Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

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St. Thomas of Villanova

A Catholic Parish Family - Palatine, IL

Come, Walk with the Lord during Holy Week

Monday—March 26

7:00pm—8:00pm Confessions (English)

Holy Thursday—March 29

7:30pm Mass of Lord's Supper (*Bilingual Mass*)
Following Mass Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday—March 30

3:00pm English—Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord
5:00pm Polish—Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord
7:30pm Living Stations of the Cross (*Performed by VOICES Youth Group*)

Holy Saturday—March 31

1:00pm English— Basket Blessing
2:00pm & 3:00pm Polish— Basket Blessing
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday—April 1

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & Noon —English Masses
5:30am & 1:30pm —Polish Masses

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm *(Polish)*

Weekday 6:30am *(Communion Service)*
8:00am *(Including Saturday)*

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes: Apr 5, Apr 26 & May 17*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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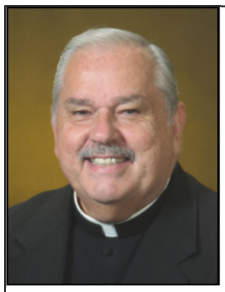

Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord. It marks the beginning of a Week we call Holy! It is the entrance into the great feasts of our faith. For us Catholics, it is the week of great Holy Days and sacred time of prayer and journeying with the Lord. Let us ask in prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide us with a special grace to enter into the Easter mysteries and to help lead others to enter into them. I hope that you will attend all of the Church Services this week. I would like to share with you this Holy Week prayer:

Loving God, I am just beginning to realize how much You love me. Your Son, Jesus, was humble and obedient. He fulfilled Your will for Him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask You for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to You. I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give You glory.

Please, Lord, guide my mind with Your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as He demonstrates again His total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from You. Help me to feel how close You are and to live in union with You. Amen.

I would like to share with you the following:

The Top Ten Reasons You Should Not Go to Confession This Week

1. You just went last month. Be careful or you might make it a good habit.
2. You have not gone to Confession in years. You also have not gone to the gym in years.
3. You have not murdered anyone. Because that is the only sin, right?
4. It's not Saturday. And, they cannot be serious about Confession by appointment, could they?
5. You aren't going to die soon. Are you sure?
6. You might feel better about yourself. Why would you want to feel that way?
7. The priest might actually be mean.
8. Pope Francis goes to Confession. Who wants to be like that guy?
9. You might have to wait in line.
10. You have to admit that you have sinned. That's admitting that you are not perfect.

But, I say….. Go to Confession tomorrow night, Monday at 7pm. Because there is only one big reason why you should go to Confession—GOD'S LOVING FORGIVENESS.

As you know, we are in the midst of "Renew My Church" considerations and deliberations—in addition to the usual. We have been having meetings with our pastoral staff, our leadership, our Parish Discernment Team, and our "Grouping" team representing the four parishes, as we study and research the scenarios and provide for the future of the presence of the Church in this Northwest Suburban geographical area. Meanwhile, I ask of you two things: 1. Continue to pray for our discussions especially pray the Renew My Church prayer
2. Mark your calendar for our next and last Parish Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 25

9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	*MRD*
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	*RAC*

Monday, March 26

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	*RAC*
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	*MRB*

Tuesday, March 27

5:00pm	Drop-off for the Easter Blessings Program	*RAC*
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	*Church*
7:00pm	School Board Meeting	*MR2*
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	*RAC*

Wednesday, March 28

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	*TR/RAC*
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	*Church*
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	*MR4*

Thursday, March 29—*Holy Thursday*

12:00pm	Church Decorating	*Church*
7:30pm	Mass of the Lord Supper	*Church*

(Adoration until midnight following Mass)

Friday, March 30—*Good Friday*

12:00pm	Church Decorating	*Church*
3:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy-Eng.	*Church*
5:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy-Pol.	*Church*
7:30pm	Living Stations	*Church*

Saturday, March 31—*Holy Saturday*

9:00am	Church Decorating	*Church*
10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt	*RAC*
1:00pm	Basket Blessing—English	*Church*
2:00pm	Basket Blessing—Polish	*Church*
3:00pm	Basket Blessing—Polish	*Church*
7:30pm	Easter Vigil	*Church*

Sunday, April 1—*EASTER*

English Masses—7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & Noon

Polish Masses—5:30am & 1:30pm

Parish Office Hours EASTER HOLIDAY

Thursday, March 29	9am—1pm
Friday, March 30	9am—1pm
Saturday, March 31	9am—1pm

TODAY

- **CRS RICE BOWLS DUE** Deposit your Rice Bowls in the basket at the Rice Bowl display near the Holy Family Alcove

UPCOMING

- **LENTEN CONFESSIONS** Monday, March 26 (Page 8)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, March 28 at 1pm. Group lunch at Jameson's on Dundee Rd, Arlington Hts. RSVP To Maureen 224-245-2175.
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** Wednesday, March 28, 7pm – NAMI Northwest Suburban Meeting (Every 4th Wednesday of the month) Speaker: Revita DeChalus, Public Aid Specialist. Amita Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott Ave., Arlington Hts. For more info on this and support group meetings, contact NAMI NWS at naminwsub@gmail.com / 847-899- 0195.
- **TRIDUUM** Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday (Page 9)
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS for Respect Life** Friday, March 30 (See Below)
- **EASTER EGG HUNT** Saturday, March 31 (Page 5)
- **NO DSP AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND!**

GOOD FRIDAY–Respect Life Event

Stations of the Cross at Wood Dale Abortion Clinic
Friday, March 30
10am—11am

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. On Good Friday, we will remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the fathers forgotten — in a solemn prayer service.

Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion at Advantage Health Care, 203 E Irving Park Rd, Wood Dale. Park on the side streets off of Irving Park Rd.

INFO: Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@yahoo.com

Sponsored by NorthWest Families for Life / www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com

*Hurting from an abortion experience?
You are loved. There is hope and healing through the Archdiocese's "Project Rachel" program. Call 888-456-HOPE or www.hopeafterabortion.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31 at 10am—Meet in the RAC
For children in 3rd Grade or younger

Bring your own Easter Basket so you can scoop up your eggs and bring them home! AND… meet the Easter Bunny! He'll be hoppin' around and eager to take pictures with you.
- Sponsored by the VOICES Youth Group

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We are in need of more Bereavement Ministers to assist our families in their time of real need and pain. If you are interested in volunteering for this important Ministry, please call me this week. We will train you in what you need to know and do. There is a training session on **Saturday, April 7** at Holy Family Parish. The training focuses on the Catholic Theology of death, the rituals of a Wake Vigil and Funerals, and the focus and compassion of Bereavement Ministry.

Please call me if you have any questions about Bereavement Ministry at St. Thomas. Or call me so that we can register you for the training.

Connie West, Director of Bereavement

EXTRAORDINARY MINSITERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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Have you ever felt the pull to be more involved in your faith? Being a Eucharistic Minister is a very powerful experience. When we are distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, we feel so much joy and happiness at the privilege of serving you and sharing this experience.

Eucharistic Ministers are you, me, or any Christian man, woman, or teen who has received their Confirmation and would like to be more involved in their faith while assisting our priests in administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We realize that your time is very precious. The only time required to be a Eucharistic Minister is that you attend the Mass you normally attend. We schedule around your schedule.

There is a Saturday morning training session scheduled for April:

April 28, 2018 at St. Mary Parish, Buffalo Grove

Training is open to confirmed adults and teens. Please consider joining us in this beautiful ministry. To sign up for training or for more information, please contact me at 630-470-7192 /mariandegroot@comcast.net, or call Fr. Tom at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your consideration and may God bless you,
Marian DeGroot

A Prayer For
RENEW MY CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- *to hear you clearly*
- *to listen to each other attentively*
- *to imagine our future boldly*
- *to discern your direction wisely*
- *to persevere in your holy will courageously*
- *to stay together in charity*
- *to surrender our own plans readily*
- *to embrace the greater good*
- *to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Questions? Comments?
renewmychurch@stov.org

Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 5th

Rowley Activity Center

6:00 Doors Open
7:00 Games Begin

Emcee for the Night
Jim Schwantz
Mayor of Palatine

ADVANCED TICKET SALES
$30 per person
$220 for table of 8 people
($35 each—at the door)

Win cash prizes!

BYOF… Food, Fiesta & Friends
Cash Bar
No outside beverages
Must be 21 or older to attend

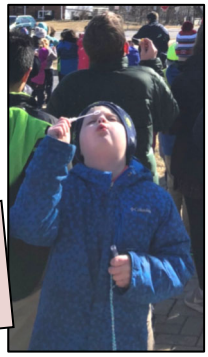
Stop in the School or Parish Offices to sign up or email:
stvtrivianight@gmail.com
with questions or to request a registration form.

From the Principal's Desk

Prayer Walk for Peace—Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Children prayed the rosary as they walked the school and church campus.

Bubbles were blown to symbolize our prayers raised to heaven.



God bless, *Mary Brinkman*

2ND GRADE CRAFT SALE

Are you looking for a crafty way to show your love for the poor and for Jesus? Then please come to the Gathering Area **after the 9:30 Mass Sunday, April 8th** and support the STV School 2nd Graders in their First Communion Craft Sale! 100% of the money collected will help Catholic Relief Services provide poor families in need with safe, clean drinking water close to their homes. Thank you in advance for supporting our 2nd graders as they experience what it means to be The Body of Christ in a big way before their big day! See you there!

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Support our school by purchasing from our Yankee Candle fundraiser. It will run from **March 16 through April 6** and has some great deals such as Classic Jar Candles for only $20—they make a great gift! The school will receive a high 40% of the sales. Purchases can be made online at yankeecandlefundraising.com. Our group number is 990012829. If you have questions, please contact Lisa at lisamarieswider@gmail.com.

2018 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: $23,700
Mar 4	$ 23,781.42	$ 3,358.00	$ 27,139.42	$ 3,439.42
Mar 11	$ 20,312.36	$ 1,618.00	$ 21,930.36	*($ 1,769.64)*
Mar 18	***Not available due to early bulletin deadlines***			
Mar 25				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	$ 876,900.00
YTD Actual	$ 810,037.99
Over / *(Under)*	*($ 66,862.01)*

THANK YOU!

2018 PARISH EASTER GIFT

Thank you for sharing your treasure to pay our Parish Family's bills. Your generous Easter donation will help us meet our financial obligations for this financial year, allowing us to provide our Parish Families with ministries and other essential services. We respectfully ask you, if at all possible, to give a gift of $175.00 as your 2018 Easter Gift to your Parish Family. If you can give more in the "name" of parishioners who can't, thank you! Whatever you give, please do so in praise and in thanks to God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Thank you, Parish Stewards!

– *Parish Finance Committee*

"40 CANS FOR LENT" THANK YOU!

Dear St. Thomas of Villanova,

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus #4977 we would like to express our gratitude to both St. Thomas and St. Theresa parishes for the tremendous response. We have collected well over "1,000" lbs. of food and have donated much to our local Parish pantry along with donating much to the Palatine food pantry.

We would not have been able to donate so much food to those in need if it was not for our fellow parishioners. Again thank you, and we are grateful for the tremendous support!

Sincerely,
Knights of Columbus, Holy Ghost Council #4977

HOLY WEEK SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

HOLY THURSDAY

For the past few years, we've begun a special collection on Holy Thursday for parishioners who are unemployed, underemployed or facing financial hardship. Your thoughtfulness and generosity in this collection will benefit your fellow parishioners.

GOOD FRIDAY

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more info. visit: MyFranciscan.org/good-friday. *Please make checks payable to: St. Thomas of Villanova and write "Holy Land" on the memo line.*

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Baskets will be at all Church exits after the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday for your free-will donation to the VOICES Youth Group. Your donation will support many youth group activities, especially their upcoming weekend retreat.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

As we celebrate the Lord's Resurrected Life on Easter, we are called to bring His Life to others! Your generosity to our Easter collection makes that happen.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

English—Monday, March 26 from 7pm—8pm

GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

1 PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare by completing an "examination of conscience" (right side of this page).

2 GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: You and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. Then begin your confession with: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession."

4 CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, you can say: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."

5 PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition.

7 ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."

8 PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God with a prayer.

9 DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

An Examination of Conscience

I. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange Gods before Me.
- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?

II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?

III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sunday or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?

IV. Honor your father and your mother.
- Do I honor and obey my parents?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged and infirmed relatives?

V. You shall not kill.
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Have I been angry or resentful?

VI. You shall not commit adultery.
- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex?

VII. You shall not steal.
- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Do I waste time at work, school or at home?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts and temptations?

IX. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.
- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Do I seek to control my imagination?

X. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.
- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

Act of Contrition—Traditional O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

Act of Contrition—Contemporary O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I fully intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Before the Last Supper, Jesus humbled himself and washed his disciples feet. As a tradition at St. Thomas of Villanova, we will again ask the congregation to come forward to wash feet at the 7:30pm Bilingual Holy Thursday Mass. Everyone is invited to participate, even if we might feel embarrassed or reluctant. You can truly walk the path of Jesus. After Mass, our Church will remain open for adoration until Midnight.

I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash one another's feet. I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you.
- John 13:14-15

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord

The bible tells us that Jesus died at 3:00pm in the afternoon on the Day of Preparation for the Passover. Please come at 3:00pm, as we recount the entire Passion story and venerate the Cross at the exact time Jesus died so many years ago. After venerating, you will also be able to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

LIVING Stations of the Cross

Were you there?
Watch and pray—each station of Jesus' death. At 7:30pm, a ***live*** performance of the Stations of the Cross will be performed by our VOICES High School Youth Group. You will have an opportunity to venerate the Cross after the performance has ended.

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil

On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting His return in glory. It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life.

It is the night we welcome our RCIA candidates into the Catholic Church and also a time for us to renew our Confirmation vows.

"Alleluia," which means "Praise the Lord!" can now be sung! We no longer are in penance and our wait is over. The Lord has risen - He has overcome death.

Come experience the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm for yourself—the official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus!

It is like no other liturgy during the entire year.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

MEET OUR RCIA CLASS

Hi! My name is **Jamie Aloisio** and my family and I have been attending St. Thomas for almost 2 years now. We moved here from the Southwest Suburbs where we left behind our beloved Parish, St. Andrew the Apostle, in Romeoville. My husband is a cradle Catholic, and we've been raising our children in the Catholic faith since day one. Myself, having a Protestant background, never thought I'd become a convert to Catholicism. But since we've started attending St. Thomas, I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to do so. I'm so excited to become one with my fellow brothers and sisters of the Parish! All your love and support has been overwhelming! The RCIA process has been a great experience. The team and the sponsors are truly there every step of the way, and I'll never forget it. So thank you to all the priests and parishioners and specially to God above. It's been a beautiful journey. I can't wait to see where the Spirit leads me next.

My name is **Addison Cauley**. I moved to Illinois in October of 2014 to be with my fiancé, after a near three year long-distance relationship. We moved to Palatine, and she began going to St. Thomas. Initially, I did not attend Mass with her. I was raised Baptist, and though I had no conflict with my Christian beliefs, I overall did not have the strongest discipline when it came to attending Church. I allowed that to spill into my adulthood. Now that I am getting married soon, I wanted to ensure that I had a strong faith based foundation with my fiancé and our future family. I have no reservations with joining the Catholic Church, have enjoyed going through this RCIA process and look forward to the Easter Vigil.

My name is **Jodi Hill**. I have been a parishioner at STV for two years and my children attend STV School. I started my religious journey before being married in the Catholic Church in 2016. This sacrament solidified my feeling as to where I felt I belong. Since I've started in the RCIA I have discovered how truly blessed I and my family are to be a part of St. Thomas. I look forward to the future and strengthening my relationship with God.

Hi, I'm **Ruby Sotello**. I always wanted to receive my sacraments since I was 8, but I really never got a chance. Years passed and I always felt something was missing and that there was a big hole in my life. I was trying to fill it with anything, both bad and good. When I had to have surgery, I felt God's presence. Whenever I was heading down the wrong path, the Holy Spirit guided me to the light side. When I found out that my cousins were joining RCIA, I wanted to join with them. During RCIA I feel more and more closer to God. I'm a better person now because I'm with God.

Hi everyone!! My name is **Britzeyda Texta**. I'm eighteen years old. I'm a college student at Harper. Before coming to RCIA I did not go to church as much. I also didn't think I would become more interested in learning about Catholicism. For most of my life, I felt like I was missing something. At times, I noticed I was becoming more isolated within myself. I would also get mad at myself or others. I just didn't know why I was acting like that. Until, one day I realized I needed to change to become a better person. I thought maybe becoming much closer to God would help me overcome this feeling. Ever since coming to St. Thomas and joining RCIA it made me feel I'm a better person. I love going to Mass and singing along to the songs. This community is very welcoming to everyone. Now I have learned much more about Catholicism and love being much closer to God. It has helped me become the person I want to be. I believe God has called me to walk beside Him and therefore, I feel better about myself overall.

Hi, my name is **Zoraida Texta**. I attend Winston Campus Jr High. I joined RCIA because I wanted to continue on the path of God since being baptized Catholic as a baby. I want to receive my other sacraments. As a child, I never usually went to church, but now I go to church every Sunday. I like going to RCIA, and I like going to church.

From Our Seminarian

Parish Family-

A few weeks ago, I was instituted as a lector at Mundelein Seminary. In simple terms, I am allowed to read at Mass. In seminary terms, I have been entrusted with the Word of God to deepen my love for Jesus and live my life in the light of and in service to the Gospel. During the Lector institution Mass, Bishop Timothy Doherty, from the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, handed me the bible saying, "Take this book of Holy Scripture, and be faithful in handing on the Word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people." Being instituted a lector is one step closer to priesthood ordination in May 2021.

We find ourselves once again at the start of Holy Week. Christians throughout the world will recall the sacrificial events of Christ for our salvation. We journey with Jesus into Jerusalem, waving palms and crying out 'Hosanna!' We join the Apostles in the upper room on Holy Thursday. We walk with Simon the Cyrene helping Jesus carrying his cross on the way to Calvary on Good Friday. And we join Joseph of Arimathea as we place the body of Jesus in the tomb. But we know how the story ends. We do not leave the tomb in sorrow, but rejoice in the victory of Christ over sin and death. May the words and rituals of Holy Week take root in your heart anew this year. May the actions of Jesus, washing the feet of his Apostles, giving us his body and blood, stretching out his arms on the cross, and rising from the dead encourage our faith and trust in Him. By doing so, may we in turn give of ourselves more freely to each other, to build a society of mutual respect and support. May others know who we believe in, Jesus Christ, and what we profess, that He has risen from the dead. May we walk in the light of the Resurrection, and allow the joy of knowing that Christ conquered sin and death and offers the same victory to us. May we always remember that we are an Easter people and Christ is Risen from the dead!

Please continue to pray for me as my first year at Mundelein Seminary comes to an end. Pray for me as I embark on this new ministry as a lector, that I may continue to grow in my love for scripture and preach the Word of God with fervor and gentleness. Know of my continued prayers for you in this Week of our Salvation and in the brightness of Easter glory.

In Christ, the Living Word,

Seminarian Andy Matijevic

LITURGY SCHEDULE for MARCH 31 / APRIL 1

	SATURDAY 7:30 PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 10:30 AM	SUNDAY 12:00PM
PRESIDER	All Priests	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Ray Yadron
DEACON	Deacon Mark Duffey	Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon Tom Dunne	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon John Breit
HOMILIST	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Ray Yadron
LECTORS	Lee Fialek Jill Cervenka Jim Hajost Theresa Mitchell	Rob Dix Jennifer Santos	Mark Long Tom Dalton	Mary Bragiel Chris Fisher	Jean Pope Maureen Treanor
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ann Duffey Dan Dunne Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Marian DeGroot Larry Coco	Peggy King	Jack McCarthy Jo McCarthy Sue Allen Bev Dalton Susan Weres	Marilyn Marturano Jim Dunne Joyce Miller Sandy Peterson	Donna Breit

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MASS TIMES HAVE CHANGED FOR EASTER WEEKEND!

	SUNDAY 5:30 AM POLISH	SUNDAY 1:30 PM POLISH
PRESIDER	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
HOMILIST	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Mirek Kulesa

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 26
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Gilmour Krogstad;
✞ Frank J. Plank
7:00pm Confessions—ENGLISH

Tuesday, March 27
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ Joseph Sullivan

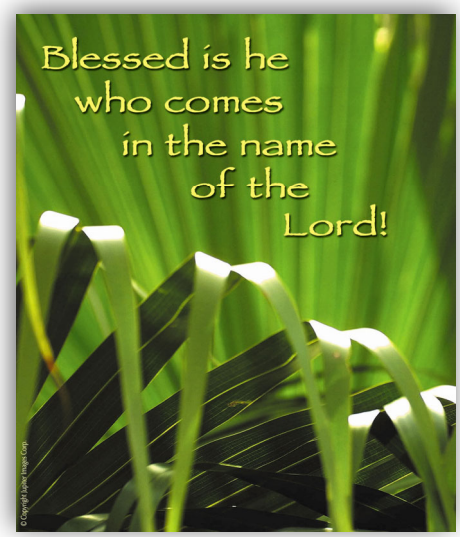
Wednesday, March 28
6:30am Communion Service
8:00am ✞ June Falardeau;
✞ Art Even;
✞ Mary Ann Moretti

Thursday, March 29—*HOLY THURSDAY*
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
ADORATION until Midnight

Friday, March 30—*GOOD FRIDAY*
3:00pm Passion & Death of Our Lord—ENGLISH
5:00pm Passion & Death of Our Lord—POLISH
7:30pm Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 31—*HOLY SATURDAY*
1:00pm Basket Blessing—ENGLISH
2:00pm Basket Blessing—POLISH
3:00pm Basket Blessing—POLISH
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1—*EASTER SUNDAY*
5:30am Mass—POLISH
7:30am Mass—ENGLISH
9:00am Mass—ENGLISH
10:30am Mass—ENGLISH
12:00pm Mass—ENGLISH
1:30pm Mass—POLISH



FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato
Lou Anderson
Jim Baur
Vito Boffa
Cherie Bott
Andy Bouchonville
Charles Campagna
Eleanor Campagna
Anna Marie Candorla
Tom Cook
Baby Seamus Cullen
Brenda Darling
Jason Dean
Emily Dempsey
Beth Dix
Eamon Downey
Jeanne Formanski
Jaime Forseth
Kirk Forseth
Faith Forseth
Parker Forseth
Daniel Gajewski
Mel Gass
Bill Gerl
Ralph Gonzalez
Ron Hennis
Dave Hicks
Adeline Kaczmarek
Katherine Kearney
Mary Anne Kiesel
Wesley Knutson
James Kobler
Mary Alice Kobler
Susan Kordell
Lauren Lambert
Gene Lazich
Harold Lewis
Elegie LoCascio
Allan Loden
Peggy Lowe
Richard Maloney
Baby Alexa Mang
Helen Mariano
Bob Maruska
Elayne Maruska
Baby Benjamin Mauro
Mike McGee
Theresa Mitchell
Candida Morales
Mike Moran
JoAnn Moser
Paul Moser
Rita Olles
Larry Peterson
Patty Reynolds
Elaine Romanchek
Ken Romanchek
Bridget Rubin
Dick Samojla
Dan Schaffer
Carlos Serna
Corky Smith
Shawn Smith
Russell Spano
Kristina Sromek
Alice Stedronsky
Anne Swaw
Robert Szott
Sharon Tadsen
Jack Treanor
John Welge
Jim White
Sharon Woelfel
Tom Yadron
Martha Zara

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force
- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SSGT Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- SGT Raymond Dickenson
- PVT Ryder Dickenson
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- PFC Will Willis

U.S. Coast Guard
- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps
- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- PVT Nicholas G. Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- SGT Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy
- LTJG Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AN James Steininger

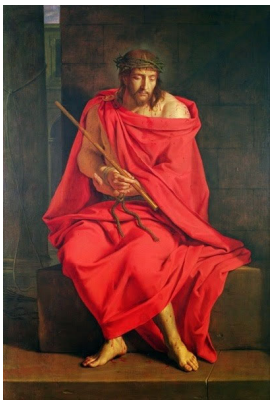
And all those serving in the Middle East.

ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Wife
SYLVIA GRONSKI

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tue: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thu: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42
Sat: a) Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24, 35; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



Niedziela Palmowa – Misterium paschalne

Opis Męki Jezusa czytany w Niedzielę Palmową to nie tylko słowa. To wydarzenie, w którym uczestniczymy. W kościołach podczas uroczyście sprawowanych obrzędów Męka Pańska poprzedzona jest wspomnieniem wjazdu Jezusa do Jerozolimy i poświęceniem palm. Słyszymy radosne 'Hosanna' tłumów witających Jezusa, a chwilę później tragiczne: 'Ukrzyżuj'. Uczestniczymy w tych dramatycznych wydarzeniach doświadczając naszych krzyży 'niesionych' cierpliwie przez całe życie. Wchodząc w misterium Paschy Chrystusa, pragniemy przejść razem z Nim Jego drogę by u Jego boku doświadczyć siły życia i powstania zmartwych…

Co stało się z Barabaszem…?

Pytałem nikt nie wie
Spuszczony z łańcucha wyszedł na białą ulicę
mógł skręcić w prawo iść naprzód skręcić w lewo
zakręcić się w kółko zapiać radośnie jak kogut
On Imperator własnych rąk i głowy
On Wielkorządca własnego oddechu
Pytam bo w pewien sposób brałem udział w sprawie
Zwabiony tłumem przed pałacem Piłata krzyczałem
tak jak inni uwolnij Barabasza Barabasza
Wołali wszyscy gdybym ja jeden milczał
stałoby się dokładnie tak jak się stać miało
A Barabasz być może wrócił do swej bandy
W górach zabija szybko rabuje rzetelnie
Albo założył warsztat garncarski
I ręce skalane zbrodnią
czyści w glinie stworzenia
Jest nosiwodą poganiaczem mułów lichwiarzem
właścicielem statków – na jednym z nich żeglował Paweł do Koryntian
lub – czego nie można wykluczyć – stał się cenionym szpiclem na żołdzie Rzymian
Patrzcie i podziwiajcie zawrotną grę losu
o możliwości potencje o uśmiechy fortuny
A Nazareńczyk
został sam
bez alternatywy
ze stromą
ścieżką
krwi

'Domysły na temat Barabasza'
'Ecce Homo' (Behold the Man), Antonio Ciseri

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

4 marca 2018 r	$ 2,073.00
11 marca 2018 r	$ 2,208.00
18 marca 2018 r	n/a
25 marca 2018 r	

W sumie: $ 4,281.00

Dziękujemy!

INTENCJE MSZALNE I REJESTRACJA
Intencje mszalne można zamówić po Mszy św. niedzielnej w pokoju marszałków lub zakrystii.

MSZE ŚW.
Parafia Świętego Tomasza z Villanova zaprasza całą wspólnotę polskojęzyczną do wspólnej modlitwy i nabożeństw.

MSZE ŚW. W JĘZ. POLSKIM—
Niedziela: 1:30pm;
Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca: spowiedź od 5:30, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

Pierwsza Sobota miesiąca: Nabożeństwo 'Pierwszych 5. Sobót' i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;
Trzeci Piątek miesiąca: Nabożeństwo do Bożego Miłosierdzia i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm.

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚW.
Sakrament Chrztu Św. w jęz. polskim jest udzielany w każdą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. w języku polskim—prosimy o wcześniejszy kontakt z ks. Marcinem.

SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA
Pary proszone są o kontakt z biurem parafialnym przynajmniej 6 miesięcy przed planowanym ślubem w celu ustalenia daty ślubu i spotkania się z księdzem.

SAKRAMENT POKUTY
Niedziela 12:45pm- 1:15pm.

RÓŻA RÓŻAŃCOWA
Spotkania w drugą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy różańcowej w każdą niedzielę przed Mszą św. o godz. 1:00 pm.

KONTAKT Z KANCELARIĄ
Poniedziałek—Czwartek: 9:00 am—8:00pm
Piątek: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Sobota: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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