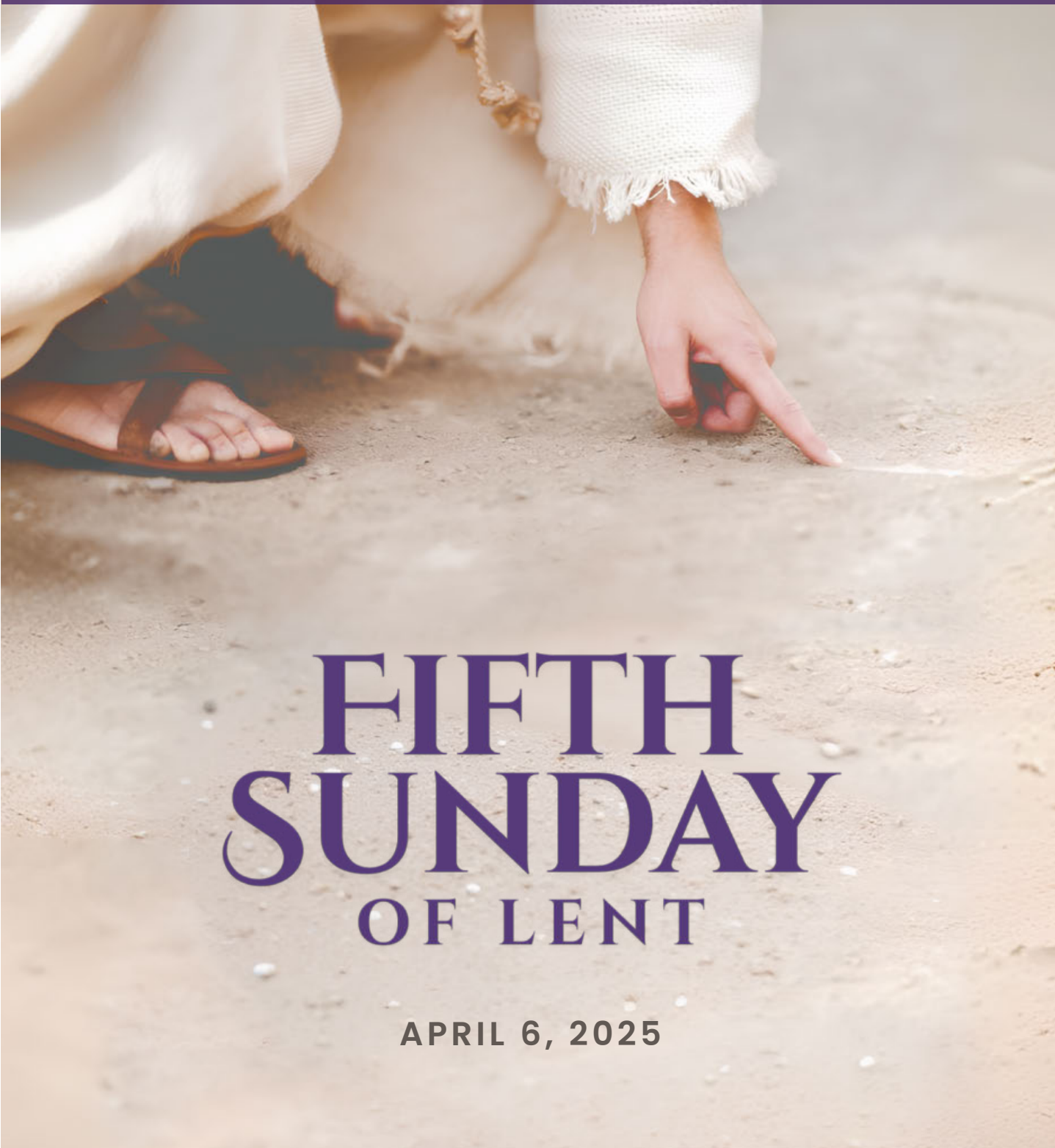


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Old St. Mary's welcomes and accompanies everyone on their faith journey. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our diverse community encourages people to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another through Eucharist, worship, prayer, education, and service.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Blessings to you all as we near the end of our Lenten journey. I pray this has been a time of true renewal, drawing you closer to God and to one another as a faith community here at Old St. Mary's. While Lent is concluding, the spirit of renewal continues as we enter the summit of our liturgical year: the **Paschal Triduum**.

The word *Triduum* means "three days," but we will actually celebrate *one, continuous* liturgy spanning Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These sacred days draw us into the heart of our faith, inviting us to walk with Christ through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Through powerful symbols, prayers, and sacraments, we open ourselves to be transformed and drawn deeper into God's love.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper (**April 17, 7 PM**), commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. The washing of feet is a moving reminder of Christ's call to serve each other with love. Rather than concluding with a final blessing, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose, inviting everyone to remain in prayer, just as Jesus asked of his disciples in Gethsemane.

Good Friday's liturgy (**April 18, 3 PM & 7 PM**) is striking in its simplicity—the altar is bare, the use of musical instruments is minimal, and the focus is on the Passion of the Lord. We listen once more to the Passion story, venerate the cross, and in solemn silence receive the Eucharist consecrated the night before. It is a day of great sorrow but also of profound hope, as we recognize that the cross is not the end, but the very means of our redemption. Here, we unite our own struggles with Christ's, trusting in the promise of resurrection.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil (**April 19, 8 PM**) is the pinnacle of the Triduum and the entire liturgical year. We begin in darkness, waiting in hope, until the Paschal fire is lit and the great *Exsultet* proclaims Christ's victory over death. The scriptures and psalms reveal the story of our redemption through God's love and mercy, leading to the triumphant proclamation of Christ's Resurrection. We will bear witness to a special time of renewal as new members of our faith community receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Also, with a new pastoral team since last Easter—Fr. Rich, Fr. Dan, and me—this celebration is sure to feel like another level of initiation for us into this parish family! Truly, renewal is happening in many ways.

We have an opportunity, not to be mere spectators but active participants, especially now as we approach these holy days. Whether through singing, kneeling, listening, or simply being present, we are invited to enter more deeply into these sacred mysteries. I pray that, wherever we are on our faith journey, our hearts may remain open to being inspired, strengthened, and changed by the love of Christ and the unity of our parish family. May it be so!

Ace Gangoso,
Director of Liturgy and Music



PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 7
7:00 PM

As we prepare for Easter, take time to experience God's mercy and healing at our Parish Community Reconciliation Service on Monday, April 7, at 7:00 PM in the church. Through scripture, prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we open our hearts to God's grace and renewal. Multiple priests will be available for individual confession.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM

We invite you to walk the Way of the Cross with us as we reflect on Christ's passion, love, and sacrifice. A simple soup supper follows after the Stations of the Cross.

On Good Friday (**April 18**), our Stations of the Cross will be at noon (no soup supper following).



Bringing Holy Communion to the Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion? Our Ministers of Care are now available to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass in person. To request a visit, please fill the form at bit.ly/osm-communionvisit or scan the QR code.



For urgent needs (Anointing of the Sick or Confession), please continue to call the parish office directly at 312-922-3444.

Called By Name TESTIMONIES OF FAITH FROM OUR ELECT



ASHLEY JEFFERS

I found my way on "The Way."

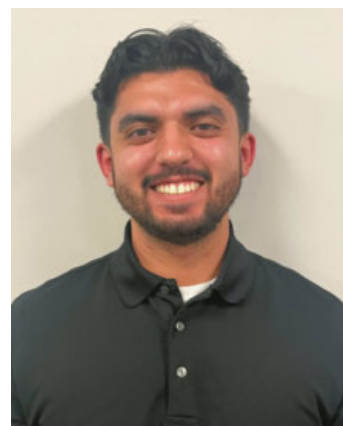
Finding the message of Jesus, I felt His guidance as my feet crunched the earth beneath them. Jesus's breath, carried on the wind, accompanied my slow progress towards Santiago de Compostela. His embrace, an all-encompassing love, caressed my cheek, radiant and warm like the sun. Tears of gratitude for the possibilities welled up. Time, a gift many will not receive, was granted to me for growth and reflection.

The strength of fellowship, walking with other pilgrims from around the world, was profound. Each reason for walking was as unique as a fingerprint. We offered compassion when needed, cried when emotions washed over our spirits, and gave hope to one another when we felt lost and confused. Being allowed to grieve in the presence of God was an all-powerful experience.

I found my way on the Way to Santiago de Compostela. Becoming Catholic was a gift offered to me on the path of Saint James. Millions before me had laid the route, a testament to the mystery of faith.

JASON ENRIQUEZ

As a child in Texas, I was raised in the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination, and I grew up thinking that it was the correct faith because it was the only exposure to religion I had. I was not until I reached high school and was challenged by a mentor figure to look at both myself and the SDA church to see if I truly believed what it taught or if I just followed it because that was the religion my parents had raised me in. As time went on and I moved to college I realized that the town I grew up in was, in a sense, a social bubble. My time in college exposed me to new experiences and ways of life that I didn't have in my hometown.



Those life experiences led me to the conclusion that I did not truly believe in the faith I grew up in, and for a time I had trouble figuring out who or what I believed in. It was not until I moved to Chicago where a friend, who was visiting me, brought me to Old St. Mary's and encouraged me to attend OCIA classes after I expressed an interest in Catholicism. The months I have spent attending classes and doing my own research into the Church made me appreciate the rituals and teaching Catholicism provided. The encouragement and enthusiasm I have had is unlike anything I experienced during my most devout times as an Adventist, and Catholicism has allowed me to rebuild my relationship with our Lord in ways I did not have before.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12 | 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday, April 13 | 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00 PM

Adoration following until 10:30 PM

Note: No 8:30 AM Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18

Stations of the Cross | 12:00 PM

Confessions | After Stations until 2:30 PM

Good Friday Service | 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Note: No 8:30 AM Mass

THE EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 19 | 8:00 PM

Note: No 4:00 PM Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20 | 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Note: No 4:00 PM Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 6

8 AM Patrick & Allison Reisch
11 AM Dr. James Fairbairn (+)
4 PM People of the Parish

Monday, April 7

8:30 AM Joseph Corritore (+)

Tuesday, April 8

8:30 AM Jennie Corritore (+)

Wednesday, April 9

8:30 AM Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas

Thursday, April 10

8:30 AM Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas

Friday, April 11

8:30 AM Eugenio Joson (+)

Saturday, April 12

5 PM In Thanksgiving Quinn Family

Easter Flowers

We are preparing our sanctuary for the joyful celebration of Easter, and part of that preparation includes adorning the altar with beautiful flowers.

If you would like to help by making a donation toward the purchase of Easter flowers, special envelopes can be found in your parish envelope packet or in the church commons. Gifts of \$25 or more will be gratefully acknowledged in a future parish bulletin.

You're welcome to include the names of loved ones you wish to have remembered in the space provided on the envelope.

Donations can also be made online at www.oldstmarys.com/donate.

Thank you for helping us create a space of beauty and hope as we welcome the Easter season.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The readings for the week can be found on the US Catholic Bishops Conference website. Head to <https://bible.usccb.org/> or scan the QR code.



St. Austin Catholic Church, with Fr. Rich, has created an online guide to explore Bible readings from Mass. Visit staustin.org/lectionary-guide.

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Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

We recently posted the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation job. Please feel free to share with anyone who might be interested in the position.

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Adult Open Gym

SUNDAYS AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS

Join us for Adult Open Gym on Sundays after the 4:00 PM Mass (5:00 – 6:30 PM). Please contact Steve Dollear (stevenjdollear@gmail.com) if you'd like to be added to the group's text thread!

OSM Young Adults

Candlelight Mass

Wednesday, April 9
at 7:00 PM (Church)

Step away from the noise and into the quiet presence of God. This Mass offers a space to slow down, be still, and encounter Christ in the Eucharist.



Scan the QR code to sign up for our young adult mailing list!

Questions? Contact frdan@oldstmarys.com

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Looking to put something in the bulletin? Email bulletin@oldstmarys.com

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Wednesday School Mass during School Year

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
4:00 PM

Holy Days *contact parish office*

BAPTISM

Register at <http://oldstmarys.com/baptism/>
• To request a copy of your baptismal certificate, email baptisms@oldstmarys.com

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<https://oldstmarys.com/weddings/>
Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM,
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every First Friday during the 8:30 AM Mass,
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

CONFIRMATION

Inquire at
<https://oldstmarys.com/confirmation/>

FUNERAL

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Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass
(9:00 AM – 11:30 AM)



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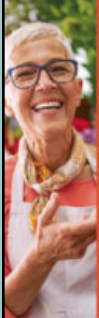
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