



MISSION MATTERS

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Blessed Mary Angela Says: (Foundress of the Felician Sisters)

"Do not be dishearten if you do not see the fruit of your work; after all, you know that Christ himself taught the multitudes and not everyone listened to His voice."

CATHOLIC Q&A

"What is the Triduum?"

Click [here](#) for the answer

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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- 04/05: Ram Navani - *Hinduism*
- 04/10: Mahavir Jayanti - *Hinduism*
- 04/12: Passover begins - *Judaism*
- 04/13: Palm Sunday - *Christian*
- 04/13: Theravada New Year - *Buddhism*
- 04/14: Vaisakhi - *Hinduism*
- 04/17: Holy Thursday - *Christian*
- 04/18: Good Friday - *Christian*
- 04/19: Holy Saturday - *Christian*
- 04/20: Easter - *Christian*
- 04/25: Feast of Saint Mark - *Christian*
- 04/28: Day of Ridvan - *Baha'i*



Lenten/Easter Activities

- * **Monday, April 7:** Lenten Monday Morning Prayer on Zoom 8:45-8:55 am (see your email for invite)
- * **Monday, April 7:** Bible Study, 11:15am-12:15 pm in Campus Ministry office.
- * **Monday, April 14:** Lenten Monday Morning Prayer on Zoom 8:45-8:55 am (see your email for invite)
- * **Monday, April 14:** Bible Study, 11:15am-12:15 pm in Campus Ministry office.
- * **Tuesday, April 15:** Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters in North America! 11:15 am in the Dining Commons, free cake and ice cream with trivia games with prizes!
- * **Thursday, April 17: HOLY THURSDAY**
- * **Friday, April 18: GOOD FRIDAY**
- * **Saturday, April 19: HOLY SATURDAY**
- * **Sunday, April 20: EASTER**
- * **Monday, April 21:** Bible Study, 11:15am-12:15 pm in Campus Ministry office.
- * **Tuesday, April 22:** EARTH DAY Education Day, 11:15 am in Room 103.
- * **Friday, April 25:** monthly service visit to Little Portion Friary Homeless shelter, 9-12 pm.
- * **Monday, April 28:** Bible Study, 11:15am-12:15 pm in Campus Ministry office.
- * **Wednesday, April 30:** Easter Season Liturgy to celebrate the Resurrection, 11:15 am in college chapel.



Easter Triduum Explained

by Fr. Jason Damon, OFM

The Easter Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – are considered to be the holiest days in the Christian calendar. Also known as the "Paschal Triduum," it begins with the liturgy of Holy Thursday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' Last Supper, His washing of the disciples' feet and His arrest by the Roman authorities.

Good Friday is the most solemn day in the Christian calendar. It is on this day that Christians recall the Passion (sentencing to death, scourging, carrying the Cross to Calvary) and Crucifixion of Jesus. The word "Good" in this sense comes from the Old English meaning of the word as "holy" or "pious," not "good" as in the sense of something being morally positive. It is a day of fasting and solemn remembrance of Jesus' death.

The Triduum reaches its climax on the evening of Holy Saturday. On that night, the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It is a moving liturgy in which many Christians formally enter the Church by way of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and which recalls the story of salvation history, from Creation to the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt to the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is a liturgy that remembers the themes of light and darkness, and is the day when the Paschal candle is formally lit and used to bless the baptismal font.

Easter Sunday is a day of great joy as Christian communities recall the Resurrection of Jesus and, subsequently as His followers, our own future Resurrection. It is a day that reminds us that death does not have the final word: life does.



OUR CORE VALUES

Respect for Human Dignity



Compassion



SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE IN NEED



Transformation



Justice and Peace

2024-2025 Focus

Solidarity With People in Need Learning About Diversity through Catholic Social Justice teachings

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

Theme #7: Care for Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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<https://www.instagram.com/villamariacampusministry/>

**JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28
@11:15 AM IN THE CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE.
OPEN TO STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Prayers for the Environment Earth Day, April 22, 2025

from religionsforpeace.org

Buddhism: Even as a mother protects with her life, her child, her only child, so with a boundless heart Should one cherish all living beings, Radiating kindness over the entire world, Spreading upwards to the skies, And downwards to the depths. ~ Metta Sutta

Christianity: Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ~Matthew 6:28

Hinduism: Even if there is only one tree full of flowers and fruit in a village, that place becomes worthy of worship and respect. ~Mahabharata, Adiparra, 138:25

Indigenous Native American: Earth teach me stillness as the grasses are stilled with light. Earth teach me suffering as old stones suffer with memory. Earth teach me humility as blossoms are humble with beginning. Earth teach me caring as the mother who secures her young. ~ Ute Prayer

Islam: Do not cut down a tree, do not abuse a river, do not harm animals, and be always kind and humane to God's creation, even to your enemies. ~ Abu-Baker

Jainism: One who disregards the existence of earth, air, fire, water, and vegetation Disregards his or her own existence which is entwined with them. ~ Mahavir

Judaism: But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; In the Lord's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all humankind. ~ Job 12:7-10

Sikhism: God created night and day, seasons, time, and occasions. So also, air, water, fire, and nether regions. Amidst these has God fixed the earth, the place for Righteous Activities. ~ Guru Granth Sahib

Taoism: Heaven cannot but be high. Earth cannot but be broad. The sun and moon cannot but revolve. All creation cannot but flourish. To do so is their Tao. ~ Chuang Tze

Shintoism: Our gratitude, love, and responsibility within a living nature should not be avoided. Seeing a forest as merely an object of economic activity is a kind of trafficking in flesh, an injustice, a crime. ~ Shoroku Shinto Yamatoyama

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