

We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other — Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday’s liturgy is “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.” Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds — culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death — all for us.

Two very different responses to our Lord’s passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus’ acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, “They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.”

Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don’t know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon’s family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus’ passion and death, namely that “all His acquaintances stood at a distance.” They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Still unconvinced? Let the words of this Sunday’s Gospel this week speak to you personally:

“The chief priests and scribes...stood by accusing him harshly” and He did not defend Himself, for love of me.

“Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him” and He stayed quiet, for love of me.

The crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us” and He let Himself be led away, for love of me.

“With loud shouts they persisted in calling for his crucifixion” and He did not object, for love of me.

“Even the soldiers jeered at Him” and He endured it patiently, for love of me.

“They crucified Him and the criminals there” and He died, for love of me.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week — attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit — and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**April 3, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 7,116.87
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 175.77
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 1,173.53
Easter Offering.....	\$ 60.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 15.00
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 460.00
CRS (Bishop Over Seas Appeal)....	\$ 200.00

***Second Collection - April 15 - Good Friday:***

***Shrines of the Holy Land***

***Second Collection - April 16– 17 - Easter:***

***Rice Bowl***



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022, also known as ***"Good Shepherd Sunday."***

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, ***"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"*** (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

**\*\*\* PRAY FOR VOCATIONS \*\*\***

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 11 - 13, Mon-Wed: Normal Daily Masses (8 am)  
 April 14, Holy Thursday: 7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Eucharistic Adoration (*begins after Mass until midnight*)  
 April 15, Good Friday: 1 pm - Live Way of the Cross / el Via Crucis en Vivo  
 3 pm - Passion Liturgy (English)  
 7 pm - Passion Liturgy (Español )  
 Divine Mercy Novena Begins (*English - 5:30 pm / Español - 6:30 pm*) - in Church  
 April 16 - 17, Easter: Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm  
 Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Schedule

**The Guadalupe Radio Network**

**25th Annual - "Fishers of Men" Benefit Dinner**

Thursday, April 28, 2022  
 Doors Open @ 6 pm  
 Dinner & Program 7 - 9 pm

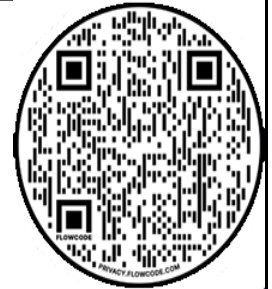
**Keynote Speaker: Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC**

To Register or for more info visit:

<https://www.grnonline.com/en/events/sct>

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 simply click this QR Code

*Registrations must be received by April 20th.*



**PRAYER CANDLES**

Keep your prayers for your Loved-Ones and other Special Intentions alive!

Our Pastoral Council will be selling Prayer Candles again this year.

The Cost is \$6.00 per candle... and **must be pre-paid.**

*(orders will be taken thru April 13th).*

Candles will be lit and displayed on the altar during our Holy Thursday Holy Hour...

Candles will be available for pick-up after Easter Sunday.

Envelopes are available at all of the entrances.



**VELAS DE ORACION**

Mantenga sus oraciones por sus seres queridos y otros Intenciones Especiales vivas!

Nuestra Consejo Pastoral venderá Velas de Oración de nuevo este año.

El costo es de \$6.00 por vela... y **debe pagado por adelantado.**

*(los pedidos se realizarán hasta el 13 de abril).*

Las velas se encenderán y se exhibirán en el altar en nuestra Hora Santa del Jueves Santo...

y estarán disponibles para recogerlas después del Pascua.

Los sobres estan disponibles en todas las entradas.

**School News**

**We are NOW ENROLLING for the 2022-2023 school Year!**  
 for 18 months—8th Grades

Here are ways to get more info about enrolling your child:

1. Call us! (210) 655-2882
2. Visit our website at: [www.st-thomas-more-school.org](http://www.st-thomas-more-school.org)
3. Come by the school during normal school hours 7:30 am - 4 pm

***An excellent Catholic Education is affordable!***

Financial aid is available at: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>

***Apply As Soon As Possible! Time is running out!***



***Grupo de Oración***  
***Familias compartiendo la palabra***



- 4/15 Via Crucis (*1 pm - afuera de la iglesia - grupo cancelado*)
- 4/22 La Espera del Mesías y de Su Espiritu
- 4/29 El Espiritu de Cristo en la Plenitud de Los Tiempos

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
 Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



***St. Thomas More English***  
***Prayer Group***



The English Prayer Group will not be meeting in the church during the Lenten Season.

**Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or  
 Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977**



Holy Week is upon us; culminating in the most holy celebration of our year... the Resurrection of Our Lord... **Easter!** I hate to get ahead of myself, but I'd like to look ahead to the *NEXT* Sunday... Mercy Sunday – a feast that Jesus himself asked for... but... When Jesus asked for His feast of Mercy to be celebrated the Sunday after Easter I don't think He was thinking about the Sunday bulletin and giving enough time to properly advertise / educate people about it! But, we can 'talk' about it a little and if you would like to talk more... I'd love to accommodate.

In celebrating the Feast of Mercy, Jesus gives us a most special gift - The complete forgiveness of sins and temporal punishment due for them! It's almost like being re-Baptized! This is a gift he gives only to the person properly celebrating this feast. But, the Church also grants a Plenary Indulgence that, with the usual requirements, may be transferred / assigned to a departed loved one in Purgatory. Please continue reading:

### **Divine Mercy Sunday - The Promises of the Feast of Divine Mercy:**

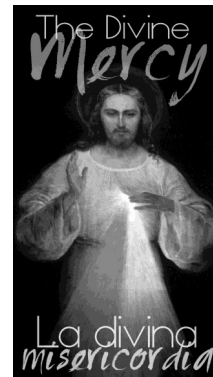
*"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."*

(Jesus talking to St. Faustina - diary entry 699)

### **How to receive the Graces of the Feast of Mercy:**

An abundance of mercy is offered to those who:

- Are merciful to others through deed, word and prayer
- Make a good and sincere confession during Lent
- Worthily receive Holy Communion on the Feast Day (or Saturday Vigil)
- Venerate (*revere or honor*) the image of The Divine Mercy
- Trust in God's Mercy



La Semana Santa está sobre nosotros; culminando en la celebración más santa de nuestro año... la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor... ¡Pascua! Odio adelantarme, pero me gustaría mirar hacia el PRÓXIMO domingo... Domingo de la Misericordia – una fiesta que Jesús mismo pidió... pero... Cuando Jesús pidió que su fiesta de la misericordia se celebrara el domingo después de Pascua, ¡no creo que estuviera pensando en el boletín dominical y dando suficiente tiempo para anunciar / educar adecuadamente a las personas al respecto! Pero, podemos 'hablar' un poco de ello y si quieres hablar más... Me encantaría acomodarme.

¡Al celebrar la Fiesta de la Misericordia, Jesús nos da un regalo muy especial! ¡El perdón completo de los pecados y el castigo temporal debido por ellos! ¡Es casi como ser rebautizado! Este es un regalo que él da sólo a la persona que celebra adecuadamente esta fiesta. Pero, la Iglesia también otorga una Indulgencia Plenaria que, con los requisitos habituales, puede ser transferida / asignada a un ser querido difunto en el Purgatorio.

### **El Domingo de la Divina Misericordia - Las promesas de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia**

**"El alma que confiese y reciba la Santa Comunión obtendrá el perdón total de las penas y las culpas.**

**En ese día están abiertas todas las compuertas divinas a través de las cuales fluyen las gracias.**

**Que ningún alma tema acercarse a Mí aunque sus pecados sean como escarlata."**

(Jesús hablando con Santa Faustina - diario 699)

### **Cómo Recibir la Gracia de la Fiesta de la Misericordia**

Se ofrece una abundancia de misericordia a los que:

- Son misericordiosos con los demás mediante sus obras, palabras y oraciones;
- Hacen una confesión buena y sincera durante la Cuaresma;
- Reciben la Santa Comunión (en estado de gracia) el Día de la Fiesta de la Misericordia, o durante la Misa de Vigilia del sábado;
- Veneran (reverenciar o honrar) la imagen de la Divina Misericordia



## **YOU ARE INVITED TO**

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**60th Anniversary Gala**

**Dinner, Casino Gaming,**

**Silent Auction.**

**Semi-Formal Attire**



Sat, April 23, 2022

6 - 11 pm

Morgan's Wonderland

Event Center

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\$50 Ticket

Tickets and Sponsorships available

Online at [www.givecentral.org/60thgala](http://www.givecentral.org/60thgala)

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**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday**  
 8:30 am KC Breakfast - *Carolyn Hall*  
 9:00 am Guadalupano Bake Sale - *Carolyn Hall*

**Monday, April 11, 2021**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*  
 7:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*

**Tuesday, April 12, 2021**  
 9:00 am School Reconciliation - *Church*  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 7:00 pm Guadalupano Rosary - *Church*  
 Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*


**Wednesday, April 13, 2021**  
 9:00 am School Reconciliation - *Church*  
 11:00 am COPS Metro One-on-One Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 7:00 pm Guadalupano Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, April 14, 2021 - Holy Thursday**  
 9:00 am School Stations of Cross - *Church*  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration Cancelled Today

**Friday, April 15, 2021 - Good Friday / Offices Closed**  
 1:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Via Crucis - *Outside Church*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena / 1 - *Church*  
 6:30 pm la Novena de la Divina Misericordia / 1 - *la Iglesia*

**Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Easter Vigil**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena / 2 - *Church*  
 7:00 pm la Novena de la Divina Misericordia / 2 - *la Iglesia*

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 - Easter**  
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena / 3 - *Church*  
 7:00 pm la Novena de la Divina Misericordia / 3 - *la Iglesia*



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
 †Baby Dawn, Misty Dawn, &  
 Jeremy Moses Espinoza

**Lecturas de la Semana del 11 - 17 abril**

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
 Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71:1-6,15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38  
 Miércoles: Is 50:4-9; Sal 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
 Jueves (*la Cena del Señor*): Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Sal 116:12-13, 15-18; 1Co 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
 Viernes: Is 52:13-53:12; Sal 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42  
 Sábado: *Vigilia*: Gn 1:1-2:2; Sal 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,13-14,24,35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Ez 36:16-28; Sal 42:3,5; 43:3,4; Rom 6:3-11; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Lk 24:1-12  
 Domingo: Hch 10:34,37-43; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Readings for the week of Apr 11 - 17**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6ab,15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday (*Lord's Supper*): Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116:12-13,15-18; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: 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  
 Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,14,24,35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3,5; 43:3,4; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Lk 12:1-12  
 Sunday: Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**  
 8:00 am **All Souls** by Kim Nguyen  
**Health - Angie Willingham** by Margie Murray  
 5:00 pm †Jeremy Moses Espinoza by Mom, Dad & Espinoza Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday**  
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
 †Barbara Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
 10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Briseno Families  
**Active Duty - Eric & Joshua Espinoza** by Espinoza Family  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**†Those Who Have Been Aborted** by Kim Nguyen

**Monday, April 11, 2021**  
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen  
 †Alex Hernandez by Flor Mata

**Tuesday, April 12, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Alice Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
 †Ann Geiger by Mary April

**Wednesday, April 13, 2021**  
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen  
 †John Francis Adams by Doc & Eileen Adams

**Thursday, April 14, 2021 - Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 pm Holy Thursday - No Mass Intentions

**Friday, April 15, 2021 - Good Friday**  
 3:00 pm Good Friday - No Intentions  
 7:00 pm Good Friday - No Intentions

**Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Easter Vigil**  
 8:30 pm Easter Vigil - No Intentions

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday**  
 8:00 am †Maria Del Carmen Atilana by Guadalupanos  
 †Ruben Villa by Guadalupanos  
 10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales & Briseno Families  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
 †Adelina Cortez by Cortez Family

**Thursday, April 14, 2021 - Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John  
**Lector** - M.Briseno

**Friday, April 15, 2021 - Good Friday**  
 3:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-if needed)  
**Lector / Voice** - M.Fisher

7:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John (*Voice*)  
**Lector** - M.Rodriguez / R.Borrego

**Saturday, April 16, 2021 - Easter Vigil**  
 8:30 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, J+And.Perez  
**Lector / Voice** - Abi.Perez

**Sunday, April 17, 2021 - Easter Sunday**  
 8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-if needed)  
**Lector / Voice** - S.McCarthy

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol)  
**Lector / Voice** - O.Weich

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol)  
**Lector / Voice** - N.Obregon / M.Cisneros