



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

April 8, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

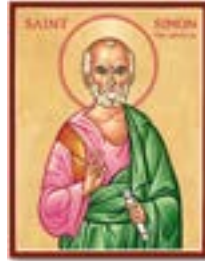
This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the official start to Holy Week. Our readings will be:

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Passion Narrative from Luke 23:1-49



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday at 9 A.M., the Rev. Dr. Paul Scheirer will lead a Bible study from the book The Thirteen Apostles written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. This coming Sunday we will be studying **SIMON, THE ZEALOT.**

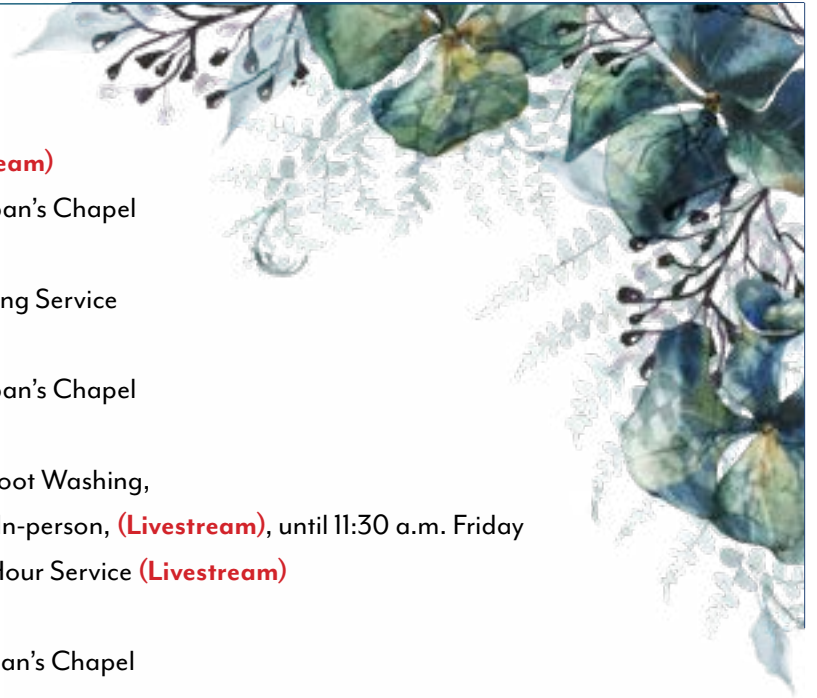


EYF ON SUNDAY

EYF will meet this Sunday, April 10th following church and Sunday School. We will meet in the Parish Hall for lunch after the 10:00 am church service. Afterwards, we will meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School. Father Bailey will continue to lead us in discussions in preparation for confirmation. Following Sunday School, we will either (i) watch a movie in the Youth Room (provided the internet is working) or (ii) go for a hike. Pick-up will be at 3:15 pm. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, April 10	7:45/10 A.M.	Palm Sunday (Livestream)
Monday, April 11	11:30 A.M.	Holy Eucharist, St. Alban's Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, April 12	11:30 A.M.	Holy Eucharist + Healing Service
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, April 13	11:30 A.M.	Holy Eucharist, St. Alban's Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae
Thursday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday + Foot Washing,
	8:00 p.m.	Keeping Watch Vigil, In-person, (Livestream), until 11:30 a.m. Friday
Friday, April 15	12:00 p.m.	Seven Last Words: 3 Hour Service (Livestream)
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Holy Saturday, St. Alban's Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Great Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 17	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Festal Choral Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Festal Choral Eucharist (Livestream)



WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Mary Jeanne French
Arthur and Sharon Frost
Carol and Walt Gardner

Please include these people in your prayers.

FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

The Food Basket Ministry will continue to collect non-food items, such as laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap and shampoo.



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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is one of the busiest weeks in the liturgical calendar. There are services almost every day that reflect our own journey through Holy Week. We mirror Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and follow in his footsteps along the Stations of the Cross. We have a service of Tenebrae before Maundy Thursday's washing of feet, and keeping watch all night. On Good Friday, we experience the meditative Seven Last Words 3-hour service, and enter into the darkest hour with the solemnity of the crucifixion.



KEEPING WATCH VIGIL: MAUNDY THURSDAY TO GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus asked, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" Maundy Thursday is the first of three days of Holy Week known as the Triduum—a period marking the culmination of Lent and the beginning of Easter. The service concludes with solemnity as we begin our all-night vigil to watch and pray with Christ—as His disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane. You are invited to participate in this ancient Christian tradition to keep watch through the night. The Ramp Room will be the only unlocked door, for security purposes.



COMMUNION WINE TO RETURN AT EASTER



Beginning at our celebrations of Easter, **wine** will return as part of our celebration of Holy Communion. A few things to keep in mind as we bring back this familiar tradition:

Firstly, it remains perfectly right and good if you prefer **NOT** to take the wine and simply receive the bread. You will still be getting the fullness of communion. After you have received bread from the priest, as the chalice bearer comes to you, just cross your arms over your chest as a sign you do not wish to receive the wine.

Secondly, we **STRONGLY** discourage you from intinction, i.e., dipping the bread into the wine cup. From a germ perspective, placing your hands into the cup is a far greater spreader of germs than sipping the wine. Consume the bread before the chalice gets to you. If you wish to receive wine, please be prepared to drink it out of the chalice.

ORDINATION OF ASHTON SIMS TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

Mark your calendars for a very festive occasion for our own Ashton Sims! The Right Reverend Brian Lee Cole, Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, will ordain Ashton Lane-Ross Sims to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.** We are delighted to invite the congregation to celebrate his ordination!

