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## Mass Schedule

Live Stream on Facebook, then posted to YouTube

**Sunday:** ..... 9:00 AM

**Monday:** A staff member will post a personal message to Facebook sometime during the day

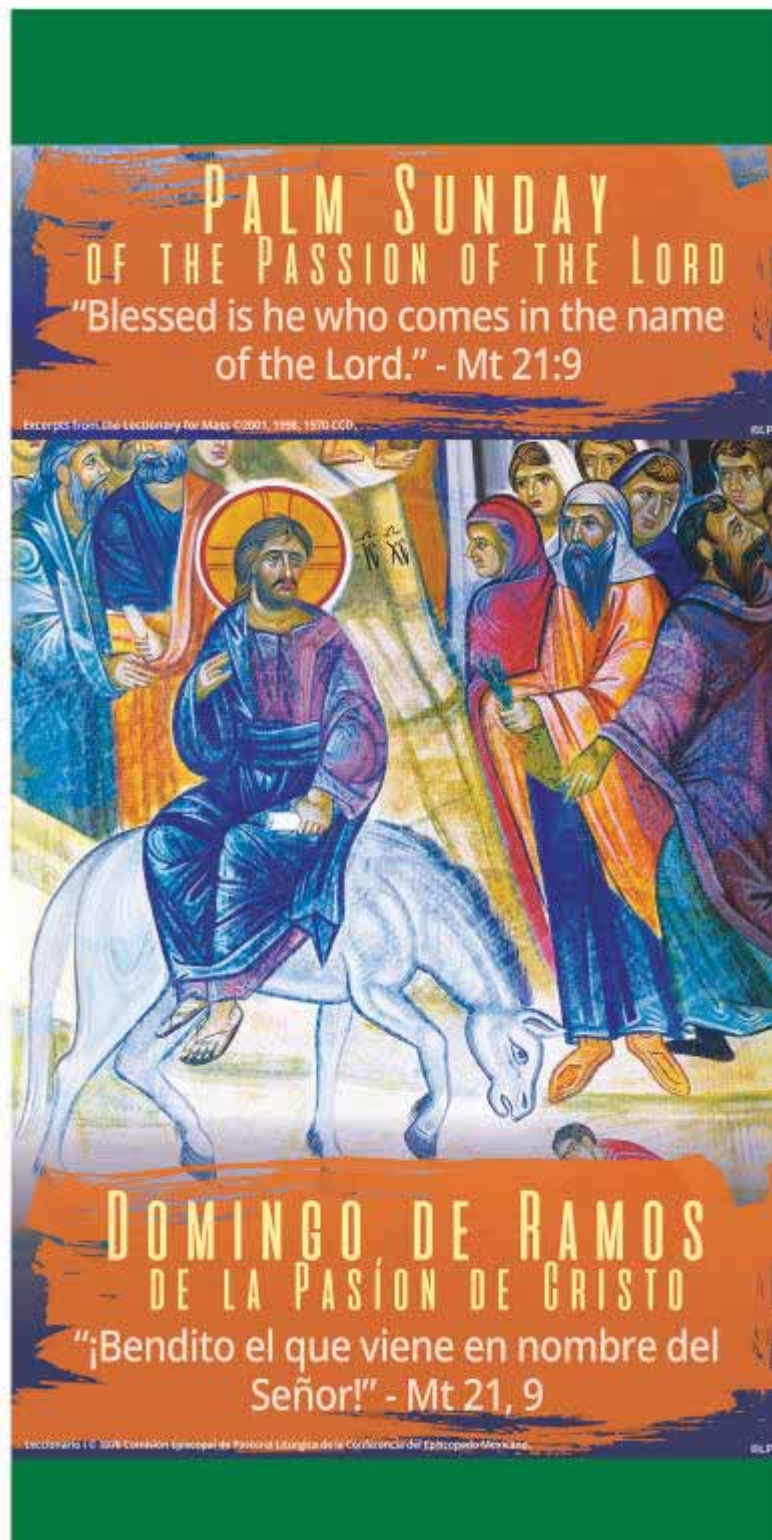
**Tuesday - Saturday:** ..... 8:00 AM

## Confession

**Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday:** 9:00—10:00 AM

## Adoration

**Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday:** 9:00—10:00 AM



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**April 5, 2020**

**Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"**  
**5 de abril de 2020**



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Before the pain and horror of Good Friday, Jesus gives his disciples the key to understand what will happen to him when He celebrates the Passover with them for one last time.

Though it will take on the guise of a terrible act of violence, the crucifixion will be a gift of Jesus in His totality for the salvation of the world. It is the physical enacting of Jesus' words over the bread and wine, "This is my body, this is my blood, which will be given for you." As we read the passion today, let us remember the mystery we are celebrating. Jesus died, but that is not the end of the story. The sorrow of Palm Sunday leads to the overflowing joy of Easter. The ultimate healing of humankind is healing from final death and the gift of eternal life. Let us be open to receive the gift of Salvation, the gift of healing Jesus offers to us through his saving act of death and resurrection.

### Holy Week: Celebrating the Heart of Everything We Believe!

As we celebrate the mystery of our salvation during this Holy Week, I would like to provide you with a liturgical guide mentioning some of the highlights of our liturgies and how we can best worship God during this Covid19 pandemic.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and ends on Easter Sunday. Please make time to join in these important liturgies through live-streaming. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here. Our past, present, and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. Usually, we gather publicly and reverence the cross, light fires in the night, and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptized. The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Due to Covid19, we are unable to welcome our two new members into full communion with us at the Easter Vigil. This will happen at a future Sunday Mass as soon as possible.

To promote Diocesan unity under the guidance and leadership of our Good Shepherd, Bishop Hying, I encourage us to join his live streaming of the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning, the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil. I warmly invite all of our parishioners to join our STA live streaming for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday Masses. I warmly invite our Latino Community to join our STA live streaming for Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil.

Even though we cannot gather publicly this year, we must still make a strong effort to make this week holy, by offering our time and energy to join in prayer through live-streaming or at a time convenient to you through YouTube. Yes, this is certainly not ideal, convenient, or how we would want to celebrate Holy Week, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.

I continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and look forward to the day when we can worship again in public and when all can come forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Until then, let us pray this prayer for a Spiritual Communion:

*An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I*

## Prayer for Life

May the sacrifice of our Lord in His Passion deepen our understanding of the value and dignity of every human life; We pray to the Lord:



## Prayer for Peace

As we dwell on the Passion this week, we pray for all who are persecuted that they may find comfort and healing knowing Jesus accompanies them on their journey; We pray to the Lord:

*love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### Live Streaming Schedule for Easter Triduum

#### Chrism Mass Holy Thursday Morning

With Bishop Hying at 10:00 AM  
[ashtoncatholic.org/live-stream](http://ashtoncatholic.org/live-stream)

#### Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

With STA at 7:00 PM Watch on: Facebook or website  
Or

With Bishop Hying at 6:30 PM  
[sbmsn.org/index.html](http://sbmsn.org/index.html) or  
[facebook.com/StBernardMadison](https://facebook.com/StBernardMadison)

#### Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

With Bishop Hying at 12:00 PM  
[sjv.org/mass](http://sjv.org/mass)  
With STA at 1:00 PM Watch on Facebook or website in Spanish

#### Easter Vigil Mass

With Bishop Hying at 8:00 PM  
[facebook.com/CathedralParishMadison/](https://facebook.com/CathedralParishMadison/)

#### Easter Sunday Mass

With STA at 9:00 AM in English and 10:30 AM in Spanish  
Watch on Facebook or website or  
With Bishop Hying at 10:30 AM  
[ashtoncatholic.org/live-stream](http://ashtoncatholic.org/live-stream)

You can also watch these liturgies at a time convenient to you on YouTube or Facebook.

### Funerals During the Triduum and the Pandemic

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday. Several options are available. Families may choose to delay the services until after Easter Sunday. Or they may have a funeral liturgy outside the context of Mass, proceed with the interment, and celebrate a memorial Mass after Easter. In this way, both the needs of the mourners and the larger church can be taken into account during this sacred time of year.

In addition, funerals during the Covid19 pandemic are to be limited to less than 10 participants. Families may choose to delay services until after the pandemic. Or they may have a funeral liturgy outside the context of Mass, proceed with the interment, and celebrate a memorial Mass after the pandemic.

Please remember our grieving families in your prayers during this very difficult time.

## A Message from Seminarian

### Barry Meinholz

Hello everyone,

My name is Barry Meinholz, I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Madison. Fr. Bart asked me to share a little about myself since I will be living here at St. Thomas for the foreseeable future. I grew up in Cross Plains just west of Madison. My home parish is St. Francis Xavier.

When I was growing up, I certainly remember thinking about being a priest, although I don't think it was a very serious thought. I went through religious education as I grew up and was Confirmed, so I had a decent foundation for our Faith but after Confirmation I was not very involved in learning about or participating in our Faith. For a number of years, I just went through the motions, going to Mass on Sunday and Holy days, I thought that was enough and all I had to do.

I did not go to college after I graduated high school because I did not know what I wanted to do, so I just worked full time at the local grocery store in my hometown. As the years went on my co-workers began to ask me questions about the Faith that I did not have answers for. That forced me to begin to research our Faith and as I did, I began to learn many things. I learned about the basis and reason for Confession and Daily Mass, so I began to go to Confession and Mass on a more regular basis. As I did all this the idea of being a priest grew more. In my research I saw a lot of saints had devotions to Mary, and after more research I made the Consecration to Jesus through Mary using Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

After the consecration I saw small changes in my life, my daily prayer increased and even more regular use of the Sacraments. I went to a *Quo Vadis* meeting for those discerning Priesthood and Religious life and met Fr. Greg Ihm, the vocations director. He invited me to a number of events, some I was able to go to and some not. He invited me to go with the Seminarians on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I was blown away by it. The whole day I prayed asking God if this was the path He wanted me on. A few days later I was at Mass at St. Aloysius in Sauk City. After Mass the religious education director asked me if I would be willing to teach a class for them, I ended up teaching 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and at my home parish I taught 9<sup>th</sup> graders preparing for Confirmation. Both of them were great opportunities to share what I was learning with others.

That December I finally told Fr. Ihm I was ready to start the application process. As I was leaving Holy Name Heights the bells began to ring and it hit me that it was Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, one of Mary's feast days. I have seen Mary's influence many times in the last few years, most significantly the day I asked for the application and then when I had gone through the application process I was told the two Seminaries I may go to would be in New Jersey or Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winona Minnesota. The council that made that decision told me they would let me know in a few days where they would be sending me, but after hearing IHM, I knew I would be going there.

This is my second year at IHM, both years have brought unique experiences, but they have been great and I'm looking forward to what comes next. I pray this pandemic will end soon and I am looking forward to meeting you all. God Bless.



## Enrich Your Faith on Formed.org

The parish has gifted everyone with a subscription to Formed.org. Consider watching a movie "with" a group of friends, and chatting about it afterwards on the phone! Not yet on Formed.org? It's this easy: Log on to the site, choose "I belong to a parish", type in St. Thomas Aquinas, and register free with only your email address. You will then be signed in automatically anytime you want to watch, listen or read, all as a generous gift from our parish!

## Bishop Hying Streaming Daily Rosary on YouTube

Each evening at approximately 6:30 PM, Bishop Hying will be praying the Rosary, and you are invited to join him. For a link to his daily Rosary and other opportunities to join with our Bishop online during this unprecedented time, go to [stamadison.org/praying-with-bishop](http://stamadison.org/praying-with-bishop). And don't forget Bishop Hying's daily video blog, which you can reach from our homepage, [stamadison.org](http://stamadison.org).



## Thank You From Seminary of Carúpano, Venezuela

Dear Fr. Bart Timmerman, On behalf of Msgr. Jaime Villarroel, Bishop of Carúpano and of the entire Redemptorist Mater de Carúpano Seminary, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of vestments, albs, purificators, host pyx and the triple holy oil set.

The candles came straight from heaven, we weren't expecting those! We were using ones that we had recycled. We can't find pretty candles here so we will use the wax from these ones once they are done. The vestments came very good too, since it is hot here we had to wash the other ones so often that they would deteriorate easily.

We can only thank you for your help and support. We are always praying for all our benefactors. This Lent we will have you present in all of our prayers, specially you Father Bart and everyone who made this donation possible.

May the Virgin of Pilar grant you many blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pbro. Manuel Carruyo  
Seminary Rector



## Pray for Those to be Initiated into the Catholic Church

Usually, Easter Vigil would be a celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for adults joining the Catholic Church. This year, Brett, who has been preparing all year to become Catholic, will need to celebrate after the pandemic. Please lift him in prayer, so that despite not being able to physically be with this community, he can experience an outpouring of our love!



## Care for Creation A Lenten Journey

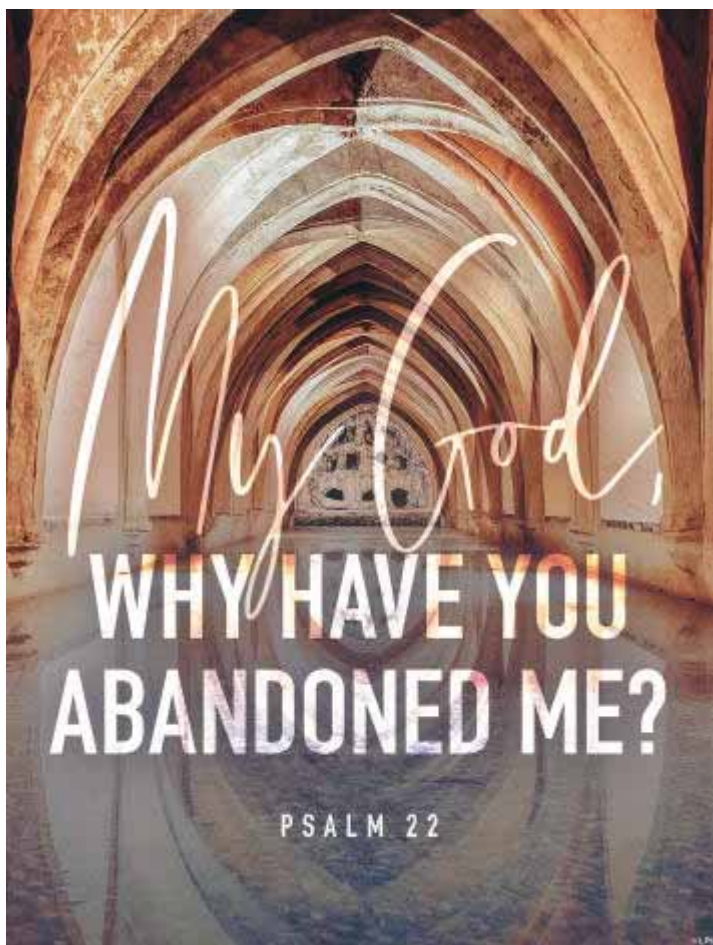
In this Lent like no other Lent, when we are experiencing the desert, slowing down, reflecting and connecting more, let us dwell on the words in last week's Gospel "And Jesus wept." His good friend Lazarus has died and his sisters, also close to Jesus, are grief-stricken.

Let us consider how many people in this world are mourning the death of family members and friends as a result of the virus, illness, wars, hunger and natural disasters. How many of these deaths could have been prevented if we were taking better care of our neighbors and the Earth itself? Is Jesus weeping unceasingly as he sees how we have failed to be good stewards of everything good God has made?

Our Lenten retreat this year has been reinforced by our governmental leaders due to the pandemic. Let us use this time to reset our priorities, commit to putting into practice the lessons learned when leading a simpler life, hear "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (49), and act accordingly going forth.

Let us weep with Jesus for all the loss we are experiencing and pray "A prayer for our earth" from Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*

*"All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sister, harming no one...."*



*La carta del Padre Bart empezó en la página 6*

Última Cena en vivo por Facebook. También estaré celebrando en vivo por Facebook la Liturgia de Viernes Santo en español para toda la comunidad hispana, y finalmente estaré celebrando el Domingo de Pascua con todos ustedes, una celebración en inglés y la otra en español; también en vivo por Facebook.

Es momento de vivir estos cuarenta días de oración, ayuno, y ofrenda, culminando con la Semana Mayor, la Semana Santa. Y aunque no sea ideal estar separados físicamente, podemos estar en la paz de que estamos unidos espiritualmente en oración para decirle al mundo sobre Jesucristo.

Continúo orando por el fin de esta pandemia y espero que pronto nos podamos reunir nuevamente y recibir a Jesucristo Sacramentalmente en el Santa Comunión. Pero a lo que esperamos por ese momento, oremos juntos este **Acto de Comunión Espiritual:**

*Creo, Jesús mío, que estás realmente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente recibirte dentro de mi alma, pero porque ahora no puedo hacerlo sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si ya te hubiese recibido, Te abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti. Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti. Amén.*

### **Horario de Misas en Vivo para el Triduo Pascual:**

#### Misa Crismal el Jueves Santo en la mañana

Con el Obispo Hying a las 10:00 AM

Ver por [ashtoncatholic.org/live-stream](http://ashtoncatholic.org/live-stream)

#### Misa de la Última Cena el Jueves Santo

Con STA a las 7:00 PM Por Facebook.

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Con el Obispo Hying a las 6:30 PM.

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#### Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo de Viernes Santo

**Con STA en ESPAÑOL a la 1:00 PM Ver por Facebook.**

#### Misa de la Vigilia Pascual

Con el Obispo Hying a las 8:00 PM

Ver por [facebook.com/CathedralParishMadison/](https://facebook.com/CathedralParishMadison/)

#### Misa de Domingo de Pascua

**Con STA a las 9:00 AM en inglés y a las 10:30 AM en ESPAÑOL. Ver por Facebook.**

También puedes ver, por Facebook o YouTube, estas liturgias después que hayan sido celebradas en vivo.

### **Weekly Stewardship of Treasure**

#### **March 28/29**

Offertory / Envelopes ..... \$7,875  
Building Fund and Capital Improvement Fund ..... \$390

#### **Counters Schedule**

Due to Mass suspension and safety measures for COVID-19 counters are on hold until the Mass schedule resumes.



Here's Fr. Bart's new way of 'hanging out in the gathering area' with parishioners before Mass!

## Facebook Live Stream Prayer with Jenny

**10 AM Monday, April 6:**

Members of the St. Thomas Aquinas staff will be live-streaming themselves praying as they themselves like to pray. We hope you join us, because we miss you, too! Join Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization and Outreach for prayer on Monday morning, April 6, as she shares a piece of her morning prayer with scripture.

Note: Fr. Bart will still be offering a private Mass on Mondays but in order to allow him a day of rest, we will NOT be live-streaming or posting video of it.

## Faith Formation students are watching Sunday Mass from home!

Our STA families are continuing to celebrate Mass from home with STA. In spirit we are all united to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Here, a picture from the Madigan family and a picture from the Aubut family.



## Food Sunday

Our monthly Food Sunday is April 19. In the current environment we are not collecting in-kind donations but are accepting financial contributions for the Food Pantry at Lusier Community Education Center. The need is great during these days when so many are unemployed and without the usual community center meal programs for children. If you are able to donate, please write a check to St. Thomas Aquinas and indicate LCEC Food Pantry on the notes section of the check. Please put your check in the mail no later than April 13 so we can issue the check to LCEC Food Pantry on Friday, April 17. We are grateful for your support for those in need during these difficult times.

In May, your donations will benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry. It will depend on the status of the virus spread whether we will take in-kind or monetary donations. Watch the bulletin for an update in early May.

## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, April 4

8:00 AM Betty Kluesner ☩

### Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 AM For families facing medical or economic hardship due to the pandemic

### Monday, April 6

Private Mass: Joe Fogerty ☩

STA Staff will share a personal experience of their prayer life on Facebook

### Tuesday, April 7

8:00 AM Dick K Skubal ☩

### Wednesday, April 8

8:00 AM Maria Antonieta Van Pratt ☩

### Thursday, April 9: Holy Thursday

7:00 PM William O'Connell ☩

### Friday, April 10: Good Friday

No Masses on Good Friday; Liturgy in Spanish at 1:00 PM

### Saturday, April 11: Holy Saturday

No Easter Vigil Mass at STA this year; please join Bp. Hying for the Diocesan Easter Vigil Mass

### Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 AM For families facing medical or economic hardship due to the pandemic

## Readings for the Week of April 5

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/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:

Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31/

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22/

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/

Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 /Is 54:5-14/

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/

Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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### Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

#### El Domingo de Ramos: La Pasión del Señor

Antes del dolor y el horror del Viernes Santo, Jesús le da a sus discípulos la llave para entender que le estará pasando a Jesús cuando celebre la Pascua con ellos por última vez. Aunque todo parezca y sea un terrible acto de violencia, la crucifixión de Jesús es un regalo en su totalidad para la salvación del mundo. Lo vemos en las palabras de Jesús sobre el pan y el vino, “Este es mi cuerpo, esta es mi sangre, que será entregada por ustedes.” Mientras escuchamos la Pasión hoy, recordemos el misterio que celebramos. Jesús murió, pero ese no es el fin de la historia. El sufrimiento del Domingo de Ramos solo nos lleva a la alegría maravillosa de la Resurrección del Domingo de Pascua. La sanación más importante es la de salir de la muerte a la vida eterna. Estemos abiertos a recibir este regalo de Salvación, el regalo de sanación que Jesús nos ofrece a través de su muerte y resurrección.



#### Semana Santa: ¡Celebrando el Corazón de Todo en lo que Creemos!

El Triduo Pascual comienza en la noche del jueves, con la Misa de la Última Cena el Jueves Santo y culmina con el Domingo de Pascua. Por favor tomen tiempo para ver las Misas en vivo ya sea por nuestro Facebook de Santo Tomás o con el Obispo Hying. El misterio de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús es un acto presente en la realidad, no existe tiempo ni poder sobre estos hechos. Nuestra vida en el pasado, presente y futuro están marcadas por estos hechos desde que entramos en el misterio al ser bautizados. En las celebraciones pascuales nos unimos públicamente, benemos la cruz, encendemos el fuego y proclamamos las historias de salvación para marcar quienes somos como Cristianos bautizados. Y en la Vigilia Pascual recibimos a todos los que son nuevos miembros de la Iglesia por el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Este año debido al coronavirus, recibiremos a los nuevos miembros en otra Misa Dominical cuando ya regresemos a las celebraciones públicas de la Misa.

Para promover unidad diocesana y seguir el liderazgo de nuestro Buen Pastor, Obispo Hying, les pido que vean la Misa en Vivo con el Obispo: la Misa Crismal del jueves en la mañana y la Vigilia Pascual el sábado en la noche. Para el Jueves Santo en la noche, yo estaré celebrando la Misa de la

*La carta del Padre Bart continúa en la página 4*

### Misas

Debido a la pandemia del coronavirus, todas las celebraciones públicas de la Misa se han suspendido. De martes a sábado a las 8:00 AM las Misas en inglés serán grabadas en vivo en Facebook.com/Stamadison. El domingo a las 9:00 AM la Misa en inglés será grabada en vivo. También las subiremos a nuestro canal de YouTube (youtube.com/c/StThomasAquinasChurchMadison/) para que las puedan acceder luego.

### Confesiones

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

### Adoración al Santísimo

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

### El Rosario y el Estudio bíblico

se han suspendido hasta el fin de la pandemia.

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Para Bautismos, Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Matrimonios y Quinceañeras contacte a Lorianne Aubut. Para la unción de los enfermos contacte a Mary Bailey.





## Dear Faith Formation Families for K-5:

I hope this communication finds you well. I hope your families were able to attend our Sunday Mass either the English one at 9:00 a.m. or the Spanish one at 10:30 via our STA facebook, and are tuning in for Palm Sunday. It is absolutely amazing to join, in spirit, with so many families in prayer and adoration of our Lord Jesus. Please thank Father Bart for making this available to all of us; he loves each and one of our STA families and is praying for us daily. I want to share with you a couple of things:

1. An **update** for the rest of the Faith Formation year: As you all know, we have been asked to stay home in self quarantine until about April 24, with no schools open and most of the businesses closed. For our Faith Formation program, it means that we will not have any more classes for all grades K-5th grade for the rest of this school year. We are suspending the rest of our classes, the First Communion rehearsal, and yes, the First Communion retreat as well. We are still hoping to have the May 3rd First Communion Mass, but if things are not back to normal by then, we will postpone First Communion Mass and a new date will be set when things are better and public celebrations of the Mass are being held again. Please know that I will continue to communicate with you and offer resources to continue Faith Formation and First Communion preparation at home.
2. A couple of **new resources** for family prayer, as we enter the last week of Lent:
  - A. Please tune in daily for our STA Mass. Father Bart celebrates it daily Tuesday-Saturday at 8:00 AM, but you can watch it again at any time of the day: [facebook.com/Stamadison/](https://www.facebook.com/Stamadison/)
  - B. Please watch this message from Bishop Hying to all our children and youth: [facebook.com/bishophying/videos/537548427140467/](https://www.facebook.com/bishophying/videos/537548427140467/) AND take time after dinner, or anytime that works for your family, to Pray the Rosary together. Bishop Hying is praying it daily at 6:30 PM on Youtube: [youtube.com/user/DiocesefMadison/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/DiocesefMadison/videos)

I truly believe that taking at least 30 minutes to participate in one of these two prayers, or 60 minutes to do both, can make your family stronger in faith during this time at home. Please know of my daily prayers for each one of you.

Peace and Blessings, Lorianne



We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

## Queridas familias de catequesis de niños K-5:

Espero que este comunicado los encuentre bien y que hayan podido asistir a la Misa dominical de este pasado fin de semana ya haya sido en inglés a las 9:00 a.m. o en español a las 10:30 a.m., por vía la página de Facebook de STA; ambas liturgias fueron hermosas. Espero que también se sintonizen para la Semana Santa. Es verdaderamente maravilloso estar unidos en espíritu para orar a nuestro Señor Jesús en la Misa. Por favor denle gracias al Padre Bart por ofrecer estas Misa; él ama a cada una de las familias de nuestra parroquia y está orando todos los días por nosotros. Quiero compartir con ustedes dos cosas:

1. Un nuevo aviso sobre la Catequesis: Como ya saben, se nos ha pedido que nos quedemos en casa en cuarentena hasta el 24 de abril, con escuelas cerradas y la mayoría de los negocios cerrados. Esto quiere decir que hemos suspendido la clases de catequesis para el resto del año escolar. También no tendremos las prácticas de la Primera Comunión ni el retiro de Primera Comunión el 25 de abril. Todavía esperamos poder ofrecer la Misa de la Primera Comunión el 3 de mayo, pero todo va a depender de que las cosas hayan mejorado significativamente. Si nada ha mejorado para esa fecha, entonces cambiaremos la fecha de la Primera Comunión para otra fecha en el verano, cuando las cosas ya estén normales y las Misas públicas se estén celebrando nuevamente. Yo me mantendré en comunicación con ustedes y continuaré ofreciendo recursos para la catequesis en el hogar y la preparación de la Primera Comunión.
2. Un par de **recursos** que quiero compartir con ustedes:
  - A. Por favor traten de ver la Misa diaria con el Padre Bart (en inglés). El Padre la ofrece cada día a las 8:00 AM pero ustedes la pueden ver en cualquier momento [facebook.com/Stamadison/](https://www.facebook.com/Stamadison/). Para Misa diaria en español sigan este link: [ewtn.com/espanol/magtv.asp](https://www.ewtn.com/espanol/magtv.asp)
  - B. Por favor vean este mensaje [facebook.com/bishophying/videos/537548427140467/](https://www.facebook.com/bishophying/videos/537548427140467/) de parte del Obispo Hying con sus hijos e hijas. También, tomen tiempo después de la cena o en cualquier momento para rezar el rosario juntos como familia. El Obispo reza su rosario todos los días en inglés por Youtube: [youtube.com/user/DiocesefMadison/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/DiocesefMadison/videos). Para español usen este link: [ewtn.com/espanol/devotionals/rosary/sp\\_mlitr3.htm](https://www.ewtn.com/espanol/devotionals/rosary/sp_mlitr3.htm)

Realmente creo que el tomar al menos 30 minutos para participar de una de estas oraciones, o los 60 minutos en hacer ambas, puede ayudar a su familia a crecer en la fe durante este tiempo en la casa. Sepan que los tengo a todos en mis oraciones diarias.

Paz y bendiciones,  
Lorianne

## Middle/High School Faith Formation Update:

In this time of great change, the face of youth ministry has changed as well. The days of our classes meeting on Sundays have ended for the year, however, faith formation does not stop! We are the church and we will continue to grow in our love for Christ. STA continues to engage the youth and their families. We have been sending out many opportunities to gather as the larger church online and learn or pray. We are also sending each student a "snail mail" letter of encouragement and most recently the student has been part of a 14 day Daily emails are sent out with a Prayer Challenge. Some examples of things that are included in the daily challenges are:

1. Say the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer
2. Ask for help from a saint you feel inspired by. Two links were included to help find a saint. One was a saint generator and the other was a saint calendar.
3. Encouragement to continue praying even when it doesn't look like your prayers are being answered.
4. Picture yourself in front of Christ as if you were there confiding in a friend.
5. "Pray like this ..." Lk 11:1-3

As we move forward into an unknown future, continue to pray that Jesus opens all our hearts to a deeper love for him!

## Remembering Our Friends and Family

