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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist:

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30am Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm **Sunday:** 8:00am & 10:30am

Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00pm -4:30pm and anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: (& Ministry to the Sick)

Call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit

Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434 1660, if you want to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon, or, contact Fr. Greg Galvin, Vocations Office: 860 887 9294.

Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our parish office.

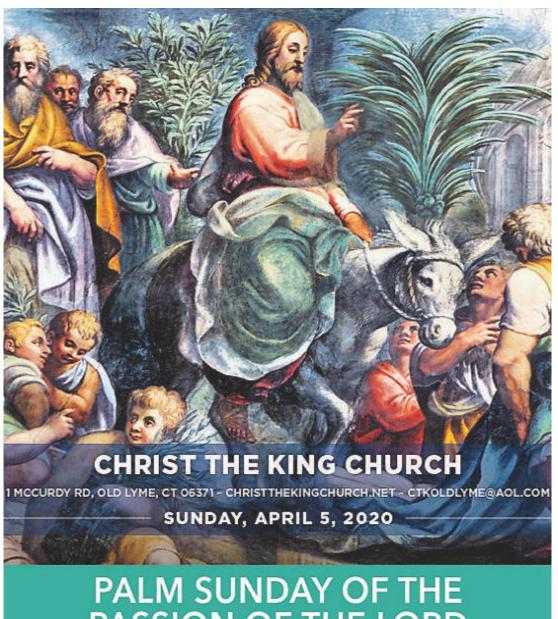
Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in the 10th grade. Adults can join the RCIA.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm (No evening Mass the day before the Holy Day.) The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Sexual Misconduct Services: 800-624-7407



PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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MASS Schedule this HOLY WEEK All Masses are streamed online

SUNDAY April 5 PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

10:30am Oliver Patrell r/b The Order of Malta, Eastern CT
Marilyn Mapes r/b family

Mon. April 6 *12:00pm*

Tues. April 7

12:00pm David Regan

Wed. April 8

12:00pm

Thurs. April 9 HOLY THURSDAY

12:00pm The Parishioners of Christ the King

Evening Mass

Fri. April 10 GOOD FRIDAY

NO MASS

Sat. April 11 HOLY SATURDAY

5:00pm The Parishioners of Christ the King

SUNDAY APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION of the LORD

10:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be lit for Lucy and Fred Pavone.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

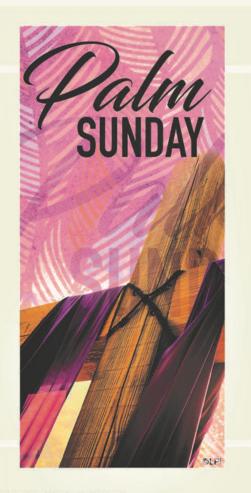
Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believin that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure ar depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying the we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?





REFLECT

FIRST READING (Mt 21:9b)

The prophet Isaiah speaks of his commitment to his calling regardless of the consequences he suffers. Who do you see today modeling this depth of faith?

SECOND READING (Phil 2:8)

This Christological hymn in Philippians is one of the earliest attempts by believers to define who Jesus is. What do you find interesting or provocative about how Jesus is defined here?

GOSPEL READING (Mt 27:11-51)

Matthew's passion narrative has a number of unique details, including the report of "the saints" rising from their tombs and appearing to "many" after Jesus' resurrection. What do you think Matthew was teaching us with the inclusion of this episode?

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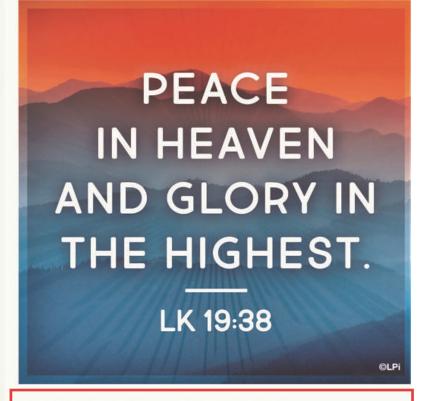
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Listen carefully to the passion of Christ as it unlocks the door that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus's last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life's seemingly opposing experiences together, but He is the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering's loneliness and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn.



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

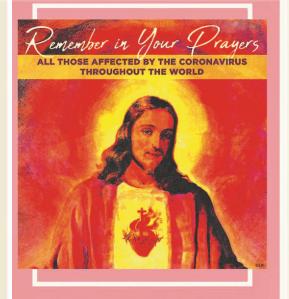
Question:

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

Answer:

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us.

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

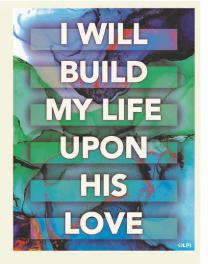
Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen



Blessed
are you who
believed
that what
was spoken
to you by
the Lord
would be
fulfilled.

Luke 1:45



CTK Prayer Line

To request prayers for *any* intention, need, or in thanksgiving, please call Michele,

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Children's Choir Tuesday 6:15pm
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration M-F 6:15-7:15am
'God Squad' Prayer Group M-F mornings after 7:30am mass

POSTPONED due to coronavirus

Rosary Tuesday 4:30 pm
Men's Club 1st Thursday 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group 1st Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Christian Community (scripture sharing) Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study (for all) Wednesday 9:00am
Women's Bible Study Wednesday 9:30am
Parish Pot Luck Supper last Friday of month 6:00pm

FAITH SPARKS!

Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: "Faith Sparks" in the 4 County Catholic newspaper and online.

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