

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter: The Mighty Acts of Salvation

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This collect, also used in our worship on Palm Sunday, is found at the beginning of the Stations of the Cross. These traditional devotions will be offered on Wednesday nights throughout Lent this year, after our potluck supper and adult formation class at 6:00 PM. All are welcome! We also offer the Stations on Good Friday, which falls on April 7, at 5:00 PM. What does it mean to "contemplate God's mighty acts"? What does it mean to follow Jesus in the way of the cross? Part of that story is told by the hymn that is traditionally sung during the stations, which tells the story from the point of view of Mary, his mother. I find myself wondering what it was like for Mary to follow Jesus and see him suffering for our salvation. In one stanza of the hymn we sing:

Him she saw for our salvation mocked with cruel acclamation, scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined: saw him then from judgment taken, and in death by all forsaken, till his spirit he resigned.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are a time to pause and reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus They are a season of preparation for the "mighty acts" by which he gives us "life and immortality." Our participation in these saving mysteries should be like that of his mother—profound, sorrowful, and visceral. As a great saint once wrote, "Love itself is a form of knowledge." Mary knows the suffering of Jesus in her bones, with a mother's deep bodily connection with her child.

In the season of Lent, we commit ourselves to prayer and reflection, to fasting and self-denial, and to the study of God's holy Word. This, year let us make our journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross with Mary and the other disciples. There, let us experience the passion with all our bodily senses. And then, let us journey further with them to the Empty Tomb, exposed and vulnerable to the extravagant, loving Lord of Life who greets us there. For we are on the brink of something new and wonderful. We are about to encounter the joy of Jesus alive.

Jesus, may her deep devotion stir in me the same emotion, Fount of love, Redeemer kind, that my heart fresh ardor gaining, and a purer love attaining, may with thee acceptance find.

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Please call Fr. Bill Carroll with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep him informed of any pastoral issues that he may need to know about. You can reach him at any time:

Cell Phone - call or text (903) 399-1190 Email: frbill@trinityparish.org

He will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10:00 PM for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need his urgent attention.



Children's Church meets weekly during the 10:30 AM worship service. Children are dismissed after the Children's Ministry Moment and return before communion. For more information about Children's Church, Please contact Fr. Bill at frbill@trinityparish.org

We have a fully staffed nursery available for infants - 3 years from 9:00 AM to Noon on Sundays. The nursery is located in the former Flanagan Room in the hallway behind the nave.

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Windridge Ridging Center is dedicated to improving the lives of those who face mental, cognitive, or physical disabilities and/or life debilitating situations. Windridge is a non-profit, community supported organization which utilizes standardized therapeutic horsemanship programs.

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The Daughters of the King meet on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. They are currently studying the book *Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. For more information contact Linda Leath at 903-241-1868.

March Parish Events

SERVICE OF COMPLINE Sunday, March 5 • 8:30 PM • Nave

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING Monday, March 13 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

> SENIOR MEN'S DINNER Tuesday, March 21 • 6:00 PM

<u>WEEKLY</u>

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

SPIRITUALITY GROUP Tuesdays afternoons at 2:00 PM • Guild Hall

CROCHET GROUP Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM • Guild Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

> MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST Wednesdays at 12:15 PM



Return to the Lord your God, For he is patient and merciful; Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!



Kathy Gray (3/01) Jim Heinz (3/01) Caroline English (3/07) Charles Thomas (3/08) Ted Skeans (3/10) John Martin (3/11) Alan Robertson (3/13) Glenda Mann (3/14) Janet Brown (3/16) Emily Sparks (3/16) Gary Fletcher (3/17) Gayland Rushing (3/17) Patsy Charles (3/17) Christy Collins (3/21) Wyatt Scott (3/27)

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