism in the early Church has been gleaned from the writings of Cyril, and his work has been instrumental in developing the Rite of Christian Initiation as it is used today.

Cyril succeeded St. Maximus as bishop of Jerusalem. The Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ, was rampant through most of the Christian world in the mid-fourth century and nowhere had it hit harder than in Palestine. It should be noted that during this time, the young and growing Church was still in the process of defining itself. Beliefs that we take for granted today were not so sharply determined in the fourth century. The Council of Nicaea was called in 325 specifically to counter the Arian heresy, but, as with many Church councils, it was many years before the full effects were felt.

Cyril's troubles began when Acacius, the Arian bishop of Caesarea, claimed jurisdiction over Jerusalem as metropolitan of Caesarea, and tried to advance the Arian heresy in Cyril's episcopate. When Cyril disputed both the claim and the heresy, open warfare broke out. Acacius called a synod of Arian bishops and accused Cyril of being rebellious against authority. When the Arian bishops condemned Cyril, he was driven out of Jerusalem until, two years later, his appeal absolved him and he was reinstated to his see.

When Cyril finally returned to Jerusalem in about the year 387, he found chaos reigned. Schisms and heresy abounded and party factions were literally at war with each other. When Cyril requested help from the Council of Antioch, St. Gregory of Nyssa was sent to assist him, but this saint found that it was more than he could handle and soon left Jerusalem. Gregory did report back to the council, however, that, while major problems existed in Jerusalem, Cyril's faith was orthodox.

In 381, Cyril and Gregory both attended the Council of Constantinople where an amended Nicene Creed was adopted. At this council, many of his contemporaries praised Cyril as a champion of orthodoxy against Arianism.

An optional memorial honors St. Cyril on March 18. In 1882, Pope Leo XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church.

Cyril's message today: Cyril took a strong stand for what he believed in. At the cost of placing ourselves in the middle of controversy, we too must sometimes stand up for what we believe.

✠ *Do you tend to "go along with the crowd" or do you defend those things you strongly believe in?*

DIOCESAN NEWS

Franciscan Common Venture Service Opportunity

For more information and/or to apply to this service experience, please contact Sr. Shell at 563-583-9786 or balekm@osfdbq.org One Day Service Opportunity: Convivium Urban Farmstead in Dubuque, IA: 2-6 Volunteers from the Dubuque area are needed on June 1st. Volunteers will learn about Convivium's Mission of creating community around food – growing, preparing, preserving, and enjoying food, all while assisting with various garden tasks. Cost: Volunteers are asked to contribute \$30 to help cover food and other costs. There will be some shared reflection after service is given. Please note: overnight accommodations are not provided; commuters only. This may be a great opportunity for a family to serve together for a day. Due Date to apply is May 3.



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PARISH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

	SUNDAY 04/14	MONDAY 04/15	TUESDAY 04/16	WEDNESDAY 04/17	THURSDAY 04/18	FRIDAY 04/19	SATURDAY 04/20
HT School			Stock Market Game 7:15 am	No All School Mass		Living Stations of the Cross hosted by 3rd grade 2:15 pm	
Faith Formation RE				No Faith Formation/ Edge			
Adult Faith Formation		Men's Bible Study 8:30 pm Rm 105	RCIA		Adoration 2:00-10:00 pm		
Misc.	Palm Sunday	Holy Week Begins		Lenten Evening Mass 6:00 pm	No morning Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm	No morning Mass Good Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm	No Confessions Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm Reception to follow in Parish Hall

Mass and Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, April 14th
 8:30 am Mass For the Parish
 10:30 am Mass William Rose

Monday, April 15th
 8:00 am Mass Communion Service

Tuesday, April 16th
 8:00 am Mass Phyllis McLaughlin

Wednesday, April 17th
 8:30 am Mass For the intentions of Elise Davidson
 6:00 pm Mass Dean McClafin

Thursday, April 18th
 7:00 pm Mass Harold McCarville

Friday, April 19th
 7:00 pm Service No Mass

Saturday, April 20th
 8:00 pm Mass David Michael Stehl

Sunday, April 21st
 8:30 am Mass Mike Duff
 10:30 am Mass Jack L. Wineinger

†Give the spiritual gift of a Mass.

*Offer it for the soul of a loved one or someone special in your life.
 Contact the Parish Office at 255-3162 to schedule a mass intention*

Financial Blessings Ending Week of March 24, 2019

Yearly goal (July 17-June 18)	\$1,019,700
Weekly offertory collected	\$33,479
Year to date offering	\$743,978

Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers

Saturday, April 20th at 8:00 pm
 Altar Server Volunteers needed
 Lectors please contact
 Parish Office at
 EMHC 255-3162 x128
 Musical Coordinator Jim Shutt

Sunday, April 21st at 8:30 am
 Altar Server Volunteers needed
 Lectors please contact
 Parish Office at
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 Children's Liturgy No CL-Easter
 Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday, April 21st at 10:30 am
 Altar Server Volunteers needed
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Registration forms are available in the pews, at the Parish Office or call 255-3162 ext. 128.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Contact Melissa Heller at 255-3162 ext. 115 or email mheller@htschool.org

MASS TIMES

Weekend

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays

Monday: 8:00 am- Communion Service

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 8:00 am

Wednesday: 8:30 am-All School Mass

Adoration

Thursday: 2:00 pm-10:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: Class is held once a month on a Monday at 7:00 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

Matrimony: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process adults go through to come into full communion with the Catholic Church., contact Jim Wilwerding at 771-1847 or jimw@holytrinitydm.org

FACILITIES SCHEDULING & RENTAL

Parishioners may call Andy Negrete at 255-3162 ext. 129 for more information.

PASTORAL CARE

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128.

Communion to the Sick: If you are aware of someone who is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home and would like to receive communion, contact Sandy at 255-3162 ext. 124.

Prayer Chain: In the event of a crisis or serious illness of a family member or friend, your party will be included (with their permission) through a phone tree of parishioners who offer prayers daily.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Submit no later than noon, Friday (10 days before date of Sunday bulletin). Email: parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org
Articles will be subject to edit and available space.

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