

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

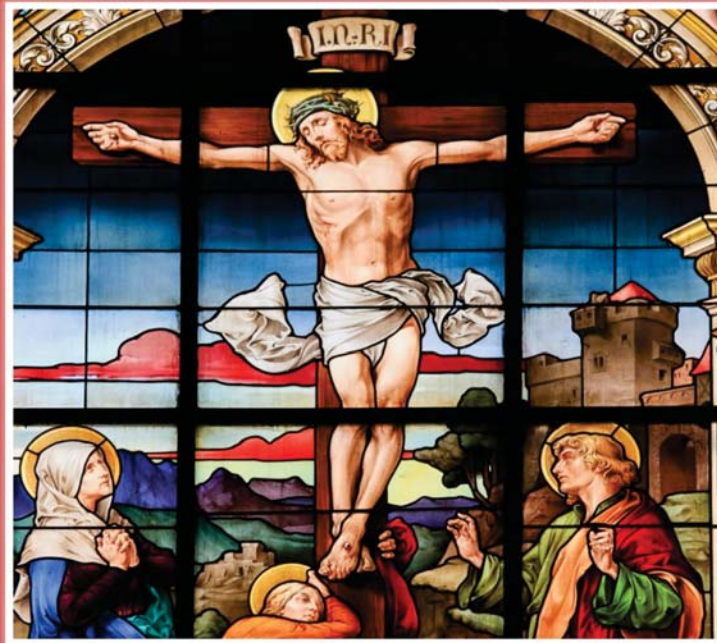
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Charlestown, MA 02129

April 2, 2023

## PALM SUNDAY



TRULY, THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD!

MATTHEW 27:54

### WELCOME!

*To visitors to our parish, to those who have recently moved into the area, and to those who are comfortable and nourished here—**welcome to all!** Please introduce yourself to the priest, and register as a member of our parishes.*

### SAINT MARY - SAINT CATHERINE

Our Mission is to make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to share their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

We are an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love.

Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we strive to build a vibrant parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship.

### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Led by the Holy Spirit, the Parish Family of Saint Francis de Sales seeks to know and celebrate Jesus through Mass, Prayer, Sacrament and Service.

Saint Francis de Sales Church is the oldest consecrated church in New England, the oldest in the city of Boston in continuous service, and the fourth oldest in America, built in 1859, on the top of Bunker Hill. Saint Francis is known affectionately as the Firefighter's church – The statue of St. Florian, patron saint, is located in the bell yard next to the church.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 AM Masses — Weekdays

Mon, Tues, Wed at St. Francis

Thurs, Fri & Sat at St. Mary- St.

Catherine in the Chapel

Weekend Masses

Saturday

4 pm St. Francis

4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

Sunday

8 am St. Mary- St. Catherine

9:30 am St. Francis

11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine

6 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

### Pastor

Fr. John Sheridan

St Mary - St Catherine of Siena

### Pastoral Associate

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## From our Pastor ...

I love to go to New York City- it's always exciting, I visit the places I used to read about and revisit the places I'm so familiar with, there's always something new in the Big Apple. It's home to so many people, cultures, languages, and ways of life- it is the crossroads of our country, and our world.

At the end of the day, though, I'm always happy to go home to Boston- where so many people I love, and places are familiar and warm to me are, and always will be. I love to wander in this world, but my heart is never far from home.

Jerusalem is something like modern day NYC- it's a touchstone to so many, but with all its glory and majesty, it's not our home- ours is the Kingdom of Heaven. We pause alongside Jesus as we enter the city with Him and take in all that surrounds us, but these days of Holy Week call us to a deeper journey of our hearts, minds, and souls. These days will inspire and challenge us, but will lead us to victory, the victory that will lead us back to our true home, the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven Jesus has won for us through the Cross.

On Holy Saturday night, at the Vigil at St. Mary's, Kendal and Hannah, who have been preparing for months for this Holy Week, will be brought through the Sacraments of Initiation, please pray for them as they take these final steps on their journey with us- to our forever home!

### GET YOUR CLOTHES TOGETHER!

Something is coming in May with our Society of St. Vincent de Paul! As you're doing your spring cleaning, collect your gently used clothing and shoes and bring them to the parking lot of St. Catherine's Rectory over the weekend of May 20-21 and help us help others!

### Saint Mary Church

55 Warren Street

### Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel

Warren and Soley Street

617.242.4664

### Social Ministry Office

49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

### Good Shepherd School

20 Winthrop Street 617-242-8800

### St. Francis de Sales Church

313 Bunker Hill Street

### St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

325 Bunker Hill Street

617.242.0997

### Bishop Lawton Hall

313 Bunker Hill Street

617.242.9771

### Handicap Access

**St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street.**

**St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.**



# SALMOS VS. PASIÓN

POR EL PADRE LARRY RICE

Todos los años, alrededor de estas fechas, cuando nos acercamos al final de la Cuaresma y está por llegar la Pascua, los católicos en todas partes leen los boletines, misales y publicaciones de su parroquia y se preguntan por qué al último domingo de Cuaresma se le llama "Domingo de la Pasión" y no "Domingo de Ramos". La designación formal fue cambiada en 1970; pero todavía muchas personas están más acostumbradas a llamarle "Domingo de Ramos".

Los ramos, por supuesto, son la conmemoración de la antigua costumbre de cubrir el camino de la persona a quien se honraba cuando ella pasaba por ese camino. En muchas regiones del Cercano Oriente, este era uno de los más grandes honores, a menudo reservado para la realeza. En los cuatro Evangelios vemos que Jesús recibió ese honor al hacer su entrada triunfal en Jerusalén, días antes de su ejecución. En Mateo, Marcos y Lucas, encontramos que las multitudes tiraron sus mantos en el camino y cortaban ramas. Solo en el Evangelio de Juan se menciona específicamente a los ramos de palma.

En las Iglesias católicas, es costumbre entregar a los fieles las palmas que fueron

bendecidas al inicio de la liturgia y llevadas en procesión al inicio de la Misa. Entre las costumbres privadas de las personas está entretejer estas palmas en forma de cruz y de otras formas durante la liturgia. Yo quisiera creer que las personas no están haciendo esto durante mi homilía pero mi experiencia me dice que sí lo hacen.

Al final, la celebración de este día no se trata de las palmas, al igual que la Navidad no se trata de árboles decorados con luces de colores. Como lo muestran claramente las oraciones y las Escrituras, la liturgia es realmente acerca de la pasión de Cristo-su disposición a sufrir por nuestra salvación y por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Al final de la lectura de la narración de la pasión, las palmas parecen algo triste e irónico, ya que las multitudes que recibieron a Jesús en Jerusalén se fueron transformando en esas multitudes que, durante su juicio, gritaban "¡Crucifíquenlo!". La inconstancia y la fragilidad humana contrastan con la integridad y el coraje de Jesús.

Así que tiene sentido que le llamemos "Domingo de la Pasión". Pero las viejas costumbres y la antigua terminología no cambian fácilmente.

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## APRIL IS MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST

My Lord and Creator, Your goodness encourages me to converse with You. Your mercy abolishes the chasm which separates the Creator from the creature. To converse with You, O Lord, is the delight of my heart. In You I find everything that my heart could desire. Here Your light illumines my mind, enabling it to know You more and more deeply. Here streams of grace flow down upon my heart. Here my soul draws eternal life. O my Lord and Creator, You alone, beyond all these gifts, give Your own self to me and unite Yourself intimately with Your miserable creature. (*Saint Faustina*)

### APRIL DATES 2023

April 2—Palm Sunday  
April 6—Holy Thursday  
April 7—Good Friday  
April 8—Holy Saturday  
April 9—Resurrection of the Lord

April 16—Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 17—Patriots' Day  
April 18—Holocaust Memorial Day  
April 25— St Mark, Evangelist  
April 29—St Catherine of Siena



### Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays in the Church  
3:15 - 3:45 pm

### Rosary

On Saturdays, we gather for our Saturday Rosary via Zoom. Sign on is at 8 am and we will begin praying at 8:15. If you are interested, please email Donna at: [donna.lecam@gmail.com](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com) for the Zoom information. All are most welcome!

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We welcome the opportunity to provide the Sacraments of Confession, Communion or Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is confined to home, either on a short or longer term basis, as we want to do our best to help them feel connected to our community. Please call us at 617-242-4664 if you, a relative or neighbor is open to having a home visit for some friendly conversation and prayer.

### Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

is always a joyful event in our Parish. It's such a privilege to facilitate this momentous event in the lives of families and in particular, the life of the child. To learn more, please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or email: [ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org)

### ST MARY - ST CATHERINE OF SIENA MASS INTENTIONS

11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS IS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AND ARCHIVED ON FACEBOOK FOR FUTURE VIEWING

SATURDAY 04/01  
9 AM  
4 PM PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

SUNDAY 04/02 PALM SUNDAY  
8 AM  
11 AM  
6 PM

THURSDAY 04/06 HOLY THURSDAY  
8 AM PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY 04/07 GOOD FRIDAY  
8 AM PRAYER

SATURDAY 04/08 EASTER VIGIL  
9 AM PRAYER

SUNDAY 04/09 EASTER  
8 AM  
11 AM  
6 PM—NO 6 PM MASS

### St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena UPCOMING COLLECTION

April 2 Parish Easter Collection  
April 7 Holy Land Friday  
April 9 Clergy Benefit

Weekend of March 18/19  
Parishioners contributed

\$4,397.07 to the Weekly collection

Thank you to all who contributed!

Attendance:	
4 pm	65
8 am	60
11 am	121
6 pm	65

**TOTAL = 301**



Saint Mary Church  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit for  
Maureen Dewey

### PARISH MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
HARVEST ON VINE  
PRISON MINISTRY  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FAITH FORMATION & ENRICHMENT  
ADULT CONFIRMATION  
BAPTISM TEAM  
CONFIRMATION  
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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS  
ALTAR SOCIETY  
ARIMATEA SOCIETY  
CANA SOCIETY  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
GREETERS  
LECTORS  
MUSIC MINISTRY  
ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY  
USHERS

### PARISH COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCIL  
PASTORAL COUNCIL

### SOCIAL GROUPS

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN CHARLESTOWN (CYAC)

## It Takes A Village...

Every pastor and pastoral staff know that a parish cannot run without the involvement of its parishioners. And so, this is a call to all of our parishioners to volunteer your time in various ministries and activities in our Parish. Some of the ministries in need of your presence are: The Baptism Committee, The Funeral Team, Hospitality Committee, Faith Formation, Liturgical Ministries and more!

Please contact Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or [ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org) for more information. We look forward to your involvement in continuing to make our Parish a vibrant and welcoming community!







## April 2: Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks.

Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

### **St. Vincent de Paul: Vital Help for the Suffering and Those in Need**

Saint Vincent de Paul is a global charity network that now operates in 142 countries. In the United States, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul comes to the aid of 12 million people annually. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, known as Vincentians come from all walks of life to help the poor meet their needs both spiritually and materially.

Our Parish Conference began in 1876 under the auspices of Monsignor McMahon and supplied shoes for children and offered food to the unemployed.

Currently, the St. Mary – St. Catherine of Siena Conference, a team of about 10 parishioners, handle a variety of issues every week. Some people need help with the rent, while others are in need of a kitchen table or beds for their kids. A team will make home visits to determine their living situation and make appropriate recommendations corresponding to their needs. Often we connect those in need to our Parish emergency food pantry, Harvest on Vine. Clients are also informed about Masses and programs at St. MarySt. Catherine of Siena Parish.

If you would like to make a donation to help this cause, there are boxes at the rear of the Church. Please remember, especially during this Lenten season, to help those less fortunate. "The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them."

~ St. Vincent de Paul

*Please remember the poor boxes at the back of the Church. Thank you.*

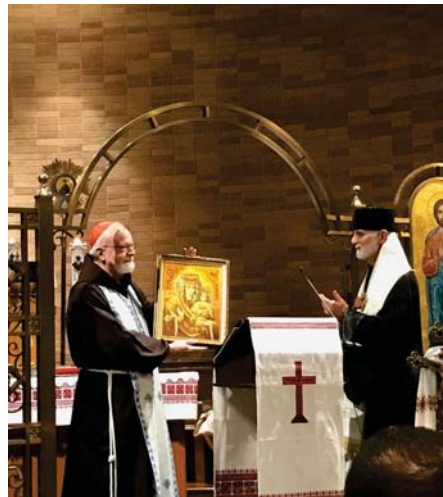
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**Kyle Buckley**

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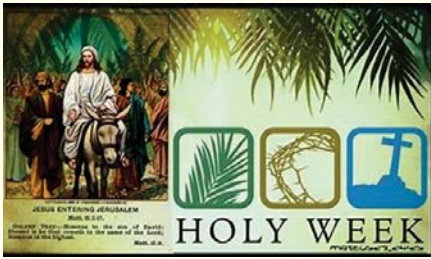
**Manpreet Kaur**



A prayer service was held for Ukraine at Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jamaica Plain. Five of us from St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish participated in the service to support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters—(L to R) Peter and Donna LeCam, Susie Howard, Dianne Ludy. Also in attendance was Sr. Nancy who took the above photo. Please keep the people of Ukraine in prayer.



## Charlestown Catholic Community



## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday Masses

#### Saturday

4:00 pm—St Francis de Sales

4:00 pm—St. Mary

#### Sunday

8:00 am—St Mary

9:30 am—St Francis de Sales

11:00 am—St Mary

6:00pm—St Mary

#### Monday

8:00 am—Mass at St Francis

#### Tuesday

8:00 am—Mass at St Francis

#### Wednesday

8:00 am—Mass at St Francis

### Easter Triduum



### Holy Thursday

9:00 am - Morning Prayer at St Mary

5:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Francis

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper—St Mary

### Good Friday

9:00 am—Morning Prayer at St Mary

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion—St Francis

7:30 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion—St Mary

### Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Morning Prayer at St Mary

5:30 pm - Easter Vigil—St Francis

7:30 pm - Easter Vigil—St Mary



### EASTER MORNING

#### Resurrection of Our Lord Masses:

8:00 am—St Mary

9:30 am—St Francis

11:00 am—St Mary

**NO 6:00 PM**



## MEET ME IN THE DESERT

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,  
As you went into the desert  
So do I follow  
Putting aside that which distracts me  
Grabs at me Falsely claims me.  
To search inside To confront myself  
My best, my worst My good works and my sins.

And each time, I find you there  
To call to me again  
With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting  
In sacrifice and penitence  
Somehow, you have it in yourself  
to reach out and gently lift me  
To renew me  
To claim me as nothing of this world can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord.  
Claim me anew.

Amen.

*"Meet Me in the Desert" is a Lenten prayer  
published by Catholic Relief Services in 2014.*



### Stations of the Cross

#### GOOD FRIDAY

3 pm - St Mary - St Catherine Siena

3 pm - St Francis de Sales



## Evangelization

### April 2 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

This story never gets old. The challenge before us is to listen as if hearing it for the first time. What words or actions linger in your heart as you walk with Jesus in his passion? Notice how quickly the mood of the crowd changes ~ at one moment praising Jesus and singing "Hosanna" to faithless angry calls "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The cost of discipleship is real. During this holiest week of the year, spend some time in church or in quiet prayer reflecting on all that Jesus endured in his passion and death to save us from our selfishness and sin. How will you respond to his extraordinary act of love? Look for an opportunity this week to share your love of Christ with another.



*It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches, or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, with the whole Christ – "for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" – so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet. ~ Andrew of Crete, Eighth century*



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On, Easter the collection will be for the Clergy Trust.

### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

**8:00 AM** St Mary—St Catherine Siena  
**9:30 AM** St Francis de Sales  
**11:00 AM** St Mary—St Catherine Siena

### WHAT IS "THE SOMETHING" WE CAN WE DO?

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession-brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives include everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effect far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. This enables us to do something, and do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter to do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

*-by Bishop Ken Utener in memory of Oscar Romero.*

### Easter Flowers:



Names for Easter Flowers must be submitted no later than Friday, March 31, to appear in the Easter Bulletin. Please bring your envelope to Mass or the Parish Center (46 Winthrop St., 9 am-5 pm), or email [dludy@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmarystcatherine.org) with the subject "Easter names". Thank you!





## Intentions

Saturday, April 1 at 4 pm—Palm Sunday Vigil – Sandra Cardoso Lopes

Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 am—Palm Sunday

Monday, April 3—at 8:00 am—Weekly Mass for Vocations to Consecrated Life, the Permanent Diaconate & Priesthood

Tuesday, April 4 @ 8:00 am—Weekly Mass for the Members, Benefactors & Friends of the Parish

Wednesday April 4 at 8:00 am—Weekly Mass for the Sick Members of the Parish

Saturday, April 8 at 4 pm—Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 am—Easter

## ATTENDANCE

**Sat. 4 pm 46**

**Sun. 9:30 am 43**

## WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU

We are grateful to you for your offerings from the weekend of March 5  
\$2,052.00 contributed to the weekly Offertory,  
and \$497 for the Parish Religious Education Collection



Saint Francis de Sales  
Sanctuary Lamp  
is lit for  
Florence & Eugene  
Connors

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please come before the 4 pm Mass on Saturdays.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday at 3:00 pm

## Upcoming Collections

April 2—Capital Improvements

April 7—Good Friday

April 9—Clergy Benefit  
and Religious Education

## The Harvest on Vine food pantry

Next weekend, Easter Sunday, April 9th is Hungry Sunday here at St. Francis de Sales. Our parish is collecting non-perishable food items such as cereal, rice and soup for Charlestown's Harvest on the Vine Food Pantry. You may drop your items at the Usher's tables. Thank you!

## BUILDING MEMORIAL FUND

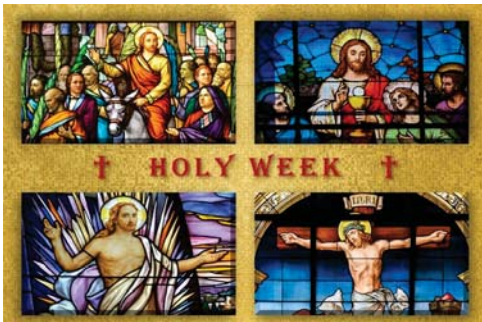
" We are grateful to all who support the St. Francis de Sales Building Memorial Fund. A list of all the benefactors and friends of the parish who are enrolled in the St. Francis de Sales Building Memorial Fund will be published monthly."

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Be mindful of the poor among us by assisting the Saint Vincent de Paul Society by way of their collection boxes at the doors of the Church. The weekly offerings given to the Parish Conference of the Society are their main source of income in assisting the needy of the Parish.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Sacrament Altar is a visible sign the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle. Here in Saint Francis de Sales the Sanctuary candle burns daily in the Upper Church and in the Chapel of All Souls in the lower Church. The Sanctuary Lamp is a seven day candle. If you wish to donate a Sanctuary Candle that burns for one week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family Member or friend, kindly contact the Rectory Office at 617-242-0147 or see the Ushers at the weekend Masses. The suggested offering is ten dollars. The name of the person in whose memory or honor the Sanctuary Candle is lit will be noted in the Parish Bulletin.



## THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The weekly Offertory Collection at all the weekend Masses: the first collection, is directed entirely to the daily operating costs of the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales. The Offertory Collection stays in the Parish for these operating expenditures. No part of the Offertory Collection is directed to any other entity outside of the Parish. Please know we are truly grateful for your sacrificial gifts to the weekly Collection.



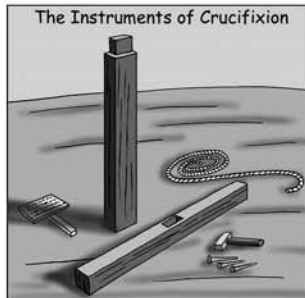
# SUNDAY FUNDAY

## FAITH FACTS

The Gospel Reading.

Crucifixion was the method used by the Romans to execute people. Often, the vertical part of the cross stayed in the ground. The prisoner carried the cross-beam to the place of execution. He might or might not be tied to the beam. At the place of execution he was nailed to cross-beam and the beam was slotted onto the upright. Then the victim's feet were nailed to the upright. In Jesus' case, a notice was fixed to the cross.

Crucifixion was a horrible and agonizing way in which to die.



## CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: J = O, N = S and D = I.

Crossword solution from last week

D	A	W	N	E	Y	E	S
E	O			A		I	
A	I	R		R	A	I	S
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		L			F	R	E
F	L	E	S	H	A	R	
A		O			L	A	S
I	L	L		O	I	L	O
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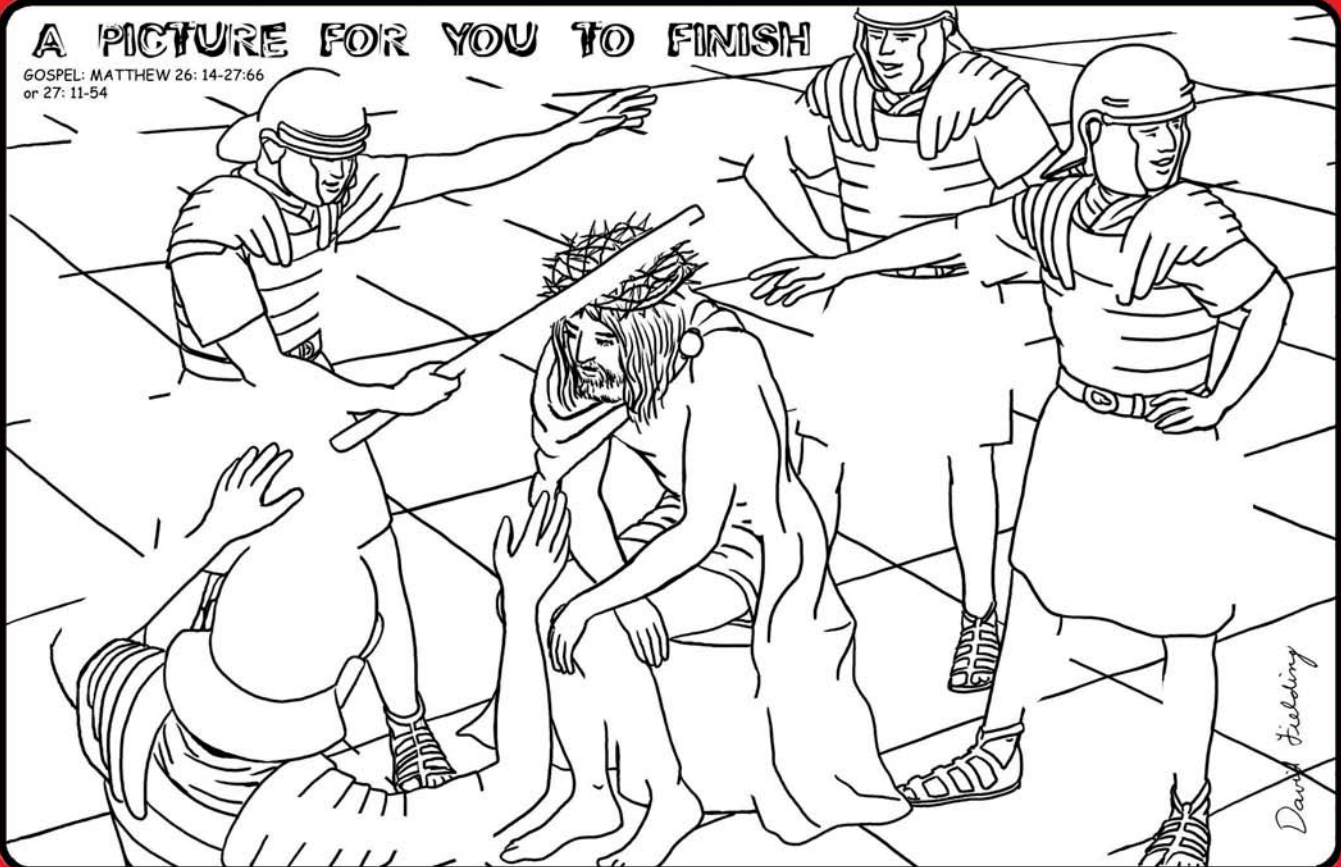
QJDXZ, VIY OCZI BVQZ

PK CDN NKDMDO.

ANSWER Once again Jesus cried out in a loud voice, and then gave up his spirit.

## A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26: 14-27:66  
or 27: 11-54



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