

SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

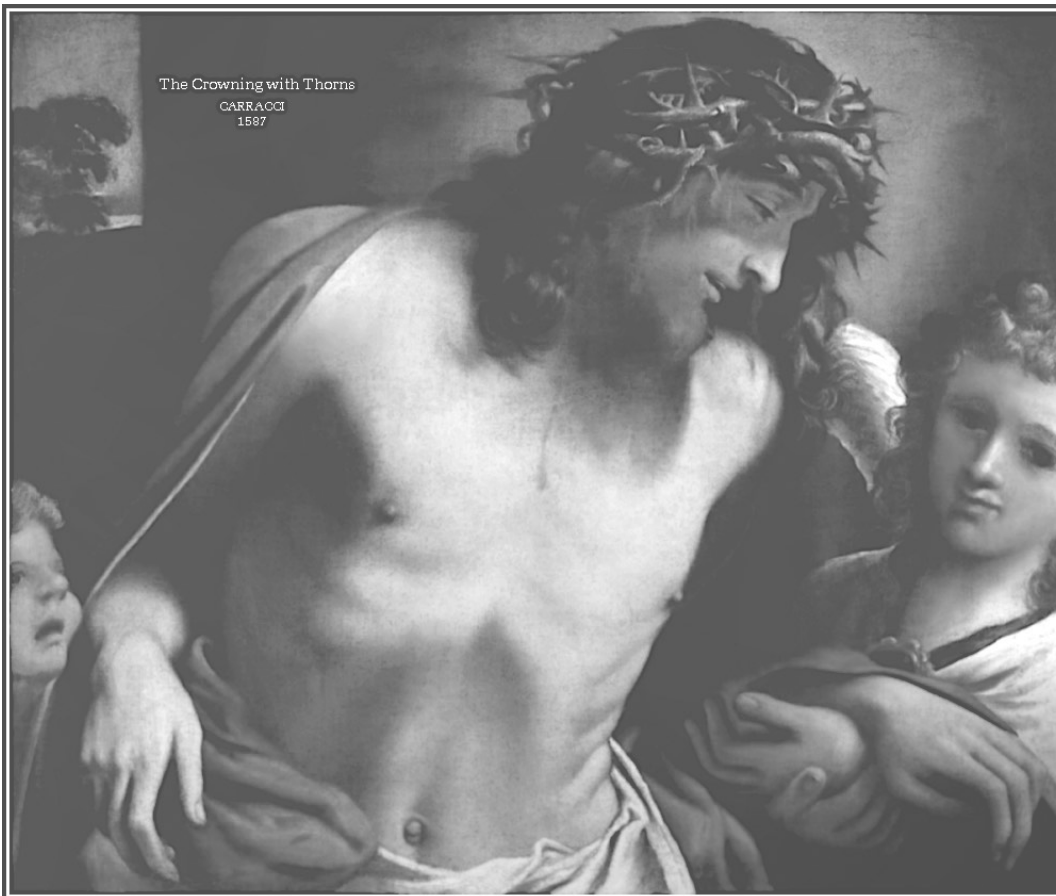
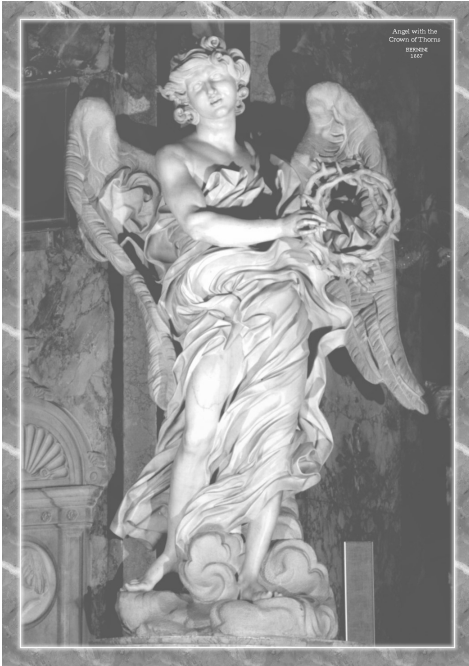
**"WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES,
WILL LIVE"**

I had long been haunted by the Russian conception of the humiliated Christ, the lame Christ limping through Russia, begging his bread; the Christ who, all through the ages, might return to the earth and come even to sinners to win their compassion by his need. Now, in the flash of a second, I knew that this dream is a fact; not a dream, not the fantasy or legend of a devout people, not the prerogative of the Russians, but Christ in man. It belongs therefore to the Catholic Church; Christ in his perfect human nature, Christ in his risen glory and Christ in his need and his suffering on earth, are reconciled. We have the whole Christ.

The "vision" lasted with that intensity for several days, and each of them revealed the mystery and its implications for me a little more dearly. Although it did not prevent me from ever sinning again, it showed me what sin is., it was to spit on him, perhaps to crucify him. I saw too the reverence that everyone must have

for a sinner; instead of condoning his sin, which is in reality his utmost sorrow, one must comfort Christ who is suffering in him. And this reverence must be paid even to those sinners whose souls seem to be dead, because it is Christ, who is the life of the soul, who is dead in them; they are his tombs, and Christ in the tomb is potentially the risen Christ. For the same reason, no one of us who has fallen into mortal sin himself must ever lose hope.

*Caryll Houselander (+ 1954)
was a British writer, poet, and
spiritual teacher.
April 2019 Magnificat*



The Crowning with Thorns
CARRAOCI
1587

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]

THE OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 — June 30, 2019

Offertory Totals for the Masses of March 30 & 31, 2019

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual	\$6,156	\$295,042

Please help support the DSA.

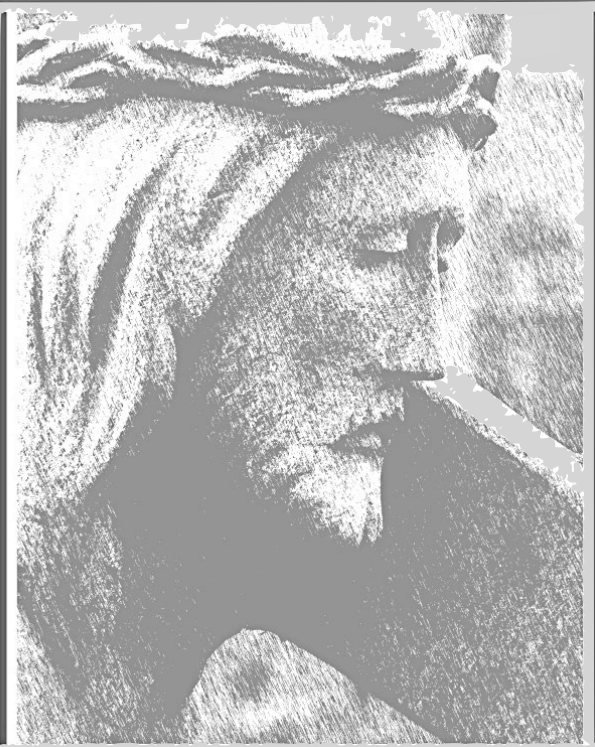
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA — GOOD FRIDAY

This nine day novena begins on Good Friday, April 19th, and ends on Saturday, April 27th. See the bulletin insert for details.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

We have begun this lovely apostolate here at St. John's. Our mission is to pray for our priests, specifically by doing a holy hour of adoration a week. Ladies, if you feel a tug at your heart calling you to do this, please read their beautiful web site (sevensistersapostolate.org). There is an immediate need for someone to cover Saturdays. For more information, call Pat Glass at 828-206-9544.

Stations of the Cross Friday 5 p.m.



THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Friday, April 12th

7:30pm — Parish Social Hall

Join Fr. Christian for a viewing of *The Passion of the Christ* (2004). This epic film is hailed as the most powerful portrayal of the suffering and death of Jesus ever presented. *The Passion* is rated R for sequences of graphic violence. Parents please be advised. Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by the fish fry. After a quick clean up and set up, we'll show the film at 7:30pm.

"Behold, I make all things new"
— Revelations 21:5

THE PRAYER KNEELERS HAVE ARRIVED!

We invite you to say a prayer on the kneelers for our future priests. We implore you to write notes of encouragement in their individual prayer journals. We invite children to draw or make cards and insert them in the pages of the books. Our Charlotte Diocese has three seminarians, Deacons Michael Carlson, Alfonso Gomez, Jr. and Britt Taylor, who will be ordained priests on June 22 this year.

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!"—
St Catherine of Siena, ct. Letter 368

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday ❖ April 18th

6:30pm Mass

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Celebrating the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Priesthood, and Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the Altar of Repose. Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending at 12:00 midnight.

Good Friday ❖ April 19th

12:00pm — Stations of the Cross

12:30pm — Confessions

3:00pm — Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross, followed by distribution of Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday ❖ April 20th

8:00pm — The Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

The Easter Vigil with the Service of Light, Blessing of the Fire and Procession into the Church, Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Easter Communion.

Easter Sunday ❖ April 21st ❖ Rejoice

The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses celebrated at 8:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm (Spanish)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- NOTE: The EASTER Schedule (Palm Sunday thru Easter Vigil) may overlap the 2nd quarter but is a separate and different schedule and all assignments will be confirmed individually.
- 2nd Quarter schedules have been emailed out to the ministers who are on the schedule.
- Additional copies of the schedule are posted in the “usher room” on the cork board and in the outside glass bulletin board.

- If you have any changes in your mailing address, phone number or your availability to serve (vacation, work, illness etc) please contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office.
- All ministers are asked to check the posted schedules each quarter to be sure of their assignments. If any “assigned” minister did not receive their schedule please contact Theresa ASAP.

FORMED.ORG

LENT—TUNE IN TO FORMED

Why not spend your last two weeks of Lent choosing Formed.org for Lenten programs and ongoing faith programs? Avoid all secular programming, news, sports and use your television viewing only for faith and spiritual development. Join formed.org today!

Pick of the Week: *Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic*—watch on Formed.org

You have **FREE** access provided by the parish account. Go to...
www.formed.org / scroll down to see “Get Started” with three options/ click on “Enter Code” enter our parish code: **GFP4TN** —next step will be to create your account. Enjoy!

PARISH LIFE			
Mon	April 8	9am 5:30pm 6pm 7pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center RCIA, Social Hall
Tue	April 9	9:30am 3pm 6:30pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church Men’s Group, Social Hall Women’s Group, Parish Office
Thur	April 11	10am	Women’s Bible Study, Social Hall
Fri	April 12	5pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross, Church K of C Lenten Fish Fry, Social Hall Movie <i>The Passion</i> , Social Hall
Sat	April 13	8:30am	Lay Dominican Retreat, Church

BE PART OF OUR NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Photographs will be taken in the St. John Social Hall

VIEW YOUR IMAGES
AFTER YOUR SESSION
AND MAKE YOUR
SELECTIONS

Photography days are
Tuesday, April 30th — Monday, May 6th
(excluding Sunday, May 5th)

EVERY FAMILY
PHOTOGRAPHED
RECEIVES A FREE
8 X 10 PHOTO
AND A CHURCH
DIRECTORY

You can schedule your appointment in two ways:

Go to our website

www.stjohntryon.com

Scroll down to the box labeled:

Church Photo Directory Scheduling - Click on Image

This will bring you directly to the Lifetouch scheduler.

Follow their easy instructions.

or call LIFETOUCH at: 866-756-0281

Give them our account # **255750**

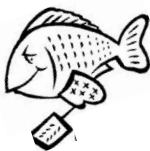
and they will make an appointment for you!

Open Monday — Friday, 9am to 5pm.

IMPORTANT: Our complete parishioner roster will be published in the directory, even if your photograph is not taken. Email addresses will be withheld. **However, home phone numbers (and possibly cell phone numbers) WILL BE PUBLISHED.** If you do not want your phone number(s) listed in the directory, immediately send Andrée an email at: stjohnchurch@windstream.net

Contact Andrée in the parish office if you have any questions — 828-859-9574.

**K OF C LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAY AT 5:30PM
IN THE SOCIAL HALL
LAST ONE!**



ST. JOSEPH'S VANGUARD

Calling all prayer warriors! We've launched a special prayer warrior group to support St. Joseph College Seminary called "St. Joseph's Vanguard." The mission of St. Joseph's Vanguard is to be faithful prayer warriors on the front lines interceding for our seminary's spiritual and material needs, so that it can thrive in its mission to form good and holy priests now and into the future.

Enlist now at

www.StJosephCollegeSeminary.org/Vanguard.

**DONUTS & DOGMA
THIS SUNDAY
APRIL 7TH
9:45AM
SOCIAL HALL**

THE GOLDEN RULE SERVICE GROUP

Do you need temporary assistance with meals, transportation, etc., or would you like a visit? Are you feeling unwell? Contact Peggy Wyllie at the Golden Rule Service Group: 828-859-6339, or the parish office: 828-859-9574. Just ask, we're here to help!

SAVE THE DATE	
April 19	Divine Mercy Novena Begins
Apr 18 — Apr 20	Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Apr 21	Easter Sunday
April 28	Divine Mercy Sunday, Chaplet, Adoration, Meditations
April 30	Church Directory Photography Begins
May 5	First Holy Communion & May Crowning
May 13	Fatima Processions Begin