



Our Lady of Guadalupe

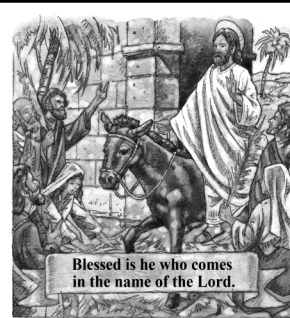
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April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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Parish Office Hours: Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Horario de oficina para la comunidad hispana por favor de llamar los.

Martes de 6:00 pm a 9:00 pm

Jueves de 3:00 pm a 7:00 pm

Viernes de 6:00 pm a 9:00 pm

Mass Schedule - St. Luke Church

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mon., to Sat.

Liturgy of the Hours following 8 a.m. daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena - Tues. after the 8 a.m Mass

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions: 3:45 p.m. Saturdays

Mass Schedule - St. Lawrence Church

Daily Mass: 6:45 a.m. (during lent) & 7 p.m. Mon-Fri

Saturday: 4:15 Confessions & 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sundays: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 1 p.m. Spanish Mass

Confessions: M-F 6:30 to 6:50 p.m.

Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mon., after 7 p.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tues., after 7 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Perpetual Novena

Every Thursday after morning and evening mass

Anointing of the Sick

In case of emergency, ANY TIME, day or night, please call the Parish Office number above, and listen to the prompt that will direct you. The sick will be anointed at home any time by request. Communal anointing of the sick and elderly will be celebrated in the church as announced.

Communion for the Sick

Call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

Horario Misas:

Cada jueves, 6:00pm

Cada domingo, 1:00pm

Bautismos de los niños:

Los cuartos domingos durante la Santa Misa, 1:00pm

Charlas para los cursos prebautismales (padres y padrinos); los terceros domingos despues de la Santa Misa, 2:30pm

Matrimonio:

Por favor, habla con el Padre para informacion de cursos prematrimoniales y todas las reglas para las boda Catolica

Grupo Juvenil

Pm Grupo Juvenil en el Centro Juvenil St. Juan Diego, jueves 7 pm

Devociones:

Adoracion del Santisimo Sacramento del Altar, los jueves, 9:00 am to 6 pm, primeros sabados, 7:00pm

Encuentros

Sabados alas 7:00PM – 10:00PM Renovacion carismatica en cafeteria

Martes de 7:00 PM-9:00PM Estudio biblico en cafeteria

Miercoles 7:00 PM-9:00PM RICA Formacion de los adultos en cafeteria

Marriage

Ideally, Catholic marriages take place at Mass. To insure proper preparation, arrangements should be made one year in advance. Because of the preparation needed, six months notification is mandatory. Please call the Parish Office.

Infant Baptism

2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m., Lindenwold campus. Catechesis for parents and sponsors takes place on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm.

Arrangements are to be made in advance at the Parish Office.

Christian Initiation

For those desiring to become Catholic, or for Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the Parish Office for information.

Priesthood or Consecrated Life

For those interested in becoming a Priest or entering the Consecrated Life (i.e. Religious Brother or Sister) please call the Parish Office or see one of the Priests of the parish.

MASSES for the WEEK

S-Stratford Church L-Lindenwold Church

Saturday, April 16, 2011

- S 8:00 a.m.** **Theresa LaBree**
R/b James W. Springer, Jr.
- S 4:30 p.m.** **Albert Nardi**
R/b Rose & Jim Harman
- L 5:00 p.m.** **Joseph Maloney**
R/b Gertrude Hoss

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

- L 7:30 a.m.** **Margaret Juniger**
R/b Mark & Joan Buschel & Family
- L 9:30 a.m.** **Chet Suchecki**
R/b His Loving Wife, Lorraine
- S 11:30 a.m.** **Walter Szalanski**
R/b Bob & Bonnie Hopkins
- L 1:00 p.m.** **Spanish Mass - Wilgermina Alicea**
R/b Her Loving Family
- S 5:00 p.m.** **Msgr. Bill Poyatt**
R/b Paul & Mary Bakey & Family

Monday, April 18, 2011

- L 6:45 a.m.** **Rose Torpey**
R/b DiMeo Family
- S 8:00 a.m.** **Francis McDonald**
R/b Evelyn Balog
- L 7:00 p.m.** **"a favor received through the Sacred Heart"**
R/b Julia Sumarraga

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

- L 6:45 a.m.** **Lauro DeGuzman**
R/b Gilda Cruz
- S 8:00 a.m.** **Francis McDonald**
R/b Richard Glass
- L 7:00 p.m.** **NO MASS**

CLERGY ARE ATTENDING DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

- L 6:45 a.m.** **Catherine Tomasso**
R/b The Capella Family
- S 8:00 a.m.** **Francis McDonald**
R/b Jean Ercolani
- L 7:00 p.m.** **Florence Botti**
R/b Phyllis, Virginia & Andrena Pepe

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - April 21, 2011

L 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 22, 2011

- S 12:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross**
- L 12:30 p.m. - Spanish Passion & Veneration**
- L 1:30 p.m. - Via Crucis - Outside - Bilingual**
- L 3:00 p.m. - Service of the Lord's Passion**
- L 7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae**

Holy Saturday - April 23, 2011

L 11:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Easter Baskets

L 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 24, 2011

- L 7:30 a.m. - For the People of the Parish**
- L 9:30 a.m. - For the People of the Parish**
- S 10:00 a.m. - For the People of the Parish**
- S 11:30 a.m. - For the People of the Parish**
- L 1:00 p.m. - For the People of the Parish**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

The sanctuary lamp at the Stratford Church burns in loving memory of Beatriz V. Nevada, requested by Valdez Family

The Blessed Mother candle burns in loving memory of Leonard Wittig, requested by His Loving Family

The St. Joseph candle burns in loving memory of Dr. Frank Iula, requested by Joan Lentini

The sanctuary lamp at the Lindenwold Church burns in loving memory of Peter Pandolfo, requested by His Loving Family



Please pray for those in our Military:

Brandon Carney
Jessica Carney
Thomas Flynn
Rev. Christopher Kopec
Alicia McCollum
Michael Mortka
N. J. National Guard
Justin Jackson, III

Army

<p>Thomas Backenson, M.D.</p> <p>Mark Bergman</p> <p>Sean Bradley</p> <p>Jonathan Haubrich</p> <p>Paul Kupiec</p> <p>Colin J. McElroy</p> <p>David Osisek</p> <p>Todd Shriver</p>	<p>Megan Bailey</p> <p>Kevin Bradley</p> <p>Michael Delcampo</p> <p>T. J. Homan</p> <p>Craig Leib Jr.</p> <p>Tarah Nichols</p> <p>Chris A. Roesch</p> <p>Robert Terry</p>
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Navy

Benjamin Kyler
U.S.M.C.

<p>Michael Barikian</p> <p>Trevor Dunkelberger</p>	<p>Ryan Dougherty</p> <p>Matthew Eagan</p>
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Michael Turner
U. S. A. F.

<p>John Early, Sr.</p> <p>John Early, Jr.</p>	<p>Thomas Early, Jr.</p> <p>James Early</p>
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April 9th & 10th - Collections

Ordinary: \$19,058

\$1586.00 Easter Flowers



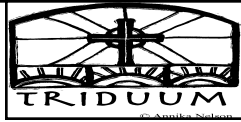
WEDDING BANNS

Laura Binder & John Sauer

Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials!

Parish Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish community. We want to know and serve you and we hope you become an active member of our parish. To register in the Parish you may call the **Parish** office at **856-627-2222** Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and we can mail or email you a form to complete and return by mail or you may go to our website: guadalupeparishnj.org to download the form. Young adults - remember to register yourselves on your 18th birthday! You no longer are under your parent's registration.



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(St. Lawrence Church)

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(St. Luke Church)

12:30 p.m. Spanish Procession
& Veneration

(St. Lawrence Church)

1:30 p.m. Via Crucis

(outside - bilingual St. Lawrence Church)

3 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion
(St. Lawrence Church)

Tenebrae 7 p.m.

(St. Lawrence Church)

Holy Saturday - April 23rd

11 a. m. - Blessing of the Easter Baskets
(St. Lawrence Church)

8 p. m. - Easter Vigil

(St. Lawrence Church)

Easter Sunday - April 24th

7:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence

9:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence

10:00 a.m. - St. Luke

11:30 a.m. - St. Luke

1:00 p.m. - St. Lawrence (Spanish Mass)

No 5:00 p.m. at St. Luke



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MAY CROWNING
The First Communicants
will crown the statue of
Mary at the 9:30 Mass on
Sunday, May 8th.

"To everything there is a season and time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...a time to be born..."

"...a time to embrace..."

"...a time to heal..."

Gloria Aceto, Anna Marie Agresti, Kevin Allen, Joseph Allen, Marie Anlate, Laura Antonio, Robert Bacisin, Frank Bada, Anna Grace Berry, Richard Boston, Trudy Bove, James Boyle, William Buehler, Elizabeth Buehler, Tina Burke, Gail Capriotti, Anthony Catanella, Kylee Cimoineva, Sr., Joseph Colasurdo, Elaine Cook, Rich Cunane, Joe DeNardo, Dr. Richard M. Dressler, Bill Flanagan, Tom Flynn, Patricia Goslin, Charles & Susan Greenman, Eugene Guido, Joan Guido, Luke Guido, Catherine Hodges, Marie Hunsicker, Nora Jacoby, Carole Katz, Mary Katz, Bill Klatt, Katherine Kniaz, Sharon Logiudice, Ruth Manella, Michele Mason, Joseph Mastrando, Joseph Matarazzo, Ava Maturo, Cuyler McCausland, Dominic McDowell, Jack McGuigan, Kevin & Vickie McGuire, Carol Meehan, Bernice Mesisca, Ruby Moorehead, Terry Mulhearn, Dot Murtaugh, Marie Myers, Baby Andrew Newhouse, Jane O'Connor, Debbie Osisek, Cynthia Pandolfo, Doris Penn, Phylis Pfeiffer, Betty Pizzo, John Rastelli, Carl Richards, Trish Riebel, John Roach, Cindy Robertson, Maggie Russo, Marjorie Sabato, Mary Sanders, Tori Schmitz, Karen Schellhorn, Krista Sheehan, Steven Shute, Sue Moreno, Anne Springer, Julia St. Maur, Bill Steinert, Magdalen Stengel, John Sterling, Bob Trevino, Frank Turchi, Eileen Turner, Kevin Turner, Cecelia Vitale, Barbara Walker, Eric Warner, Clara & Elizabeth Warrington, Bill Waples, Toni Welsh, Chuch Werhle, Anna Worst



Please pray for those in the hospital:

Marie & James Analage, Sherry Burns, Valerie Cohen, Betty Lentz, Christopher O'Rourke

Please pray for those in nursing homes:

Marie Calabrese, Frances DiGiovanni, Theresa DiTullio, Ann James, Emily Jalonek, Phyllis Johnson, Theresa McCann, Helen Maloney, Evelyn Simmons, Eleanora Solly, Theresa Oddo, and Theresa Taylor

"...a time to die..."

Linda J. Hall

Anxiety **Grief & Loss** **Depression**
Addictions **Eating Disorders**

Client issues range from, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, grief and loss, relationship issues, communication skills, addictions, eating disorders and physical and sexual abuse. I also offer guided imagery and visualization in the treatment for emotional and health issues. Most insurances accepted and a sliding scale negotiated. For more info. Please call: **Carla Hanley, MSW, Counseling & Psychotherapy** at 856-627-5676 or email: c.hanley@verizon.net

*From the
Pastor*



Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Palm Sunday begins the holiest of weeks for our church. In it, we commemorate last week in the life of Jesus Christ. All four gospels record these events that began today when on “Palm Sunday” the people carried palms as they followed Jesus into Jerusalem welcoming Him as the “Son of David”, that is, the Messiah. Hence, they all praised, “Hosanna in the highest”. The first part of our celebration imitates this joy so we enter the church with blessed palm, sing joyful songs and hear the scripture reading reflecting this joy.

The second part of our Mass recalls our Lord’s Passion (suffering) and so we hear the entire story of it proclaimed. Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy and Green Thursday, remembers the events in the upper room the night before Jesus died. The first Holy Mass, the Last Supper, was held this night therefore, we only have Mass in the evening. Matthew, Mark and Luke stress the eating of the Jewish Passover meal, the institution of the Eucharist while John stresses the washing of the feet. The word “Maundy” comes from the words of Jesus, “Mandatum novum” (a new command, Jn. 13:34). This is why the foot washing is called the *mandatum*. This is so important for us, that we are only permitted to have one Mass to commemorate the event. At the end of this Mass, we strip the altar. Why? Because the altar always represents Christ’s body when Mass begins which is why the priest always “kisses” or venerates Him when Mass begins as a greeting to Him of the community gathered at prayer. The stripping of this altar (Christ’s body) symbolizes how Jesus was stripped of His garments by the Roman soldiers.

The Blessed Sacrament, the Body of Christ, is removed from the tabernacle and placed in another chapel or area of the church with many flowers and greens surrounding it representing His night in the garden before the day of His death. Many churches remain open until very late with the faithful praying before the Blessed Sacrament commemorating the night His disciples prayed with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Scholars aren’t sure where the term “Good Friday” originated. Most likely it is from the Germanic interpretation of the romantic language term of “God’s Friday” or “Holy Friday”. It is dramatic and is marked by a solemn and powerful liturgy when all of Christianity laments the Passion and death of Christ. We venerate the wood of the cross and receive Holy Communion from the reposed area and not from within the Holy Mass as no Mass is permitted to be celebrated this day. Because it is a day of mourning, we receive His sacramental body (Holy Communion) from the reposed area of the church which represents Christ’s tomb. Even in the midst of our sorrow, we receive Him *from His tomb* which anticipates what will happen when He rises during the Easter Vigil.

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to return and join us for the Easter *Triduum* which is a word meaning “three days” and begins on Holy Thursday evening. It is considered one prayer event beginning on Thursday evening and lasting until the end of the Easter Vigil which is why we begin the Mass on Holy Thursday with the sign of the Cross and do not use the regular dismissal of “Go in Peace” until the end of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. This is also the reason why all three liturgies of the Triduum days must be celebrated in the same church location; it is considered one continuous prayer event. Stations of the Cross are not a part of the official Triduum liturgy and therefore are movable. I encourage all of us to make this week truly a *HOLY WEEK*. God Bless you.

Fr. Joe



Stations of the Cross





JOHN PAUL II

~ Regional School ~

Preschool Program

Learning – Playing - Discovering

JPII invites you to learn more about our fun and educational Preschool Program: 3 days/week for 3 year olds and 5 days/week for 4 year olds. For more information visit www.jp2rs.org or call Kim Barkhamer at 856-783-3088. Extended day care (before and after school) is available.

Current School Families

Register now for the 2011-2012 school year to secure your spot! Forms are available at www.jp2rs.org. Open enrollment is underway, allowing new families to register so please don't wait! If you have any questions or concerns, call Kim Barkhamer, Advancement Director, at 856-783-3088 or email advancement@jp2rs.org.

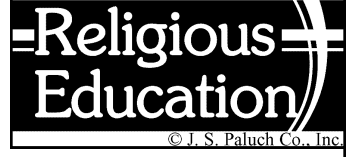


It's CARNIVAL Time!! Save the Dates

May 11 - May 14 in the JPII parking lot.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES April 24th, Easter Sunday and April 25th, Easter Monday. Enjoy your Easter Break.

We look forward to seeing you on April 30th and May 1st



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First Communion
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FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

All those who will receive First Communion on May 1st are required to attend their assigned practice. Those with last names M-Z must be in

St. Lawrence Church at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3rd. Those with last names A- L must be in St. Lawrence Church at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4th. **We will celebrate First Communion on May 7th.**



Every Thursday Evening - 7 p.m.
St. Juan Diego Center
Come & Bring a Friend!

	April 21st Holy Thursday St. Lawrence 7:00 p.m.	April 22nd Good Friday St. Lawrence 3:00 p.m.	April 22nd Good Friday St. Lawrence 7 p.m. Tenebrae	April 23rd Easter Vigil St. Lawrence 8:00 pm	April 24th Easter Sunday St. Lawrence 7:30 am	April 24th Easter Sunday St. Lawrence 9:30 am	April 24th Easter Sunday St. Luke 10:00 am	April 24th Easter Sunday St. Luke 11:30 am	April 24th Easter Sunday St. Lawrence 1:00 pm
Celebrant	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe		Fr. Joe	Fr. Wilson	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe
Lector	R. Harman & O. Hernandez	F. Hanley, E. Henehan, B. Mayovich & J. Romano	TBA	S. Greco, J. Njoku & O. Hernandez	R. Christiano	C. Cordero, & A. Clay	TBA	J. Funk & B. Price	Spanish
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P. Bakey, J. Lupinacci & V. Wishropp	No Extra-Ordinary Ministers	No Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Deac. John, A. Bakley, E. Henehan & J. Lentini	A. Garbarino, G. & T. Green	C. & F. Hanley, G. Cordero, B. Dougherty & E. Junikka	R. Roderick, T. Tucker & D. Zadjieka	Deac. John J. & T. Deighan	Mass
Altar Servers	P. & P. Bakey C. Cordero & N. Rendine	No Servers	No Servers	S. Davis J. DiMeo R. Frieling	A. Murray, C. & E. Polk	K. & M. Barbara, & A. Evans	TBA	S. & S. Robbins & T. Scott	



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open on the **second Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The need to help the less fortunate is most great and we truly appreciate your generosity in our endeavor to feed the poor. We are in need of green beans, peas & tuna fish. Please place your donation in the barrels by the doors. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you!



On Sunday May 1st, Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Pope John II at Mass in the Vatican In honor of his beatification, we invite the families of John Paul II Regional School and the parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe to celebrate

Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Luke Church on Sunday May 1st. That Sunday, known as Divine Mercy Sunday, was a favorite devotion of John Paul II. After the Mass, there will be a reception of light refreshments in the cafeteria of John Paul II Regional School . Please join us for this joyous occasion.

UPGRADE OF PIANO

As you may know, since we have merged the three churches, we are trying to upgrade our facilities and equipment. The piano in the St. Lawrence Church was graciously donated by the Lenard Family in loving memory of Charles and Emma Lenard (circ. 1992-1997) It has unfortunately, deteriorated over the years from the dampness and lack of maintenance in the Church. We have an opportunity to purchase an affordable, 5ft. 4in. Yamaha black baby grand piano in perfect condtion. If there are any family members that would like to speak to our

Music Director in reference to transferring the memorial plate on the piano when we complete the purchase, please call 856-627-2222 and ask for Maria.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

will be hosting a Progressive Bingo on

Wednesday mornings

beginning on

March 2, 2011

Doors open at 8:30 am

Games begin at 9:30 am

Bingo will be held in the former

St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

100 South Avenue

Lindenwold, NJ

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION** **Something to be passionate about**
If I said, "I'm going to church to get a palm today," folks would nod. And if I said, "I'm going for the passion," people might look quizzical at first but eventually assume I want to hear today's long gospel reading. In religious terms, *passion* makes us think of the suffering and pain of Jesus in his last hours. But *passion* also means a profound and intense act of love so total and shattering that it moves the beloved to say to the lover, "I am yours." Isn't this what Jesus does? Keep that in mind as we walk with Jesus: how he hands himself over, how he abandons his rightful equality with God, if only he can win us, save us, love us. That is passion. TODAY'S READINGS: *Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27; 66 or 27:11-54 (38)* "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011 **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK** **Get your priorities right**
It was so over the top! What possessed Mary of Bethany to waste expensive oil to wash someone's feet and then—imagine!—allow her locks of hair to flow freely from her head covering and be used to dry a person's feet? "Scandalous" doesn't even come close to describing Mary's actions. For Jesus, however, that word didn't even come to mind. He saw the deep love and care Mary had for him, and he alone knew the fate he awaited. While not advocating disregard for people who are poor or squandering precious resources, Jesus reminds us about other important values, ones Mary so thoroughly illustrated. Don't be afraid to give in to abundant generosity, reckless hope, and head-over-heels love like Mary and like Jesus. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257)* "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011 **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK** **Don't fail to find God**
One of the lessons of Holy Week is that God draws grace and goodness out of any situation—even one that to us looks like a complete failure. God uses all of what is—every person's strength and weakness; every experience; encounter; accident; war or act of kindness; natural beauty or disaster—to make visible God's love and sustaining presence in the world. The psalmist put it this way: "For darkness is as light" to God. The message of Holy Week is one for the entire year. Make a habit of looking for the ways God redeems our "failures." See how grace abounds. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)* "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011 **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK** **An animated response to betrayal**
At one time or another most of us have the bitter experience of being betrayed by someone we thought we could trust. How can we handle it? Walt Disney might serve as an inspiration. Betrayed by a production studio early in his brilliant career as a cartoonist, Disney was left to work in a rodent-infested garage. He made a pet of one of the mice and soon enough he had created Mickey Mouse. He rose above betrayal, and you can, too. Remember that Jesus also was betrayed at the end of his earthly life but rose from the experience. Every setback contains the seeds of a new beginning. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259)* "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 **HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** **Do God's work**
The Liturgy of the Word tonight draws on memories of two meals: the rushed meal of the Exodus and the Last Supper, which Saint Paul recognizes as the *new* Passover. Yet, interestingly, the Gospel of John's account does not focus on the meal. Rather we have this shocking scene of Jesus—Master and Lord—washing the feet of his friends like a slave. In a way, that *is* Eucharist, but Eucharist in action. Jesus makes the servant's work the master's work and hands it on as *our* work. The word *liturgy* means the "work of the people." Our liturgy must go beyond participating in the Mass to doing Jesus' work of love and service. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39)* "As I have done for you, you should also do."

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011 **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION** **Make some sacrifices**
Caiaphas, the high priest at the time of Jesus' Passion, was the one who recommended that Jesus be offered up to the Romans for the sake of the nation ("Better that one man should die rather than the people"). A high priest's role was to administer sacrifices on the nation's behalf, so perhaps Caiaphas believed he was doing the right thing. Yet contrast his actions with Jesus, who the author of the Letter to the Hebrews also deems a high priest. Jesus did not pass on the saving sacrifice to another. He freely offered himself for the sake of the people. He was "pierced for our offenses," to use Isaiah's words and "by his stripes we were healed." As Christians we are called to make sacrifices but never ones Jesus hasn't already endured. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 (40)* "Pilate answered, '... Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.'"

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2011 **HOLY SATURDAY; THE VIGIL OF EASTER** **New beginnings in the night**
With the celebration of Easter, Christians enter the basic mysteries of their faith: the final victory of love over sin and death. It's nothing less than the re-creation of the world. New life is everywhere, and the readings proclaimed at the Easter Vigil tonight sound like a litany of new beginnings and second chances. "God created the heavens and the earth," Genesis says. The Lord tells Isaiah to tell the people: "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant," and Ezekiel chimes in, "I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you." In his Letter to the Romans Saint Paul says, "We know that our old self was crucified with him." Finally the best good news of all: "He has been raised from the dead." How will your life be made new this Easter season? TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41)* "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good."