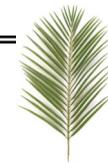


Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 9, 2017



Seeing Christ Clearly

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PLEASE PRAY for...

Tommye Brennan, Roy Hammond, Alice Blankenship, Kelly Martinez, Joshua Martinez, John Pollock, Abel Martinez, Randy Brown, Irene Hammond, Althea Soto, Lori Nunez, Virginia Keller, Cherie Snow, John Chisler.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday (April 13)

Mass of the Lord's Supper-7 pm

Good Friday (April 14)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion-12 noon

Stations of the Cross-1 pm

Stations of the Cross (Chapel)-2 pm

(At 1:30 pm a van will transport people to the base of the chapel hill. We will pray the Stations walking up the hill.)

Holy Saturday (April 15)

Easter Vigil Mass-8 pm

(No 5 pm Mass or Confession)



Easter (April 16)

Masses- 9 am & 6 pm (Spanish)



Decorating

Help decorate our worship spaces for Holy Week and Easter. On Wed., April 12th, at 9:30 am, we will decorate the church and hall for Holy Thursday, and on Friday at 9:00 am for Good Friday services. Then on Saturday we will meet at 9:00 am to prepare the church for all of our Easter visitors.

Calla Lilies

We need fresh-cut Calla Lilies from your garden for our Holy Thursday décor. Please bring these by the parish office this Tuesday.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



(April 8-14)

- Sat., 5:00 pm- +Jerry Collins
+Richard Macedo
+Cherrie Waterman
- Sun., 9:00 am- +Joe Gomes
+Mollie Rankin
+Joe Miltko
- Sun., 6:00 pm- Int. Kathy Milne
+Diane Beck-Richardson
- Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Wed., 9:00 am- +Brooke Rose Powers
+Cherrie Waterman
+Ester Mojica
- Thurs., 7:00 pm- People of the Parish
- Fri., -NO MASS

Special Holy Week "Silence"

We will have a very special Holy Week reflection, with Martin Scorsese's new film, "Silence" on Mon., April 10th, at 6:00 pm in the hall. This powerful exploration of faith studies the martyrdom of Catholics in Japan in the 1600's. Rated "R" for a few disturbing images, "Silence" is a thought-provoking meditation on our sharing in the Passion of Jesus.

Rice Bowls

If you took home a "Rice Bowl," you may return it to the collection basket or the parish office. Your support HELPS families around the world through Catholic Relief Services.



Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps support the struggling Christian community, and to protect Christianity's holiest places.



Scripture Study

Our Wednesday morning Scripture Study group will not meet April 12th. Please join us when we resume after Easter on April 19th at 9:30 am in the hall.

Bishop Robert Barron's Series- "The Pivotal Players"

The parish and Women's Club invite you to be their guest this Tues., April 11th, at 11:30 am in the hall for an exciting series. Bishop Barron is the auxiliary bishop of Santa Barbara and an exciting speaker and theologian. This series deals with some of the main players in the formation of modern Catholicism. Our first subject is St. Francis of Assisi. Bishop Barron's filming of these extraordinary people take in their own regions and is a beautiful travelogue as well as inspirational. A potluck lunch will begin at 11:30 am, so bring a dish to share or come at 12:30 pm for the beginning series. Questions? Call Dianne Dougherty or Linda McFarland.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (4/1-2): \$2,381.00
Facility Maintenance: \$1,268.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!