

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**  
**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
in St. Thomas

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**MARCH 25, 2018**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;  
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of March 25-April 1:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Vic Otto  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser  
**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight**  
**Good Friday 7:00 p.m. – Liturgy with Sung Passion**

**\*No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 31\***

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer**

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00  
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$215,462.74**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 13,290.26  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

March 4 \$ 4,648.00  
March 11 \$ 5,311.50  
March 18 \$ 3,886.10  
March 25 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,002.00

**March total to date:** **\$19,847.60**  
Difference for March: – \$ 5,569.40

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$21,964.45**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$73,821.92**  
(Principal) \$63,283.37 (Interest) \$10,538.55  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$333,438.89**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer**  
**Good Friday 7:00 p.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Jennifer Even**  
**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers (Please arrive 30 minutes early)**

Weekday – Elizabeth Meyer, Will Otto & Isaac Rackers  
**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Grace & Belle Boessen, Alex & Josh Even, Ava & Claire Morris**  
**Good Friday 7:00 p.m. – Grace & Belle Boessen, Alex & Josh Even**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lane, Kenzie & Avery Libbert, Molly Suthoff**

**St. Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of March 25-April 1:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Charles & Pauline Werdehausen

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

**Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**  
**3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions**

**\*No 7:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 31\***

**Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes**  
**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Josephine Werdehausen**

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$48,972.15**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

March 4 \$ 1,207.00  
March 11 \$ 1,962.00  
March 18 \$ 1,628.00  
March 25 \$

**March total to date:** **\$ 4,794.00**

Difference for March: – \$ 372.67

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

**Presentation of Gifts Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. – Brenda & Norbert Risse**

**Easter Vigil Readers 8:00 p.m.**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Larry Lueckenhoff  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading – Don Wansing  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Reading – Judy Schroeder  
7<sup>th</sup> Reading & Epistle – Kristin Morris  
**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing**

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

**Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. – Grace Boessen, Josh & Alex Even**  
**Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. – Emma Luebbering, Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Ava Morris, Luke Schroeder**  
**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Madalyn Veltrop, Skyla & Jesse Schroeder**

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** – Jan Carter, Barb Graessle, Betty Hagenhoff, Mark Graessle, Lynne Reinkemeyer  
**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** – Janet Lueckenhoff, Jennifer Even  
**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Lillian Lackman, Janet Lueckenhoff

**April 7-8**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Sarah Schwartz, Leroy Heckemeyer, Betty Schellman

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** –Darin Even, Leon Schanzmeyer, Joe Buschjost, Fred Luebbering

**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** – Darin Even, Larry Lueckenhoff, Gilbert Schellman, Doug Stockman

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Eric & Keith Boessen

**April 7-8**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Mattheuw Prenger  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Shane Verslues, Arthur McManus, Curt Goeller, David Otto

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.**- Mark & Barb Graessle

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer

**April 7-8**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – First Holy Communicants

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

March 31-April 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

April 7-8 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

April 14-15 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful

Holy Thursday 6:40 p.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Easter Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Glorious

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!***

**SCRIP: (NO SALES MARCH 31 & APRIL 1 due to Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday)**

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

**SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

**Tuesday, March 27** – Jenny Becker & Agnes Boessen

**Thursday, April 5** – Linda Boessen & Mary Boessen

Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering.

**INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTION:** The annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund assessment for St. Cecilia Parish \$993.00 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has been assessed \$3,607.00 for. Please be generous.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** Every year a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith. Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation History. In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy. The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts. Please place your envelope for this collection in the basket during this week.

**CRS RICE BOWL:** Thank you for your participation in the Operation Rice Bowl program during Lent. **Please return your Operation Rice Bowl contributions to Church by Easter.**



**HOLY WEEK**

**HOLY WEEK & SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2018:**

**Tuesday, March 27** – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

**Spy Wednesday, March 28** – 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle; 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia.

**Holy Thursday, March 29** – 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas the Apostle. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Please sign up for spending an hour with the Lord in adoration.

**Good Friday, March 30** – 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Thomas the Apostle. *Day of Fast & Abstinence*

**Holy Saturday, March 31** – 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Cecilia

**Easter Sunday, April 1** – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia, 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

**EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.** – Brenda Wansing, Bill Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Mary Plassmeyer,

Pam Libbert, Janice Schanzmeyer

**April 7-8**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bonnie Kampeter,

Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.** – Bill Lueckenhoff, Larry

Lueckenhoff, Doug Stockman, Keith Kliethermes

**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Brendan & Mitch Stumpe,

Leon Schanzmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer

**April 7-8**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Lou Kloeppe, Brendan & Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert,

Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross.

**Easter Sunday 7:40 a.m.** – Margaret Brune – Glorious

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

**MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM:** If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Annette Kehner  
email: [AnnetteKehner@mail.com](mailto:AnnetteKehner@mail.com) Phone: 573-680-2824

**PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** class will not be held this week. Candidates are encouraged to attend the Holy Week Sacred Triduum. The next Confirmation Preparation meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

Haylee Bax, Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Teagan Humphrey, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

**AED'S FOR OUR PARISHES:** Approximately 890 deaths from coronary heart disease occur outside of the hospital or emergency room *every day*. Most of these deaths are due to the sudden loss of heart function or sudden cardiac death. Chances of survival from sudden cardiac death diminish by 7-10% for each minute without immediate CPR or defibrillation. After 10 minutes, resuscitation rarely succeeds. An AED is an electronic device designed to deliver an electric shock to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Ventricular fibrillation may be restored to normal rhythm up to 60% of the time if treated promptly with an AED, a procedure called defibrillation. Automated External Defibrillators are portable devices that check the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. **AED's** are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

Because of the length of ambulance response times in this area and in memory of some of our parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, both St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes will soon have AED's on campus.

The AED's are now in place in both parishes: one AED is located at **the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle church**; another is located in **the foyer between the school cafeteria and the Parish Center gym**; another AED is located in **the hallway outside of the St. Thomas bowling alley**. An AED is located at **the front entrance of St. Cecilia church**, outside the restroom.

There will be an AED training session at **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25** in the School Library at St. Thomas the Apostle for all interested parishioners. The AED's were donated in memory of **Teresa Kaiser** (for St. Thomas the Apostle Church), **Joe Luebbering** (for St. Thomas the Apostle School) and **Leona Fick** and **Donna Scheulen** (for St. Cecilia Parish).

**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST FILM** (2004, directed by Mel Gibson) will be shown on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Center basement. Please bring snacks to share. All are invited.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at [mkirkweg@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com).

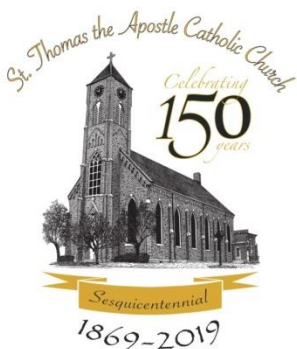
**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 29 – April 2 – No School  
April 4 – Grades 5-8 Field Trip  
April 6 – First Friday, Adoration, Confessions grades 2-8  
April 10 – Diocesan Spelling Bee  
April 11 – Panorama/sports groups & yearbook photos, Bookmobile

**BOX TOPS:** Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES:** The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

**MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL BOOKMOBILE** will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, March 26 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on the Church parking lot located at Park Street and Highway B.



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK:** Please pick up your family's envelope in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Inside the envelope you will find a copy of your family's narrative from the draft history book. Please review the content and let Roseanne Boessen know if you see any corrections needed to your narrative. The envelope may also contain photos you provided to Roseanne. If you don't have an envelope in the back of church, then Roseanne needs a family narrative and photos from you. Mail your corrections, photos, and/or your family narrative to Roseanne at 1304 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas MO, 65076 or email her at: [eboessen@centurylink.net](mailto:eboessen@centurylink.net). Please send these to Roseanne no later than **April 30th**. Questions? Please call her at 573-477-0168.

**META CIVIC LEAGUE:** The next monthly meeting of the Meta Civic League will be held on March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PARK BOARD:** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Park Board is in need of a few individuals who are interested in helping serve on the board. Ideal candidates will help with Southern Missouri River League (SMRL) registrations, assist and coordinate meetings, help with potential grants for the betterment of park area and work closely with the pastor and parish members. Anyone interested, please reach out to Gina Luebbering at 573-694-1863.

**JOB OPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL, RICH FOUNTAIN:** There is an opening for head cook at Sacred Heart School. If interested, please call the school at 573-744-5898 or the parish office 573-744-5987.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**MUSIC FOR ORGAN & TRUMPET – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 29** at St. Thomas the Apostle.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 8, 2018**

**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 14-20, 2018**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**THOUGHTS ON HOLY WEEK**

Holy means “set apart.” Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. While we pursue our daily relationship with the Lord through various forms of private prayer, as Catholics the Liturgy of the Church unites us in corporate prayer. The liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, perhaps more than any other, remind us of the richness available to us when we gather together to pray and worship with one another. When we gather for Holy Mass we believe that our souls and voices are raised together in prayer with those of the whole Communion of Saints and the angels in heaven. Our presence in the worshipping assembly becomes the vessel into which God pours His Sacramental grace.

The sacramental aspects of the Church’s liturgical prayer can awaken our minds and all of our senses to the reality of the mysteries we celebrate. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church (Paragraph 1146)* affirms: “As a being at once body and spirit, man expresses and perceives spiritual realities through physical signs and symbols. As a social being, man needs signs and symbols to communicate with others, through language, gestures, and actions. The same holds true for his relationship with God”. For us Catholics, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord are not events that happened in the distant past; they are real in this moment, active in our own lives. We experience this mystery as we relate to one another and to God and as we engage our own physicality.

Consider the many ways we use our bodies, as well as the gifts of creation, in the Masses and prayers of Holy Week: We wave palm branches. The priest uses water to wash the feet of others. We kneel at the proclamation of the Death of the Lord. We touch or kiss the wood of the Cross. Fire, incense, bells, water, oil, and of course, bread and wine, are a veritable symphony for our senses used during the Mother of all Vigils: the Easter Vigil.

The central mystery of our faith is the Incarnation of God. Never is the humanity of Jesus more clearly revealed than on the Cross. As we enter into the mysteries of this coming Holy Week, pray that we may be more closely united to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ in prayer, in contemplation and in worship.

**THE LITANY OF THE SACRED PASSION**

Lord Jesus, at the Last Supper you knew that Judas, one of the Twelve, would betray you.

GOOD LORD, DELIVER US FROM FALSE FRIENDS AND TREACHERY.

Lord Jesus, during the supper, you humbly washed the feet of your disciples.

GOOD LORD, MAKE US MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART.

Lord Jesus, at the Last Supper, you gave us the Sacrament of your broken body and outpoured blood.

GOOD LORD, WE WORSHIP THE SEAL OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT.

Lord Jesus, you asked your disciples to watch and pray with you in the Garden of Gethsemane.

GOOD LORD, KEEP US AWAKE AND WATCHFUL WITH YOU.

Lord Jesus, at your betrayal and arrest all your friends fled in fear and deserted you.

GOOD LORD, GIVE US COURAGE IN TIME OF TRIAL.

Lord Jesus, you were falsely accused and condemned for speaking the truth before Caiaphas, the high priest.

GOOD LORD, MAY WE SPEAK TRUTH IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE.

Lord Jesus, in the courtyard of the high priest, Simon Peter swore three times that he did not know you.

GOOD LORD, MAKE US FAITHFUL IN TIME OF TEMPTATION.

Lord Jesus, Pilate traded you for a murderer and handed you over to crucifixion.

GOOD LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US SINNERS.

Lord Jesus, you were beaten, mocked, and humiliated by Pilate’s soldiers.

GOOD LORD, MAY WE SUFFER GLADLY FOR YOUR SAKE.

Lord Jesus, on the cross you were taunted and derided as King of the Jews.

GOOD LORD, MAY WE ALWAYS LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO YOU.

Lord Jesus, on the cross you forgave your enemies.

GOOD LORD, GIVE US THE GRACE TO FORGIVE OURS.

Lord Jesus, from the cross you promised paradise to a repentant criminal.

GOOD LORD, MAKE US LONG FOR PARADISE AND ETERNAL BLISS.

Lord Jesus, from the cross you confided your Blessed Mother to your beloved disciple.

GOOD LORD, MAKE US CHILDREN OF MARY.

Lord Jesus, you cried out in agony to your Father and died with a loud cry.

GOOD LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH.

Lord Jesus, the Roman centurion recognized you as the Son of God.

GOOD LORD, MAY WE ALWAYS PRAISE AND EXALT YOU AS OUR BLESSED SAVIOR.

Lord Jesus, you were taken down from the cross and laid in the arms of your sorrowful Mother.

GOOD LORD, ENTRUST US TO THE CARE OF YOUR BLESSED MOTHER.

Lord Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea wrapped your body in a linen shroud and laid you in his rock-hewn tomb.

GOOD LORD, GRANT US THE GIFT OF TEARS AT THE MEMORY OF YOUR SUFFERING, DEATH, AND BURIAL.

Lord Jesus, the women who had followed you from Galilee watched as you were put to rest in the tomb.

GOOD LORD, WE AWAIT WITH JOY YOUR GLORIOUS RESURRECTION ON THE THIRD DAY.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

FOR BY YOUR HOLY CROSS, YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Lord Jesus Christ, you were fastened with nails to the wood of the cross and raised on high for all to see. As the sun grew dark and the earth quaked, you surrendered your spirit to your Father, descended among the dead, broke open the gates of hell, and freed those bound in darkness.

As angel choirs rejoiced, you were raised to life again on the third day, destroying death by your own death and canceling the power of sin. By these mighty deeds on our behalf, rescue us from our blindness and tepidity, inspire us anew by your Holy Spirit, and lead us into a life of prayer and service worthy of your awesome sacrifice, O Savior of the world, living and reigning with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

May the glorious passion of our Lord Jesus Christ + bring us to the joys of paradise. AMEN.