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Holy Week Schedule

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- 9:15 am St. Jude's says good bye to Pastor Dawn.
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- 12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy with musical selections of the Passion
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