



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

Finally, after days preparing ourselves (I hope you did and helped your children as well) for the most important event of our faith, we are here! Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, or Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, in which we commemorate our Lord Jesus Christ entering into the Holy City of Jerusalem, beginning His passion, death and resurrection.

With this commemoration we begin **HOLY WEEK**. Yes, this week is called Holy Week because in this week there are many important and holy events which will be celebrated: the Chrism Mass, the Last Supper of the Lord with the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders to the priesthood, the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, the most holy night when the Church is awaiting the triumph over sin and death through the resurrection of the Lord on Holy Saturday night.

This is really the **HOLY WEEK**, but did you prepare properly for this? With sacrifices? Fasting and abstaining from meat? Doing charitable works? Having courage to say “NO” to temptations? “Drinking the Life-Giving water?” “Washing your eyes at the Pool of Siloam?” Getting out of “your tomb” of sin or bad habits?

We still have a few days left to “check” all of the above. There will be **NO** meaning at all to come and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord while you continue rejecting or ignoring the voice of God calling us to **repent, reconcile and change!**

We do not come to Church like a machine but like the beloved children of God. We show our sincere love to the Lord who accepted a horrible death for our sins by truly repenting for the sins we have committed, by avoiding any occasions which may lead us to sin, by fulfilling our obligation, duty or task because of “the spirit” of the laws, by following the example of Jesus on the cross asking His Father to forgive those who crucified Him, even “advocating” for them: “they know not what they do.”

Friends, once again, how are you preparing for the “peak” celebration of this week?

May we share in the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ who freely put our guilt upon himself, who willingly died for us while we are still sinners. And may we one day share in the resurrection of our Lord in heaven. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 6
 5:30 p.m. Representation of the Last Supper - En Español
 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass - The Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 7
 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
 5:00 p.m. Via Crucis

Holy Saturday - April 8
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service, Holy Mass

Easter Sunday - April 9
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass - En Español




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Our Parish Office will be closed beginning Thursday, April 6th at 12:00 noon through Monday, April 10th. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Adult Education classes this Monday, April 3rd, in observance of Holy Week.



St. Francis Women's Guild will meet Monday, April 3, at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center. After a short business meeting, we will convene in the church for Stations of the Cross. All women of the parish are welcome. There is NO Guild meeting on April 10th.

The devotion of the Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Sunday following Easter, for the mercy of a good life and death. Those praying the novena are asked to say a prayer of special intentions on each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



We are blessed to have 49 young men in our diocese who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood at St. Joseph College Seminary. As Bishop Jugis said, "Community is essential to the formation of a priest. We must build a seminary structure where these men can all live together." You are invited to join us in praying that our seminarians become strong and faithful priests in imitation of Jesus Christ. There will be two seminary education collections. The first will be next weekend, April 8th and 9th.

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard Junior Boggs, Parker Burkhardt, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Morgan Hagen & baby, Shannon Halpin, Brandon Hatch, Dariel Hellerer, Donna Hogsed, Jim Holloran, Barry and Guyla Ivers, Aaron Ivey, Ty Kimsey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Michele Mercer, Millard Michaels, Bill, Dee and Germaine Moffitt, Monica Moya, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, John Turner, Charlene Yudell, Alice Yuzzi



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:

Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 1

5:00 P.M. Ignacio Diaz and Marcia Acevedo
by Marcia Acevedo

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

9:00 A.M. †Lillian Sullivan by Dolores Botti
†Thomas Barns by Marie Davenport
Kristen, Sheree, Paul & Josette by Charlene
11:30 A.M. †Angel Cabañas Hernandez
by Pedro Hernandez
†Cecilia Rios and †Juan Acevedo
by Cecilia Rios Cruz

Monday, April 3

9:00 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia
†John Kier by George Nauheimer & family

Tuesday, April 4

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 5

5:30 P.M. Donnie Daley
Jose Antonio Ortiz

Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Pray for Priests

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

3:00 P.M. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday

8:00 P.M. Candidates and Catechumens

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 A.M. David and Holly Parlier family
All parishioners intentions
11:30 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia
†Modesta Ordaz, †David Ruiz
by Heladia Ruiz

