

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, March 24, 2018

4:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Sunday, March 25, 2018 ***Palm Sunday***

10:00 AM †Mary Margaret, Mary Patricia-KC

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

8:00 AM †Boots Landenwich-The Staff

Thursday, March 29, 2018, ***Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper***

7:00 PM †Betty Landenwich—Dottie & Dick

Friday, March 30, 2018, ***Passion of the Lord***

2:30 PM †William Boyle-Reid Prinkey & Amanda

Saturday, March 31, 2018, ***Easter Vigil in the Holy Night***

9:00 PM †Father Patrick Sheridan-Shirley Meeker

Sunday, April 1, 2018 ***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection***

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

St Mary of the Woods Easter Schedule:***March 31, No Saturday Mass******April 1, 2018: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass****Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods:* Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am**Weekend Mass Attendance—not available****Parish Offering Week—not available****PARISH PRAYER LINE: Tammy Bauer 937.441.0645****Rest in the Peace of Christ: Mary Woolf, Holly Tipple, Albert Kessler, Mary Hinkle, Harry Fry, Gerry Henry, Magdalene Rhoades, Jacqueline Cayot****BIBLE STUDY (RCIA Room) (will be on the Old Testament) beginning on 8 Jan-16 Apr, 7:00 pm. Please bring a Bible and notebook and call Tammy Bauer to sign-up, 937.441.0645.****Session 24: The Triumph of Mercy 3/31/17**

- Enlarging the Human Heart
- Encountering the Father, Rich in Mercy
- The Story of St. John Bosco
- The Power of a Good Confession
- The Gift of Peace
- The Superabundant Mercy of God
- John Paul II and Mercy

Excerpted from, "The Last 7 Words of Jesus: A Lenten Mediation" by Laura Jean Rabiipou

Lent is a time that the Universal Church reflects on Christ's Passion and Death in an intensely focused way. After Jesus was nailed to the cross, He spoke 7 short expressions. These statements are now commonly referred to as the "The Seven Last Words." These words are recounted in Sacred Scripture and are found throughout the four Gospels.

Few Christians can recall all seven of Our Lord's last words on the Cross. As you contemplate His Passion and Death this season, remember that these words, although spoken nearly 2,000 years ago at Calvary, were meant for every generation.

Nothing our Lord said or did was without meaning. Prepare your hearts this Lenten season by reflecting on the Seven Last Words of Christ and consider incorporating this reflection into your Lenten practices.

FIRST WORD "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23: 34

The first words that Jesus spoke after being nailed to the cross were ones of forgiveness. The timing of this suggests that Jesus was referring to those enemies – the soldiers, those who mocked, scourged, tortured, and nailed him to the cross. Even though his enemies did not recognize Him as the Messiah, Christ displays his limitless compassion.

SECOND WORD "Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise." Luke 23: 43

Christ says these words to a man who is being crucified next to him. Just like the first word, His second is that of forgiveness. God generously opens the door to heaven for those who will to repent of their sins. The sinner recognized Christ for who he was. The mercy of God is always ready to reach out to and save a soul, even at the last minute.

THIRD WORD "When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he said to his mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that, he said to the disciple: Behold thy mother." John 19: 26-27 Yet again Jesus is continuously compassionate to those around him, making sure that his Mother is cared for after his death. Most scholars speculate that Mary was a widower at the time of the crucifixion. The good son Jesus, without brothers and sisters to provide for his Mother, looks to John to care for her. Just as Christ gave His mother to John, he gives Mother Mary to us.

FOURTH WORD "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt 27:46

These four words were uttered shortly before His death. This is the only passage where the original Aramaic language is preserved. Here, Jesus was expressing His feelings of abandonment. God placed the sins of the entire world on Him, which overwhelms the humanity of Jesus. His other eleven disciples, once at His side, are nowhere to be found. Jesus fully lived the human experience, and it was by His death that we are redeemed.

FIFTH WORD "Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said: I thirst." John 19:28

Earlier in the Gospel, a drink of wine and myrrh was prepared for Jesus. It was customary in those days to give an anesthetic drink for those about to be crucified. To appease the soldiers Jesus took a sip, but not enough to deaden the pain. In this passage He prompted the guards for his final drink, this one consisting of vinegar and water. Among His seven last words, this is the only verbal expression of his physical suffering, even though he was scourged, crowned with thorns, walked the Way of the Cross, and was nailed to the Cross. However, Jesus' thirst on the cross was more than a physical thirst; it was a thirst for souls for whom love compelled him to redeem.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____
Date requested: _____
Mass requested: _____
We will make every attempt to get them on the date you Request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING:

Mon., Mar 26: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tues., Mar 27: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab, 15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed., Mar 28: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thurs., Mar 29: Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-16c, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri., Mar 30: 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
Sat., Mar 31: (1) Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35 (2) Gn 22:1-18 Ps 16:5,8-11(3) Ex 14:15-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6,17-18 (4) Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 (5) Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4-6 (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ps 19:8-11 (7) (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,5-6 (8) Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 (9) Mk 16:1-7



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

Dates to Remember:

Mar 25, 4:00 pm, **FATHER SHAWN LENTEN TALK at the Winner Barn**
 Mar 26, 7:00 pm (RCIA Rm) Bible Study
 Mar 31, 7:00 am, (RCIA Rm) TMIY
 Apr 8, 11:00 am, (MH) Jesus Day (2nd grade)
 Apr 15, 10:00 am, First Communion

Divine Mercy Novena

Take part in these powerful prayers for the salvation of those most in need of Our Lord's mercy. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and lasts 9 days, ending on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8 this year). The novena prayers can be found online at: <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>

SIXTH WORD

“Jesus therefore, when he had taken the vinegar, said: It is consummated.” John 19:30

Amazingly, Jesus is still conscious after hours of being on the cross. This expression, “It is finished”, did not simply mean that death was upon him, but rather that He fulfilled his mission, and, because he was God, willingly laid down his own life. His preaching, miracles, and finally His earthly suffering would soon be over. His ministry and resulting death would pay the debt of sin for all humanity.

SEVENTH WORD

“And Jesus crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And saying this, he gave up the ghost.” Luke 23:46

These are the very last words Jesus spoke on the Cross before His final breath. Jesus is willingly giving up His soul to His Father in Heaven. Jesus has been perfectly obedient to His father's will. It is here that the Lamb of God has been slain for our sins. By contemplating this, and all the last words of Jesus, we can better appreciate Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Lay Ministry Schedule

24 March, 4:00 PM

Servers: R. Schrader, O. Dearwester
 Readers: S. Hess, T. Smith, R. Lyons

25 March, 10:00 AM Palm Sunday

Servers: L. Sweeney, C. & C. Kline, E. Tom
 Readers: B. Versele, W. Miller, M. Giannola

29 March, 7:00 PM Holy Thursday

Servers: J., M., J., Dillon, L. Sweeney
 Readers: A. Reames, S. Brewer

30 March, 2:30 PM, Good Friday

Servers: J. Kelly, M. Dinovo, R. Schrader, R. Hatcher
 Readers: J. Quay, M. Lyons, R. Lyons

31 Mar, 9:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Servers: C & C Kline, L. Sweeney, SMOW Servers
 Readers: S. Oder, K. Baugman, SMOW Readers, R. Lyons

1 April, 10:00 AM Easter Sunday

Servers: A. Campbell, O. Dearwester
 Readers: B. O'Connor, L. Brandel