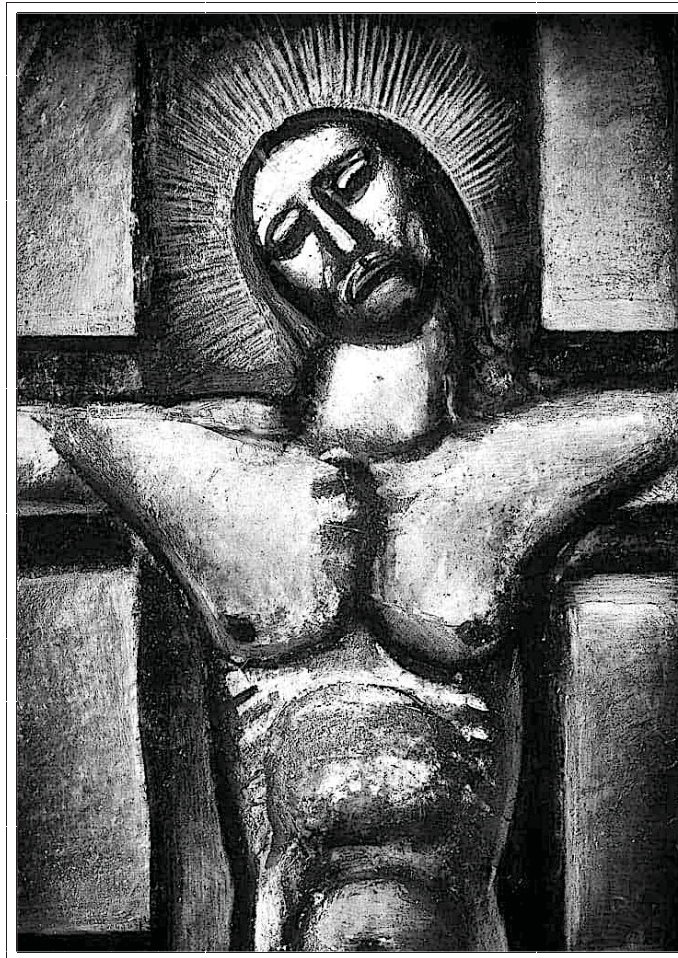


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**OUR ONE AMBITION**

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## PALM SUNDAY

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### Christ, God's Holy Servant

#### A CONFESSION OF FAITH BY SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not deem equality with God  
something to be grasped at.

Rather, he emptied himself  
and took the form of a slave,  
being born in the likeness of men.

He was known to be of human estate,  
and it was thus that he humbled himself,  
obediently accepting even death,  
death on a cross!

Because of this,  
God highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
above every other name.

So that at the Jesus' name,  
every knee must bend in the heavens,  
on the earth, and under the earth,  
and every tongue proclaim  
to the glory of God the Father:  
**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

*Letter to the Philippians (2:6-11)*

### The Way of the Cross A Contemporary Interpretation

#### PALM SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:30PM

For more than five hundred years, the Way of the Cross has been one of the most moving devotions of the Catholic Church. By uniting our humble prayers with the sufferings of Christ, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord as he experiences the Passion of the Holy Cross.

On Palm Sunday, March 24th at 5:30pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, all are invited to join Father Jim for a contemporary interpretation of the Way of the Cross with both word and music. We will combine the traditional prayers and scripture readings with music from various genres to help us meditate on the Lord's journey to Calvary. For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgonline.com. Spread the word! Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

### Our One Ambition

BY BROTHER PATRICK

It may not seem like sad clowns, shameless prostitutes, and merciless judges have much in common. According to Georges Rouault (1871-1958), however, each of these characters represents humankind's fall from grace. Grief and tragedy, vice and corruption, pride and prejudice all symbolize our broken lives and our need for God's mercy and redemption. Rouault once said: "Peace seems never to reign over this anguished world of shams and showdowns."

In response to the carnage wrought by the First World War, Georges Rouault created a series of ink drawings called *Miserere* (which means misery in French). This collection, which was later printed on paper using copper plates, transcends the horrors of war and speaks more broadly about the overall human experience. It represents the pain, misery, and suffering of life, but also the enduring promise of faith, hope, and love in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Georges Rouault wrote: "My only ambition is to one day paint Christ so movingly that those who see Him will be converted." Indeed, Rouault drew or painted the image of Jesus hundreds of times. Fourteen of the fifty-eight engravings in *Miserere* depict some scene in the life of Christ. Among these is a breathtaking depiction of the Lord's death (see newsletter cover) inspired by a passage from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians: "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!"

Rouault reveals a Jesus who is dead upon the cross. He frowns. His eyes are closed. He is tortured and tormented. He is surrounded by dark shadows. And yet, rays of light flow from his head. His whole body seems to be illuminated from within. Despite his passion and death, Jesus almost appears to be already rising from the wood of the cross. This is our faith. This is our hope. This is our love. This is our life. This is our salvation. This is the source of our conversion and redemption.

Writing more about his own longings than about the sufferings of Christ, Georges Rouault inscribed this masterpiece with these words: "O Jesus Crucified! He paints to forget about this life, the relentless boredom, far from this world of shadows and disguises. He left silently toward the blessed regions by which he is haunted day and night, toward the blessed regions where everything is harmony to the eyes, to the heart, and to the mind." We all know, of course, that such "blessed regions" are hard to find. True harmony is elusive. Peace is almost impossible to create and sustain in a world gone mad. And yet, we still have hope.

Our hope is Rouault's hope. Our one ambition is Rouault's ambition. We may never paint, sculpt, or write in a way that converts the whole world — let alone our own friends and families. But all of us, working together as humble laborers in the Lord's vineyard, can make a real and lasting difference. We can bring Christ to life in thought, word, and deed. We can make our small corner of the world a blessed region. We can stand with Georges Rouault and cry out: "Our only ambition is to live Christ so movingly that those who see Him in us will be converted." Amen!

**CALL TO WORSHIP****Holy Week Worship Schedule****WEDNESDAY - MARCH 27TH**

Mass & Eucharistic Adoration  
Begins at 5:30pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

**HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28TH**

Morning Prayer  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Saint Ann Church at 7:00pm

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church  
Until 10:00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29TH**

Morning Prayer  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 8:00am

Stations of the Cross  
Saint Ann Church at 12:00pm

Good Friday Services  
Saint Joachim Church at 3:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 7:00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30TH**

Morning Prayer  
Saint Ann Church at 8:00am

Easter Vigil Service  
Saint Ann Church at 7:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - MARCH 31ST**

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 7:00am  
Saint Ann Church at 8:15am  
Saint Joachim Church at 10:00am  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church at 11:45am

**ALL ARE INVITED! ALL ARE WELCOME!  
PEACE & BLESSINGS! HAPPY EASTER!**

**PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE**

## Our Lady's Guild

### An Evening of Music with 4EverFab

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH - BEGINS AT 7:00PM**

On Saturday, April 6th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm, all friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for an Evening of Music with 4EverFab in Our Lady's Hall.

As New England's Premier Beatles cover band, 4EverFab is enjoying their 12th season of playing local venues including the Cabot and the Topsfield Fair. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a light buffet supper, along with dessert, water, coffee, and soft drinks. A cash bar and raffles will also be available. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

For more information about 4EverFab, check out their website at [4everfab.net](http://4everfab.net). For more information about this special evening of food, fellowship, and fine music, please contact Beth Fosberry at [jcbf33@yahoo.com](mailto:jcbf33@yahoo.com), Linda Galvin at [lingalv2010@gmail.com](mailto:lingalv2010@gmail.com), or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Save the date! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

## The Assisi Project

### Intercessory Prayer Ministry

**WE NEVER STOP PRAYING FOR YOU!**

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Brother Patrick, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with members, friends, and followers around the world. We are dedicated to helping believers of all ages and backgrounds more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

Members of the Assisi Project, ranging in age from 15 to 99, pray each and every day all who ask us to pray for them. If you would like our fellowship to pray for you or your special intention, please contact Brother Patrick at [brpatrick@assisiproject.com](mailto:brpatrick@assisiproject.com) or 978-281-4820. Last week we prayed for more than one hundred special intentions! Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us! New members are always welcome! May the Lord give you peace!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

### Our Weekly Gifts

WEEKEND OF MARCH 16TH & 17TH

#### Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$4,719
Electronic	\$1,233
Total	\$5,952

#### Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$2,648
Electronic	\$444
Total	\$3,092

#### Grand Annual Collections

Holy Family	\$34,267
Our Lady's	\$10,719

Thank you for your generous support  
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& Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!  
Peace and blessings to all!

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization that is dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work through Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and the needy. Help us help others! Donations can be pushed through the mail slot in the parish office, dropped in the collection basket at any Weekend Mass, or mailed to:

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Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes and hometowns, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-8672 or Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society! May God bless you!

## CALL TO PRAYER



### The Easter Triduum

#### GOOD FRIDAY

On Friday, it was lanterns, torches, and weapons. It was Jesus saying: "I am." It was a charcoal fire, lit against the cold. It was the longest night, the night of denials. Until the cock crowed morning, it was a kingdom not of this world. It was Pilate asking earnestly: "What is truth?" It was Barabbas being freed. It was a crown of thorns and a purple cloak. It was Gabbatha and then Golgotha. It was lots cast for a seamless tunic and a beaten body on a cross. It was the women grieving, a sprig of hyssop, and a sponge. On Friday, it was finished.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

On Saturday, it was silence and a sealed tomb. It was Jesus inside as if in a womb: his body swaddled in burial cloths, anointed with aloes and myrrh. It was a quiet and lonely garden. It was not so different from the one on the other side of the temple. It was the place where Jesus prayed and sweated blood. It was the end, or so they all thought. It was their hearts crushed and their minds reeling. It was thinking only one thought: "How could this happen?" On Saturday, it was hopeless.

#### EASTER SUNDAY

On Sunday, it was the women at dawn. It was an earthquake and an angel clothed in light. It was fear and it was weeping. It was four simple words said twice: "Do not be afraid." It was Jesus himself. It was elated running, ecstatic disbelief. It was understanding, at first, of only bits and pieces. It was the disciples needing to see for themselves. It was the stone rolled away with no body inside the tomb. It was the road to Emmaus and deepest despair. It was broken bread and burning hearts. And it was joy. On Sunday, it was those burial cloths left behind, so that we might all be wrapped in resurrection. Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK**  
**AN ASSISI PROJECT EASTER PODCAST**  
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**OUR MASS INTENTIONS****March 23rd – March 31st**

<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	<b>Vigil · Palm Sunday</b>
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Felice Cambria
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Teresa & Lucas Glenn
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
7:00am Our Lady's Church	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Gilbert & Nancy Gossom
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Bertha & Frank Maksimowicz
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Cindy Works
	<b>Holy Week</b>
March 27 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	James King
March 28 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Morning Prayer - No Mass
March 29 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Morning Prayer - No Mass
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
8:00am Saint Ann Church	Morning Prayer
7:00pm Sain Ann Church	Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
7:00am Our Lady's Church	For All the People
8:15am Saint Ann Church	For All the People
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	For All the People
11:45am Our Lady's Church	For All the People

**OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS****REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES  
& SUPPORTING OUR HOME PARISHES**

At each of our churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary candles and sanctuary gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a friend or loved one. The requested donation for both sanctuary gifts and candles is now \$25 per week. For the week of Sunday, March 24th donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Juliet Mullen  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of the Maksimowicz Family  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Glenn & Teresa Lucas  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For the Intentions of the Assisi Project  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Sam Rizzo  
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

The Chapel of the Archangels, dedicated to Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, is located on the ground floor of the rectory. You can see the sanctuary candle from the street. In addition to their better-known patronages, Michael is also venerated as a patron of the sick and suffering; Raphael is a patron of medical professionals; and Gabriel is a patron of priests. We all need their prayers and protection like never before!

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle, sanctuary gifts, or sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one in any of our churches or chapels in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Melissa Joseph at [office@ccgrounline.com](mailto:office@ccgrounline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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