

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

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Dear Parish Family,

When you receive this Epistle, we will be almost half-way through our journey of Lent, the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning. It is to be a journey with self-examination, reflection, and spiritual growth.

The intensity of the journey reaches its high point during Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and concludes on Easter morning.

On Palm Sunday the service begins in the Parish Hall as the palms are blessed, then we become a part of the crowd which triumphantly welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem with the waving of palms and shouts of Hosanna as we process into the church to hear once again the story of His Passion.

On Monday the clergy of the Diocese will come together at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City to renew our ordination vows.

On Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm our parish family will come together to remember Jesus and his Disciples in the intimate setting of the upper room where our Lord washed the feet of his disciples, instituted the Holy Eucharist and gave to us a new commandment to love one another --- as he loves us.

And finally on Good Friday, at noon, we will come together once again to be a part of the crowd which no longer shouts Hosanna, but instead shouts --- "Crucify him. Crucify him."

And after the traditional Good Friday service we will walk "the Stations of the Cross."

It will be an emotional week in which we will, once again, be confronted with images and remembrances of our better selves, as well as, our fallen nature and sinful humanness. It is a hard week and a difficult journey that we are called to make --- but it is necessary --- because it touches our souls and changes us.

Yes, it is a hard journey, but through it all we are never alone and at the dark tunnel through which we move there is the light of hope. And then, when we do it well, we will experience the ineffable joy of shouting: "Alleluia, Christ is risen, the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."

So, my dearest friends, come with me --- come and let us journey up to Jerusalem.

Blessings to each of you always,

Mother Suzanne

EASTER LILIES

On Easter the church will be decorated with Easter Lilies given in Thanksgiving for or in Loving Memory for those whom we wish to honor. Cost of \$7.00 each. Forms in the narthex.

Anniversaries

March 28 Teresa and Ron Guyette

March 30 The Rev Buddy and Emilie Dugan

Birthdays

March 1 Meltri Allday -- March 1 John McAskill

March 2 Iva Nell Templer -- March 3 Josephine Bowers -- March 5 -- Roxie Alcorta --

March 8 Steve Hennessee -- March 12 Erica Esquivel -- March 15 Doris Stebbens --

March 20 David Braddock

If your name is missing from our birthday/anniversary list, please notify the church office. We want to pray for you on your special day.

Daylight Savings starts 2:00 a.m. Sunday March 10th -- Spring Forward

Set your Clocks ahead 1 hour before bed

Replace Batteries in your smoke & other detectors

Check your Driver's License and Vehicle Tag Expiration Dates

Other March Activities

SOUP AND STUDY, on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 p.m.

Study Book, **"Lords Prayer"**, available in the Parish Hall, recommended book donation, \$10.00.

Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:30am The Gospel of Luke

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 12:15

March Server Schedule

DATE	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS CRUCIFER	ALTAR	FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY/ Lock-Up Duty
March 3rd The 3rd Sunday in Lent 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Braddock Serm: Mother Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Kidwell B	Bowers A And Sharp Womack	Bowers A	LENT	Hospitality Lock-Up Bowers A
March 10th The 4th Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight Savings</i> 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Bowers A Serm: Mother Suzanne	First Reading Bowers A Epistle McAskil	Howard And Womack Robison	Howard	LENT	Hospitality Lock-Up Howard
March 17th The 5th Sunday in Lent 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Jeremiah 31:31- 34 Psalm 51:1-13 16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Womack Sermon Mother Suzanne	First Reading Womack Epistle Craighead J	Craighead D And Templer Bowers A	Templer	LENT	Hospitality Lock-Up Womack
March 24th Palm Sunday 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	The Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19- 29 The Liturgy of the Word Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Bowers A Sermon Mother Suzanne	First Reading Bowers A Epistle Bowers V	Sharp And Robison Womack	Womack	Palms	Hospitality Lock-Up Perryman
March 28 th Maundy Thur 6:30pm	Exodus 12:1-4, (5- 10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23- 26 John 13:1-17, 31b- 35	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Braddock Serm: Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Kidwell J	Kidwell Howard	Altar Guild		Lock-Up Kidwell
March 29 th Good Friday 6:30pm	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Braddock Serm: Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Bowers A	Kidwell N/A	N/A	None	Lock-Up Kidwell
March 31st Easter Sunday 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14- 24 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Braddock Serm: Mother Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Davidson Thurifer Davidson	Kidwell and Templer Bowers A	Kidwell Templer	Altar <hr/> Cross <hr/>	Hospitality Lock-Up Womack

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Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways...but in these last days he has spoken to us by a son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God' s glory and the exact imprint of God' s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:1-3