

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

Saturday 5:00 Daley, Rodrigues, O'Keefe & Zontini Families
 Sunday 8:00 Charles Tunis
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 10:00 Daniel Tranzillo
 Monday 8:00 Ellen Miramant
 Tuesday 8:00 Dawn Monkiewicz
 Wednesday 8:00 Al Schubert

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 8:00 Al Schubert, Bill Smith
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family
 9:30 Charlie Wolff
 11:00 Helen Marie Smith

PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Anne Caruso, John M. Pollard, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Tyler Benscoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, John L. Sullivan, Kameron Hardaker, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Brenda Kowalski, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Paul Chamberlain, Pauline Laberge, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Gerry Csaposs, Peggy Carson, Ed Daly, Addie Priess, Frank McCarthy, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Paul Kasczak, Joe Conlan, Patty Camarra, James Manley, Betty Babcock, Thomas Murphy, Tom & Deb O'Connor, Chris Frazier, Melissa K., Jayne Boyle, Vittoria Hillis, Baby Lillian Thoman, Jessica O., Fran McDonagh, Paul Hendrickson, Donna Hibbert, Margaret Royce, Beth Nixon, Maureen Hall, Anne O'Brien, Ben McMahan, Gerry Moynihan, Martha Moynihan, Richard Paskiewicz, Mary Rodrigues, Emily Sparks, Martha Byron, Stephen Moreau, Tara Maughn

PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST

Brandy Nelson, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Thomas Scudder, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, John Amick, David McDonald, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Andrew Kelley, William James Miller, David Orloski, Stephen Tamaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Nicholas McGahey, Edward Pruffer, John Reuland

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED



HOLY WEEK

Let us walk together the journey to Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 18

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to process into the church as a group at the opening of the 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please gather in the Parish Center no later than 6:40pm that evening.

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Service 3:00pm

Saturday, April 20

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

NO CONFESSIONS on Holy Saturday.

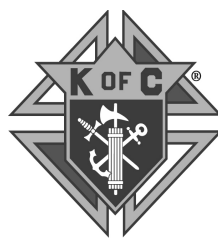
April 21 Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

The Good Friday collection is in support of the Holy Lands and the Church in Eastern and Central Europe. The second collection on Easter Sunday is in support of retired and infirm priests of the Diocese.

SERVANT OF GOD—FR. VINCENT CAPODANNO



Fr. Capodanno, a Maryknoll priest and Navy chaplain during the Vietnam War, was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously. Now, as a Servant of God, his cause for canonization is under active consideration by the Vatican. At 7:30pm on Wednesday, April 24, the SJA Knights of Columbus and SJA

Guild present Jim Schermerhorn, from Our Lady of Lourdes, who will discuss Fr. Vince's early life; his time as a Maryknoll missionary; and his work with the Marines in Vietnam, as well as the circumstances surrounding his death and Medal of Honor in 1967. Father Vince's story is a moving one, an account of great love, sacrifice and unselfishness, and we hope you can join us to hear more about this good man and future saint. Refreshments will be served.

LENT—A TIME FOR BOUNDLESS COMPASSION

Please join us in the Chapel at 8:45am this Wednesday, April 17, for a time of reflection, conversation, and quiet prayer facilitated by Judy Burt Walker, based on the work of Joyce Rupp's book, *Boundless Compassion*. All are welcome, even if you were unable to attend in prior weeks.

RCIA

Please continue to keep Bob Loreface in your prayers as he continues to prepare for his full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

RICE BOWL DONATIONS

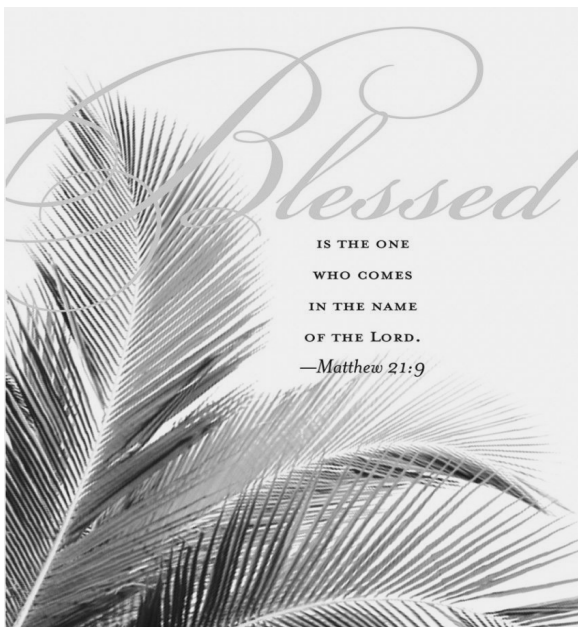
For those who took a Rice Bowl as a Lenten observance, your contributions may be mailed by check (with *CRS Rice Bowl* in memo line) directly to Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, POB 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

We wish all our Faith Formation students and families a most restful and relaxing school vacation week and look forward to seeing Grades K through 8 students at their regular times next Monday, April 22.

ANNUAL CATECHIST MEETING

Our annual end-of-the year meeting for Catechists and volunteers will be Monday, April 29, with a dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We hope you will join us to recap the year, reconnect, celebrate each other and know how grateful we are for all you do for the kids.



CAN WE LAY DOWN OUR CLOAKS?

What is most precious to you – the most valuable thing you own? What is the one thing that defines you? What single item could you not function without? What's the one possession that is central to your work and profession? Maybe it's your portfolio with your savings for your children's college fund or your retirement.

For some of us our woodworking tools, our sewing and knitting needles, our paints, or our gardening equipment are outlets for creating something beautiful – for others, our piano, guitar, violin are the means for making our souls sing.

Maybe our happiest and most challenging moments are on the water with a fishing rod, or on the basketball court. Maybe our computer, our books, our journals, or our cameras define who we are and what we contribute to the world.

Whatever that *'thing'* is, Palm Sunday challenges us to *lay it on the ground* before Christ – that's exactly what the crowd does in Luke's description of Palm Sunday. They take their most precious possession – their cloaks – and lay them on the ground before Jesus. In Jesus' time, a cloak was the most expensive article of clothing one could possess. Most of the ordinary people owned only one cloak for a lifetime which was patched and mended throughout their lives. For the poorest among them, the cloak was more than an article of clothing – much like today, it became their shelter and their home.

In Luke's narrative, even the poorest of the poor placed all that they had – their cloaks – before the Messiah-King. Can we do the same?

The Lord's Passion and the events of Holy Week ask us to *'empty'* ourselves of our own need to be in control – of our own wants and expectations in order to be filled with the love of God. To live from this place of surrender or *emptiness*, is to live in the awareness that *everything* – our talents; our physical and intellectual abilities; even our capacity to breathe – absolutely *everything* is a gratuitous gift from God. These gifts are given to us that we may help bring a little more peace; a bit more kindness; a greater capacity to behold beauty; into the world.

As we join the crowds with Jesus this Palm Sunday, may willingly and gratefully *'lay down our cloaks before him'*. May we use our many gifts in the service of one another and work together to create the kingdom of God in this time and place.