

Today's Readings

Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7 • Phil 2:6–11 • Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1–39

Ever been to a victory parade? Ever been in town when the champions rode by, waving at the crowds, hearing the cheers from people lining the streets? Horns are honking. They're throwing candy from the cars! We feel we're part of the victory. Maybe we didn't play the game, but we were there for those players! It was a tough fight, but we hung on. We made it in the end!

Most sports seasons end with winners and their fans having some sort of celebration together. But the crowd stays happy only for a while. Big groups of us humans can turn ugly, in fact, given the right circumstances. Consider an example: soccer—a worldwide invitation to athletic excellence, teamwork, fan fervor, and hysteria. It's great to be part of the roaring crowd when the team scores the winning goal. It's tough if the mob runs someone over.

Jesus' parade is different from that of other heroes. In his passion story, the big celebration comes before

the main event. Who knows what is going on? The crowd thinks it does. *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD! (Psalm 118:26)*. Would you want to be on the road, waving palms? We hope we would not be found in the crowd that appeared later in the week, the one yelling to crucify him.

Did the crowd cheer too soon? Later they thought so. What changed? These folks knew what sort of messiah they wanted, and they didn't get him. When the final scenes unfolded, that was no victor who stood in court. Messiahs are supposed to win. This one did not. Anyone siding with him will be trampled too.

So those few women who stayed around for him, who watched everything that happened, and who did not leave him, even at the end—what did they think was going on? Had they been waving palms earlier? What made *them* stay at the end?

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 4	6:00 PM	Eline Debruijn	<i>Memorial of St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church</i>
Sunday	April 5	8:00 AM	Ignatius Dugosh	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
		10:45 AM	Francisca Rivera, RIP	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>Domingo de la Palma de la Pasión de la Señor</i>
Monday	April 6	8:45 AM	M. Power, RIP	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Tuesday	April 7	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Wednesday	April 8	8:45 AM	Ruben Toores	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
Holy Thursday	April 9	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Good Friday	April 10	3:00 PM	Way of Cross	<i>Way of Cross (English—Church)</i>
		4:00 PM	Via Crucis	<i>Via Crucis (Español—New Property)</i>
		5:00 PM	Lectura de la Pasión	<i>Lectura de la Pasión (Español—Church)</i>
		7:00 PM	Reading of Passion	<i>Passion of Our Lord (English)</i>
Holy Saturday	April 11	7:00 PM	Holy Saturday	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
Easter Sunday	April 12	8:00 AM	Our Community	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
		10:45 AM	Dennis Mees, RIP	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
		12:30 PM	Epifano Ortiz	<i>Domingo de Pascua</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria

Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey

Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

REGULAR COLLECTION

March 28-29

\$10,580.84

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Property Purchase

April 4 & 5

Educate Seminarians &

Ministers—April 11 & 12

CHMA—April 25-26

Holy Thursday, April 9
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 10
3:00 PM Way of Cross (English—Church)
4:00 PM Via Crucis (New Property)
5:00 PM Lectura de la Pasión (Español—Church)
7:00 PM Passion of Our Lord (English)

Holy Saturday, April 11
Easter Vigil Service 7:00 PM

(Not 6:00 PM Usual Saturday Evening Schedule)

There will be no Religious Education Classes or Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 12, or Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19.



The Church office will be closed on April 9 & 10 in observance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

The Faith of the Church—Jesus scandalized the Pharisees by eating with tax collectors and sinners and by identifying his mercy toward them with God's own attitude. But perhaps the greatest scandal was when he forgave their sins. According to Jewish faith, no one could forgive sins, Jesus was blaspheming as a man who made himself God's equal. This was one of the reasons that led to the Crucifixion (Cf. *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World 22*).

Questions of the Week—On Palm Sunday, Christ is proclaimed King of Israel. A few days later, he will be condemned to death by the same crowd. Nevertheless, He ends His life, forgiving all who have hurt Him.

Prayer for Humility

Lord Jesus, meek and humble of heart. Through the incarnation, you lived a life of humility, obedient to death, even death on a cross. Help us to live simply and unpretentiously. Guide the words that we speak and the way in which we deal with ourselves and others. Protect us from the excessive need to be honored, praised, and esteemed. Save us from the fear of being humiliated, rejected, or ridiculed as we proclaim your Word. We ask all this filled trust. Amen.

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Knights of Columbus **Saturday, April 11 at 1 PM for ages 10 and under.** Come join the fun and see the Easter Bunny! Prizes and refreshments furnished. Country Club building behind the Church. Call Rick Maitlen at 817-594-6527 for questions.



THE LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY will have wonderful baked goods available before and after the Palm Sunday Masses as well as the Saturday night Mass. Our Bake Sale proceeds go directly to the Parish to defray the debt for the Land Purchase. Save yourself the time and enjoy the baking talents of the Ladies Altar Society members. **Ladies Altar Society will also be serving breakfast between Masses this weekend.**

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on **Wednesday, April 8 at 11:30 AM** at Cotton Patch Cafe in Weatherford. *Please join us!!*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Please join us **March 19, 3-4 PM**, at the Bethel Road Church to celebrate this Feast of Divine Mercy. For more information, please contact Ann Allen at 817-594-8637.

ST. STEPHEN FAMILY PICNIC Mark your calendars! The annual church picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2009.** The picnic will be held at St. Stephen and will include a BBQ dinner, bingo, sports, games for the kids and waterslides! We need lots of volunteers to help this event run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karin Portillo at 817-599-8242 or klpintx@hotmail.com.

Game On!

A 4-inning softball game is being organized for the picnic. The challenge: Youth vs. Adults. We already have several adults signed up and a few from the youth group. Let's get this game going! Signup sheets will be out in the lobby or e-mail Karin Portillo at klpintx@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION YOUTH. All youth entering 6th grade and up next year are eligible and encouraged to participate in DCYC '08, **July 10-12.** The annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference is a dynamic weekend for youth that offers keynote presentations from nationally known speakers, workshops where youth learn to deepen their faith and build life skills, a music ministry pre-conference, hands on activities, service experiences, Sunday Mass with a thousand other Catholic youth, a coffee house, games, dance, karaoke, and much more. **An information meeting for parents and youth will be held Sunday, April 5 at 2:30 PM in Room 19.** Contact Jeanette Houle for more information 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net

TEEN CORNER

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY: Interested in joining a group of teens and young adults who share their musical talents with the Lord? Practice is held weekly. We are currently seeking a percussionist, guitarists, and vocalists. Please contact Hilary Maitlen at 817-771-8573; or Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008.

DCYC, July 10-12. An informational meeting for parents and youth will be held **Sunday, April 5th at 2:30 PM in Room 19.** Please see the **ATTENTION YOUTH** announcement for more information.

PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION

Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00
 Monthly Interest Payment—\$7,600.00
 Total Contributions to Date—\$84,613.59
 Interest Paid to Date—\$86,807.57

National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Parents, we have given our children the best gift any predator could dream of: **The Internet.** The internet has become the prime location for sexual predators and cyber-bullies to meet their victims. Do you know how to protect your children? **April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.** Arm yourself against sexual predators at the following websites: www.iSafe.org; www.NetSmartz.org; www.cfchildren.org.

Nacional para Prevención del Abuso Infantil. Hemos dado a nuestros niños el mayor regalo que podría sonar cualquier abusador sexual: **El Internet.** El internet se ha convertido en la manera primordial donde abusadores sexuales y los ciber-brabucones conocen a sus víctimas. ¿Sabe Cómo proteger a sus hijos? **Abril es el mes Nacional para Prevención del Abuso Infantil.** Ármese contra los depredadores sexuales en los siguientes sitios en la red: www.iSafe.org; www.NetSmartz.org; www.cfchildren.org.

CALLED TO PROTECT—Keeping Children Safe will meet on **Monday, April 6 at 6:30 PM.** Parents are encouraged to attend.

Survivors of Suicide Group offering a daytime meeting at the Catholic Renewal Center for eight Mondays beginning on **April 6 at 1 PM.** If you would like to participate in this or another survivors support group, please call Mackey Brittan at 817-738-4658.

The Diocese of Fort Worth seeks a full-time Auditor for our Internal Audit program and a full-time Assistant Director of Finance & Administrative Services at the Catholic Center. For a full job description and application visit www.fwdioc.org. The Diocese of Fort Worth offers excellent pay and benefits to employees. If interested in these positions, e-mail a resume, a completed job application and cover letter to msimeroth@fwdioc.org or fax to 817-244-8839 to the attention of Mark Simeroth, Director of Human Resources. **Application due date is May 2, 2009.** Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All activities held at Bethel Road)

Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday)

- 9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (English)
- 9:15 AM Adult Catechism (Room 19)
- 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (Room 3)
- 11:15 AM Religious Education Classes (Spanish)

Monday, April 6

- 9:30 AM Parish Pantry
- 6:30 PM Called to Protect—*Keeping Children Safe*
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
- 7:00 PM RCIA
- 7:00 PM Instrucción del Bautismo Española
- Copia de Nacimiento Certificada Requirió*
- Grupo de Oracion

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, April 8

- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch (Cotton Patch Cafe)
- 6:00 PM Youth Group (Clubhouse Ballroom)
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, April 9

- 10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 10

- 3:00 PM Way of Cross (English—Church)
- 4:00 PM Via Crucis (Español—New Property)
- 5:00 PM Via Crucis (Español—New Property)
- 7:00 PM Passion of Our Lord (English)

Saturday, April 11

- 1:00 PM Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt (Country Club Property)
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil

What is prayer?



I see good people praying and I keep looking at them, fascinated. How do they do it? Why can't I do it? Is there a trick to it?

Paula

Dear Paula,

Let's start with the basics. There is no more basic definition than this ancient one: Prayer is the raising of the mind and the heart to God. In these few words you can find the answer to any question you have about prayer and how to do it.

For instance, you may ask how you can know you are praying. Well, if you want to pray, you are praying. Just the desire to pray does it for you. It is the raising of your mind and heart to God.

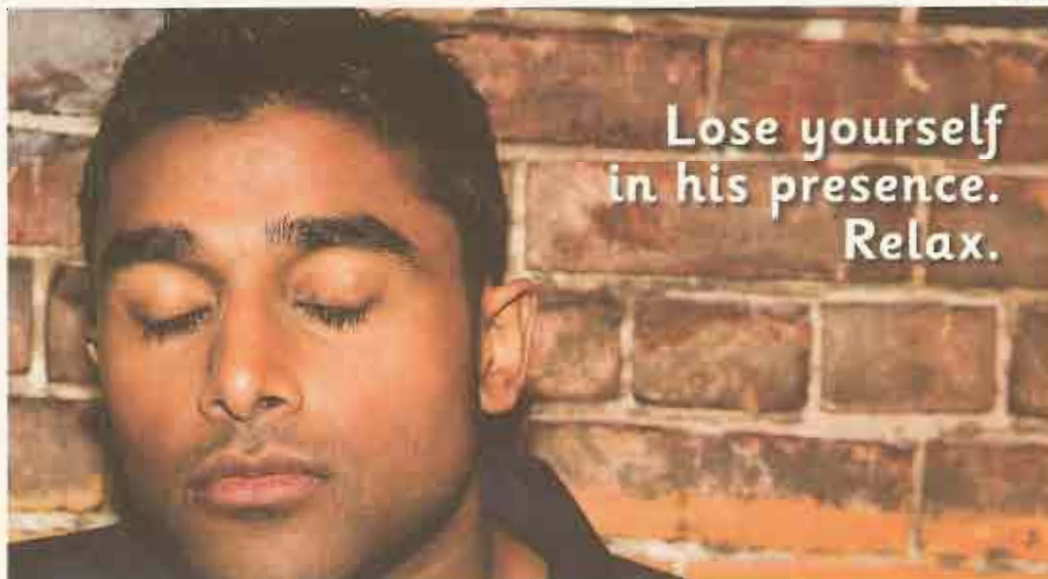
I often ask people, "Do you pray?" Sometimes they look puzzled. So I ask, "Do you talk to God?" Of course they do, some more than others, but they all talk to God. They pray.

The mystery at the bottom of the whole thing is the Lord God's love for each of us. He is like a grandmother dying for a visit or call from a child or grandchild. So let your prayer be all about him. Ask for anything and everything. That pleases him, for it keeps your eyes and heart on him.

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Do not worry about the words or way you pray. Just pray. Lose yourself in his presence. Relax. Pray in bed if you like. It is not about how you look or what you say. It is about your heart and mind in him.

John Hamroque, C.Ss.R.



Monday April 6

Holy Week
Is 42:1-7 • Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday April 7

Holy Week
Is 49:1-6 • Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday April 8

Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a • Mt 26:14-25

Thursday April 9

Holy Thursday
Chrism Mass
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Rv 1:5-8 • Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 • 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday April 10

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday April 11

Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Mk 16:1-7

Sunday April 12

Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Afternoon or Evening
Lk 24:13-35