

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE
APRIL 1, 2007
PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY ©

Theme/Call To Worship

Since we are in Year C of the three-year liturgical cycle, we hear proclaimed today the Passion of the Lord according to Saint Luke. The Synoptic writers (Matthew, Mark and Luke) have many similarities in narrating the events in the final days of Jesus' life on earth, from his entry into Jerusalem to his burial in the tomb.

Introduction To The Word

- I. Is 50:4-7.** Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others.
- II. Phil 2:6-11.** Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross.
- III. Lk 22:14—23:56.** Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will.

At St. Thomas More This Week:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
04/01	Group Baptism	2:00 p.m.
04/02	Confession	11:15 a.m.
	Confession	5:15 p.m.
04/03	Confession	11:15 p.m.
	Confession	5:15 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/04	Confession	11:15 p.m.
	Confession	5:15 p.m.
	Christian Meditation	5:45 p.m.
04/05	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/06	Confession	12:30 p.m.
	A.A. Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/07	<i>Easter Vigil Mass</i>	8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection *today (Palm Sunday)* to help us defray the expenses involved in providing special flowers for Easter. The Easter schedule has been mailed to you. Special envelopes have been included or may be obtained at the rear of the Church. The flower envelopes should be returned today during the second collection. Please be as generous as possible.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

Good Friday is the day selected by the Holy See to ask Catholics throughout the world to offer financial assistance for the *Holy Land Missions*.

Your contribution to this appeal will enable the Franciscan Fathers who are entrusted with the care of the Holy Places to maintain and to serve these sacred shrines with the zeal and reverence they deserve. Please be generous.

Prayer.."Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1ST

Monday, April 2nd

- 7:00 Elizabeth O'Connor (d)
 8:00 Elizabeth O'Connor (d)
 12:15 Elizabeth O'Connor (d)
 5:45 The Bertani Family (d)

Tuesday, April 3rd

- 7:00 Charles H.G. Rees (d)
 8:00 Albert, Regina & Virginia Wojcik (d)
 12:15 Clarence & Crystal Martin (l)
 5:45 Eleanor Simboli (d)

Wednesday, April 4th

- 7:00 Edward W. Anthes (d)
 8:00 José Rivera (d)
 12:15 Thelma & John Alleyne (d)
 5:45 Charles H.G. Rees (d)

Thursday, April 5th

HOLY THURSDAY

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
 6:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 6th

GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
 1:00 Service of the Seven Last Words
 3:00 Solemn Liturgy
 7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15th

HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
 8:00 Easter Vigil Mass

"He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code...he took it away, nailing it to the cross." - Col 2:13, 14 -

Prayer.."Jesus, protect our Military Service men and women."

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2007
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

April 2, 3 & 4

Masses:

7:00, 8:00 a.m., 12:15 & 5:45 p.m.

Confessions:

11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 to 5:40 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 5th

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 p.m. - CONCELEBRATED MASS OF THE
 LORD'S SUPPER Homily Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP,SSD

7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. - Adoration of the
 Reserved Sacrament in the chapel

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6th

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours

1:00 p.m. - Service of the "SEVEN LAST
 WORDS" with Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP, SSD

3:00 p.m. - SOLEMN LITURGY:
 Liturgy of the Word; Veneration of the
 Cross and Holy Communion

Homily by Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP, SSD

7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with
 individual veneration of the cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 7th

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the
 Liturgy of the Hours

Confessions:

immediately following Morning prayer
 and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 7th

8:00 p.m. - SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE
 EASTER VIGIL

(First Mass of Easter)

Lighting of the New Fire

Solemn Easter Proclamation

Liturgy of the Word

Homily by Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP, SSD

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Liturgy of the Eucharist and Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY, April 8th

8:30 , 10:00 & 11:15 a.m.

and 12:30 p.m.

(There will be no evening Mass Easter Sunday)

EASTER GIVING

In considering your *Easter gift* this year, it may be of help for you to see a description of our parish gift-giving last *Easter*. St. Thomas More has a rich tradition of generous giving at Christmas and Easter. We are deeply grateful and pray that your stewardship will continue this Easter.

May the risen Lord grant you peace and joy and an abundance of His Easter grace.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6,000	1	6,000
1,500	1	1,500
1,000	6	6,000
500	11	5,500
400	1	400
325	1	325
300	5	1,500
250	15	3,750
200	19	3,800
150	10	1,500
125	4	500
120	2	240
110	1	110
102	1	102
100	55	5,500
Below 100	209	6,34
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TOTAL	342	47,749
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MOREMusic

Please join us on Sunday afternoon, April 15 at 3:30 p.m., and Monday evening, April 16 at 8:00 p.m., for the **Spring MOREMusic concerts**.

In the Sunday afternoon concert, Harvey Burgett will join the young artists and faculty of Mannes College of Music in a program dedicated to Beethoven's influence and immortality.

Monday evening, the members of the St. Thomas More Choir will join with the MOREMusic Chamber Orchestra in a program of Mozart, Bach and Burgett.

Publicity cards with further information are available near the entrance to the church. The suggested donation for each concert is \$15 general, or \$10 for students and seniors.

Way of the Cross Good Friday 2007....Starting at 10:00 a.m. April 6, 2007 at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, 250 Cathedral Place (corner of Jay and Tillary Streets Borough Hall stop for A, C and F trains) Downtown Brooklyn. The procession will stop at Ground Zero with a final destination, St. Peter's Church, 16 Barclay Street, Manhattan.

WEEKDAY BIBLE READING

04/02	Is 42:1-7, Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14, Jn 12:1-11
04/03	Is 49:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
04/04	Is 50:4-9a, Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34, Mt 26:14-25
04/05	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, Ps 116, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15
04/06	Is 52:13-53:12, Ps 31, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42
04/07	Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Ps 118, 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9

Celebrant Sunday Schedule

Mass	April 1st	April 8th
Sat. 5:45 PM	Fr. Diaz	Fr. Francis*
Sun. 8:30 AM	Fr. Francis	Fr. Diaz
Sun. 10:00 AM	Fr. Boehning	Msgr. Shelley
Sun. 11:15 AM	Msgr. Shelley	Fr. Boehning
Sun. 12:30 PM	Fr. Tentativa	Fr. Asebias
Sun. 5:45 PM	Fr. Asebias	No evening Mass

* See Special Easter Mass Schedule

Expanded Offering of the Precious Blood Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007, the Parish of St. Thomas More will offer Parishioners additional opportunities to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the form of the Precious Blood. Essentially, our parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament in the form of the Precious Blood, at the various Sunday Masses they regularly attend, at least once a month.

The schedule is as follows:

First Sunday of a Month:

5:45 P.M. Mass (Saturday)

11:15 A.M. Mass

5:45 P.M. Mass (Sunday)

Second Sunday of a Month:

8:30 A.M. Mass

11:15 A.M. Mass

Third Sunday of a Month:

10:00 A.M. Mass

11:15 A.M. Mass

Fourth Sunday of a Month:

11:15 A.M. Mass

12:30 P.M. Mass

“The water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” - Jn 4:14 -

2007 Cardinal's Appeal



2007 Cardinal's Annual Appeal
SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Because of your support of the annual Cardinal's Appeal the Archdiocese of New York is better able to do immense good in many areas of concern:

- Those most in need through its many charitable offices, agencies and programs
- Parishes and schools struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities
- Academic and spiritual formation in our schools and catechetical training in our parishes
- Care for our retired clergy and religious who have given their lives in service of the Church
- Preparation of our future clergy who will give their service in the years to come

I am most grateful to all of you for your gift to this Appeal and I ask all of you who *have not yet* contributed to *please consider doing so*. Not only do you help St. Thomas More meet its assigned goal of \$137,500 but you enable the Archdiocese to continue services vital to so many.

Procession of Palms at Palm Sunday Children's Mass 10:00 a.m

All children are invited to take part in this procession and should assemble in the Rectory Reception area not later than 9:45 a.m. in order to get their palms and instructions on how to process before returning to their seats in the Church with their family. If a child is a little on the young side, parents are asked to assemble in the Rectory, too, so as to escort their young children in the procession.

We would appreciate 10 to 12 parent volunteers to assist in making this procession a success. Thank you.

Archdiocese of New York Office of Vocations

Thinking of the priesthood? Try praying every day, twice a day, for 20 minutes each (possibly before the Blessed Sacrament). If you are a young man interested in the priesthood, please contact Father Luke Sweeney or Father Luis Saldaña at the Vocation Office in the Archdiocese of New York at (914) 968-1340, vocations@archny.org or www.archnyvocations.org; Sr. Deanna Sabetta at (212) 371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious), and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at (914) 968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

“O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trust in you.” - Ps 84:12 -

“The Lord is gracious and compassionate.” - Ps 145:8 -