



# Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo Springfield, Massachusetts

## Message from our Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

I hope you are well and having a good week. Can you believe that Holy Week is upon us? Beginning this Saturday with the Palm Saturday Children's Event and leading all the way through Easter Sunday, our Cathedral is offering 14 different opportunities for us to experience, participate and connect with the ancient story of our salvation. From traditional services, to the sharing of a dinner, through arts and crafts, to sitting in silence or being immersed in beautiful music. All to give us the opportunity to encounter Jesus through his many acts of love.

The power of this week lies in the experiencing of this story together. One of the things that I have to always remind myself as we enter this week is that the people in this story, including Jesus who chooses to put aside his divinity because of his love for us, are not superheroes, titans, or Greek mythological beings. They were human beings like you and me. With questions, doubts, hopes and dreams. As I walk through this season, I will look to them to guide me through the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the dark jail cell, Pilot's court, Calvary and the empty tomb.

May this be a Holy week for us all. I look forward to walking it together.

Below are some announcements just for you.

Yours in faith,  
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### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

***Palm Saturday event for Children and Youth*** - March 28th 10:45am-1:30pm

***Palm Sunday*** - Services at 8:00am & 10:00am (in English) and 12:15pm (in Spanish)

***Holy Wednesday*** - 12:00pm service (in English)

***Maundy Thursday*** - Agape Dinner at 6:00pm (Joint bilingual service)

***Good Friday*** - Stations of the Cross in the City of Springfield with Bishop Doug Fisher at 12:00pm; Good Friday Mass at 5:00pm in English, Good Friday Mass at 6:30pm in Spanish

***Easter Vigil*** - Joint Easter Vigil Service with the Episcopal Churches in our area 7:00pm

***Easter Sunday*** - 6:00am, 8:00am & 10:00am (in English) and 12:15pm (in Spanish)

### **PALM SATURDAY CHILDREN'S EVENT**

On Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM (registration begins at 10:45 AM), children and youth are invited to experience the powerful story of Jesus — from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the tomb — through engaging crafts, meaningful images, interactive activities, and snacks. All parents and guardians are invited to complete a registration form available at the table near the door. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with June Watson, Stephanie Rangel, or Ani Reyes.

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH FUN-HUNDRED**

Have you ever pondered questions like: What is the Episcopal Church? What's the difference between all the denominations? What are sacraments and what do they mean? How do I pray? How do I begin to read the Bible and how do I figure out what it means? How can I deepen my faith?

These are all wonderful questions. Well, do I have the class for you! I am announcing the course "The Episcopal Church Fun-Hundred"! It is a 6-week course where you can bring all your questions and learn more about the Episcopal Church, faith, scripture and mission. By attending the class, you will get:

- A fun opportunity to learn more about God and faith with your dear Dean
- The opportunity to get to know other people in the Cathedral and make lifelong friends
- A Certificate for completing the class
- A Christ Church Cathedral T-shirt for completing the class
- Access to secrets of scripture and theology that you only learn about in seminary

This is open to people 16 years and older. In order to keep the class interactive, there are only 25 spots available. Sign up fast! All you have to do is simply emailing your Dean at dean@cccspfld.org with the subject line "Episcopal Church Fun-Hundred". In the email, let me know about your interest and what you would like to learn more about.

We will start meeting in April. Dates and times to be determined by the availability of the class. This course is open to anybody interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and faith. This class will also satisfy diocesan requirements for those looking to be Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church. I hope to see you there!

### **BEMENT WATERFIELD GRANT APPLICATIONS**

DUE APRIL 1, 2026 Our Diocese provides grant funding for post-secondary education for young people who are active in our parishes and missions. Applications for the coming year are due April 1, 2026. Application guidelines, application form, reference form and clergy reference form are all available on the website. Complete applications must be received by the deadline to be considered. Questions? Contact [kwarren@diocesewma.org](mailto:kwarren@diocesewma.org).

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