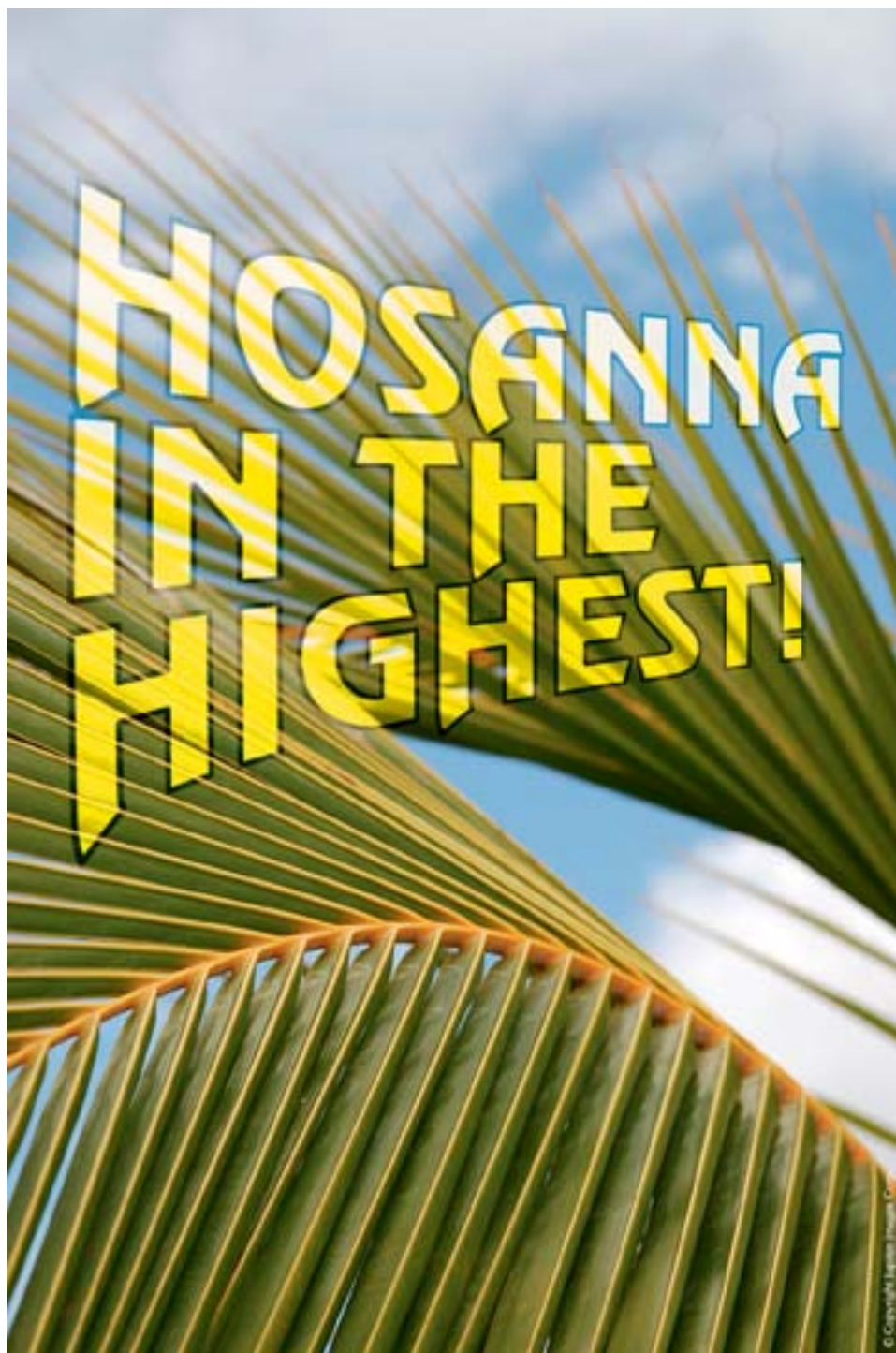
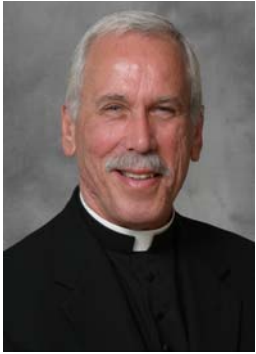




March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion





Reflections From the Pastor

*Though He was God, He did not deem equality
with God, rather He humbled Himself becoming
obedient, obedient even unto death on a cross.
- Kenosis hymn Philippians 2*

Some years ago Bishop Imesch wrote an article in the diocesan paper, *The Explorer*, that I always remember as the Church approaches Holy Week. In the article the Bishop speaks about passing one of our Catholic colleges on Good Friday on his way to celebrate a Good Friday service in one of our parishes. As he passed, he happened to notice on the marquee of the college a large notice announcing a baseball tournament taking place that very afternoon. Good Friday!

As the article went on to say that having a baseball tournament on Good Friday seemed hardly in keeping with the solemnity of the day. One would question the message the college was giving not only to the students, but to the larger community as well.

When I was a child growing up in Elmhurst, it was the custom that all businesses closed between noon and three o'clock to mark the three hours Jesus hung upon the cross. Many churches held services during this time and the Catholic Church began the solemn Good Friday liturgy at 3:00 p.m. In many families the day was celebrated in quiet prayer.

I have been saddened that through the years many Catholics and other Christians seem to have treated Good Friday as just another day. In fact, I have been tempted to visit a shopping center or two just to see how many are taking advantage of a day off and getting some shopping in. When I was in Rome four years ago at the time of the Easter Triduum, I was experiencing a bad ear ache. Try as I did, I could not find one pharmacy open to buy what I needed. It seems the Romans still shut down during the Triduum and on Easter Monday, that is a national holiday.

I would like to encourage all parishioners to gather with me on Holy Thursday for the Lord's Supper and begin the journey to Easter that comes to pass at the Easter Vigil. To quote the late Martin Luther King "I have a dream" and the dream is that there will be standing room only with the crowd flowing out the doors because we are truly a people of faith who need to celebrate the great Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, dying and rising!

I have been told not to expect too many for the Easter Vigil. After all, the service is long and we have to get ready for Easter Sunday. Folks, the Easter Vigil is what Easter is truly about. It is the night to wait in vigil for the resurrection of the Lord. It is the night we remember our Jewish brothers and sisters waiting for the coming of the Messiah. It is the night that we announce that the Messiah has come. It is the night we remember that God the Father has affirmed the divinity of His Son in raising Him from the dead. It is the night when we in the waters of Baptism emerge from the tomb with Christ to new life.

Please consider joining us at the Easter Vigil this year. I can think of no better way to bring to an end our Lenten fast that by journeying with Church from the Lord's Table on Holy Thursday, to Calvary on Friday and into the tomb until the Vigil of Easter.

- Fr. Bill Conway



We are currently looking for a few volunteers to help launder our Altar Server gowns once a month.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Cathi Loris at cathi@divinesavior.net or 630-969-1673 x30.

Thank you for your consideration!

Eucharistic



Adoration

This is a reminder that there will be Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 2 beginning at 2:00 p.m. and concluding with vespers at 7:00 p.m.



Holy Communion



Distribution



Please sign up in the Narthex for Easter Sunday Masses since we do not schedule Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Day Masses in advance.

Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you!

Extraordinary ministers will come out into the congregation to distribute Holy Communion to those who are unable to come forward to receive. Please let an usher know that you would like to receive or raise your hand high when you see the minister coming out. Ministers will distribute **BEFORE** the congregation comes forward for the 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses; distribution at the 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses will be **AFTER** the congregation.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Special Event

Solemn Vespers –
Palm Sunday, March 28
5:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday – April 1
No 8:30 a.m. Mass
Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Following Mass until Midnight
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in Parish Center

Good Friday – April 2
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 Noon

Solemn Liturgical Service - 3:00 p.m.
Church open until after Spanish Stations for quiet prayer

Spanish Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – April 3 - Food Blessing - 12:00 Noon

Saturday – April 3 - Vigil Mass - 7:30 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

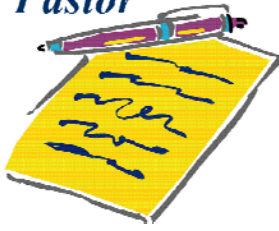
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.



Please note that the offices will be closed from Thursday, April 1 through Monday, April 5. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 6.

*Updates from
our Pastor*



LITURGICAL NOTES

HOLY THURSDAY

Procession of the Gifts for the Poor – According to the Roman Missal (Sacramentary), “At the beginning of the liturgy of the Eucharist (Holy Thursday), there may be a procession of the faithful with gifts for the poor.” In light of the emphasis on the call to service and ministry in the Mass of Holy Thursday, I would ask that each family either bring a monetary offering (Operation Rice Bowl) for Catholic Relief Services or canned goods for the local food pantry.

Washing of the Feet – I have invited the young people from Divine Savior’s Youth Group to act as apostles at the washing of the feet and to in turn help me as we continue to be foot washers of one another. Remembering the words of Jesus to His disciples at the Last Supper, “If you wish to follow Me, you must be washers of feet.” I invite everyone to participate in this very moving gesture.

GOOD FRIDAY

Recalling the encounter of Moses with the burning bush from which he heard the voice of the Lord say, “Remove your sandals, for you are on holy ground” (Exodus 3-5). I would invite you to consider doing the same as you approach the cross for veneration. I noted when participating in Good Friday liturgy at St. Peter’s in Rome, that when it came time to venerate the cross, the Holy Father removed his shoes.

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

The most solemn and holy celebration of the entire year is celebrated when the community gathers to await the dawn of the resurrection. It is the night when we welcome new members. Once again, I encourage everyone to consider being a part of this solemn liturgy.

SOME CHANGES IN THE SANCTUARY

You may have observed that the presidential chair from which the priest presides at the liturgy and the ambo have been raised. This was done for two reasons; because of the importance of these holy places, and for a more practical reason, viewing the sanctuary from the perspective of the assembly, I have come to realize that there is a real problem in seeing the altar of sacrifice, as well as the altar of the Word, especially in very crowded masses.

OUR EASTER VISITORS

If you choose to come to Mass on Easter Sunday and you find the place where you normally sit to be taken, or the place where you normally park your car to be taken, please say a short prayer, smile, and welcome the person who occupies your place. This is a real challenge to be an evangelizing and welcoming community. If I see any bloody lips, I know you have done your best to refrain from an unkind word.



Save the date ...

Thursday, April 8
7:00 PM
Parish Center

AN EVENING FOR WOMEN

The Friendship of Women
with Jill Bates

More information to follow



Due to the publishing schedule, no contributions are available at this time.

Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.

LOOKING FOR HELP!! Baptismal Prep.

I am looking for couples to help with the new Baptismal Preparation Program. I need couples willing to share their faith and share with others how they work at forming their children in the Catholic faith. Too often we tell young couples they need to pray with their children, but we never take time with them to share ideas of how they might do this. Come June we will introduce the new program. It will be somewhat different from the past. Remembering the importance of Baptism as our entry into the community of faith, the new program is modeled on the Catechumenate. Below is a sketch of what the program will look like.

Rite of Welcome: First Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Mass. The child, parents and Godparents are welcomed and the child is anointed with the oil of Catechumens. After Mass the family will go for a 45 minute session with a sponsor couple. The next two Sundays the family will meet in the Conference Room. On the third session, Deacon Paul will go through the Rite of Infant Baptism. These two sessions will be from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Rite of Baptism: Fourth Sunday of the month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

More info to follow. Please contact Fr. Conway if you are interested in helping with this new program.

- Fr. Bill Conway

JESÚS, ACUÉRDATE DE MÍ

Nuestro camino de Cuaresma nos ha traído a la semana más santa del año de la Iglesia. Con ramos de palmas en la mano entramos en la santa ciudad de Jerusalén, proclamando: “Bendito es el rey que viene en el nombre del Señor”. Desde su gran entrada en la ciudad, seguimos al Señor Jesús cuando tiene la última cena con sus discípulos, instituye la Eucaristía, es arrestado, traicionado y crucificado. Cada año esta celebración del Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor nos sumerge en el misterio salvador de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Cuando el Señor perdona al ladrón arrepentido, recordamos que la reconciliación aguarda a quienes ponen su fe en Cristo. En este día, hagamos nuestras las palabras del ladrón arrepentido: “Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuérdate de mí” (Lucas 23:42).

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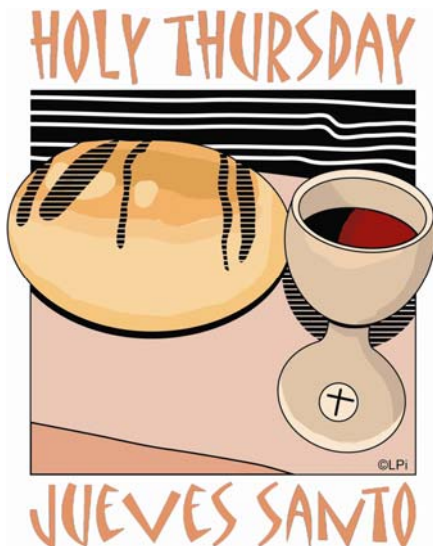
LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

- Domingo: Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor
- Lunes: Lunes de la Semana Santa
- Martes: Martes de la Semana Santa; La Pascua judía
- Miércoles: Miércoles de la Semana Santa
- Jueves: Jueves Santo; Triduo Pascual
- Viernes: Viernes Santo; Ayuno y abstinencia; Primer viernes
- Sábado: Sábado Santo; Vigilia Pascual; Primer sábado

LA VISITA A LAS SIETE IGLESIAS

El Jueves Santo por la noche, una vez que se ha trasladado el Santísimo Sacramento al monumento y se ha expuesto para la adoración de los fieles, existe la tradición popular de visitar siete iglesias o templos. Dicha tradición se inició gracias al fervor eucarístico de San Felipe Neri (1515-1595), motivando a la gente a que al visitar los templos para la adoración al Santísimo Sacramento también meditara los siete momentos o “visitas” que Jesús realizó la noche de su juicio. La meditación comienza precisamente en el huerto de los olivos para concluir en el Calvario. El hecho de que Jesús sea llevado de un lado a otro, se recuerda en un contexto de fe y adoración su presencia real en la sagrada Eucaristía. Para las visitas no hay un ritual establecido, no obstante, la práctica popular es rezar una estación al Santísimo Sacramento (Tres Padrenuestros, incluyendo Avemaría, Gloria al Padre y la jaculatoria eucarística) y luego dejar un momento de silencio para acompañar a Jesús en su agonía. La última visita debe ser en la parroquia doméstica.

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Saturday, April 3 7:30 PM	Father Conway Deacon Paul	To be assigned	Sign-up	Sign-up
Sunday, April 4 7:00 AM	Benedictines	Sign-up	Sign-up	Sign-up
Sunday, April 4 8:30 AM	Benedictines	Sign-up	Sign-up	Sign-up
Sunday, April 4 10:00 AM	Father Conway Deacon Paul	Sign-up	Sign-up	Sign-up
Sunday, April 4 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Sign-up	Sign-up	Sign-up

When Jesus comes into your life, grab something and wave it. Show your joy, your happiness; your dream is fulfilled. Tell others: Jesus is here!



JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Our Lenten journey of conversion has brought us to the holiest week of the Church year. With palm branches in hand we enter the holy city of Jerusalem, proclaiming, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” From this grand entrance into the city, we follow the Lord Jesus as he shares his last meal with his disciples, institutes the Eucharist, is arrested, betrayed, and killed. Each year this celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion plunges us into the saving mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The Lord’s forgiveness of the repentant thief reminds us that reconciliation awaits those who put their faith in Christ. Let the repentant thief’s words become our own this day: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” (Luke 23:42).

Mass Intentions



Monday, March 29—Monday of Holy Week

8:30 AM— † Dennis Fox

Tuesday, March 30—Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 AM— † Eileen Auten
 † Theresa Paolicchi

Wednesday, March 31—Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 AM— † Gladys Hartig
 † Donald L. Pirkins
 † Pepe Tiu

Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday

8:30 AM— For Divine Savior Parish families

Friday, April 2—Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00 PM— † Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3—Easter Vigil

5:00 PM— † For our RCIA Candidates and Sponsors
 6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 AM— For Divine Savior Parish families
 8:30 AM— For Divine Savior Parish families
 10:00 AM— For Divine Savior Parish families
 11:30 AM— For Divine Savior Parish families

Monday, March 29, 2010

Mass of the Oils A

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Adult Faith Team Meeting 7:00 PM CR
 Legion of Mary 7:30 PM A

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Evening Mass 7:00 PM M
 10:00 Choir 7:30 PM C

Thursday, April 1, 2010

No 8:30 AM Mass
 Offices Closed
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM M

Friday, April 2, 2010

Offices Closed
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM C
 Good Friday Service 3:00 PM C
 Spanish Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM C

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Food Drive [HSP] N
 Food Blessing 12:00 PM C
 Vigil Mass 7:30 PM C

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Easter Masses 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM M
 Food Drive [HSP] N

Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
 PC=Parish Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
 CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM. Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Closed on Sunday.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY:	8:30 AM
SATURDAY:	5:00 PM
	6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY:	7:00 AM
	8:30 AM
	10:00 AM
	11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the	
Evening before	7:00 PM
Holy day	7:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.