

## The Hymns

Saturday & Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Entrance

#### **Hosanna to the Son of David** Chant, Mode VII

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

1. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel,  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's Name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Are praising you on high;  
And mortals, joined with all things  
Created, make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before you went:  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before you we present.

### Offertory

#### **Who Is the Crucified?**

1. Who is the crucified?  
Oh, that a god should fall!  
That he through whom the world was made  
should bleed for it as well.  
'Tis Christ, the Son of God,  
who suffered to save all.  
Infinity bound into flesh  
broke all the bonds of hell!

2. Who is the crucified?  
'Tis Jesus, Son of Man,  
who, from a virgin mother born,  
lived out a mortal span.  
He grew as all men do,  
and loved as all men can.  
To give us life he gave his life—  
oh, kiss his wounded hand!

3. Who is the crucified?  
The risen one is he!  
Death waged a war against him once,  
but died on Calvary.  
The lamb who once was slain  
arose to set us free.  
He offers us his cross, himself,  
that we might rise as he!

### Communion

#### **Were You There**

1. Were you there when they crucified my  
Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the  
tree?  
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tree?

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tremble, tremble.  
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tree?

3. Were you there when they laid him in the  
tomb?

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tomb?

### Meditation

#### **Jesus Remember Me**

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Jesus, remember me,  
When you come into your kingdom  
Jesus, remember me  
When you come into your kingdom

### Sending Forth

#### **Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior**

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

1. You are the Word who calls us out of the  
darkness;  
you are the Word who leads us into light.  
you are the Word who brings us through the  
desert:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

2. You are the one whom prophets hoped and  
longed for;  
you are the one who speaks to us today;  
you are the one who leads us to our future:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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## THE PASSION OF THE LORD, MARCH 28, 2021

### **At the procession with palms - Gospel 35 Year A Mt 21:1-11**

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

### **At the Mass Is 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.**

#### **R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

#### **R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### **Reading 2 Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel Phil 2:8-9**

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### **Gospel Mt 27:11-54**

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy

the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!” Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “This one is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.” But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, “Truly, this was the Son of God!” There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.” So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is

adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2021**

Sunday, March 28 The Passion of the Lord

8:30am @ St. Theresa: ✚Kenneth Rewers by Brian, Sandra & Dana Rewers

9am: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & Our Lady of the Valley (**live-stream**)

10:30am: ✚Magdalena Jakonis by Paul & Marlene Sibley

11am @ Our Lady of the Valley: Intention of Celebrant

Monday, March 29

8:30am: ✚Chancey Yenny

Tuesday, March 30

8:30am: ✚Kennion Frazier by The Pete Grosz Family

10am @ LTCC: Intention of Celebrant

12:15pm: Florence Meister by Jerry & Deb Bank

Wednesday, March 31

8:30am: ✚Mike Klein by Jerry & Deb Bank

12:15pm: Living & Deceased Members of Knox & McClellan Families

**Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday**

**7pm: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (live-stream)**

**7pm @ Our Lady of the Valley: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**

**12:00pm @ OLV: Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord**

**1pm: Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord (live-stream)**

**2pm: Living Stations of the Cross**

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday - EASTER VIGIL**

**8pm: Intentions of those donating to the Easter Flower Fund**

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday**

**8:30am @ St. Theresa: Intention of Celebrant**

**9am: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & OLV (live-stream)**

**10:30am: ✚Budi Herdianto by George & Peg Paul**

**11am Latin Mass in Powell: Priestly & Religious Vocations**

**12:30pm @ OLV: Intention of Celebrant**

**IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO USE THE RESERVATION SIGN-UP**

**LINKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE (stanthonycody.org) to ensure you will have a seat for the Holy Week Liturgies!! Ushers will be checking names at the door.**

**Weekly Collection from March 21, 2021**

Cody	\$5,272.00	Online	\$1,031.00
St. Theresa	\$ 370.00	OLV	\$ 396.00
Family Fund	\$1,765.00	Online	\$ 110.00

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED.** Your generosity is very humbling.

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**PLEASE remember to pray for our dear church family members** that are living in the Long Term Care Center and Absaroka Senior Living: Mary Ann Metzger, Sylvia Gates, Marilyn Meyer, Jeanne Pomajzl, Stacy Jourdan, Sharon Patton, Donna Brown, Nellie Grosz, John Case and Rose Schutzman. Let us also pray for their families.

Father Heston was (finally!) able to celebrate Mass at Long Term Care Center last Tuesday! He will continue to celebrate a Tuesday 10am Mass every Tuesday there. He will also be able to start celebrating Mass at Absaroka Senior Living on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The schedule for Absaroka is the first Wednesday of the month at 10am.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Please look at the schedule for available Holy Hours.** Ideally, each hour should have at least 2 Adorers. Prayerfully consider spending one Hour in the presence of our Lord.

**Open Holy Hours are: Monday: 9am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm & 6pm; Tuesday: 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm & 6pm; Wednesday: 10am, 2pm & 5pm, Friday @ 1pm**

Please call the Office for additional information, 587-3388.



Please join us for an hour of song and prayer on Palm Sunday at 7pm in the Church. If you are unable to attend this peaceful service, it will be live streamed.



### **Upcoming Ordinations**

The Diocese of Cheyenne would like to announce the Diaconate Ordination of Seth Hostetler, to be held Friday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Name Church in Sheridan.

(This ordination will be livestreamed and attendance is by invitation only)

In addition, the Diocese is blessed to celebrate the Priestly Ordinations of Deacons Dan Kostelec and Linh Vu on Thursday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Cheyenne. (More information will be

provided in the June issue of the *Wyoming Catholic Register*.)

### **Parish Modifications**

To provide for the pastoral needs in the northeastern corner of the Diocese of Cheyenne, St. Anthony's Parish of Upton was merged into Corpus Christi Parish in Newcastle. Furthermore, the mission of St. Matthew's in Hulett, part of the Corpus Christi Parish, was merged into St. Matthew's Parish in Gillette. St. Matthew's Parish in Gillette now incorporates all of Campbell County and the western part of Crook County, and Corpus Christi Parish in Newcastle now incorporates all of Weston County and the eastern part of Crook County.

**Friday, March 19** is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Because it is a solemnity, abstinence from eating meat is not required.

### **Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation has two openings:**

\* **Administrative Assistant** - provides clerical support, bookkeeping services, and donor relations services to advance the programs and day to day activities of the organization.

\* **Director of Development** - conducts major gift fundraising activities to meet both the short and long term funding needs of Catholic ministries.

### **St. Joseph Children's Home has an opening for:**

\* **Director of Spiritual Wellness** - coordinate ministry and direction sensitive to the spiritual backgrounds of each resident and work to further enhance the appreciation of spiritual values among staff.

\* **Director of Hispanic Ministry** - The Diocese of Cheyenne has an opening for Director of Hispanic Ministry. The Director of Hispanic Ministry, in close collaboration with the Director of Pastoral Formation, assists the Diocesan Bishop in cultivating lay leadership and directing a Pastoral Hispanic Ministries Plan for the Diocese of Cheyenne. The Director of Hispanic Ministry will be located in Casper. Candidates must be bilingual (Spanish and English), conversational and written.

\* **El Diocesis de Cheyenne tiene una vacante para un Director del Ministerio Hispano.** En estrecha colaboracion con el Director Diocesano de Formacion Pastoral, el Director ayuda al obispo a fomentar el liderazgo laico y dirigir un Plan para el Ministerio diocesano de Pastoral Hispana. La oficina del Director Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano estara en Casper. Los candidatos deben ser bilingues (espanol e ingles), conversacional y escrito. Envia una solicitud, cart de presentacion, y resumen por correo, e-mail, o a la oficina diocesano antes del 30 de abril de, 2021 a: Tammy Skala, la Directora de Recursos Humanos, Diocesis de Cheyenne, 2121 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001, [tskala@dioceseofcheyenne.org](mailto:tskala@dioceseofcheyenne.org), 307-



638-1530 - La descripción completa y aplicación están en nuestro sitio web:  
<https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/job-openings>

**Application Process:** Visit <https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/job-openings> for complete job descriptions and application. Submit an application, letter of interest and a resume by mail, email or in-person by March 31, 2021 to: Tammy Skala, Human Resource Director, Diocese of Cheyenne, 2121 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001, [tskala@dioceseofcheyenne.org](mailto:tskala@dioceseofcheyenne.org); Tel: 307-638-1530.

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# St. Anthony Religious Education Tidings

## Plan to Accompany Jesus during Holy Week!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

#### There will be no Religious Education Classes during Holy Week!

**Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will meet on, Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> . Class time is 4:00pm to 5:15pm.

**Middle School and High School** Classes will meet on Wed, , April 7<sup>th</sup> .

Class time is 6:30 until 8:00 pm.

**Grades 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Parish Center.**

**Grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> will meet in Brady Hall.**

**ALL STUDENTS & TEACHERS must wear masks** at all times unless, and until given permission to remove them by the Teachers - once safe-distancing is achieved. Some classes, depending on the number of students and the room size, will have to keep the masks in place.

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## HEAVEN STOOD SPEECHLESS

(*Wyoming Catholic Register*, 2005

by Dcn. Rick Moser)

What else is left to be said about Pope John Paul II. He is already being proclaimed "The Great" by those who are entitled to bestow that title, namely, the untitled of the earth: the poor, the meek, the common folk. He has traveled to the far corners of the world, all of them. He has been seen by more people than any other person in history. His holiness, his courage and his indefatigable spirit have been well documented for decades and now he has captured the secular media in a manner that defies conventional wisdom. So when I was asked to write my memories of this incredibly great man, I thought, "what could I add?" True, I had seen our Holy Father twelve times, first, in Chicago in 1979, then eleven times spanning three visits to Rome in 2000, 2002 and 2004, but I had no new stories of him, only the experiences of any other grateful pilgrim. Yet, now that his funeral is over, I do have a new experience to share with you.

From the moment I heard this great man had died, my very Catholic view of death imbued my mind with full-color, wide-screen visions of heaven. I immediately pictured our Holy Father visiting with Our Savior and His Blessed Mother. Never for a moment, did I ever envision him still inside his worn-out body, a body completely spent in the service of his flock. Intellectually, I knew his first moment in heaven must have been joyous; I knew it must have been as momentous as his passing was here on the earth. My eyes filled with tears as I tried to imagine what that reception must have been like. What did Our Heavenly Father say to him? Today, during my Communion meditation, the following images flooded my heart.

As Pope John Paul II entered heaven on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, he stood peacefully at the threshold as all of heaven stood silently before him. Everyone was present; this was a day like no other! The Father was ready to say, to shout out, "Well done My good and faithful servant; well done My good and faithful servant," but that seemed inadequate; He waited. Jesus and Mary stood directly before Pope John Paul II. Jesus wanted to greet his vicar with an ecstatic embrace and hold it for an eternity, this man, who had led His Church in such a selfless and courageous manner, a man who lived his life as another Christ, but Jesus, too, was speechless. The Blessed Virgin gave him a look of love that would melt an ice-shelf, this man who had consecrated himself, and the entire world, to her Immaculate Heart. She, too, was overwhelmed. All the saints of heaven stood nearby, including five hundred, whom John Paul had canonized, and another thousand, including Mother Teresa, whom he had beatified; they wanted to embrace this fellow saint in gratitude for offering them as role models to people across the planet. They too were speechless. Popes John XXIII and Paul VI were there, filled with gratitude that Pope John Paul II had fully realized their dreams made known in Vatican II. Pope John Paul I was there with his wonderful smile, wanting to thank his successor for immortalizing the name he had first chosen. There were millions upon millions who had died in Communist purges, wars and death camps who wanted to sing this pope's praises for toppling that evil system. There were millions of his Jewish friends who wished to embrace him for his courageous apologies on behalf of all who have persecuted them; they too were silent. There were millions of the world's poor, in golden garments, wishing to embrace this man for coming to visit them in their humble corners of the world because they couldn't come to him. They all wanted to invite him to dinner in their fine new homes and tell him how much he meant to them. They, too, were respectfully silent.

Everyone in heaven was anxious to speak, to greet this wonderful man, to thank this holy man, to welcome him, but all their words seemed inadequate; who would go first? Heaven stood speechless. Then, a single faint voice was heard. Everyone in heaven stepped aside and made a narrow opening. A short distance away, a young woman stood with her arms open wide. She began to move forward, forward toward Pope John Paul II, and she was saying, "Lolek, my dear Lolek!" Karol Wojtyla suddenly found his young athletic legs under him again and he began running toward her and shouting, "mother, mother." Emilia Wojtyla and her son, John Paul, the Great, embraced with hugs and kisses which had been denied them for seventy-five years. Standing beside them, too,



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were his brother, Edmund, whom he last saw seventy-three years ago and his father, Karol Wojtyła Sr., who had waited sixty-four years to tell his son how proud he was. Amidst the long-awaited reunion of this small Polish family, all heaven spontaneously erupted in cheers and tears of joy. Their words will wait; they have all eternity to say them!

## **The Living Stations of the Cross**

The Living Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday, April 2, 2021  
following the 1 p.m.  
Veneration of the Cross.



## **“BEING CATHOLIC” Class & Discussion**

Join us for a Lively Class and Discussion of the Catholic Faith. This week’s discussion will be **“Living & Loving the Catholic Faith.”** All your questions will also be answered. This next class will be on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 - 7:30pm. in the Joan of Arc Room in the Parish Center. Classes will be led by Deacon Rick Moser.

Please Join us, No Strings Attached!

**Please join our Music Director, Patricia  
Wormington, for a evening of  
*Taize* on Palm Sunday Evening, March 28<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00pm in the Church**

Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. This quiet, moving reflective prayer combines elements of the Church's traditional Liturgy of the Hours with elements of contemplative meditation. A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary chants based on the Psalms or other parts of Scripture. Short songs or chants, repeated over and over, create a meditative environment and express basic realities of faith which can be easily grasped by the mind and the heart. The result is to gradually move prayer from the head to the heart.



