# St Martin Tours Parish



Ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (SCJ)

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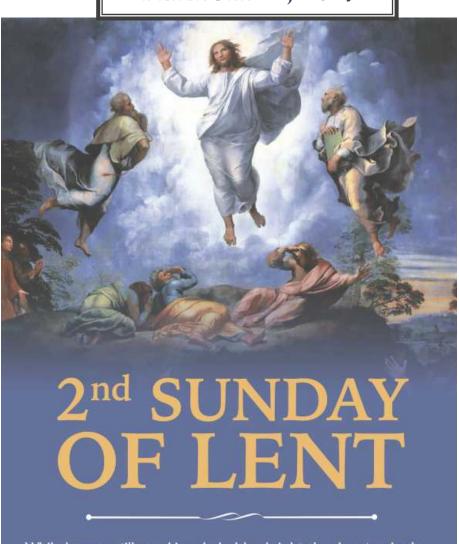
Email: parish@stmoftours.org

Mass time:
Daily - 8am;
Tudor Oaks - 9:30am first 3 Wednesdays
Saturday - 4pm;

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30am - English; 12:30pm - Vietnamese Holy Days - 8am & 6:30pm - English; 8pm - Vietnamese



MARCH 12, 2017



While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### **Our Mission Statement**

St. Martin of Tours is a vibrant, welcoming Roman Catholic Community, accepting the call and challenge of Jesus through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We commit ourselves to the Word of God through Eucharistic worship, lifelong Catholic education and formation, and works of justice and stewardship.

Following the example of our patron saint, Martin of Tours, we proclaim the Kingdom of God through our generosity, love and service to one another and our neighbors.

# Welcome to St. Martin of Tours Parish

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the parish office.

# Eat. Pray. Love Benvenuto

St. Martin of Tours Parish
18th Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction
Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 5-10pm
Music, Dancing, Italian Dinner, Bar, Raffles,
Silent Auction,

Live Auction and more!

Join us for great food, great fun!
Invitations will be handed out after all masses until the event. Contact Sherry Marino or Diane Winkowski at 425-1114 for more information or to make a reservation. Seating is limited.

### Life Teen Calendar - Second Semester

March 19 <u>Life Teen for 9-10-11/12</u> - Science Lab at 9am for

Large Group Teaching followed by 10:30am Mass.

April 2 <u>Life Teen and Confirmation Prep 11/12</u>

Science Lab at 9am for Break Out Teaching Sessions

followed by 10:30am Mass.

April 2 <u>Life Teen MAKE UP SESSION</u>

<u>He Said-She Said</u> with Rebecca Scholz, Youth Minister-Southeast Catholic Religious Formation, Sacred Hearts

Parish and Brian Jens, Director of Lifelong Faith

Formation, St. Matthias Parish

Presentation on relationships for our youth and their parents at St. Veronica Parish from 7-8:30pm (High

School Audience)

April 23 <u>Life Teen for 9-10-11/12</u> - Science Lab at 9am for

Large Group Teaching followed by 10:30am Mass.

May 7 End of the Year Life Teen for 9-10-11/12

Science Lab for Large Group Teaching/End of Year Social followed by 10:30am Mass. Families of our

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teens are welcome to join us!

### **Better Earth Recycling**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that an average person throws away 70 lbs. of clothing every year. Better Earth Textile Recycling (BETR) is a green, for-profit organization working to reduce textile waste by finding new life for old clothes. BETR exports your discarded clothing and shoes to destinations worldwide where the need for such items is great.

So, start saving the clothes and shoes you did not wear this winter or decide with your spring cleaning you do not want it anymore. Better Earth Recycling will be in the parking lot at St. Martin of Tours on May  $6^{th}$  from 9am-12pm.



Calendar Raffle drawings on:

02/27/17 - Greg & Tammy Harris - \$25

03/01/17 - Laura Ciesielski - \$25

03/03/17 - Peter Schmidt - \$25



**Baptism** – Three month preparation for children of registered parishioners. Adults are asked to complete the RCIA.

First Eucharist – Second graders prepare the entire year to receive their First Eucharist in spring. Adults are asked to complete the RCIA.

**Reconciliation** — Saturdays at 3pm to 3:40pm or by appointment.

**Confirmation** – High School Juniors prepare the entire year for Confirmation in spring. Adults are asked to complete the RCIA.

**Marriage** – Six month preparation period for registered parishioners. A date will be set after your first appointment.

**Holy Orders** – Please contact any member of the Pastoral Staff.

**Anointing of the Sick** – We welcome the opportunity to visit sick, homebound or hospitalized parishioners.

#### **PARISH STAFF**

office hours - 8am-4pm - Monday-Friday

#### astor

Fr. Yvon Sheehy, SCJ......414-209-7677

### **Associate Pastor**

Fr. Joseph-Thien Dinh, SCJ.

.....414-209-7676

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### Deacon

Dn. Linh Bruno Nguyen and

Dn. Chuck Schneider

### **SCJ Vocation Office**

414-427-4279 or 800-609-5559

www.scjvocation.org

### **Music Director**

Mary MacDonald

### Parish/School Bookkeeper

Gail Benke......414-209-7682

### **Christian Formation Director**

Michelle Kreuser......414-209-7684

### ${\bf Secretary/Reception} is t$

Diane Winkowski......414-209-7678
School Principal

### Jeanne Johnson.....

School Secretary

## Beth Mantoan.....School Development

Sherry Marino \_\_\_\_\_414-209-7675

### Custodian

Tom Breeden......414-209-7680

# Mass Intentions $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{F}}$

### Monday, March 13th - Chapel

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 8:00 am † Kay Ganiere -

Orleane Mlodzikowski

### Tuesday, March 14th - Church

ls 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 am † Charlene Lenzen -

Bible Study Group

### Wednesday, March 15th - Chapel and 9:30 - Tudor Oaks

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28 8:00 am † Elaine Brabender - Family 9:30 am † Janet Werry - Marion Gratz

### Thursday, March 16th - Church

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 8:00 am † Patrick Johnson - Family

### Friday, March 17th - Chapel

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Day of Abstinence; St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day 8:00 am † Harry Flintrop - Wife

**Saturday, March 18th**Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00 pm † Isabel Devine - Family

### Sunday, March 19th

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 8:30 am † Connie Inicis - Family 10:30 am All Parishioners Living and Dead 12:30 pm †

### Saturday, March 18th

4:00pm - Lector: James Theys
Ministers of Hospitality:



Bill & Ginny Serchen, Lynette Blaser, John Hein, Rick Slama, Tim Duellman, Joan Sell, Mike Clune

### Sunday, March 19th - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am - Lector: Chris Kysely
Ministers of Hospitality:

Tim & Rebbeca Stache, Jim Wier, Kathy David Lev & Vivian DeBack, John & Diane Winkowski

10:30 am - Lector: John Stolowski Ministers of Hospitality:

Fred & Rose Crnkovich, Floyd Nalencz, Ramona Bosch, Dave & Cindy Flynn, John & Michelle Robb

### **DECREE**

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2017, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day and especially as we in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be ordaining our two new auxiliary bishops, in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Archdiocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in Milwaukee, this 1st day of February, 2017.

### Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki

Archbishop of Milwaukee



### **Born to Eternal Life**

Please remember in your prayers
Ricky Barnhardt,
Joey Schneider,
and
Phyllis Klaus

### **Encounter Lent**

Join our parish—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. You can pick up your CRS Rice Bowl at the welcome desk and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

St. Francis de Sales said:
"The bed of the sick is an altar of

sacrifice."

Remember The Sick

Liz Beihoff; Ron & Grace Belair; George Bemis; Tracie Blom; Pat Boyer; William Burch; Aiden Busch; Dolores Capocci; Carole Cmeyla; Brian Connelly; Dave Dey; Robin & Sue Ditsworth; Ken Friedewald; JJ Grant; Jan Grant; Lee Guse; Pearl Hauser; Kathy Havey;

Hannah Hiegel; Carol Holterman; Thomas Huckstorf; Bonnie Jachowicz; Mildred Janz; Doris Jarosinski;
Arline Jasinski; Duane Johnson; Joseph Kathrein; Sandra Kazmarek; Calvin Kindler; Donna King;
Debbie Kornbkum; Leona Kuehn; Don & David LaCombe; Melissa Leighton; Mary Leinonen; Kathie Lenzen;

Fulton & Theodore Mantoan; Pauline Marek; Janis & Laurie Mayer; Donna Melka; Chris Mulloy; Addison Myles; Kay Nelson; Richard & Donelda Novy, Eileen Nowicki; Linda Noyes; John & Mary Beth Penn; Bruce Rebholz; Patti Reikowski; Glenn Richlen; Nancy Rohde; Helen Rotzenberg; Karen Rueth; Scherer Family - Nathan; Gene Schwartz; Louise Shiroda; William Theys; Henry Thomas; Claudette Warnke; Agnes Waterman; Dolores Zaeske; Vanessa Zelazny; Helen Zunk

### **An Energetic Lent**

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki, Archbishop of Milwaukee

As we begin Lent, the Church encourages us to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus clearly spoke of the importance of these practices in Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:1-18). I encourage all of us as faithful stewards and intentional disciples of Jesus to reflect on how we can engage in these Lenten disciplines with a renewed energy and spirit this year.

This year, expand your almsgiving to include acts of charity and kindness. Visit someone who is lonely; donate to your local food pantry or women's shelter.

This year, let your fasting free you to give up the things that prevent you from deepening your relationship with God. Fast from resentment, indifference, isolation and pride.

This year, invite the Lord into your mind and your heart through simple, direct and heartfelt prayer. Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation; pray together as a family; read something spiritual.

There are so many Lenten resources and materials that can help us pray and reflect on God's calling for us during this special time of the year. The booklet, *Magnifcat*, is an excellent guide for praying and reflecting on scripture and what God is asking of us.

Tracy Welliver from Liturgical Publications, Inc. recently presented throughout our archdiocese. Tracy has written a booklet entitled, Everyday Stewardship: Way of the Cross. This reflection can be used personally or with others and is an excellent way to reflect on Jesus's journey to the Cross.

Bishop Robert Barron, Matthew Kelly, Catholic Relief Services and numerous publishers provide us with materials that can assist us on our Lenten journeys. A Bible app can also help us reflect on Scripture not only during Lent, but year round. Even our own archdiocesan John Paul 2 Center for the New Evangelization has a wonderful and simple tool called the 1% Challenge to Get to Know Jesus. The 1% challenge is to help you get to know Jesus by taking 1% of your day (15 minutes) to pray with Scripture for 30 days.

There is no shortage of resources to help us pray, fast and give of ourselves during Lent. I encourage you to find one that will guide you and help to bring you closer to God this Lent.

Do you have any airline miles you would like to donate to the Grand March Silent Auction? Do you have a cabin up north or a  $2^{nd}$  home down south? Would you be interested in auctioning it off for one week? Please call Sherry Marino or Diane Winkowski at 414/425-1114 or email s.marino@stmoftours.org if you are interested.

### Parish Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly donations:	Week of	07/01/16 -	Annual
	03/05/2017	03/05/17	Budget
<b>Envelopes &amp; Plate</b>	\$ 18,626	\$576,028	\$875,000
R&M, Energy	\$ 619	\$ 26,981	\$ 46,000
Total	\$ 19,265	\$603,029	\$921,000

For Those in Need \$ 1,644

January, 2017 07/01/16 - 03/05/17 HOTROD Donations \$12,469 \$94,974

As of 2/28/17 - Debt remaining on the Church is \$213,407

Thank You for your generous donations!

Please do not use staples or tape to seal your envelopes

### Grand March Saturday, March 25, 2017

The Grand March committee is looking for basketeers to help fill baskets for our silent auction. You will find a sign-up book in the church hallway with ideas for baskets - or create your own! Baskets are located on the table to use for your goodies.

We inviting your business to join in this parish and school celebration by helping us with the following:

### **GOLD SPONSORSHIP - \$1,000**

includes: A table sponsorship with 8 tickets to the event, social and print media, on-site recognition in event brochure, electronic logo use and emcee announcements, display table to promote your business.

### SILVER SPONSORSHIP - \$500

**includes:** 4 tickets to event, logo use in pre-event and on-site printed marketing materials, on-site recognition.

#### **BRONZE SPONSORSHIP - \$250**

**includes:** 2 tickets to event, logo use in on-site printed materials.

If you are unable to participate at one of these levels, but have the ability to provide a raffle item, donations of items are always welcome. To make a contribution, please note your sponsorship or donation on the event sponsor sheet and we will be happy to promote your company at the event. Please include payment with this form. Please send logo to s.marino@stmoftours.org. JPEG, PDF or TIFF accepted.

Sponsor event tickets will be set aside for you at the check-in table the night of the event. Join the fun, spotlight your company and make a difference in our ministries.

> Volunteers needed to help at the Grand March. Sign up after mass or contact Cindy Flynn for more information.



# ...Valuing Our Tradition

by Pat Boyer



Save the date: Thursday, October 12, 7pm. A concert by John Michael Talbot who grew up in a Methodist musical family and was a country-folk artist who later converted to Catholicism. He has made 50 some albums mostly of religious music. Looking on iTunes his most popular songs are the same ones we know in our Gather hymnal. Hope to see you at this special event.

Today's first reading tells us of Abram (high father) in Genesis chapter 12. Later in chapter 17 the Lord tells him he is to be now called Abraham (father of a multitude) because God made a covenant that Abraham will have many descendants that God will bless.

Last fall two nicely dressed ladies rang my doorbell and introduced themselves as Jehovah's Witnesses and asked me to join them in worship. I have always been impressed by this group's evangelism and told them so but I already worship regularly in my church. I then asked them if Abraham is a father of their faith? They replied yes he is. I told them how Abraham was also a father of the Jews, Christians and Muslims. They seemed very surprised by this. I wished them well and they moved on.

Jehovah's Witnesses are a small Christian denomination established in the U.S. almost 150 years ago. Christians along with Jews and Muslims are together called Abrahamic religions. This is because all three trace their origins to the patriarch, Abraham. Wikipedia reports in 2005 54% of the world's population as adherents of an Abrahamic religion. (Christians 33%, Islam 21% and Judaism 0.2%) Other religions are practiced by 32% of the world while 16% have no organized religion.

Do you remember hearing that if someone was not a member of the one true religion they could not be saved? I guess I was convinced even Protestants were really different. Then I went to funerals and weddings at other churches and oh my gosh. They were praying OUR prayers and singing OUR songs! In time I found we are more alike than different.

### From the Pastor . . .

We have new lights in church by the choir including LED lights. Since we have new lights, maybe we can attract new singers for our choir. How about you?

Our mortgage on the church took a positive hit recently from your generosity to HOTROD. We are now down to \$213,407. The end is in sight!

Carmen Raffaele, our part-time maintenance person has retired. Carmen took care of cleaning the school and was often on deck to open and close doors in the evenings. He was often the greeter at the end of the day. We thank him for his service and help over the years. We wish Carmen a happy retirement with his wife Sharon.

On March 19, we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. In some cultures, there's a tradition of having a special meal and inviting friends, relatives or neighbors to share in that meal on St. Joseph's Day. When I served as Vocation Director for my community, I found myself in different parishes around the country during the Feast of St. Joseph. I noticed many people wore red that day. Upon inquiry, I was told Italians wore red in remembrance of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was the pillar of faith for the Holy family. God often spoke to Joseph in dreams giving directions and Joseph followed the directives of those dreams. We pray to St. Joseph for strength and faith in our families asking his guidance to move us forward while keeping us close to God.

During Lent, it would be good for all of us to take time in the desert...maybe a morning, maybe an afternoon, maybe an evening, or maybe a day. The only tools one needs for this exercise is YOURSELF, SOLITUDE, A BIBLE and perhaps A PAPER AND PENCIL. In the first section of a reflective life, one looks at prayer asking oneself: How has my relationship been with God this past year? When did you most find peace in that relationship? Has your prayer changed in the past year? Your ideas of Christ? What were your most meaningful Eucharist/Mass? What Gospel texts do you treasure? What do you look forward to doing in the coming year?" In your personal life, what were your moments of crisis and how did you handle them? How have changes in your life with others, the church, the nation, your work, or yourself influence you? What fears have you overcome in the past year and who helped you overcome them? In your life with others, when did you welcome the opportunity to know others and let others know you? Who are the people who influenced you this past year? Who have you given gifts to (material) and why? What are the reasons you have for hope, belief, and courage? How are you going to help others to grow as well as yourself in the coming year?

A little reflection and a little prayer can go a long way!

Fr. Yvon

# To Thong

# Đoàn Thánh Têrêsa Hài Đồng

"Đây là Con yêu dấu của Ta, Ta hài lòng về Người" (Mt 17,5)

Con người có nhiều quan điểm khác nhau về cái đẹp. Cái đẹp sâu sắc, nhân bản và mang tính xã hội hơn cả là "sống đẹp." Qua cuộc đời Đức Giê-su, con người được chiếm ngắm một lối sống đẹp hoàn chỉnh, có sức cuốn hút trái tim nhiều người. Sống đẹp như Đức Giê-su không chỉ là hành vi bác ái, nhưng còn là nghĩa cử cứu độ. Vì yêu con người và hiểu thảo với Cha, Ngài đã chon sống phân người với mọi yếu đuối, cám dỗ và đau khổ. Ngài sống đẹp với thái độ luôn vâng phục ý Cha. Khi phải chon lưa, Ngài luôn chon ý Cha, dù ý Cha ấy lắm lúc thật nghiệt ngã là thập giá. Thập giá là đỉnh cao của tình yêu, một tình yêu có sức cứu độ muôn người. Chính vì thế hôm nay Cha long trọng giới thiệu với cả nhân loại Đức Giê-su, người Con luôn sống đẹp lòng Cha.

### HOC HỔI MÙA CHAY VÀ MÙA PHUC SINH (tiếp theo tuần trước)

- 8. Bốn phương thế Giáo hội thường dùng trong Mùa Chay thánh là gì? Là SÁM HỐI, ĂN CHAY, CẦU NGUYỆN, VIỆC LÀM BÁC ÁI.
- 9. Mùa Chay mang những ý nghĩa gì?

Mùa Chay là thời gian luyện tập đức tin của các tín hữu được thêm vững

Mùa Chay còn chuẩn bị cho anh chị em dự tòng đón nhân sự sống thiêng liêng nhờ việc sống tinh thần bí tích Thanh Tẩy.

10. Thế nào là sám hối?

Sám hối là can đảm và khiệm tốn nhìn nhận những lỗi lầm mình đã phạm.

- 11. Tuần lễ nào là cao điểm của Mùa Chay và của cả năm Phụng vụ? Tuần lễ thánh bắt đầu bằng Chúa Nhật lễ Lá.
- 12. Trong Mùa Chay, Hội Thánh buộc người tín hữu giữ chay và kiếng thit vào những ngày nào?

Trong Mùa Chay, Hội Thánh bộc người tín hữu giữ chay và kiếng thịt trong hai ngày là Thứ tư lễ Tro và Thứ sáu tuần thánh.

### Lịch Sinh Hoạt Công Đoàn Giáo Xứ:

Trong mùa Chay, Giáo Xứ có ngắm Đàng Thánh Giá vào mỗi thứ Tư của tháng 3 (ngày 8, 15, 22, 29), và tháng 4 ngày 5 lúc 7pm. Cũng trong mùa Chay CĐ có ngắm Đàng Thánh Giá trước thánh lễ Chúa Nhật. Xin mới CĐ đến sớm để cùng thông công, cầu nguyện. Trong mùa Chay, cha QN sẽ ngồi tòa lúc 12-12:25pm.

- 1. Ngày 12 tháng 3: Chúa Nhật thứ Hai Mùa Chay, CĐ phát thức ăn cho người kém mai mắn. Xin CĐ tập trung lúc 5 giờ chiều tại: St Vincent De Paul Meal Program - 931 W. Madison St. Milwaukee, WI 53204.
- 2. Ngày 19 tháng 3: Chúa Nhật thứ Ba Mùa Chay, kính Thánh Cả Giuse, Quan Thầy UB Trật Tự và Thừa Tác Viên Thánh Thể.
- 3. Thứ Bảy 25 tháng 3: Lễ Truyền Tin, Bổn Mạng Ca Đoàn Magnificat. Grand March.
- 4. Ngày 26 tháng 3: Chúa Nhật thứ Tư Mùa Chay. Mừng QT CĐ Magnificat.
- 5. Thứ Tư, thứ Năm, thứ Sáu ngày 29, 30, 31 tháng 3 lúc 7pm: CĐ tĩnh tâm do cha Trân dòng Đồng Công giảng thuyết.
- Thứ Bảy 1 tháng 4: Thứ Bảy đâu tháng thánh lễ ĐM Lavang lúc 9am. CĐ làm mồ Chúa.

### Ý Cầu Nguyện Trong Tuần

Xin On Nâng Đỡ các Kitô Hữu Bị Bách Hại:

Để các Kitô Hữu bị bách hại được nâng đỡ bởi những lời cầu nguyện và giúp đỡ về vật chất của toàn thể Giáo Hôi

### Chúa Nhật thứ Hai Mùa Chay Ngày 12 tháng 3 Năm 2017 (Áo Tím)

Thừa Tác Viên Thánh Thể

Nguyễn N Tâm, Bùi Hiệp, Đinh T. Công, Nguyễn H. Vân, Ng T. Lệ Khanh, Ng Bảo Hương

Giúp Lễ:

Lê Q Brian, Lê V Brian Nguyễn Minh Paul, Trần Kinh Kha

Đọc Lời Chúa:

Trần Thùy Trinh, Trần Khang

Lòi Nguyện:

Vũ Phương Trang

Dâng Lễ Vật:

GĐ A/C Nguyễn Quí & Oanh

P.H Làm Thức Ăn: GĐ Phạm Tiến & Duyên

Chúa Nhật Thứ Ba Mùa Chay Ngày 19 tháng 3 Năm 2017 (Áo Tím) Quan Thầy UB Trật Tự và TTVTT

Thừa Tác Viên Thánh Thể

Lê Toàn, Đinh T Quang, Mỹ Trang, Nguyễn Phương,

Trần Hiệp, Vũ Tuyết Hồng

Giúp Lễ:

Nguyễn Paul, Trần Khang Nguyễn Jimmy, Nguyễn Jackie

Đọc Lời Chúa:

anh Trần Minh Tâm, anh Kỳ

Lời Nguyện:

chi Hương

A/C Hiệp & Hồng

Dâng Lễ Vật:

P.H Làm Thức Ăn: GĐ Nguyễn Tuấn Anh &Trang

Chúa Nhật thứ Tư Mùa Chay Ngày 26 tháng 3 Năm 2017 (Áo Tím)

Quan Thầy Ca Đoàn Magnificat

Thừa Tác Viên Thánh Thể

Nguyễn K Hoàng, Lê Sơn, Trần M Tâm, Phạm Thanh Sơn, Đặng Đào, Nguyễn Thị Cúc

Giúp Lễ:

Nguyễn Hân Ái Lương Nguyễn Nhân, Việt Trevor,

Nguyễn Eden

Đọc Lời Chúa: Lời Nguyện:

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Dâng Lễ Vât:

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### MÙA CHAY VIẾNG ĐÀNG THÁNH GIÁ

Tìm hiểu nền tảng Thánh Kinh của 14 nơi trong Đàng Thánh Giá cổ truyền trên, trong 14 nơi đó, chỉ có 8 nơi có nền tảng Thánh Kinh rõ ràng. Những nơi khác như thứ 3, thứ 4, thứ 6, thứ 7, thứ 9 và thứ 13 đều không được nhắc đến trong cả bốn sách Tin Mừng. Thí dụ, Chúa Giêsu ngã xuống đất 3 lần (nơi 3, 7 và 9), Chúa Giêsu gặp Đức Mẹ (nơi 4), Chúa Giêsu được Bà Veronica dâng khăn lau mặt (nơi 6), và xác Ngài sau khi được đem xuống khỏi thánh giá đã được đặt trong tay Đức Me (nơi 13) đã không được Thánh Kinh nhắc đến.

Đế 14 nơi Đàng Thánh Giá có căn bản Thánh Kinh, Thánh Giáo Hoàng Gioan Phaolô II đã bắt đầu suy niêm Đường Thánh Giá dựa trên những trích đoạn Tin Mừng vào Thứ Sáu Tuần Thánh năm 1991 tại Hý trường Colosseum ở Roma. Năm Thánh 2000, chính ngài đã tự tay viết bài suy niệm. Năm 2005, ít ngày trước khi qua đời, ngài vẫn duy trì việc suy niệm Đàng Thánh Giá trong nhà nguyện riêng ở Vatican.

ĐGH Bênêđictô XVIđã tiếp nối truyền thống này. Mỗi năm, một người khác nhau được mời viết bài suy niệm Đường Thánh Giá cho Đức Giáo Hoàng, trong số này có cả những người ngoài Công giáo. Cả hai vi giáo hoàng trên đều nói rõ: các ngài không có ý đinh bãi bỏ Đường Thánh Giá cổ truyền, đúng hơn các ngài muốn thêm một sắc thái mới để mọi người hiểu hơn cuộc thương khó của Chúa.

Để hướng dẫn các tín hữu và giáo dân, Giáo Hôi qua những vị thánh như Thánh Anphongsô, những người đao đức đã viết thành các bài suy niệm mà phần đông người Công Giáo Việt Nam đã học thuộc lòng mỗi khi viếng Đàng Thánh Giá. Tuy nhiên, sự suy ngắm và cầu nguyện riêng tư trước mỗi nơi như thế là tùy thuộc mỗi tâm hồn. Căn cứ vào Đàng Thánh Giá cổ truyền, thì đa số phụ nữ muốn dừng lại để suy niệm ở nơi thứ 4 vì họ có cùng cảm nghiệm khi suy ngắm và thương cảm với Đức Maria, người mẹ đang bất lực nhìn con bị dẫn đi chịu chết. Nhưng đối với chungmọi người thì nơi thứ 12 là nơi khơi dậy nhiều suy nghĩ và cảm động nhất. Đặc biệt khi suy về cơn hấp hối nghiệt ngã mà Chúa Giêsu phải trải qua từ thể xác đến tinh thần. Nhất là khi nghĩ đến Ngài phải gánh chịu tất cả những đau đớn ấy vì mỗi người chúng ta. Chính chúng ta đã dùng tội lỗi mình mà đóng đanh con Thiên

Tóm lại dù là viếng Đàng Thánh Gia chung hay riêng, những gì đọc ngoài miệng không quan trọng, nhưng chính cốt là để lòng mình hòa nhập vào với mỗi mầu nhiệm, hình dung lai những gì đã xẩy ra đối với Chúa Giêsu tai mỗi nơi. Để từ đó, chúng ta cảm được, chia sẻ và an ủi Ngài trong những đau thương, khốn khó mà Ngài đang phải chịu vì yêu thương, và để đền thay tội lỗi của nhân loại, cũng như tội lỗi của riêng mỗi người chúng ta: "Chúng con thờ lạy và ngợi khen Chúa Giêsu Kitô. Vì Chúa đã dùng thánh giá Chúa mà chuộc tội cho thiên hạ!" Mùa Chay 2017

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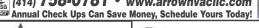
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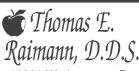


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