

The Almond Tree: *In Brief*



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Our Creation Care Team is happy to present Immanuel's new Tex bench, created from 500lbs. of recycled plastic bags. See update on page 3.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE MOVED INDOORS

Given the change in tomorrow's weather predictions, Immanuel's Good Friday noon service will move indoors, shot live from Zabriskie Chapel to Immanuel's YouTube channel online. Our evening Stations of the Cross will be held outside as scheduled, with a separate broadcast on our YouTube channel.

All are encouraged to participate in all of our services by downloading a copy of [each bulletin on Immanuel's Bulletin Page](#) and visiting our [YouTube Channel](#).



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2		
Good Friday Service	Noon	Livestreamed from Zabriskie Chapel to our YouTube Channel
Good Friday with Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m.	Online via YouTube and The Grounds of the Virginia Theological Seminary
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4		
Holy Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Homily	10:30a.m	The Grove at VTS and Livestreamed to our YouTube Channel, immediately followed by Easter Egg Hunt

We Need To Hear *From You* About Shrine Mont

Please respond to this survey: Shrine Mont 2021 - Memorial Day Weekend

Shrine Mont intends to open this year with significant COVID restrictions, and we are interested in knowing how many parishioners would anticipate going for Memorial Day weekend. To facilitate our planning, please respond to this survey as soon as possible with your opinion on whether or not you would attend Shrine Mont Memorial Day Weekend. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Shrinemont2021>)



There is significant information on Shrine Mont's website regarding their policies -- including how they have adapted serving meals and are managing room cleaning - and they acknowledge that it will not be "back to normal" in operations this summer. They are closely following both the VA state guidelines and any the county health department, as well as abiding by CDC recommendations for their facilities.

For all who have submitted your survey answers — and for those who will — *thank you.*

Enter Your Idea to Win!



Story Call: One Contest, Two Winners: In the Spring issue of our Quarterly magazine, we debuted our new feature of Immanuelite trivia, *Did You Know*, telling the story of the namesake for The Fairchild Room, located in Zabriskie Chapel. We'd like for Immanuelites to decide on our next two stories for this feature, so why not enter our contest by suggesting a subject for our December 2021 and March 2022 issues! All current parishioners and associates of Immanuel are encouraged to present a name, topic, or mystery that directly relates to our church. Members of both our Communications team, and editorial team, The Almond Tree Branches, will cast a vote among **all entries received by Sunday, August 22nd**. Parents of our youngest parishioners should feel free to have their child submit an entry via voicemail on Aleta's extension at (703) 370-6555 (press the number 4 at the voicemail prompt). Deadline for all submissions is **August 22nd**. Send your suggestion to Apowell@icoh.net with "Did You Know" in the subject line.

Creation Care News

In time for Easter — Our Trex Bench has arrived and was assembled and placed in the Memorial Garden last week by Shawn Whitman. It is a powerful reminder that our parishioners and friends kept 500 pounds of plastic bags out of our local streams, rivers, and bellies of wildlife by donating the plastic bags and films to Immanuel's Recycling Challenge. Our bench is the product responsibly created for us by Trex from our 500 pounds of plastic collected. And all of this was happening during the pandemic.

We invite you to go sit on the new bench and take some time to reflect on the past year. Thank you to all who participated in the Recycling Challenge and for caring for God's Creation in this way.



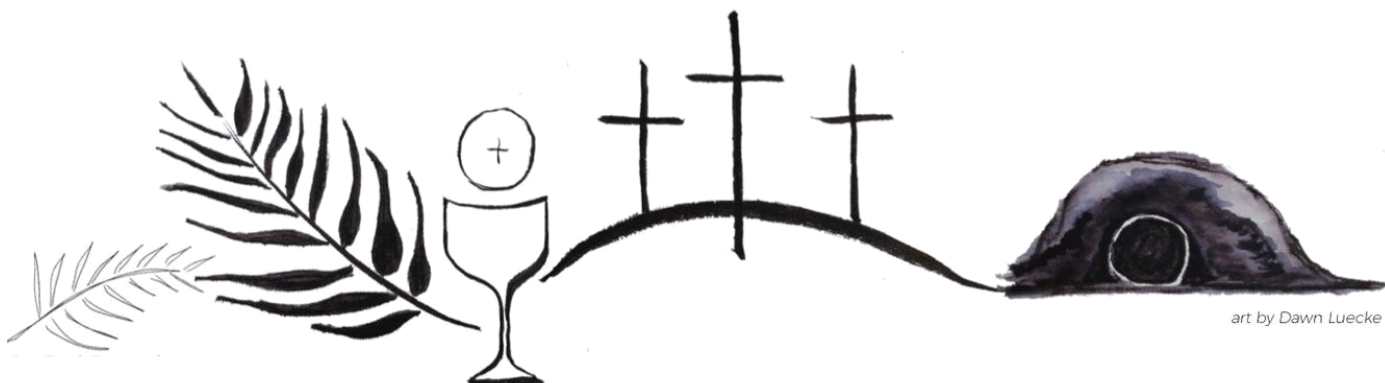
Bring your favorite lawn chair and join us at The Grove at VTS this Easter Sunday at 10:30a.m. for a special Festive Holy Eucharist with Sermon and Children's Homily (weather permitting). All who attend will have the opportunity to safely receive the host during Communion. For those at home, the entire service will be livestreamed on Immanuel's YouTube channel.

An Easter egg hunt follows the worship service, in the VTS Chapel Memorial Garden.



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