



# the evangelist

NEWS & EVENTS OF THE CHURCH OF S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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PARISH NOTICES  
SCHEDULE FOR HOLY  
WEEK  
MARCH LECTIONARY  
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VESTRY MINUTES  
MARCH SAINTS  
CALENDAR

### DATES TO NOTE

March 10th:  
Women's Guild

March 11th:  
Vestry Meeting

March 17th:  
Prayer Group

March 20th:  
Parish Supper  
following Maundy  
Thursday Mass

March 22nd:  
Reception following  
Easter Vigil Mass

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*Dear Friends in Christ:*

Until it be thoroughly finished . . .

*On Ash Wednesday, the Church calls us to the observance of a Holy Lent . . . but what does that really mean?*

*From statistical observations, many of the faithful begin and end Lent with the best of intentions – the attendance at Ash Wednesday services and at Easter Masses is high and involves most of the regular family of the Parish. It is interesting to note, again from statistics, that the number of the faithful who truly journey with our Lord through Lent, and more specifically, through Holy Week, is sadly lower than the number present with Him at the beginning and end of His Passion.*

*We must remember that without death, there can be no resurrection. Without the darkness of Maundy Thursday and the agony of Good Friday, there can be no light and no life on Easter Sunday. And ultimately, unless we are willing to be with Our Lord in the upper room; unless we are willing to go to Gethsemane with Him; unless we are willing to deny Him with Peter; unless we are present at Golgotha and at the tomb with Joseph in the darkness of Friday night, then our presence at the open tomb on Easter Day is, at best, hollow.*

*Our Lord calls us to be with Him through Holy Week. Be there for Tenebrae at 6 PM Wednesday, 19 March. Be there on Maundy Thursday for Mass at 6 PM. Watch with our Lord through the night in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Be there for the Tres Hora service at noon on Friday, 21 March. Be there for the Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday evening at 6 PM. Be there on Holy Saturday at 8 PM. And finally, be there in the light of Resurrection on Sunday morning at 8 or 10.*

*Heavenly Father, strengthen us that we may know that when we are called to undertake any great piece of work, "it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, that yieldeth the true glory."*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*~Jono Babbitt*