

December 23, 2018

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
and 12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9am Mass

Monday-Friday: 8am, 11am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays: 11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday: 4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:1-4A

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: www.annunciationdc.org, in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

CONFIRMATION: "Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING

The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

We have reached the 4th Sunday of Advent and on Tuesday we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas. This very short week of Advent gives us the final moments to prepare for the birth of our Savior. There is no time to procrastinate and put off to tomorrow for the day of our salvation is near at hand. With the powerful, "Yes," of Mary we see that the lowliness of this handmaid of the Lord has changed the world. Our small actions can have such great consequences. How many times today could you say, "Yes," to another's request or need and open them up to joy and happiness? This is our time to join our lives to that of Mary and fulfill the request of our Heavenly Father. We pray, "Heavenly Father, give us the grace to answer your call to be Christ for others and build your heavenly Kingdom here on earth. May your will be mine, and thy will be done."

May the Blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance and the fullness of the Holy Spirit bring you and those you cherish joy and love.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike



MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20's – 40's who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held the weekend of February 1 – 3, 2019 at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The weekend will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org. For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations 202-636-9020 vocations@adw.org.

UNPLUG ON A PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells us to "Come away with me," ... to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. In the short, focused, weekday hours from 8:30am - 4pm, an experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and hot lunch, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Upcoming dates for this personal experience are: Jan 11, March 22. \$120 per person. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

December 30th

Church Utilities

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor



SAINT OF THE WEEK



THOMAS BECKET

1118 -1170

FEAST DECEMBER 29

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 23 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Panke	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Sergio Pavia	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Wakefield	Manolo Ortega	In Memory

Monday, December 24 – *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	William Frank Reed	In Memory
4:00 p.m.	Antonicelli	Brian Nett	In Memory
6:00 p.m.	Wakefield	Rosemary Kahle	In Memory
9:00 p.m.	Mellone	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus	In Memory

Tuesday, December 25 – *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Anthony T. Zaia	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Antonicelli	Msgr. Thomas Duffy	In Memory

Wednesday, December 26 – *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Carl Hobelman	In Memory
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Thursday, December 27 – *Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Bonnie Ellen Kennealy	In Memory
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Friday, December 28 – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Marilyn Panke	In Memory
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Saturday, December 29 – *Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Lockman	Willem Nijhof	In Memory

Sunday, December 30 – *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Barbara A. King	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Father Donald Brice	Intentions
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Lockman	William F. Walsh	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound. Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.



THIS WEEK ...

12/23	Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word — 9:00am (PC) Faith Fun — 9:30am (PC) Baptism — 11:30am (Church)
12/24	Monday	Christmas Eve Masses 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 9:00pm
12/25	Tuesday	Christmas Day Masses 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
12/26	Wednesday	One Mass — 9:00am Only (No Eucharistic Adoration)
12/27	Thursday	One Mass — 9:00am Only Contemplative Prayer — 6:25pm (CR) Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)
12/28	Friday	One Mass — 9:00am Only
12/29	Saturday	Funeral for Gonzalo Ponce—11:00am (Church)



OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Annunciation Parish Office will be closed from December 24, 2018 thru January 1, 2019. It will reopen on January 2, 2019. Have a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year!



ADVENT WREATH

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S FAITH FUN & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will not meet on December 30, 2018. They will resume on January 6, 2019.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Will not meet on December 26, 2018 or January 2, 2019. It will resume on January 9, 2019.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Will not meet December 25th or January 1st. It will resume on January 8th, 2019.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Christmas Eve our choir will present a program beginning at 8:20pm before the 9:00pm Mass. All are welcome to attend.



A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH CANDLES—FOURTH WEEK

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)

BLOOD DRIVE



Our CIA teen group will be sponsoring a blood drive. Right now we need 50 people to sign-up and commit so that we could get the Bloodmobile here. Please consider giving the gift of life! Baby-sitting will be available the day of the drive. See the flyer for details.

JOIN THE CIA!

We hear the need for students who need Community Service Hours. So all High School, 7th & 8th grades are invited to participate! **Come join the CIA!** Students are not obligated to participate in all the events listed. Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohsen.com or Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to get on our email list.

Parent drivers/chaperones welcome! A page on our website is in the works! Dates and times can be found on our parish website google calendar.



ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate an arrangement, the suggested donation is \$50 per arrangement (maximum of four arrangements.) The deadline for dedicating flowers is the Sunday before the desired weekend. If you would like to donate flowers please contact Patrice Morace at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org.

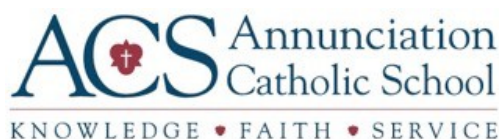
January Events

1/5 - Mulholland Food Pantry - 9am to noon

1/13 - Blood Drive at Annunciation Church - 8:30am to 2pm

1/18 - Youth Rally & Mass for Life - 6am to 11am, March from 11am to 2pm

1/26 - Iona Senior Services - 9:15am to 11:45am



Our Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 2nd was a great success! We welcomed the school and parish communities for pancakes, eggs and sausage to benefit the school. Parents and kids alike visited with Santa, had a wonderful breakfast and left feeling Christmas spirit and love for Annunciation!

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with Annunciation Volunteers!

Contact **Tom Keenan, YA Service Chair** if you have any questions: twkeenan6@gmail.com or 847-902-1405. Upcoming service events will be posted on FB/AnnunciationDCYA.

Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website www.annunciationdc.org

The halls of our school are “decked” with advent and Christmas arts and crafts. Every grade is fully engaged in the “reason for the season” as was seen at our Annual Christmas Pageant which was held on December 14th in the Church. For the first time in ACS History the pageant was interrupted by the fire alarms! After a brief unplanned intermission, the show went on and was wonderful. Many thanks to our Music Teacher, Ms. Shirley Printis for her great work getting the children ready to honor God with their heavenly voices. The pageant was followed by a delicious Italian Dinner, catered by our own Antoinetta Soviero! Pasta, salad and cannoli...Perfecto!

We will have an Admissions Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 10:00am until 12:00pm to kick off “Catholic Schools Week”. We would love to welcome your family into our school. Please let your friends, neighbors and others know of this event or contact Kristina Veirs at the school 202-362-1408 for more information.

From all of us at Annunciation Catholic School
Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to All!

2018 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF



Mary Lynne Bebee
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Anthony T. Zaia

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

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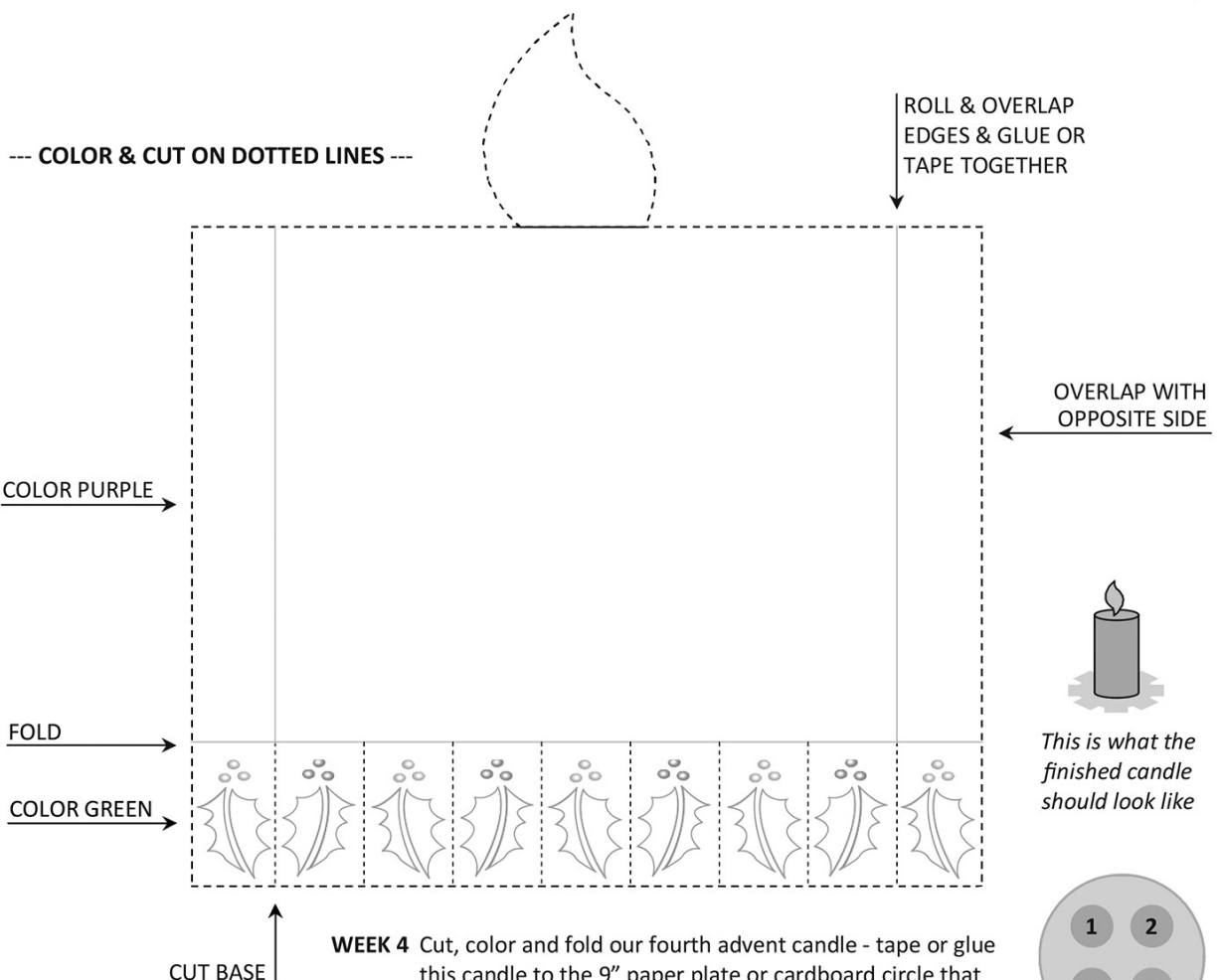
WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

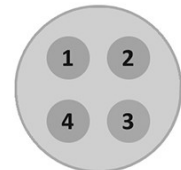
"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

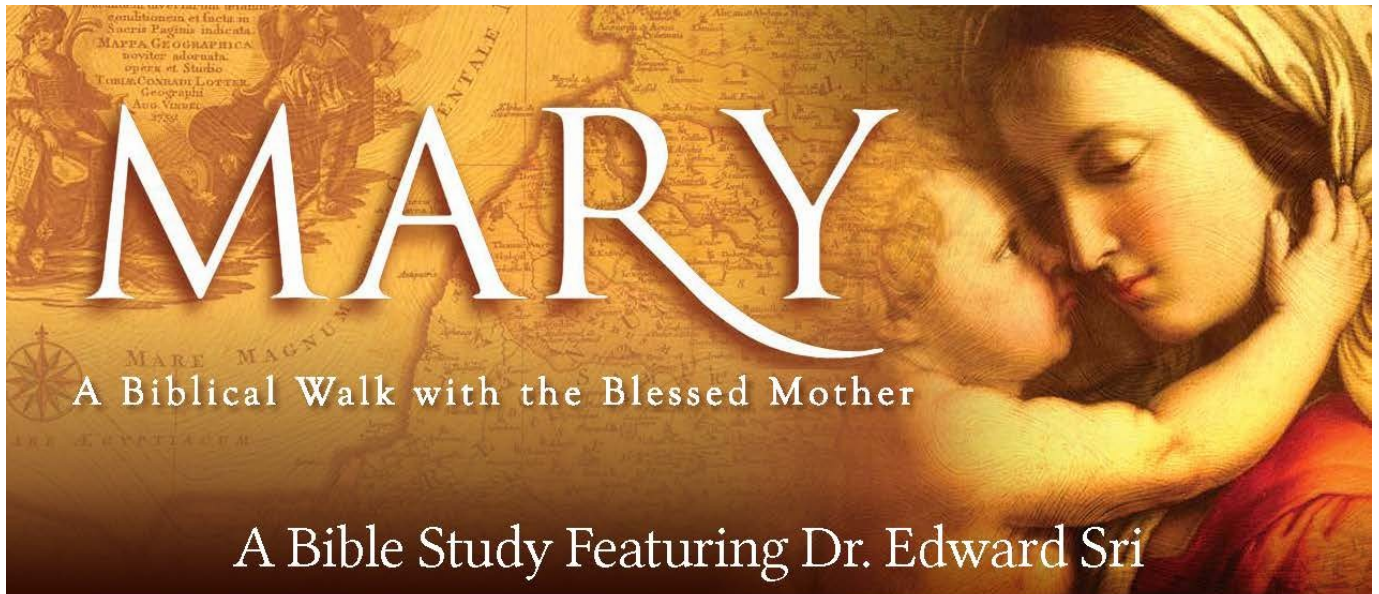
Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.





Join us on Tuesday's For Lunch & Learn

Parish Center
11:30am
Beginning December 4

Questions: Contact Patrice Morace
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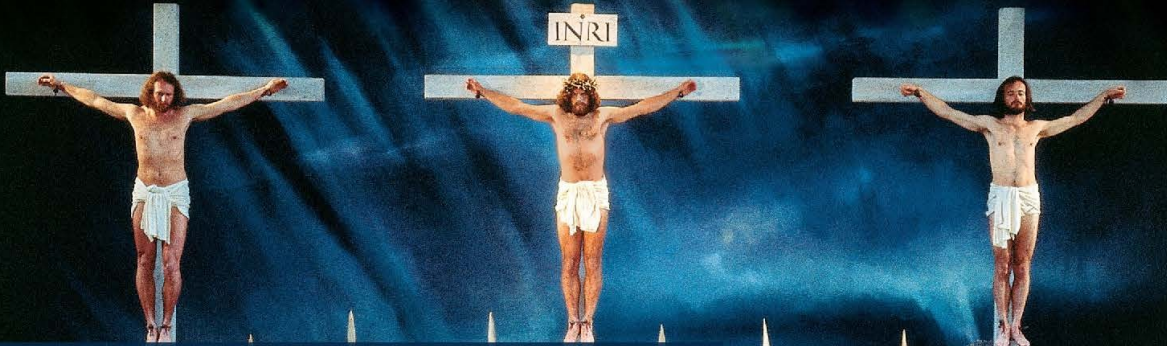
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