



**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish  
Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa**

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**DOMINGO DE RAMOS "DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR"**

**9 DE ABRIL DE 2017**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**  
5 pm — Vigil

**SUNDAY**  
8 am & 11 am  
La Misa en español — 2:30 pm

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**  
10 am

**WEDNESDAY**  
6 pm

**HOLY DAYS**  
Check Bulletin

**PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

**CLERGY**

Carmen A. D'Amico, *Pastor*  
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**PARISH STAFF**

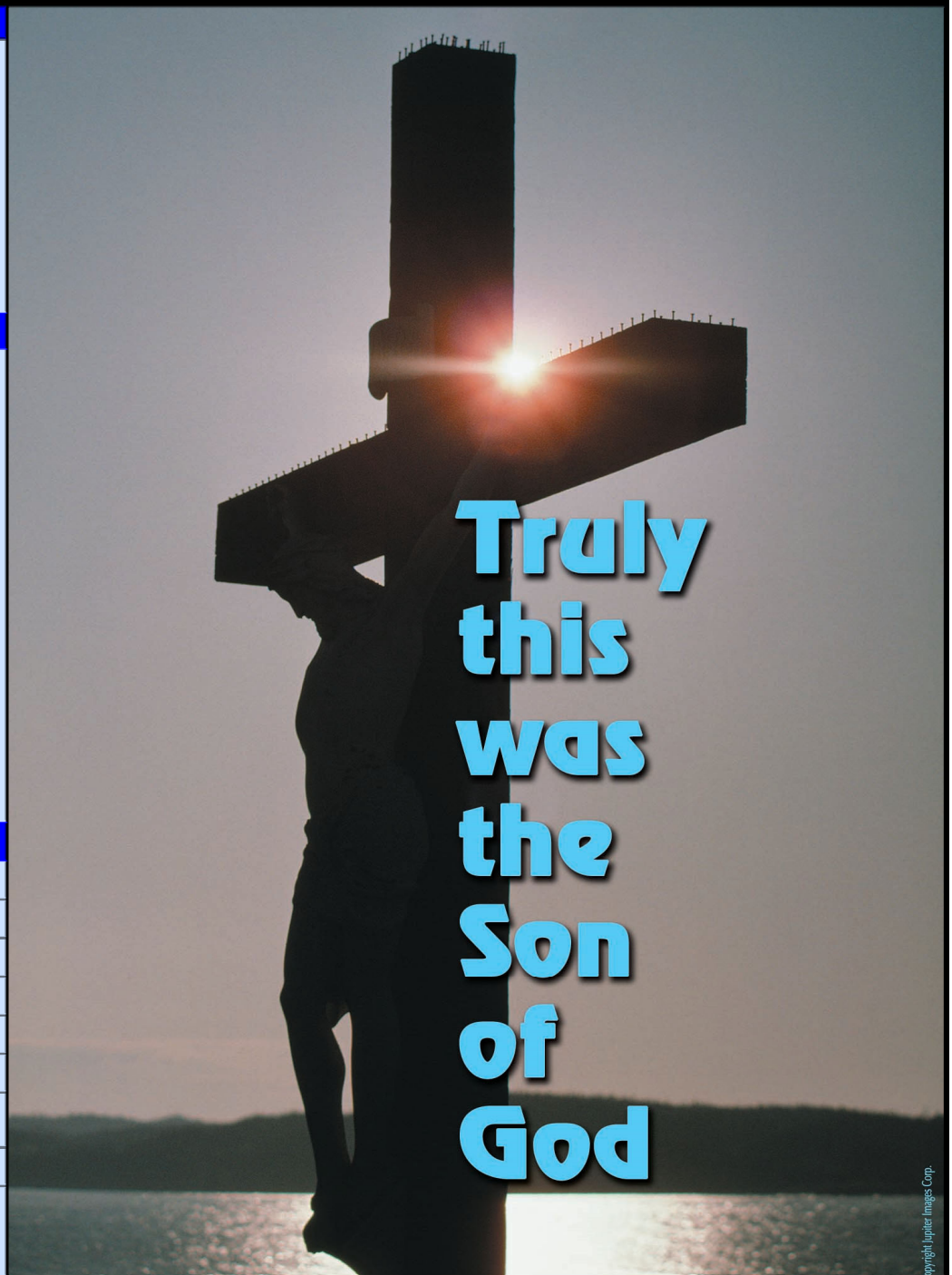
Rosalie Eckels  
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*Music Director & Organist*  
Rachel Krofcheck  
*Youth Pastor*  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish is a family oriented faith community in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. In imitation of our patroness, Blessed Mary, we are called to bring Jesus Christ to the people of Meadow Lands and Washington County by Word, Sacrament and service to fulfill Our Lord's Great Commission.

DAY / TIME	CONFESSIONS / EVENTS	OBSERVANCES / MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 8</b>		<b>ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE</b>	
10:00 am—1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Leadership Workshop, Church Hall Confession Mass Christian Mothers Bake Sale Church Hall	Dan Moroco +, req. Susan Rybacki	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 9</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	
<b>CHRISTIAN MOTHERS BAKE SALE AFTER ALL MASSES</b>			
8:00 am 9:00—10:30 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm—2:30 pm 2:30 pm	Mass—Food Pantry After Mass CCD, CCD Ctr. Mass Spanish CCD, CCD Ctr. Spanish Mass	Holy Name Society, req. Members  Anthony Vallone +, req. Dorothy Warbo  PARISHIONERS	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 10</b>		<b>MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>PASSOVER (JEWISH CELEBRATION) BEGINS AT SUNSET</b>
10:00 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Alpha IV, Church Hall	Mary D'Amico +, req. Family	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 11</b>		<b>TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	
10:00 am 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	Mass Symbolon, Church Hall The Catholic Faith Explained	Adrienne Montillet +, req. Philomena & Bob Chuey	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	
6:00 pm 7:00 pm—9:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Bereavement, Church Hall RCIA Rehearsal for Easter Vigil, Church With Deacon Barry Krofcheck	Marie Nagy +, req. Gregory & Michael Zofchak	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 13</b>		<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper—Bilingual	PARISHIONERS	<u>Chrim Mass:</u> Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <u>Lord's Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 14</b>		<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</b> <b>FAST AND ABSTINENCE</b>	
2:00 pm 3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross—(English) Good Friday Service—Bilingual, Church	PARISHIONERS	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 15</b>		<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b>
12:00 Noon 8:30 pm	Blessing of Easter Food Easter Vigil Mass—(English), Church		a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 16</b>			
8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Mass—Church Mass, Church Mass , CCD Center Spanish Mass, Church	PARISHIONERS PARISHIONERS PARISHIONERS PARISHIONERS	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 Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35 c) Ex 14:15 -15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
<b>BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</b>		<b>OS CUMPLEAÑOS DE ESTA SEMANA</b>	
 <p>Daniel Canfield, Susan Canfield, John Dustin Murphy, Jennifer Vorum, Morgan Davey, George Kostelnik, Aime Milliken, Rose Myers, Frank Romeo, Rose Apache, Mary Bell, Colton Craig, William Plunkett, Michael Altieri, Patricia Boenning, Leonard Butka, Debra Insana, Sandra Peiffer, Frances Seward, R.J. Bell, Marc Coleman, Joyce Fee, Eileen Kosiorek, Bravlio Melena, Taylor Renee Alderson, Fred DeLong, John Nawrocki, Richard Tranquill, Mary Lou Bier, Cale Bitz, Haley Mruk, Zoey Ryan and Robert Seward.</p>			

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### YOUR CHANGE WILL HELP!

The Safety Committee is requesting that parishioners drop their loose change in the boot at the Welcome Booth as they enter or leave church. **We are collecting money for a donation to the Chartiers Fire Department for the Blue Mass on May 20.** Donations will go toward a Rehab Center for fighting fires.

### THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

**Pope Francis** has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, you stand in solidarity with the **Church in the Holy Land** as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in **parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.**

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD MEETING

Christian Mothers & Guild meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 pm. in the CCD Center. Member donation for this month for the Washington Food Pantry is bathroom tissue. There will be a short business meeting. Social chair ladies for the evening are **Gerry Checonsky and Jeanne Mayer.**

A reminder for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale is April 9, 2017.

### BABYSITTING MINISTRY

#### Attention Families with young children!

**Announcing OLMM's new Babysitting Ministry!** Your whole family is an important part of our parish. You are part of us, and we want to enable you to participate in every way possible.

If you wish to be apart of any program or event, current or future, we are here to help by offering on site babysitting during parish events. If you would like to volunteer, we would love your help.

**Contact Ken and Maggie Churney, by phone or text at 724-328-3702 or email at [maggiechurney@gmail.com](mailto:maggiechurney@gmail.com),** and let us know what babysitting needs you have, or if you would like to volunteer.

### THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TRIP TO ROME

Immaculate Conception Parish and Limitless Travel Agency are pleased to present you with an opportunity to join us for a **fantastic trip to Rome October 4 - 12, 2017.**

Spiritual directors for the trip will be Father Michael Conway, parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception and Father William Wuenschel, parochial vicar at St. Benedict the Abbot. Bookings are currently being accepted, but space is limited!

**For additional information, call or email Lindsay Pecosh at 724-255-7138 or [lindsay@limitlesstravelagency.com](mailto:lindsay@limitlesstravelagency.com)**

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Religious Liberty At Home

"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together."

—*Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, April 12, 2012*

Learn more below about the current domestic threats to religious liberty. For information on the HHS mandate (, please see the HHS mandate page (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/hhs-mandate/index.cfm>). . For information on conscience protection, please see [usccb.org/conscience](http://usccb.org/conscience).

### LIVING WILL AND PROXY FOR END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS

(PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE)

Before completing your LIVING WILL and HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY, you should discuss your instructions with your health care agent (if any), family members, your doctor, priest, deacon, chaplain, or anyone else who may become responsible for your care. This form was developed by Pennsylvania's Catholic Bishops to offer ethical and religious guidance. Consult with an attorney if you have legal questions about your LIVING WILL and HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY. **This form is not intended to take the place of specific legal advice.**

For more information, go to this link:

<http://diopitt.org/sites/default/files/LivingWill.pdf>

### 2017 GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 12TH - MAY17TH

McNary Center - Canonsburg Hospital  
100 Medical Blvd, Canonsburg, PA 15317  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

#### "When Mourning Dawns"

To make reservations, call 724-745-6100, Ext 4118.

**There is no cost for the Seminar.**

### COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT OUR 2017 GRATEFUL GATHERING

Benefiting the **Retired and Infirm Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 5:00 pm. to 10:00 pm.**  
**Tickets \$25/per person.**

Holy Family Manor Auditorium, 301 Bellevue Rd. Pittsburgh Pa. 15229. **Space is limited! Only 225 tickets available. Tables of 8-10 are available for groups.** Come by yourself and make new friends or bring a group to enjoy an evening together. Celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Create your own Class Reunion.

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of



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Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul’s letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility.

Isaiah and Paul help us “behold the Lamb of God” before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

PARA VER A CRISTO CLARAMENTE

Hoy comenzamos viendo a través de las puertas de Jerusalén, vemos a la multitud, aclamando y agitando ramos de olivo en el aire. Es una atmósfera de júbilo, triunfo y celebración. Podemos distraernos o embelesarnos con la escena y no ver claramente las características

de Jesús cuando entra. Pero nuestras lecturas de Isaías y la carta de Pablo a los filipenses aclaran estas características. Él es el Siervo que Sufre, manso y callado ante sus captores y perseguidores; es la mismísima imagen del Dios invisible, sin embargo, no se aferrará a la igualdad con Dios antes de sufrir su enfrentamiento final en humildad. Isaías y Pablo nos ayudan a “ver al Cordero de Dios” antes de oír el relato de su mayor y último enfrentamiento. Es importante que veamos a Cristo claramente antes de oír el relato de su Pasión, porque nosotros —su Cuerpo por medio del Bautismo, la Iglesia— somos su rostro. Debemos, junto con él, pasar por este tiempo de sufrimiento para que podamos, también junto con él, pasar por su triunfo final.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week’s journey of faith “The Three Days of Easter.” The origins of many of our observances, including today’s blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ’s passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today’s joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE



El Viernes Santo es el día más impresionante que se conmemora en el calendario cristiano. Es el día en que Jesús, muriendo en la cruz, se revela al mismo tiempo como Hijo del Hombre e Hijo de Dios. Los hispanos conmemoramos este día no sólo con la liturgia oficial de la Iglesia, sino también con nuestras devociones populares como el Vía crucis

en vivo, el Pésame a la Virgen y el sermón de las Siete Palabras. Esta última devoción es también conocida como el Sermón de tres horas y es mayormente usada por las Iglesias protestantes, sin embargo, tiene su origen gracias al sacerdote Jesuita Francisco del Castillo, en Perú.

Como Jesús, este santo varón dedicó toda su vida a los pobres y marginados. El Viernes Santo de 1660, mientras predicaba en la iglesia de Nuestra de Señora de los Desamparados, ante la efigie del Señor en agonía, decidió hacer una comparación del sufrimiento de Cristo al sufrimiento de los desamparados, llamando a los cristianos al apostolado de caridad y justicia. Las siete últimas palabras de Jesucristo deben movernos al servicio de los desamparados.

If you are a victim of abuse, Call the Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response: 1-888-808-1235

For suspected child abuse, call 1-888-808-1235 AND the State of Pennsylvania child abuse number: 1-800-932-0313

One gift our Palm Sunday worship offers is the reminder that no barrier exists between us and God. Jesus knows us, treasures us, and saves us, no matter the abuse or hatred we have endured or the sins we have committed. Though Jesus is blameless, he accepts punishment for us. Our readings today invite us to imagine ourselves in any of the situations described, and know that our Lord has also been in that place. Isaiah mentions someone who is well spoken as well as someone who is weary, abused, and discouraged.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Jesus is the Word of God. When we read the scriptures, then, we are literally having a personal encounter with Jesus. That's why spending time with the Word of God is such a wonderful way to pray. Today's Gospel, the Passion of Christ according to St. Matthew, encourages us to spend time with our Lord in his most difficult moments. As we read and pray, we can imagine Jesus sitting beside us. We can speak to him as our wise and treasured friend. Jesus is fascinated by our lives and loves to hear us joining our own experiences to his.

**IN CONVERSATION**

Jesus gathers his friends around the table for supper. We think of our own experiences with friends and family around dinner tables, or of times when we went without either food or companionship.

- *Your Last Supper reminds me of a time . . . [continue in your own words]*
- *What was that evening like for you, Lord?*

Jesus knows his closest friends will betray, abandon, and deny him. We recall lonesome times in our own lives, or times we sinned against friends.

- *Your story brings back hurtful memories, Lord . . .*
- *Speak to my heart, Jesus. Share with me your agony.*

Jesus listens to the crowd clamor for Barabbas. We think of people who have been preferred over us, or times we have maneuvered to be first among many.

- *There are dark places in my heart, Lord . . .*
- *You knew the hearts of those who scourged you, Jesus. What was it like to forgive them?*

Beaten, exhausted, and hanging between two criminals, Jesus dies. We remember times we have suffered or accompanied others in their pain.

- *I feel sad, Lord . . .*
- *You prayed for me personally in your final moments, Jesus. How can I thank you?*

**LA PALABRA DE DIOS**

Jesús es la Palabra de Dios. Cuando leemos las Escrituras, pues, estamos literalmente teniendo un encuentro con Jesús. Es por eso que dedicar tiempo con la Palabra de Dios es una extraordinaria manera de orar. El Evangelio de hoy, la Pasión según san Mateo, nos anima a dedicar tiempo con nuestro Señor en los momentos más difíciles de su vida. Al leer y orar, podemos imaginar a Jesús sentado junto a nosotros. Podemos hablar con él así como nuestro mejor amigo, uno que nos pone atención. Jesús está fascinado por nuestras vidas y le encanta escuchar que compartamos con él nuestras experiencias.



**AL CONVERSAR**

Jesús reúne a sus amigos alrededor de una mesa para cenar. Podemos pensar en nuestras propias experiencias con amigos y familiares alrededor de una mesa, de nuestras veces cuando fuimos sin algo de comida que convidar o sin compañía.

- *Tu Última Cena me recuerda de una vez cuando . . . [continúa con tus propias palabras]*
- *¿Cómo te fue esa tarde Señor?*

Jesús sabe que sus amigos más cercanos lo van a traicionar, abandonar y a negarlo. Trataremos de recordar momentos de soledad de nuestra propia vida, o en aquellas veces que pecamos hacia nuestros propios amigos.

- *Tu historia trae a la mente momentos dolorosos, Señor . . .*
- *Ábreme tu corazón Jesús. Cuéntame acerca de tu agonía.*

Jesús escucha a la multitud gritar que liberen a Barrabas. Pensemos de personas que han sido elegidas en lugar de nosotros, de aquellas veces que hicimos lo posible para ser los primeros en medio de tantas otras personas.

- *Hay lugares oscuros en mi corazón, Señor . . .*
- *Tu conocías los corazones de aquellos que te flagelaron Jesús. ¿Cómo le hiciste para perdonarlos?*

Azotado, cansado y crucificado en medio de dos criminales, Jesús murió. Recordemos aquellas veces que nos ha tocado sufrir o acompañado a otros que sufren.

- *Me siento triste, Señor . . .*
- *Tú oraste por mí en tus últimos momentos de vida Jesús. ¿Cómo puedo agradecértelo?*

Average Weekly Expense	\$ 6,100.00	Parish Share Goal 2017	\$ 79,162.00
Collection for Sunday March 26, 2017	\$ 4,924.00	Parish Share as of March 26, 2017	\$ 11,293.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 1,176.00</b>	E-Offering for February 2017	\$ 1,885.00

Anything collected over our Parish Share assessment will go into our savings.