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This special edition offers a brief meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Reflecting on the words from the Cross has long been a central part of how Catholics celebrate Good Friday. In addition to this brief meditation, we have included two reflections by Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton Sheen – a brother Knight – one on the Seven Last Words and one on the Cross.

Jesus' Seven Last Words to us



His final hours help us reflect on our own lives.

On the hill at Calvary, from his crucifixion to the moment of his death, Jesus spoke seven different times. These "Seven Last Words," as they are called, are rich in meaning for us. Here are a few points for meditation on Jesus' suffering and death as we contemplate the various sufferings we experience in our own lives. [READ MORE](#)

Orderwide Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday

In his apparition to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be marked by a novena beginning on Good Friday, with special intentions for each day. Jesus told St. Faustina, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

During this time of pandemic, Knights and their families are invited to unite in praying the Divine Mercy novena and chaplet beginning Good Friday, April 10. The devotions will be live-streamed at 3 p.m. EDT daily from the K of C-sponsored Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., led by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. The K of C is providing free, printable cards with the prayers for each day. [READ MORE](#)

Archbishop Fulton Sheen on Christ's Passion

The Seven Last Words



Fulton J. Sheen

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that Jesus's Seven Last Words was a sermon like nothing ever heard, before or since.

"There was never a preacher like the dying Christ," he writes. "There was never a congregation like that which gathered about the pulpit of the Cross; there was never a sermon like the Seven Last Words." [READ MORE](#)

Bishop Sheen also reflected on Cross during his last Good Friday sermon, recorded in 1979 at St. Agnes Church, N.Y. [WATCH](#)

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K of C support food banks with funds and volunteers

Phase one of a new K of C initiative kicks off with more than a million dollars and a multitude of volunteers to help deliver food to those who need it.

With food banks facing increasing demand during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knights of Columbus is launching a multi-million dollar food drive and delivery operation, mobilizing its more than 1.25 million members in North America to cover over 25 cities in 16 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as four Canadian provinces. [READ MORE](#)



Join a national moment of prayer on Good Friday

Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited the faithful to join him in a brief moment of prayer on Good Friday, April 10, at 12 noon EDT, to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart. The archbishop asks that we seek healing for all who are unwell, wisdom for those working to stop the spread of the coronavirus, and strength for all God's children. [READ MORE](#)

Livestream Holy Week events and liturgies

Here's our list of top Catholic resources from around the world that are livestreaming during Holy Week.

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Knights support Vatican broadcasts and hospital

Knights of Columbus sponsors pope's Good Friday and Easter broadcasts and provides support for the pandemic response at the Vatican's Bambino Gesù Hospital.

In addition to supporting the global broadcasts of Pope Francis' Good Friday prayer service and Easter Mass, the K of C is donating \$100,000 to the Vatican's Bambino Gesù pediatric hospital in Rome. The hospital will use the funds to transform a space in its neonatology department into a high-intensity treatment room for infants and newborns with COVID-19 infections. [READ MORE](#)



PSA on cross-contamination while wearing gloves



Gloves are an important part of staying safe, but don't let them lure you into a false sense of security. Without proper usage, they can be just as dangerous as going without.

That's the key message shared by RN Molly Lixey, whose video has been showcased on everything from Good Morning America to CNN. [WATCH](#)

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Into the Breach: "Suffering"

As Christians, we talk about the Cross. But when it becomes real in our lives, when there's real suffering, it's hard to understand. Frank Ramirez shares his story of responding to intense suffering in this K of C-produced *Into the Breach* video. [WATCH](#)

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