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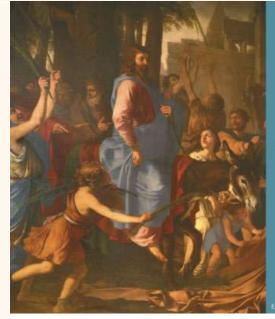
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." - Lk 19:38

April 13th, 2025

Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. 7:30 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:00 p.m. in Spanish

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 6:00 p.m. bilingual at Saint Nicholas

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m. Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m. Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Misas dominicales:

Sábado: 4:30 p.m. Domingo: 9 a.m. Domingo: 12:00 p.m. en español

Misas diarias:

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m. Jueves : 8:00 a.m. Viernes: 6:00 p.m. bilingüe en San Nicolás

Reconciliación:

Sábado: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sábado: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions

Larry Schmid, Trustee: (612) 670-7655 David Pohlen, Trustee: (952) 428-9649 Steve Rasmussen, Facilities Council Chair: (612) 802-6442 Francis Kerber, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 836-5467 Beth Buesgens, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000 Kayla Pascoe, Pastoral Council Chair: (952) 412-4712

Saint Nicholas Lay Leadership Positions

Elaine Ess, Cemetery: (571) 315-4980 Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/Funeral: (952) 448-4464 John Turek, Trustee, Finance/Property Chair: (952) 448-2345 Dan Svoboda, Trustee: (952) 448-2345 Prayer Garden: (952) 913-4964

BULLETIN SUBMITTALS

Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN

Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulltin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Call the Parish Office to get signed up.

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¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

ANOINTING

If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS

Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

Church Calendar

Monday, April 14th

6:00 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, St. Francis Hall

Tuesday, April 15th

5:30 p.m. Mass, Nathaniel Tower

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

7:00 p.m. Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, April 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 🕆 Judy Karlen

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Family Night, Campus-wide

6:30 p.m. Server Rehearsal (for Holy Thursday),

GA Church

Thursday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, GA Church

6:15 p.m. Women's Small Group Meeting, 1st Floor Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Bilingual, For the People

9:00 p.m. Quiet Prayer, GA Church

Friday, April 18th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, GA Church
9:00 a.m. Server Rehearsal, GA Church
10:00 a.m. Quiet Prayer
<u>3:00 p.m. Good Friday</u>
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish, GA Church

Saturday, April 19th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, GA Church
8:30 a.m. Preparatory Rites for Candidates, GA Church
9:30 a.m. Server Rehearsal
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil, For the People

Sunday, April 20th

7:30 a.m. Mass (SN), Rademacher

8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

9:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the colt had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Guardian Angels Year-To-Date

Regular Operating Income Need Yearly: \$678,300 Monthly: \$56,525 Weekly: \$13,045

	Amount Given	Above/Below
July	\$42,613	\$13,912
August	\$42,611	\$13,914
September	\$48,155	\$8,370
October	\$41,630	\$14,895
November	\$48,209	\$8,316
December	\$77,740	\$21,215
January	\$35,490	\$21,035
February	\$39,044	\$17,481
March	\$50,772	\$5,753
Week 3/24-3/31	\$7,624	\$5,421
Total Thru March	\$426,264	\$82,461
Need Thru March	\$508,725	
Week 4/1-4/7	\$28,358	\$15,313
Total Thru April	\$28,358	\$15,313

Please give \$10 more per week or \$50 more per month.

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Contributions 7/1/24— 3/31/25:	\$58,234		
Expenses since 7/1/24:	\$50,610		
New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School S Regulators for Church Boiler	teps		
Fund Balance thru 3/31/25:	\$137,893		
Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will.			

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42 Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 orPs 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)//Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a \oplus designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

Matrimony:

Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

Communion for the Homebound:

When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. Then we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Saint Nicholas Regular Operating Income

Need for Entire year:	\$66,450
Need for 7/1/24—3/31/25:	\$52,393
Weekly Income need:	\$1,280
Week 3/17—3/31 Collected:	\$880
Total Giving, Fiscal Year-to-Date:	\$44,143



HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week stands at the head of our calendar. It is the holiest week of the year, meaning that we do well to enter into it spiritually in a way that is special, apart from other weeks of the year. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and continues through Easter Sunday, celebrating the Paschal Mystery – the passion and death of our Lord, his victorious resurrection, his triumph over sin and death and his glorification of his Father.

Palm Sunday is a dual feast in which we bless and carry palm branches in procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and we proclaim the Passion

Narrative. It is the only Sunday in which two separate gospels are read. The Mass has two very different moods – jubilation at the outset, like with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and then lamentation as with Jesus' arrest, scourging, agony, and death on a cross. The palms are a great symbol that the people regarded Jesus as their victorious king. But then there are other symbols such as red décor and the crown of thorns that symbolize his passion.

So, how as disciples can we celebrate Palm Sunday very well as a way of entering into Holy Week? Ask the question, "Who is Jesus for me?" Is he my king? Do I honor him always, or when have I turned my back on him? How does his great love for me on the cross move me now? Take a palm home and place it behind a crucifix on your wall. Re-read some of the passion and discuss with your family what it would have been like to be part of the Palm Sunday procession or standing along the way of the Cross as Jesus passed by.

With the arrival of Holy Thursday, the forty days of Lent and its discipline give way to a new three-day fast and discipline, a period of even more intense self-denial in immediate preparation for the greatest feast of all, Easter. It is customary to extend the Lenten discipline three additional days and to make one or more key additions to it. A great way to really enter into the prayer and contemplation of what Jesus has done for us, the way he taught his disciples to serve one another in the washing of the feet, his arrest, passion, death and resurrection, is to make a holy hour sometime after the celebration of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and before the 3:00 PM Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

The celebration of the Lord's passion is a somber liturgy with no real beginning or end because it continues the commemoration of all the events of the Paschal Mystery, culminating in the celebration of his resurrection at the Easter Vigil. There are three major parts: the proclamation of the Lord's Passion, the adoration of the Cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. Note also that there is an extended, sung set of universal intercessions that are prayed throughout the world. The Lord's Passion is real today. Come to pray at Planned Parenthood at the Solemn Good Friday Prayer Vigil. Details can be found at plam.org/events. It is so important to set aside some very special silent time. Before a crucifix at home, offer Jesus a prayer of thanks for all he suffered on our behalf and to renew your pledge to avoid the sins we have committed that have put him on the cross. Holy Saturday is also meant to be a quiet day in which we recognize that Jesus really did die and through his death conquered death. It is a good practice, if you can, to keep the fast of Good Friday all the way through to the Easter Vigil.

This year, at the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8:30 PM, we will Baptize six Latino youth. They have taken part in the process of growing in understanding and faith in Jesus and we stand in solidarity with them as we renew our own Baptismal promises. Please pray for our newest members of the Christian faith. This is the highest feast of the year because as Saint Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:20) and in this firm conviction, we let our praises ring out – and in a special way at the singing of the Exsultet. The Easter Vigil consists in the liturgy of light, the liturgy of the Word, the liturgy of Baptism and the liturgy of the Eucharist. Share the good news with someone! Invite them to Easter Mass. Go out of your way to love someone with all your might because where there is love, there is the risen Christ!

RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having the Rummage Sale this year in June, so keep us in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning.

We will be accepting donations on June 9-11th from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

CANTORS FOR MASS

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? We are looking for new cantors for both Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. You will get trained in on how to lead the congregation in joyful praise to the Lord!

For more information or to sign up, contact Brittany Kaufmann at bkaufmann@gachaska.org.

DIVINE MERCY



Sunday, April 27th, 2025, 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. in Spanish)

God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Join us for a special Divine Mercy Prayer Service with Eucharistic Adoration here at Guardian Angels on Sun., April 27 at 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.

Also, we invite you pray the **Divine Mercy Novena** which begins on **Good Friday**, April 18th and concludes Sat., April 26th. The novena can be accessed online at

https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/ devotions/novena

or you may pick up a copy on the table in the back of church.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With great joy and gratitude to God, I am thrilled to announce that **Guardian Angels Catholic Preschool**, **opening in Fall 2025, is now accepting enrollment!** This moment is the fruit of much prayer, dedication, and the steady support of our faith community. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, our preschool will nurture young hearts and minds, forming children in faith, wisdom, and love from their earliest years.

Your encouragement and prayers have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. Let's keep praying for its success! As we embark on this mission, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a loving, faith-filled environment where children can grow academically and spiritually. I invite you to learn more and secure a place for your child by visiting www.gachaska.org/preschool.

May God bless this new chapter for our parish, and may our children grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Thank you for your prayers, support, and commitment to Catholic education!

Father Tony VanderLoop

MEAL TRAIN FOR FATHER TONY



We know Father Tony often works late and doesn't eat supper sometimes until he gets home around 9:30-10:00 p.m. So we've set up a Meal Train for parishioners to sign up to bring a meal to the Parish Office so he can eat at the office on those late nights. Sign up as often as you like!

Meal Train URL for Father Tony: www.mealtrain.com/01zk13

Father Tony likes healthier food choices and does have a hearty appetite! No desserts.

- Bring food to the Parish Office kitchen during office hours (8:30-4:40 T-Th, 8:30-12:30 M & F)
- Include heating instructions
- Put your name on your containers
- Pick up your containers in the Parish Office

May God bless you and Father Tony in this ministry! Questions? Call Jean at (612) 245-9252.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Mt 25:35a. Thanks to all who went to FMSC in Chanhassen on March 27th, and did this work of charity for our brothers and sisters around the world! May the Lord bless this food and bless those who receive it.



MOM'S GROUP

Mom's Group will not be meeting 4/19 due to the Easter weekend, however we look forward to seeing everyone in May!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in St. Francis Hall, Monday, April 14th at 6 p.m. for social hour and 6:30 meeting.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Tuesdays, April 22nd-May 20th, 6:45p.m.-8:45 p.m., St. Pascal Baylon, St. Paul

The new East Metro Grief Coalition will offer their first "Growing Through Loss." The 5-week series includes speaker presentation, small group time to share grief experience, and a closing service of remembrance. Each night is a presentation in and of itself, attend one or more nights in the series. All welcome! Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m. followed by small group. For more information call 651-432-4959.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

Saturday, April 26th, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary

If you are considering a vocation as a permanent deacon, your first step is to attend a Deacon Discernment Day. Discerners and their wives (if applicable) will learn about the vocation of the permanent deacon and The Saint Paul Seminary <u>Institute for Diaconate Formation</u>, and get answers to the following questions:

- What is a deacon?
- Who can become a deacon?
- How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family?
- How does one discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders?
- What prerequisites are needed?
- What is the application, discernment and formation process? The day includes Mass, prayer, reflections, lunch, Q&A and more. It is intended for single or married men, and their wives (if applicable), between the ages of 25 and 59. He must be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien with a green card and a permanent resident in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Please contact <u>deaconvocation@archspm.org</u> to request registration materials and please include a phone number with your request.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - April 2025

- Hearty Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Carrots & Diced
 Tomatoes
- White & Brown Rice
- Instant Rice

We could also always use your brown paper bags!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: IT IS WELL

Cereal

Crackers

Cooking Oil

Mayonnaise

Flour and Sugar
Baking mixes

Saturday, May 3rd, 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Holy Name of Jesus, Medina

All women are invited to spend a day in community, in the presence of our Lord in the sacraments. The day includes speakers Kenna Millea and Fr. Tim Wratkowski, meditation, adoration, reconciliation and plenty of time for small group discussion. Cost is \$60.

The link for registration is at www.archspm.org/it-iswell-womens-retreat (all dashes included)

FREE ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP AT GUARDIAN ANGELS

Tuesday, April 22nd 9-10 a.m., St. Francis Hall

Has the recent stock market drop have you concerned about your retirement? Hear what options you have for a less stressed way out of these recent changes.



RETREAT: DISCOVERING YOUR SUFFERING'S MEANING

Friday, May 2nd-Sunday May 4th, Kings House, Buffalo, \$50 registration fee

Retreatants will hear wisdom, Christian and human, to help them:

- candidly face personal suffering
- understand the "secret" that the Cross reveals
- and prayerfully make a passage from affliction to revival.

Retreat director Fr. Robert Rossi, O.S.C., is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers and author of The Crosier Spiritual Exercises. The Order's spirituality focuses on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus and sees its ministry as touching suffering with hope. We are excited to bring to you this retreat to hear how Christian and human wisdom will help retreatants better understand the "secret" that the Cross reveals and to prayerfully make a passage to revival.

Register at kingshouse.com/event/mens-womenssilent-weekend (all dashes included)

We're excited to welcome Fiat Wealth Management, a local financial planning firm in Wayzata, to lead this free workshop on estate planning. This is your chance to learn from local experts who truly care about your financial well-being and taking care of the gifts that have been given to you.

Attendees will receive free resources, including a book by financial expert Brad Gotto (Owner and CEO of Fiat Wealth Management), and the opportunity, if desired, to schedule a complimentary 30-minute follow-up visit to discuss your own personal estate planning needs.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by calling Bill Van Hecke at (612) 812-8615. Signups are also located at the entrances of the church.

Don't miss this chance to learn from local experts and take control of your financial future.

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