

MARCH 25, 2018 – PALM SUNDAY

SACRAMENTS

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Call the Church office

BAPTISM

Follow Weekend Masses

Baptismal Classes

English - First Saturday 9a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Spanish - Second Saturday 9a.m.—12:00 p.m.

MATRIMONY

Contact Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date

CONFESSION

Thursday

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (with Adoration until 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. (*Also by appointment*)

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HOLY EUCHARIST MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. Wednesday - Friday 12:05 p.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at 1:30 p.m.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am. - 12:30 pm. & 1:30 - 5:00 pm. *Friday office closes at 4:00 pm.

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Liturgical Music

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Vigil & Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

Processional		. Gather #402
	"All Glory, Laud and Honor"	
Psalm	Missa	lette p. 52 #22
	"My God, My God"	-
Offertory	•••••	Gather #
	"Special Music"	
Communion	-	Gather #415
	"O Sacred Head Surrounded"	
Recessional		Gather #406
	"Wondrous Love"	

Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 24 Sun. Mar. 25	5:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Joseph Dvorsky, III Trainor Family
Spanish	11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Lopez/DeLeon Family Paula Reyna
~ P **********	5:00 p.m.	Parish: Living & Deceased
Mon. Mar. 26	8:00 a.m.	Gerald Bolfing
Tues. Mar. 27	8:00 a.m.	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed. Mar. 28	8:00 a.m.	Jeremy Fulbright
	12:05 p.m.	Eugene Kubala
Thurs. Mar. 29	8:00 a.m.	Holy
	12:05 p.m.	Thursday
Fri. Mar. 30	8:00 a.m.	Good
	12:05 p.m.	Friday
Sat. Mar. 31	8:45 p.m.	Joseph Ginnane
Sun. April 1	9:30 a.m.	Joyce & Melinda Petter
	11:30 a.m.	Carolyn & Theodore Bruich
Spanish	1:30 p.m.	Parish: Living & Deceased
±	5:00 p.m.	Ramirez Family

Readings for the week

Sunday: Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/
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, 15-16bc, 17-18/1

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, 26-31a/
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Lenten/Easter Liturgical Schedule

CONFESSION SCHEDULE during Holy Week:

Mar. 26, 27 & 28 at 5 pm each evening

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29 - Confession at 5 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30 - Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Prayer Service of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31 - "Easter Vigil"

Service of the Light at 8:45 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1 - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule. 9:30 am, 11:30 am 5 pm & Spanish Mass at 1:30 pm

Notes of Special Interest

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30 there will be the annual diocesan collection for the Holy Land. Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ walked and taught, lived and died. Your generosity can help keep alive those holy places and the Franciscan missionaries who serve the people there. Please be generous.

OFFICE CLOSED - The Parish office will be closed in observance of Easter from noon on **Thursday, March 29** & **Friday, March 30**. Office hours resume on Monday, April 2.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to teach the English Baptismal Class for parents and God Parents on the first Saturday of each month, from 9am—Noon, beginning April 7. Please consider this very important ministry. Back up volunteers are always need for both the English and Spanish Baptismal Classes as well. We will train!

EASTER FLOWER FUND - Please help adorn our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Make checks payable to St. Louis Church and mail to P.O. Box 5040 Waco, 76708. Donations are appreciated!

Parish Events and Meetings

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY will meet **Monday, March 26th, at 4pm** at the JACK Building in the KC Room. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann at 772-6576 or Mike at 709-6155. We will stuff plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

BOOK STUDY WITH FR. JOHN - All are invited to a seven week book study with Fr. John Guzaldo Starting on March 28th at 7:30pm in the JP II Room in the JACK. The class will be on Wednesdays from 7:30pm until 8:30pm. We will be studying St. John Paul II's book *Love and Responsibility*. For more information please contact Fr. John Guzaldo at <u>jguzaldo@waco.twcbc.com</u> or 254-754-1221.

HOMELESS BREAKFAST - The Parish Social Ministry will provide breakfast for the homeless on **Friday**, **March 30th**, at the Meyer Center located at 1226 Washington Ave. We will meet at St. Louis parking lot at 6am and return before 8am. Please call Clara Jean Matustik at 772-8885 for information or to let her know that you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

EASTER EGG HUNT -The St. Louis Parish Social Ministry is hosting the annual Easter project for children of our parish and the surrounding community. The Easter activities and hunt will be **Saturday, March 31**, from 11am until 1pm. All children up to the age of 10 are welcome to join in the hunt on the grounds of the St. Louis Activity Center. There will be an egg hunt, a free hot dog lunch and other activities. **Your help is needed to make this event happen.** There are baskets placed at each entrance of the church with a plastic egg inside. If you would like to make a donation. please take an egg and mail your donation to the address inside. You may also mail donations directly to Debbie Kucera at 5318 Lake Crest, Waco, TX 76710. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. For more information or questions, please contact Mike at 254-709-6155 or Mary Ann at 254-772-7576.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOMED to a Women's ACTS retreat, April 19-22 at Three Mountain Retreat Center in Clifton. This is an opportunity to have a dedicated, uninterrupted time to refresh your spirit, and to focus on being with Our Heavenly Father, listening to Him and experiencing His Love. To register or for more information please contact Monica Palmer at 254-723-7376 or monica.palmer87@yahoo.com. Application on table at back of church.

MULTI-CULTURAL FESIVAL 2018 - Would you like to share your favorite dish with our community? St. Louis Catholic Church is proud to announce our 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Festival April 29th, from 9:00am-3:00pm. This festival invites all parishioners from all different cultures to prepare, donate, and serve their favorite dish between the 9:30am, 11:30am, and 1:30pm Sunday Mass. We would like enough participants to cover all the masses. Parishioners will have the opportunity to taste all dishes at a cost of \$7.50 per plate. Proceeds to benefit our Religious Education and Youth Programs.

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE: All adults are invited to attend with Fr. John the *Defending the faith Conference* at Franciscan University, July 27th – 29th 2018. Please visit https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/ or contact Fr. John.

Youth Ministry

SLY Jewelry Sale - St Louis Youth Group will be selling beautiful imported hand-made Italian and Bethlehem rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired necklaces. Please come by after each Mass on the weekends of *April 7-8* and *April 14-15*. Your purchase supports our High School youth group activities this summer. Thank you for your support and generosity.

SLY Scholarship - **St Thomas Aquinas Scholarship**, the St Louis Parish will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior (planning on furthering their education in the Fall 2018) who is an active member of St Louis Youth Group Applications can be picked up at the Church office, at youth group, in Church or on line at www.slywaco.org. Application **deadline is April 1st.**

GODSTOCK - All High School Youth, join us April 21-22, for a fun filled weekend of Music, Mass, Adoration under the stars and other activities at the beautiful retreat center Eagle's Wings. The cost is \$60 per person. We will leave early Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon. Registration forms can be found on our website at www.slywaco.org or at the Church office. For more information or questions contact Tracy at stlouisyouthwaco@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is April 1st.

CATHOLC HEART WORKCAMP - We will be traveling to *New Orleans, LA June 10th* - *16th*, to serve those in need. We will be joining Catholic teens from around the country to repair homes for the elderly, disabled, and families in need. Teens, join us for a week of fun, service and worship! See our website for registration forms and more information. www.slywaco.org or contact Tracy at stillowsyouthwaco@gmail.com or 254-754-1221. **Deadline to sign up is May 1st**. All high school teens including incoming freshman are invited to join us. If you would like to sponsor a teen to attend this wonderful week please contact Tracy.

STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE - Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference - July 13th -15th in Springfield, Mo. is a weekend conference for Catholic teens designed to inspire them in faith through dynamic speakers, inspirational worship and celebration of the Sacraments. Cost is \$325 per person. Registration forms can be found on our website at www.slywaco.org or at the Church office. All high school teens including incoming freshman are invited to join us. **Deadline to sign up is May 15th.**

Community News

EASTER HEALING MASS & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Wednesday, April 4 at 11 am at St. Mary's Waco. All are Welcome, Come and bring a friend.

RED-C CATHOLIC RADIO's Annual Benefit Dinner will be **Thursday, April 19th**, from 6:30–9 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waco. <u>Patrick Madrid</u> will be the guest speak To reserve tickets or sponsor a table, please visit <u>www.redcradio.org/benefit</u>, or call Stephanie Lee at 254-313-7282.

FAMILY SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES! Have you thought about learning to dance, looking for healthy; positive dancing for your family or expand your dancing skill? You, your family and friends are invited to join St. Jerome in this special offer. Classes are held **on Sunday afternoons** from 3-4:30pm, **through June 24**, in the Mother Teresa Center at St. Jerome, 9820 Chapel Rd. in Woodway. Cost \$10 per person per class, \$25 per family per class, **cash only**. All proceeds go to support the Schocnstatt Youth Group and St. Jerome's Parish. For questions, please contact Paula Macias; pmaciaste@gmail.com

Gospel Meditation

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'" Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly." Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.

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THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL meets monthly as an advisory group to our pastor. For questions or concerns please contact one of the members of the council: Mark Veselka, Chairman: markveselka@yahoo.com or at 254-717-0130 and members: Noe Ochoa, Marilyn Abel, Vince Clark, Maritza Perez, Mike Fulbright, Jay Wagner, Ivette Lopez & Justin Weeaks.

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