

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

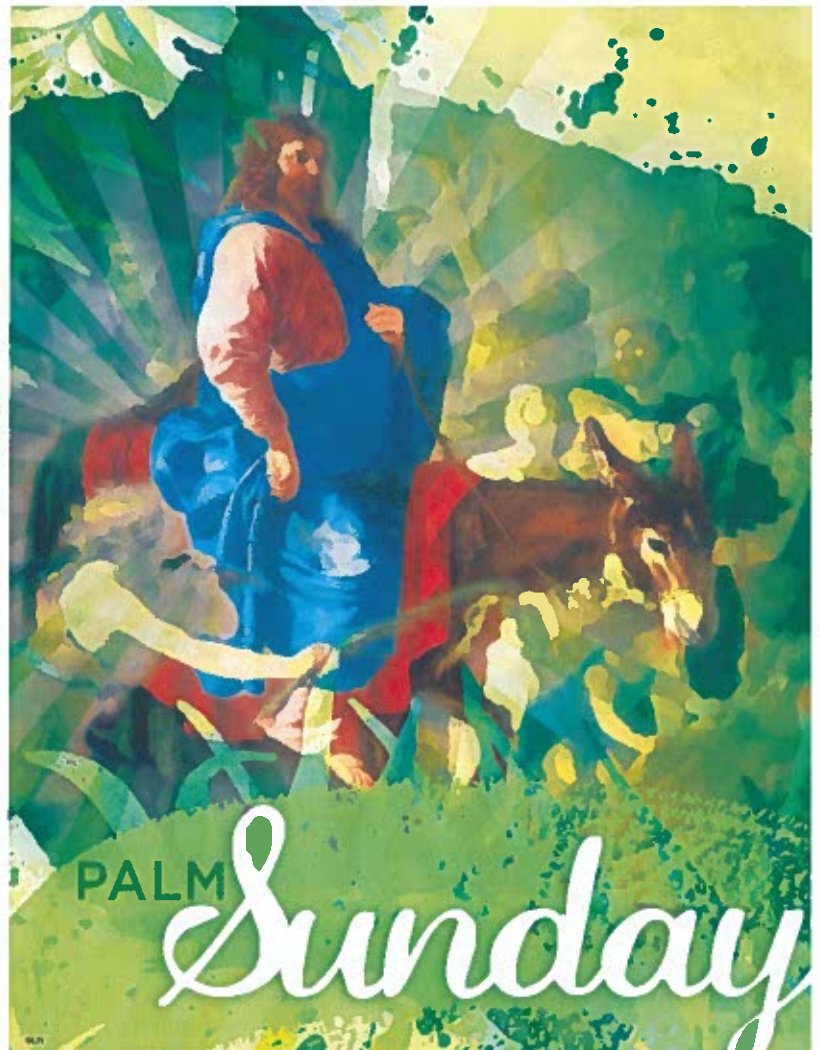
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.





Sunday Offertory

03-17-2023.....\$3,304
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$604

YTD
 Offertory.....\$118,333
 Budget.....\$102,600
Surplus/Deficit.....\$15,733

Food
 Pantry\$135



Mark 11:1-10
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.

**Readings may be found
 in the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 949**

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hello everyone,

I really can't believe that it is Holy Week already! Please be sure to check the bulletin insert and the website for all our Holy Week services and events. Please note that we **will not** have adoration on Tuesday night, but we **will** have confessions available most of the day on Wednesday. We **will** have adoration on Holy Thursday from the end of Mass until 10:00 pm. Stations of the Cross will be offered on Good Friday at 3:00 pm.

Please also remember to bring some filled Easter eggs for our egg hunt after Easter Mass!

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 23	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Evangelista Family
Sunday, March 24	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, March 25	No Mass	
Tuesday, March 26	Chrism Mass at Christ the King	
Wednesday, March 27	Noon Mass	+Dr. Max Tan
Thursday, March 28	7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass	For Priests
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm Good Friday Service	
Saturday, March 30	9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, March 31	10:30 am Easter Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation.

- 03/24 Lauren Vanderpool
- 03/31 David Hicks
- 04/07 Russ Cassidy
- 04/14 Doyle May

“If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118”.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Will be on Good Friday at 3:00 pm.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It’s one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It’s also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There’s nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can’t base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can’t embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it’s hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It’s easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won’t appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn’t have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning

means nothing — it’s just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

“His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.” — John 12:16 ©LPi

PALM SUNDAY

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.



Terry Reed, cancer and kidney failure

Sharon Collins, cancer

Alex Wells, car accident

Sidney Tackett

Kayla Frix, Elon Justice Frix's sister in law (waiting for a liver transplant)

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Jimmie Goss

Tim Deskins

Christine Misczenski, Steve Misczenski's mother

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Ryan Altman, Helen Altman's grandson

Steve Misczenski, Sr. (cancer)

Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)

John Flichman, stroke

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. It begins with the first settlers who came to the continent in search of a better life. They found a land of opportunity, but also a land of conflict. The struggle for independence was a long and hard one, but in the end, the people of the United States won their freedom and established a new nation.

The early years of the United States were marked by a period of rapid expansion. The country grew from a small colony on the eastern coast to a vast nation that stretched across the continent. This expansion was driven by a desire for land and a belief in the American dream. The westward movement of the population led to the discovery of gold and other valuable resources, which further fueled the desire for expansion.

As the United States grew, it also became a more diverse nation. People from many different parts of the world came to the United States in search of a better life. This diversity was one of the strengths of the new nation, as it brought with it a variety of ideas and traditions. The United States became a melting pot of different cultures, and this helped to create a unique American identity.

The history of the United States is a story of progress and achievement. From a small colony to a great nation, the United States has come a long way. It has overcome many challenges and has achieved many great things. The story of the United States is a story of hope and possibility, and it is a story that continues to inspire people around the world.



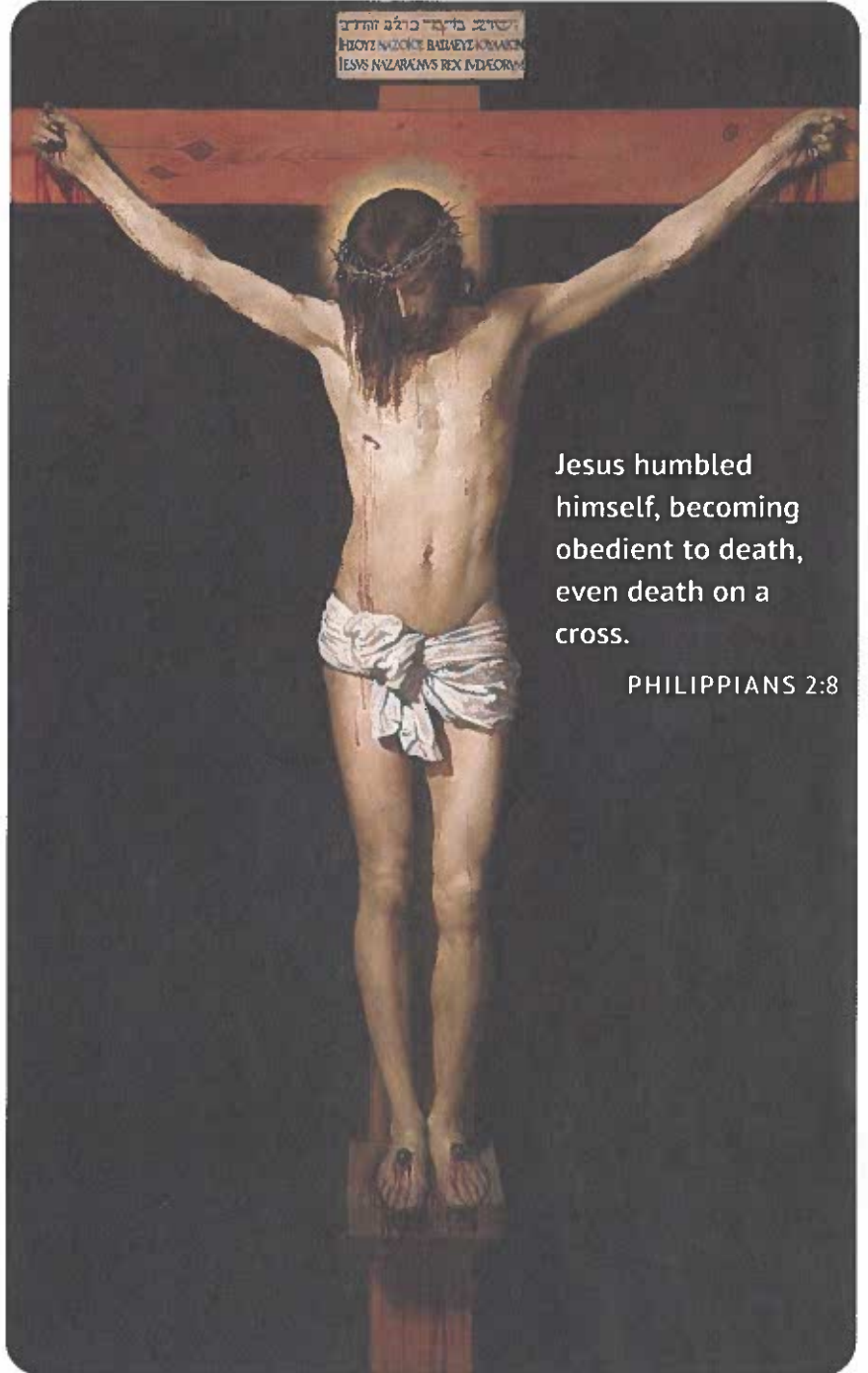
The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live my life of dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



MARCO TOMIC/SHUTTERSTOCK

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself... he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME,
MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7

SUNDAY

March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7



Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Saturday, March 23:	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday, March 24:	10:30 am Mass Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday, March 25:	Holy Week Service at Noon Methodist Church
Tuesday, March 26:	10:30 am Chrism Mass Cathedral of Christ the King
Wednesday, March 27:	Noon Mass Parish Reconciliation 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 28:	7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm
Friday, March 29:	Stations of the Cross at Noon 7:00 pm Good Friday Passion Service
Saturday, March 30:	9:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31:	10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

Please return you Lenten Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services during Holy Week.

