

# New life with Christ: Holy Week 2016

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Deacon Jerry Joe Harrison blesses palms at the 10:30 a.m. Mass March 20 at St. Joseph Church in Conway. (Prints not available.)



At St. Vincent de Paul Church in Rogers on Palm Sunday, Jesus, portrayed by Edgar Fraire, forgives the adulterous woman, portrayed by Laurine Freiburger, as the apostles and guards look on. (Paul Dufford photo)



Seminarian Deacon Mario Jacobo blesses the palms outside before Mass at St. Raphael Church in Springdale on Palm Sunday March 20. (Travis McAfee photo)



Four-year-old Anthony Piazza (at left) shares his joy during the Easter egg hunt at St. Joseph Church in Tontitown March 20. The Easter Bunny, Sharon Pianalto, also is very pleased. (Travis McAfee photo)



Bishop Anthony B. Taylor blesses oil during the Chrism Mass celebrated March 21 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock. A capacity congregation of diocesan priests, deacons, seminarians, religious and laity were on hand to witness the Mass. (Dwain Hebda photo)



Father Felix Chirapurathel, OPraem, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Blytheville, washes the feet of parishioners as Jesus washed the feet of the apostles on Holy Thursday when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood. (Prints not available)



Pastor Father John Wakube, AJ, washes the feet of second-grader Anna Dearworth during Holy Thursday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in North Little Rock. Anna was one of 12 people to have their feet washed. (Dwain Hebda photo)



At St. Vincent de Paul Church in Rogers on Holy Thursday, associate pastor Father John Miranda assisted by Deacon Sylvestre Duran washes the feet of Carolyn Lawson after just finishing washing the feet of Josh Smith. (Paul Dufford photo)



Three men portray Jesus and the two criminals nailed to the cross during the Living Stations of the Cross on the grounds of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Benton on Good Friday March 25. (Prints not available.)



Deacon B.J. Bowen and seminarian Taryn Whittington hold the cross for parishioners at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock to venerate on Good Friday March 25. (Malea Hargett photo)



Jesus, portrayed by Rafael Pantoja, breaks bread during the Last Supper reenactment by the theater ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Rogers. Living Stations of the Cross has been a Good Friday tradition at the parish for many years. (Paul Dufford photo)



Vincentian missionaries perform the Stations of the Cross on the grounds of St. James Church in Searcy. Carlos Flores portrays Pontius Pilate and Juan Chavez portrays Jesus. (Prints not available.)



Aaron Pinedo, portraying Jesus, falls during the Living Stations of the Cross at St. Raphael Church in Springdale on Good Friday. (Travis McAfee photo)



Administrator Father Andrew Hart shakes hands with Daniel Sundara during the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish in Fayetteville. Sundara, who grew up Buddhist, came into the Church through the support of his wife, Kelsey, who was also his sponsor. (Travis McAfee photo)



Seminarian Luke Womack looks on as pastor Father George Sanders lowers the paschal candle into the water three times during the Easter Vigil at St. Mary Church in Hot Springs. Altar Server Dylan Nguyen holds the Missal. (Prints not available.)





Father Norbert Rappold, pastor at St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Mountain Home, baptizes Ronald Wayne Martin, 75, as his wife Dorothy Martin watches during Easter Vigil Mass March 26. Eleven Catholics joined St. Peter Church. (Aprille Hanson photo)

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