

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? AND WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?



In the spring of 2020, I set out a vase full of palm branches in my driveway—the ones that should have been distributed and waved at St. Cat's, but instead, they were tucked into a box. The pandemic shut everything down, including our Hosannas. So out they went, along with a note on my Facebook neighborhood page, just letting people know they were there.

Much to my surprise, within a few hours, every last one of them was gone. I would watch as families would drive up and grab a few, dog walkers would stop and consider and then take a few more. Someone called out—"can I take one"? Yes! Yes, of course you can! If you have come looking for palm branches, you have come to the right place!!

It was such a small thing and I received it as gift—to watch this symbol of our Christian faith and hope go out into the world. How those palm branches might have offered transformation, comfort or joy, I will never know. All I know is that in that strange time, those branches stood, for me, as one small way to be church in this new world. If I hadn't been watching, I would have missed it, and yet, there it was before me—people looking for Jesus, looking for the church, seeking comfort and familiarity in the midst of the unknown.

I think about those palm branches, almost three years later, as we prepare to enter into the holy season of self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditation on God's holy Word. The shock of the pandemic may be over, but the trauma it leaves in its wake, and the unknown it cast onto the future—both of those remain strong. Lent is the time where we are invited to dive deeply into the complexity of what it means to be human. And, even more, we are called to look to God—God as protagonist of the stories of our faith; God as protagonist of our lives. Where is God in Scripture? Where is God in our lives? What is God looking for? What are we looking for? And where do they all meet?

As we enter a Holy Lent at St. Catherine's this year, we will be asking this simple and complicated question: who are you looking for? Using this as a theme for our Sunday preaching, we will seek Jesus in the wilderness, in the night, in our thirst, in our healing, in our life and in our death.

What are you looking for? Come and behold what God is showing us.

Mother Sarah+

Lenten Newsletter



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Shrove Tuesday

February 21 | 5:15-7:30 PM

Join us in the Parish Hall for a Shrove Tuesday dinner hosted by our local Scout Troop. Admission is pay-what-you-can/donation based, which will go towards supporting our Scouts. This evening of fellowship and fun includes burning the greens at 5:15 pm and Pancake Olympics at 6:00 pm.



Lenten Soup Suppers

5:45-6:45 PM | Wednesdays

Let us make you dinner! Come and gather for soup, fellowship and a brief time of exploring scripture together. All ages welcome!! We chose this time so that Choristers and their parents could enjoy a meal together, and both the Chancel Choir and members of our Youth Group would have time to join. During the meal, we will offer a simple program called Dwelling in the Word & Dwelling in the World. These allow tables full of people to sit together and discuss scripture and their lives and be curious about where God is meeting them. Father Trey and Mother Sarah will facilitate these conversations.



Did you know?

Did you know that St. Catherine's offers a monthly Guardian's Night Out? One of our core values is to nurture and we believe that nurturing parents and guardians is essential to their own spiritual development. This is why we offer this monthly free service for our parish.

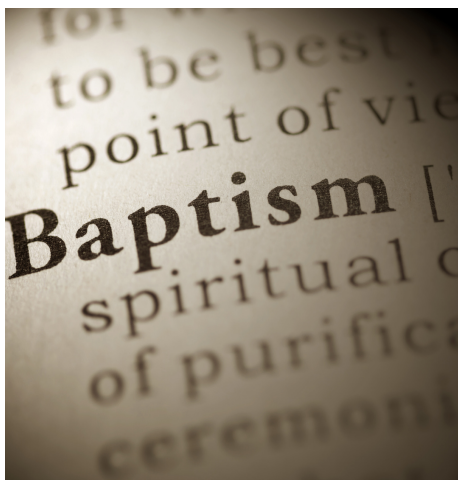
Did you know?

Did you know that we refresh the Holy Water in the baptismal font every week? It can be a powerful reminder of your own baptism.



Wade in the Water a class to learn about and prepare for baptism

This class is designed for parents considering baptism for their children, but adults who are considering baptism are also welcome to attend! Also welcome are adults or parents with young children who have been recently baptized. Come and explore your faith, your child's faith and the waters of baptism, while meeting others who are doing the same thing. Childcare will be provided. Classes will be held at noon Sundays March, 12, 19 & 26. Please connect with Mother Sarah (Sarah@stcatherines.org) to sign up or with questions!



Lenten Quiet Day

March 4 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Take some time at the beginning of Lent to spend some time for yourself away from all of the busyness of life. Praying With is a time for quiet prayer and reflection. Come and spend some time engaging in prayer in a variety of ways, new and old. Please reach out to Deacon Jess (Jess@stcatherines.org) to sign up or with questions.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays | 12:00 PM

Every Friday in Lent at noon, Fr. Trey will offer the Stations of the Cross Liturgy. The Stations of the Cross tradition grew out of early pilgrims' imitation of the Via Dolorosa ('Sorrowful Way')--the route in Jerusalem that symbolizes the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The liturgy includes Scriptural readings and prayerful reflection. At St. Catherine's we have two different sets of the Stations of the Cross, one inside the nave and one outdoors going around our campus. If you are unable to make it to the Friday Lenten offering, please know our outdoor stations are always available to you.

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Friends of Music Concert Series

March 5, 2023 - 3:00 PM



Adult Formation Offerings

Sundays | 9:30 AM



Beyond the Bible and The Lectionary Study class will join together for a Lenten Study this year. Using a curriculum developed by Bishop Wright, come and consider how Jesus Makes the Difference. Each week will have a focus based on the Gospel lesson of the day. We will meet in the Parish Hall ** and all are most welcome!

- Week 1. The Difference Between Jesus and the Devil | Matthew 4:1-11
- Week 2. Jesus and the Different Kingdom | John 3:1-17
- Week 3. Jesus and the Different Water | John 4:5-42
- Week 4. Seeing Like Jesus Makes the Difference | John 9:1-41
- Week 5. Jesus and the Difference Between Life and Death | John 11:1-45

**On March 19, class will not meet, as we'll have the Inreach for Outreach Breakfast.

Did you know?

Did you know that the bread team provides six loaves of homemade bread a week? That's about 300 loaves a year plus "puffy bread" for Easter and Christmas.

Easter Flowers/Music

Deadline - March 29, 2023



Our beautiful Easter flowers and special musicians are made possible by your flower dedications. If you wish to donate and place a dedication in the bulletin for Easter Sunday, you can do so by filling out the form found in your Wheel or by filling out one of the brown envelopes located in the church pews.

Did you know?

Did you know that the Chancel Choir comes 45 minutes early to prepare for every Sunday's service? This is in addition to their 75 minute rehearsals on Wednesday and that they usually work five to six weeks in advance on their anthems! Talk about dedication!!!!

Did you know?

Did you know that St. Catherine's has a Lenten Devotional booklet written by parishioners that is available to guide daily prayer and reflection during Lent? You can pick up a copy in the Narthex (lobby) of the church!

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023
7:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM



Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Children's Liturgy - 5:00 PM
Agape Meal - 6:00 PM



Easter Vigil

April 8, 2023 - 7:00 PM



Did you know?

Did you know that all 22 of the kneelers around the altar rail were made by parishioners? Each one represents about 200 hours of needlepoint done by hand. The project was started in 2007 when the Needlepoint Brigade enlisted the services of Sheilah Anne Oscher of Ft. Worth, TX, a nationally known ecclesiastical artist. Each kneeler was "adopted" to cover the costs. The project is now complete and it contains 11 stories from the Old Testament and 11 from the New Testament. They are arranged in order from the Creation story to the Resurrection.

Good Friday

April 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM



Did you know?

Did you know that adults can serve as acolytes? Contact Father Trey for more info!

Did you know?

Did you know that our Easter Sunrise Service is accompanied by our very own Jubilate Musicians?

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9, 2023 - 6:30 AM



Easter Choral Eucharist

April 9, 2023 - 10:00 AM



Did you know?

Did you know every year dozens and dozens of children search our grounds for Easter eggs? You can help join in the fun by donating candy for the hunt! Leave it with Father Trey. (The staff promises not to eat it!)

Did you know?

St. Catherine's does an annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter morning. Members of the parish are invited to adorn the bare wooden cross, which will be outside near the entrance of the church, before or after each service.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, 2023 - 11:00 AM



Special Liturgies during Lent and Easter

Part of the beauty of The Episcopal Church is that she offers us the opportunity to engage in and experience special liturgies during the season of Lent enhancing our rhythm of worship, providing us the opportunity to experience this penitential season in a different way, truly walking with Christ and deepening our faith.

Ash Wednesday: The first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at Ash Wednesday services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and may be imposed with the sign of the cross.

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist

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Triduum: One continuous liturgy that starts on Maundy Thursday and concludes with Easter Sunday. This liturgy traces the final days of Jesus' life, his death, and his resurrection.

Maundy Thursday: This Thursday in Holy Week is the beginning of the Triduum, or three holy days before Easter. Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed."

5:00 PM Children's service

6:00 PM Agape meal

7:00 PM Celebration of Holy Eucharist with foot washing

Good Friday: The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus.

12:00 PM

7:00 PM

Easter Vigil: Historically, a service of prayerful watching that anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. This often included the ancient tradition of storytelling to pass the time while awaiting the resurrection of Christ.

7:00 PM Baptism and Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday: The Great Feast Day to Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At St. Catherine's this begins with the Vigil the night before and then is celebrated Easter Morning with beautiful music and pure Joy.

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

