



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE  
PASSION OF  
THE LORD

MARCH 29,  
2026

*Today's readings:*

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

*Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,  
23-24*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Matthew 26:14-27:66*

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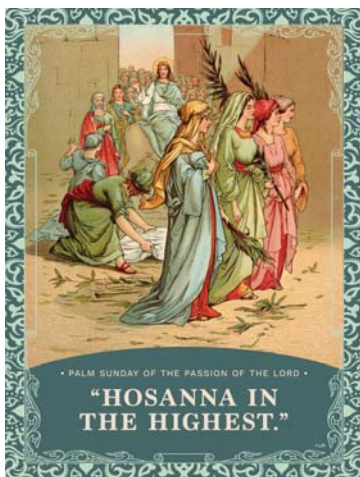


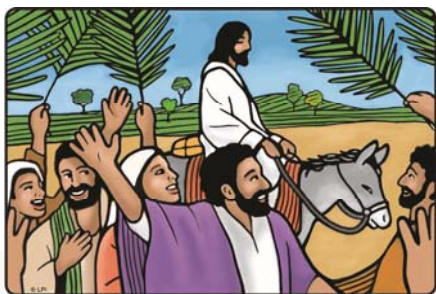
## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.' And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, 'Who is this?'" Mt 21:9-10

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### Mass Intentions & Observances:

**NOTE: All Liturgies take place in the main church unless otherwise listed.**

### Monday of Holy Week, March 30, 2026

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Raymond Peter Powroznik, Jr.

### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31, 2026

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Meyer Family; †Wilfried Wilke;  
†Andrew Maturen

### Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1, 2026

8:00a Mass — Intention:

†Nair Fleury; †Martin McGreal;  
†Joseph S. Wynn

### Thursday of Holy Week, April 2, 2026

(Holy Thursday; Pascal Triduum Begins)

8:00a MORNING PRAYER (NO 8AM MASS)

7:00p MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Followed by silent prayer & Adoration, concluding at 12am—Night Prayer begins at 11:45pm.)

### Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)

8:00a MORNING PRAYER (NO 8AM MASS)

3:00p Stations of the Cross

7:00p \*GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

(Followed by silent prayer overnight at the tomb of Jesus & concluding with Saturday morning prayer.)

### Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:00a MORNING PRAYER (NO 8AM MASS)

11:00a-1p Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

(Every 30 minutes; all are invited to silent prayer before or after the blessing.)

NO 5:00p Mass

7:00p Easter Vigil Mass — Intention:

Living & †Deceased Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish

=== Second Collection — Regular Sunday Offering ===

## PRAY FOR PEACE:

Let us pray for our communities, our cities and the world, especially Eastern Europe & the Middle East; For strength and peace in the face of war and violence; For openness and welcome to refugees; For hope and courage in the face of doubt and fear. Amen.



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 5, 2026

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Ken Neuser; †Dan & †Frank Ptasienski;  
FOR Cale Campbell

9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

11:00a \*Mass — Intention:

†Joseph Porcheron; †Paul Steffan;  
†Kathleen Sweeney; †Martin McGreal;  
†Gustavo & †Luz Currea

NO 5:00p Mass

\*simultaneous livestream

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## Facility Calendar:

### Monday, MARCH 30, 2026

7:00p Lenten Bible Study

7:00p Liturgy Rehearsal

7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

### Tuesday, MARCH 31, 2026

7:00p Liturgy Rehearsal

### Wednesday, APRIL 1, 2026

No Adoration (see pg 3)

2:00p Children's Choir Practice

6:30p Family Rosary Online, hosted by the KofC

(<https://www.stgilbert.org/organizations> for Zoom link)

7:00p KofC Monthly Meeting

7:00p Liturgy Rehearsal

### Thursday, APRIL 2, 2026

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 9)

NO Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 9)

### Friday, APRIL 3, 2026

Parish Offices Closed

### Saturday, APRIL 4, 2026

NO Confessions

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## Happy Easter!

### Sunday, April 5, 2026

NO REP Sessions

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses

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## LENTEN ALMSGIVING:

The Saint Gilbert Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) offers our parishioners a **Lenten Almsgiving opportunity** through a **Coin Collection Program**. Collection containers are available in the Narthex that you may take home and fill up with your loose change. This collection concludes **on the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th**.



The generous support of our parishioners enables us to continue our ministry to our local community: providing assistance to individuals who are in need of the basic essentials of living such as food, housing and payment of utilities. **THANK YOU FOR COLLECTING YOUR COINS for this Lenten Almsgiving program!**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Come Sit with Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays from 9:00am-9:00pm in the Saint Gilbert Chapel.*

NOTE: No Adoration this Spy Wednesday as we prepare for the Holy Triduum. Adoration returns next Wednesday.

*If you have any questions, please contact Sue Schoen 847.651.7902 or Nancy Ogrinc 847.727.0822.*



## Holy Week

Dear St. Gilbert Family,

Today, as we celebrate Palm Sunday we enter into Holy Week. It is by far the most significant time within the Liturgical Year.

As we approach the most holy days of the year—The Holy Triduum—we enter into the most profound mysteries of our Catholic Faith. These days will result in the festive celebration of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

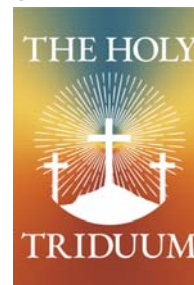
I very much encourage all of us to make these days spiritually and God oriented. Let us be mindful of and grateful for God's unspeakable love!

Please join us for the following:

- **Holy Thursday Liturgy** at 7pm as we will celebrate with gratitude the gift of the Holy Eucharist and Priesthood instituted on Holy Thursday.
- Good Friday **Stations of the Cross** at 3pm, and **Good Friday Liturgy** at 7pm to give thanks to our dear Savior Jesus Christ for His Passion out of love for each one of us.  
—This year there will be a nocturnal **adoration of the Tomb of Jesus** beginning after the Good Friday Liturgy until Saturday 8am Morning Prayer.
- Holy Saturday **blessing of the Easter baskets** (11am-1pm every 30minutes), **Easter Vigil Liturgy** at 7pm.
- **Easter Sunday Liturgy:** 7:30am, 9am and 11am.

There WILL NOT BE the 5pm Sunday Mass on Easter Sunday!

Please join us for these most beautiful celebrations in appreciation of God's love.  
—Blessings to all, *Fr. Mario*



## THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — HOLY HOUR

Every year the Church celebrates the greatest attribute of God, His divine mercy, on the Second Sunday of Easter known as the Divine Mercy Sunday. This year I would like to invite all of you to a special devotion, **the Holy Hour or the Hour of Grace**, which will take place on **Sunday, April 12th, 2-3:30pm in the church**.

Our preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin with the Divine Mercy Novena (a 9 day prep) starting on Good Friday, after the Good Friday liturgy. It consists of a daily meditation praying for mercy followed by the Divine Mercy chaplet.



The feast day of the Divine Mercy is to help us reorient ourselves towards God's gift of mercy by acknowledging our sinfulness and need for God's merciful love that we seek to receive. There are many graces that the Divine Mercy Sunday and the Holy Hour, in particular, offer:

- a plenary indulgence by receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, and going to Confession within a week of Divine Mercy Sunday (ideally prior to it).
- a stronger awareness of the holiness of God and how our sins offend His generous love of humankind.
- it helps us grow in a deeper love of God.

The Holy Hour of the Divine Mercy will begin at 2:00pm in the church. There will be Eucharistic Adoration:

- a time for personal prayer
- available confession

**To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday visit:**  
<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

**To help you to pray this devotion search for the app entitled: *Divine Mercy Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception***

# Religious Education News. . .



**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**  
**OPEN 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM,**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY — 847-223-3071**



**GRADES 7-9...** The syllabus was emailed to registered students. Call the office for information.



**SACRAMENT CLASSES...** If you are interested in preparing your son/daughter to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, call the office for information.

**HOLY SEASON OF LENT...** During this holy season, the Church asks us to Pray, Fast, and Give Alms. The students in the Sunday Religious Education Program and the Family Program are asked to donate to the Sister Water Project (*sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters in Dubuque, Iowa*). This project provides clean water for the children and their families in Tanzania and Honduras. *Please give the donations to Sr. Donna.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS...** Thanks to the Grade 5 Students who assisted the parish with the Stations on March 20th.



## 2026 St. Gilbert Vacation Bible School

### Register Now!

Go to [stgilbert.org](http://stgilbert.org) to register!

**Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

Traditional VBS. 4 years old to entering 4th grade

Kids will go on a wild adventure in the Alaskan wilderness, where they will discover they can always trust Jesus!

VBS camp with ART or Sports. 5th-7th grade

### SPRED – Religious Education for Children with Special Needs...

This program serves 27 students, ranging in age from 6 to 16, from St. Gilbert and neighboring parishes. *If you have any questions about the program or to volunteer, email or call Sr. Donna.* Several students are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. *Please keep them in your prayers.*



## ST. GILBERT LITTLE ROARING REBEL PRESCHOOL

Skills-based learning experiences to enhance our youngest learners' social, emotional, academic, and spiritual development.



St. Gilbert Catholic School incorporates Christian values necessary to prepare young minds for lifelong learning. Preschoolers are taught Language Arts, Science, Math, Religion, and Art through learning centers which introduce new concepts and engage their imaginations.

### PROGRAM CHOICES AND REQUIREMENTS:

#### LITTEST ROARING REBELS TERRIFIC TWO'S CLASSROOM

- Must be 2 years old before or on September 1st
- 9:00am-11:30am TU, TH
- Students should be working on potty training
- Pull ups are allowed
- Parents will be called to change soiled pull ups

#### PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM

- 3 & 4 year old classroom
- Full day and half day options
- Must be potty trained
- Must be 3 years old before or on September 1st

#### JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

- Oldest four year olds
- 5 day full program selection
- Readiness screening required
- Must be potty trained



#### THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD OPTIONS:

**HALF DAY:**  
2 day, 3 day, and 5 day

**FULL DAY:**  
2 day, 3 day, and 5 day

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**  
M-TH until 5:30pm  
Fridays until 5pm

**SPOTS FILL UP QUICKLY. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

**CALL 847-223-8600 TO BOOK A TOUR**



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## GOSPEL

When a famous person comes to town, everyone comes out to greet him. In today's Gospel everyone came to sing praises to Jesus. They even threw their capes on the ground as a welcome carpet for him. However, the next day these same people hollered, "Crucify him." Jesus does not want you to be his friend one day and turn your back on him the next day. He wants you to be his friend forever.

## PRAYER

Lord, help me be a good friend to others.



## READING I      ISAIAH 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.  
The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame..

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?*

## READING II      PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming 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,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL      MATTHEW 26:14—27:66

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot,  
went to the chief priests and said,  
*"What are you willing to give me  
if I hand him over to you?"*  
They paid him thirty pieces of silver,  
and from that time on he looked for an opportunity  
to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,  
the disciples approached Jesus and said,  
*"Where do you want us to prepare  
for you to eat the Passover?"*  
He said,  
*"Go into the city to a certain man and tell him,  
The teacher says, 'My appointed time draws near;  
in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my  
disciples.'"*

The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered,  
and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening,  
he reclined at table with the Twelve.  
And while they were eating, he said,  
*"Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."*  
Deeply distressed at this,  
they began to say to him one after another,  
*"Surely it is not I, Lord?"*  
He said in reply,  
*"He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me  
is the one who will betray me.  
The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him,  
but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.  
It would be better for that man if he had never been born."*  
Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,  
*"Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"*  
He answered, *"You have said so."*

While they were eating,  
Jesus took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,  
*"Take and eat; this is my body."*  
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to  
them, saying,  
*"Drink from it, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed on behalf of many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine  
until the day when I drink it with you new  
in the kingdom of my Father."*  
Then, after singing a hymn,  
they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,  
*"This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken,  
for it is written:  
I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;  
but after I have been raised up,  
I shall go before you to Galilee."*  
Peter said to him in reply,  
*"Though all may have their faith in you shaken,  
mine will never be."*  
Jesus said to him,  
*"Amen, I say to you,  
this very night before the cock crows,  
you will deny me three times."*  
Peter said to him,  
*"Even though I should have to die with you,  
I will not deny you."*  
And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane,  
and he said to his disciples,  
*"Sit here while I go over there and pray."*  
He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,  
and began to feel sorrow and distress.  
Then he said to them,  
*"My soul is sorrowful even to death."*

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*Remain here and keep watch with me."*

He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,

*"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."*

When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep.

He said to Peter,

*"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"*

*Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.*

*The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,

*"My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"*

Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again.

Then he returned to his disciples and said to them,

*"Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?"*

*Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.*

*Get up, let us go.*

*Look, my betrayer is at hand."*

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying,

*"The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him."*

Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,

*"Hail, Rabbi!"* and he kissed him.

Jesus answered him,

*"Friend, do what you have come for."*

Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus

put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him,

*"Put your sword back into its sheath,*

*for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.*

*Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father*

*and he will not provide me at this moment*

*with more than twelve legions of angels?*

*But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled*

*which say that it must come to pass in this way?"*

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*"Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me?"*

*Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area,*

*yet you did not arrest me.*

*But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled."*

Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away

to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome.

The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin

kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus

in order to put him to death, but they found none,

though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward who stated, **"This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God**

**and within three days rebuild it.'"**

The high priest rose and addressed him, *"Have you no answer?"*

*What are these men testifying against you?"*

But Jesus was silent.

Then the high priest said to him,

*"I order you to tell us under oath before the living God*

*whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."*

Jesus said to him in reply,

*"You have said so.*

*But I tell you:*

*From now on you will see 'the Son of Man*

*seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'"*

Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

*"He has blasphemed!*

*What further need have we of witnesses?*

*You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?"*

They said in reply,

**"He deserves to die!"**

Then they spat in his face and struck him,

while some slapped him, saying,

**"Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"**

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

One of the maids came over to him and said,

*"You too were with Jesus the Galilean."*

But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

*"I do not know what you are talking about!"*

As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him

and said to those who were there,

*"This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."*

Again he denied it with an oath,

*"I do not know the man!"*

A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,

**"Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away."**

At that he began to curse and to swear, *"I do not know the man."*

And immediately a cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken:

*"Before the cock crows you will deny me three times."*

He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people

took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.

They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done.

He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, *"I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."*

They said,

**"What is that to us?"**

**Look to it yourself."**

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Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself.

The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

**"It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood."**

After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field

as a burial place for foreigners.

That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood.

Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet,

And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head,

a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him,

**"Are you the king of the Jews?"**

Jesus said, **"You say so."**

And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

**"Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"**

But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd

one prisoner whom they wished.

And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

**"Which one do you want me to release to you,**

**Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"**

For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over.

While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

**"Have nothing to do with that righteous man.**

**I suffered much in a dream today because of him."**

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds

to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.

The governor said to them in reply,

**"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"**

They answered, **"Barabbas!"**

Pilate said to them,

**"Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"**

They all said,

**"Let him be crucified!"**

But he said,

**"Why? What evil has he done?"**

They only shouted the louder,

**"Let him be crucified!"**

When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all,

but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in

the sight of the crowd,

saying, **"I am innocent of this man's blood.**

**Look to it yourselves."**

And the whole people said in reply,

**"His blood be upon us and upon our children."**

Then he released Barabbas to them,

but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium

and gathered the whole cohort around him.



They stripped off his clothes

and threw a scarlet military cloak about him.

Weaving a crown out of

thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand.

And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

**"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.

And when they had mocked him,

they stripped him of the cloak,

dressed him in his own clothes,

and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a

Cyrenian named Simon;

this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha

—which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.

But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.

After they had crucified him,

they divided his garments by casting lots;

then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

And they placed over his head the

written charge against him:

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.



Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left.

Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

**"You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God,**

**and come down from the cross!"**

Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

**"He saved others; he cannot save himself.**

**So he is the king of Israel!**

**Let him come down from the cross now,**

**and we will believe in him.**

**He trusted in God;**

**let him deliver him now if he wants him.**

**For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"**

The revolutionaries who were crucified with him

also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land

until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"**

which means, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

**"This one is calling for Elijah."**

Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;

he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,

gave it to him to drink.

But the rest said,

**"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."**

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

**--Here all kneel and pause for a short time.--**

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

The earth quaked, rocks were split,

tombs were opened,

and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

And coming forth from their tombs after

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his resurrection,  
they entered the holy city and appeared to many.  
The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch  
over Jesus  
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake  
and all that was happening, and they said,  
**"Truly, this was the Son of God!"**  
There were many women there, looking on from a distance,  
who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him.  
Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of  
James and Joseph,  
and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening,  
there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph,  
who was himself a disciple of Jesus.  
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;  
then Pilate ordered it to be handed over.  
Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen  
and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock.  
Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb  
and departed.  
But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary  
remained sitting there, facing the tomb.



The next day, the one following the day of  
preparation,  
the chief priests and the Pharisees  
gathered before Pilate and said,  
**"Sir, we remember that this impostor  
while still alive said,  
'After three days I will be raised up.'  
Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third  
day,  
lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people,  
'He has been raised from the dead.'  
This last imposture would be worse than the first."**  
Pilate said to them,  
**"The guard is yours;  
go, secure it as best you can."**  
So they went and secured the tomb  
by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

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## Please keep in your prayers...

The healing and restoration of the  
sick of our parish and the needs &  
intentions inscribed in our Parish  
Book of Prayer & Intentions

*There is a Parish Book of Prayer &  
Intentions available in both the Church  
and Chapel to which you may add specific  
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unable to do so directly.*

*Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.*



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**† Joseph Wynn**

*May perpetual light shine upon him.*

Contact the parish office, Tue thru Fri,  
to sponsor a weekly candle in memory/  
honor of a loved one.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54  
**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** *Chism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21; *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42  
**Saturday: Easter Vigil:**  
 a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
 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 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
 e) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
 f) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

**THE CROSS**  
We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.  
—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Roman Missal



**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



**"Hosanna to the Son of David;**  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest."  
And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,  
"Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet,  
from Nazareth in Galilee." — Mt 21:9-11

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**PADS NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER!...** Here's the need:

Beginning on Thursdays in July, we will be cooking a meal for about 60 PADS clients, families with children. We will prepare the meals each Thursday afternoon at United Protestant Church in Grayslake (UPC) and transport these meals to the Fixed Family PADS Shelter site on the far north side of Waukegan (North Lewis Avenue) for dinner.

Can you help to:

- buy meal ingredients (PADS will pay)?
- cook at UPC's kitchen?
- clean up?
- transport meals to north side of Waukegan?

Send your questions or express your interest to Rose Pech via email: PADS\_at\_UPC@hotmail.com or call 847-682-2837.

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD...** This group meets on a Thursday after the 8am Mass in Chapel Hall. Our time together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. *Next Sessions are April 2nd and 16th. The group meets every week during Lent.*



**PENITENT SOLDIERS OF MARY...** Thursday Night Adoration Liturgy, 8p-9p, Saint Gilbert Chapel. A lay apostolate fighting for the healing and liberation of souls. For info visit: [penitentsoldiersofmary.org](http://penitentsoldiersofmary.org). *NOTE: Weekly Liturgy suspended this Holy Thursday Night and returns the following week. Instead, stop in the Church for silent prayer and adoration.*

**Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:** Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to: [bulletin@stgilbert.org](mailto:bulletin@stgilbert.org) Thank you! **Upcoming EARLY Deadlines: Tuesday, March 31st** for April 12th Bulletin

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

**Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain. God Bless You!**



For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 224.360.9161 OR [SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com](mailto:SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com)

**JOURNEYS OF FAITH**



**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formerly RCIA):**

Please keep these **Elect** and **Candidates** in your prayers this season as they complete their preparation for receiving the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).



- **Elect for Baptism and Full Initiation:**
  - McKenna Denz — Amy Mackey
  - Alyssa Culver
- **Candidates for completing their initiation with Eucharist and Confirmation:**
  - Stacey Cirelli — Alex Galan
  - Andy Galan — Tony Galan
  - Beth Moore — Katherine Weber-Petrof
- **Candidate for completing their initiation with Confirmation:**
  - Dominick Cirelli — Alessandra Garcia
  - Erik Murillo

Pictures of our Confirmation candidates are on the bulletin boards in the narthex. Please keep them in your prayers as they



prepare to receive the Sacrament on April 19.



May the Holy Spirit guide their hearts, strengthen their faith, and help them grow into the young disciples God is calling them to be.

**Crisis Support Services:**

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*Counseling:*  
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**Domestic violence:**

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# FEATURING:

Dr. Brant Pitre takes listeners on a Scriptural walk from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Learn about Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, why he cursed a fig tree, the importance of the "blood and water" that flowed out from Christ's side, and more.

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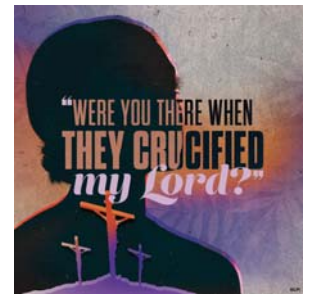
As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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Sunday & Holy Days

FEBRUARY	Actual	Budget
Regular Offering :	\$ 26,688.09	\$ 30,000.00
Electronic:	\$ 30,005.88	\$ 38,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 56,693.97</b>	<b>\$ 68,000.00</b>

Collection Deficit: -\$ 11,306.03

YTD (Jul-Feb)	Budget:	\$544,000.00
YTD (Jul-Feb)	Actual:	\$537,095.39

Fiscal Year-to-date Deficit: -\$ 6,904.61

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