



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Phone: 763-537-4561

*Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart*

## Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

## Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

10:00 AM Mass - In Church

11:40 AM Latin Mass - In Church

## Daily Mass Times

### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

### Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

## Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

## Penance and Reconciliation

### Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

### Saturday Afternoon:

3:00 — 3:45 PM

Or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9AM-8:30PM

## Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM — 2:00 PM

Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

## Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://www.shrmn.org)

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th grade  
4050 Hubbard Avenue North  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

## School Web Site

[sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org](http://sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org)

**School Phone:** 763-537-1329

## March 24, 2024



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8



## Parish Directory

Phone: 763-537-4561  
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**Priest Staff:** Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

**Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **“looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve” (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God’s people. Israel’s God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

**Lenten challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— *Father John Muir*

## Appointed Sunday Readings

### Palm Sunday-3/24/2024

**First Reading:** I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

**Psalms:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

**Second Reading:** He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

**Gospel:** They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

### Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

**Epistle:** "Brethren: let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ..." (Phil 2:5-11)

**Gradual:** "Thou has held me by my right hand; and by Thy will Thou hast conducted me..." (Ps 72:24, 1-3)

**Gospel:** "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew..." (Mt 26:36-75, 27:1-66)

## Appointed Daily Readings

### Monday, March 25-Saturday, March 30

**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:** 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:** Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30)

## Prayers of the Faithful

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those Who Are Ill:** Patty Wahl, Fr. Bryan Pedersen

**With Chronic Health Concerns:**

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Andrea DeOttis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Kelly VanSchalk, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska, Mike Murry, Jeanne Rose, Samuel J. & Bonnie K. Shovlin, Jim Faustgen, Ted Hoeber

**Those Serving in Our Armed Forces:** Sam

Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelm, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman, Chase Anderson

**Those Who Have Died Recently:** Stephen Price

## Administration

### Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for March 9-10, 2024 (week 37)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$5,139.00	81
Electronic Donations	\$417.99	15
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$1,795.90	
<b>Total Collections for week 37</b>	<b>\$7,352.89</b>	<b>96</b>

### Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year March 10, 2024 (week 37)	\$458,700	\$441,286	\$17,414
	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget March 10, 2024 (week 37)	\$458,700	\$436,542	\$22,158

## Job Posting

### Part-Time Maintenance Support (~20hrs per week)

Beginning June 10, 2024. The hours would be primarily 6-10am during the school year, with modified/negotiable hours during the summer. Please contact Mary Daugherty at 763-285-6241 or [mdaugherty@shrmn.org](mailto:mdaugherty@shrmn.org) for more information and/or if you know someone who might be interested. Thank you!

## Parish Office Holy Week/Easter Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 28, Good Friday, March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1. We will have limited staff/hours available on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please call ahead (763-537-4561) if you need to visit the Parish Office and/or you have any questions regarding Holy Week and Easter Church activity.

## Annual Sacred Heart Raffle

Sacred Heart will once again be running the annual Sacred Heart Raffle – tickets \$100. Limited tickets will be available. Watch the upcoming bulletin, Flocknote and website posts for more details soon!

## NEAR Food Shelf



Food & monetary donations to NEAR during the FoodShare March Campaign are appreciated. Monetary donations can be made:

- \* Directly to NEAR Food Shelf, 5209 W. Broadway Ave, Crystal, MN 55429
- \* Through your church weekly contributions (note NEAR on check memo line)
- \* Securely online at <http://www.near@nearfoodshelf.org/> click on **Give to the Max** icon

Food donations will be collected at the Sacred Heart Church food shelf cart



## School Alumni Database

As we prepare for the upcoming 100 year anniversary of Sacred Heart School (2026), please fill out one of the Alumni Contact cards located in the pews at church and at the Parish Reception Desk. We want to reach as many of our alums as possible to keep them informed of things happening at school and future details on the 100 year celebrations. Thank you!



## Sacred Heart Catholic School



Our 8th graders put on a beautiful performance of the Living Stations this month. We appreciate everyone that came to watch them perform. Thank you Mrs. Leisgang for helping the students practice.



**LAST CALL-ORDER BY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 PM**

What: Gertens Fundraiser (planters, hanging baskets, annuals and perennials)

Sales: Online orders only

Delivered to Sacred Heart: Wednesday, May 8 Pick-up 2:00-5:30 pm

To access our website to place an order for Sacred Heart Catholic School:

Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)

Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.

Store ID code for Sacred Heart Catholic: 145

Write in the Seller's name if you want a particular student to receive the funds.

\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Quantities are limited on fundraiser items. If an item sells out, it will be marked sold out on our website and customers will not be able to continue to order that item. We encourage you to promote this fundraiser to family and friends. Order early to avoid limited item availability!



**NEW at Sacred Heart---Full time 3 year old PreK offered. We continue to offer all day/half day 4 year old preschool as well.**

We are excited to announce that we will offer full and half day options for 3 year olds for The 2024-2025 school year. Only 10 spots available. Please spread the good news.

Hours: 7:15-2:15 PM. Call for a tour or email [info@shcsr.org](mailto:info@shcsr.org)

See our school website for pricing.

**Schedule a Tour for PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Come visit Sacred Heart Catholic School to see what is putting smiles on our students' faces! As you consider your educational options for the 2024-2025 school year, we invite you to set up a time for a tour during the school day to see our teachers and students in action.

We have many options for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten, including half and full days. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. See how our integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329.

Like our Facebook Page— [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](https://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)  
<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1>

## To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

## Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

## Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

## Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

## Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

**\*\*This Schedule is subject to change\*\***

### March

**Sun. 24 8:00 AM** Elaine Merkl+  
**10:00 AM** Parishioners  
**Latin 11:40 AM** Joseph & Sophia Perlick+  
**Mon. 25 8:00 AM** Communion Service  
**Tues. 26 8:00 AM** Diane Zagar+  
**Wed. 27 8:00 AM** Harley Teigen  
**Thu. 28 8:00 AM** Tenebrae  
**7:00 PM** Jim Lanier+  
**Fri. 29 8:00 AM** Sing Tennebrae  
**12:00 PM** Stations of the Cross  
**3:00 PM** Solemn Liturgy  
**7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross  
**Sat. 30 8:00 AM** Tenebrae  
**4:00 PM** Blessing of Food  
**8:00 PM** Celebrant's Intention  
**Sun. 31 8:00 AM** Peggy Hammrich+  
**10:00 AM** Parishioners  
**Latin 11:40 AM** Roberta Garcia-Carbarin

### Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-2:30pm
- Tues.-Wed.:8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

### Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m.  
 Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

### Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-8:30pm

## Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: [cshadmin@shrmn.org](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)



## Faith Formation



**The Bible Timeline:  
 The Story of Salvation  
 Developed by Jeff Cavins**

### Session 22: The Church Part 2

**The Church-Part 2** : This session covers the second wave of witness as well as Paul's first missionary journey and the Council of Jerusalem which belong to the third wave but which are linked to the precedinh chapters thematically.

**Session 22 on Tuesday April 2 1:00pm or 7:00pm Sessions.**

**Questions call Bunny: Direct Line: 763-285-6247 contact@shrmn.org**

## Pre-Baptism Classes

### PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday April 9 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office at 763-537-4561.



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The children have been presented Eucharistic Gestures like the Preparation of the Cruets, Preparation of the Chalice, and the Epiclesis over the past few weeks. Currently, they are working with the Last Supper (Cenacle) presentation. This presentation sets afire the historical moment of the Last Supper focusing on the words of consecration, the action of Jesus in the upper room of the Cenacle, and the gift He gives of Himself in the bread and wine that becomes the Eucharist.



We need the following materials purchased for the children in the atrium. Please consider donating by writing a check to the Church of the Sacred Heart and noting the item in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Chalice and Paten - Micro Set \$26



## Rosary Gems



The rosary is a prayer which fits itself to changing circumstances. At times of sickness or of exhaustion, there is no other so useful. Servant of God, Frank Duff, The Man of the Rosary 1889-1980.

## Respect Life Ministry



### Jericho March

March 18 @ 3:00 pm - March 24 @ 5:00 pm

Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, MN 55114

Our Jericho March is done to mimic the biblical battle of Jericho (found in Joshua chapter 6). God told Joshua to lead the Israelites in a march around Jericho for seven days. On the seventh day, the walls of Jericho crumbled.

Join us each day at 3 p.m. for a modern day Jericho March around the highest volume abortion facility in the Midwest: Planned Parenthood.

Over 6,000 babies are killed here each year! We will begin by marching around the block in silence once a day for six days. The seventh day, we will march around Planned Parenthood six times in silence and on the seventh time, we will make a lot of noise! While we don't expect the walls of Planned Parenthood to crumble literally, we do pray that hardened hearts will crumble because of our witness and our prayers to God for an end to abortion.

We pray you will join us for our next Jericho March! If you have questions, please contact at [brian.walker@plam.org](mailto:brian.walker@plam.org) or call 651-797-6363. The Jericho March is part of our Lenten 40 Days for Life.

*"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days." ~ Hebrews 11:30*

### Solemn Good Friday Prayer Vigil

March 29, 2024 @ 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Join us on Good Friday as we remember the unborn victims of abortion while meditating on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will gather beside one of the largest abortion facilities in the Midwest, Planned Parenthood.

Pastors of various denominations lead us in Scripture and prayer every half hour. There is no protesting or signs, just solemn prayer, a wooden cross and our sorrowful hearts.

There is no parking near the Planned Parenthood on Good Friday. We have reserved free parking at the University of St. Thomas Anderson Parking Deck at the intersection of Cretin Ave. and Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN

and will be running shuttle buses all day to and from the vigil. Questions, contact [brian.walker@plam.org](mailto:brian.walker@plam.org) or 651-797-6363.



## Sacred Heart Cenacle



### Sacred Heart Parish is forming a Prayer Group, meeting on the First Saturday of the Month.

We will be praying for the conversion of our loved ones, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Come join us in community on April 6th at 8am Mass followed by the Rosary in the St. Joseph Room, to petition the Lord our God and ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Children are welcome. Father Pedersen will be hearing confessions from 9-9:30am in church.



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 24– Palm Sunday

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

### Monday, March 25– Monday of Holy Week (Trad)

8:00 AM Communion Service  
Morning Prayer to follow  
6:00 PM Confessions till 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 26– Tuesday of Holy Week (Trad)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

### Wednesday, March 27– Wednesday of Holy Week (Trad)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
6:00 PM Confessions till 7:00 PM

### Thursday, March 28– Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) (Trad)

8:00 AM Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Lauds)  
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper-English  
8:30 PM Adoration at the Altar of Repose till midnight  
9:00 PM Confessions till 10:00 PM

### Friday, March 29– Good Friday (Trad)

8:00 AM Sung Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Lauds)  
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy– English  
5:00 PM Confessions till 6:00 PM  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross w/ St. Alphonsus Ligouri

### Saturday, March 30–Holy Saturday– Easter Vigil (Trad)

8:00 AM Tenebrae (Office of Readings & Lauds)  
8:45 AM Blessing of Food for Easter Sunday  
\*No Afternoon Confession or Mass of Anticipation\*  
8:00 PM Solemn Vigil of Easter-English

### Sunday, March 31– Easter Sunday (Trad)

8:00 AM Mass in English  
10:00 AM Mass Solemn English Mass  
12:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass (Sung Mass)

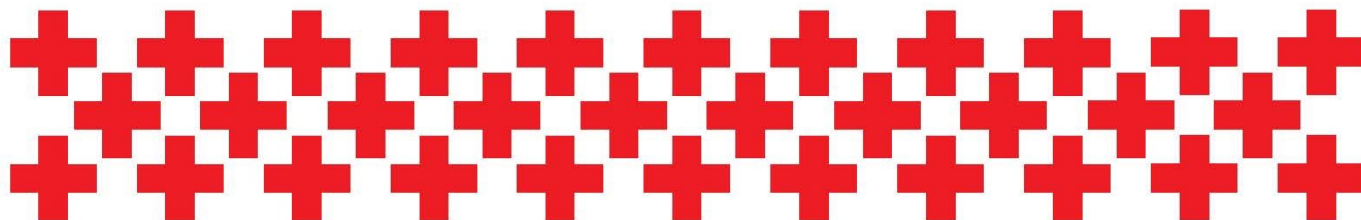
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## American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



## Blood Drive Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Gym  
4087 W Broadway  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Friday, March 29, 2024  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SHRobbins to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



Give blood 3/25 to 4/7 for an exclusive **GODZILLA x KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE** and Red Cross shirt ltd qty!



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# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

March 2024

Sacred Heart Church  
Robbinsdale MN.

## One Minute Meditations

### Pope St. Zachary

Born to a Greek family in Calabria, Italy, St.

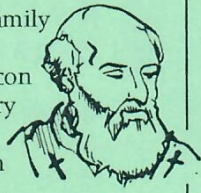
Zachary was deacon to Pope Gregory III before succeeding him as pope in 741.

As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy several times, most notably with the Lombards and the Franks. St. Zachary supported St. Boniface's German mission, ransomed slaves sold by Venetian merchants, and supported the restoration of churches. He carried the Church through troubled times with charity, prudence, and skillful leadership.

### Trust

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she didn't trust God to provide for their needs. When we rely on God, we demonstrate our faith, just as Mother Teresa did.

*"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"*  
(1 Corinthians 10:13).



## Finish Lent strong

The last weeks of Lent can feel like the last yards of a marathon. We're just pushing ourselves to reach the finish line of Easter. Instead, think of Lent as a time of silence, simplicity, and sacrifice that helps us become the people God wants us to be. That's the real point of Lent.

**Silence:** Prayer is oxygen for the soul. It is during prayer when God speaks to our hearts. Lent done right removes distractions so that our prayer is richer and our focus more attentive. It is critical to find time to be with Him in attentive silence each day.

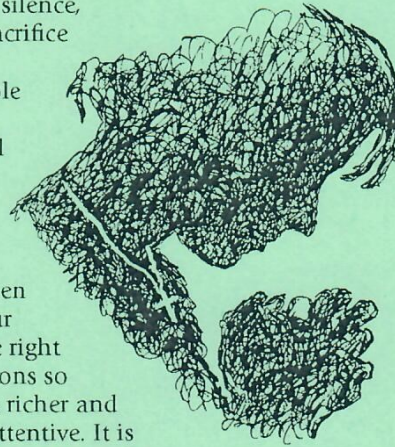
**Simplicity:** Avoid material clutter. Consider the six month rule – if you haven't worn it or used it in the last

six months – give it away. Not only will you help those in need, decluttering creates room in our homes and hearts for God.

**Sacrifice:** Through sacrifice we give back to God what we owe Him. While we can't repay Him for His gifts in equal measure, we can express gratitude with small sacrifices that show our return back to Him in gratitude and love.

**Sacraments:** Sacraments are the fuel for fighting evil. During Lent, these spiritual battles intensify. Weekly

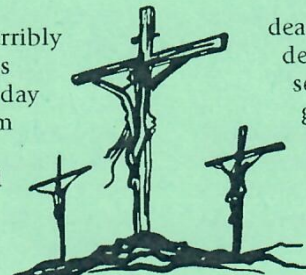
Mass and monthly Confession keep up our spiritual strength. Don't fight on fumes. Fuel up with the Sacraments.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His



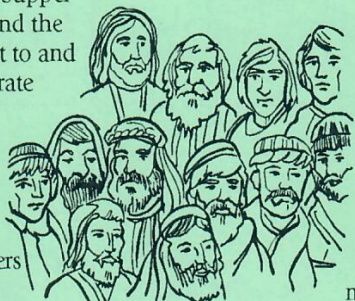
death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).



**“By this all men will know that you are my disciples...”**

Each Triduum begins by recalling the Last Supper during which Jesus gave us the priesthood and the Eucharist as His means of remaining present to and in His Church. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate discipleship and are all asked to renew our commitment to following Jesus.

Disciples act with love. *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:35). True followers of Jesus know that how we treat others proves that we know Him and follow Him.



Disciples answer the call. God chooses us first, but we must answer the call. If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not have been a disciple. Discipleship involves a choice to drop everything for Him.

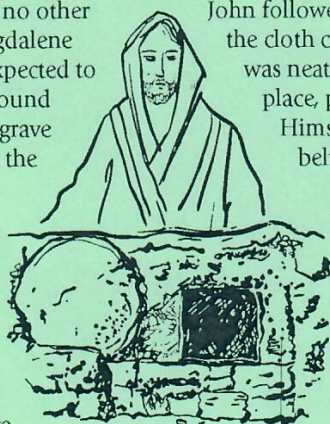
Disciples make other disciples. Ultimately, we need to do what Jesus did, which is to make more disciples. This was His final command, *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations”* (Matthew 28:19). The Catholic Church’s mission is to make disciples who make disciples.

from **Scripture**

**John 20:1-9, Jesus - not death - has the last word**

The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim no other faith can. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a body. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes neatly folded, and the tomb empty. She concluded, wrongly, that thieves had taken the Lord’s body, and she ran to tell Peter and John.

When Peter and John arrived, Peter entered first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would have taken the



body and left the clothes behind. John followed Peter and saw that the cloth covering Christ’s face was neatly folded in a separate place, perhaps by Christ Himself. He saw and believed.

The Resurrection proves that Christ is who He says He is. Therefore, we must give Him our final allegiance. Because Jesus rose from the dead in glory, we also have the hope of rising

in glory with Him on the Last Day. Christ - not death, sin, or evil - has the last word.

**Q What are & the Corporal Works of Mercy?**

As followers of Christ, we’re encouraged to care for each other. Jesus’ parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need: *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”* (Matthew 25:35).



These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, *“it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others’ needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how we can make our love for God and others visible and effective. *“Whatever you did for one of these...you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40).

**Feasts & Celebrations**

March 8 - John of God (1550). Moved to repentance by a homily of St. John of Ávila, St. John left his career in the Portuguese military to establish a hospital for the sick and poor. After his death, his assistants formed the Brothers Hospitallers.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus’ earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (1st Century). On

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we recall Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

March 26 - St. Margaret Clitherow (1586). St. Margaret converted to Catholicism soon after she married, when Catholicism was illegal in England. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding priests in her house so they could say Mass. She remained joyful, faithful, and peaceful until her martyrdom.



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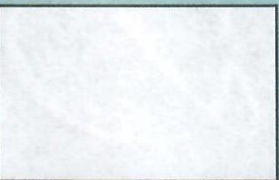
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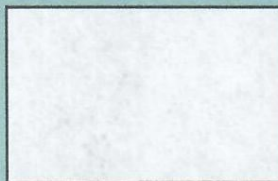
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