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Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Palm Sunday

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017
TODAY’S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** **Chriasm Mass:** Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Cv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

**Lord’s Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16: 5-7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:**

- a) Gn 1:1 — 2.2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
- b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
- c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
- d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
- f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4.4; Ps 19:8-11;
- g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
- h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-14 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

**Monday:** Monday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset

**Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week

**Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Julian Calendar Good Friday; Fast and Abstinence

**Saturday:** Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**WEEK of April 9, 2017**

**Sun 09** 7:30 AM Mass for the People

9:30 AM Vic Bermudez †

11:30 AM Jim Aguirre † & Deogracias Cusi †

**Mon 10** 7:30 AM Special Intentions of Ricardo Neill

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Marge Finney

**Tue 11** 7:30 AM Special Intentions of Fr. Toan Nguyen

9:00 AM John McEllistim †

**Wed 12** 7:30 AM Susie Harrington †

9:00 AM Antonio Campos †

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**2017 Easter Week Schedule**

(All Services in the Church)

**Reconciliation Service (Confessions)**

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017 : 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

**Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017**

- Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:30 PM
- Stations of the Cross: 2:00 PM
- Meditation on the Seven Last Words: 2:00 PM
- Good Friday Service: 3:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, April 15, 2017**

Mass: 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**

- Masses: 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM with Easter Egg hunt
- 11:30 AM

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It’s the holiest of weeks. Welcome to Holy Week which opens up with Palm Sunday. The palms are the leaves we hold in our hands but it’s God who holds us in the palm of His hand not only on Sundays but all the days of our lives.

What does it mean to be holy and how can we have a Holy Week? “Be holy, because I am holy,” says our Lord. Holiness is beyond moral purity. It is about our union with God in Christ and sharing in Christ’s holiness. So, let us always unite ourselves to Christ all the time especially this week so we can claim we are holy and we are having a holy week.

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Reminds me a story of a woman named Edna who finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she’s in serious financial trouble. She’s so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray... ‘God, please help me. I’ve lost my business and if I don’t get some money, I’m going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.’

Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Edna again prays.... ‘God, please let me win the lotto! I’ve lost my business, my house and I’m going to lose my car as well.’

Lotto night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, ‘My God, why have you forsaken me?? I’ve lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don’t often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of God Himself:

‘Edna, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!’

There is hope! We need to buy our ticket by responding to God’s call and cooperating in His plan for us. Holy Week leads us to a greater hope with Christ dying for us to save us from sin and death. A Holy Week that shows us the greatest expression of love as “dying for a friend” that we find in Jesus. A Holy Week that brings us the joy and glory of Easter.

The Preschool Fun Day this weekend (Saturday) is certainly a prelude and foreshadowing of the joys that await for us comes Easter Sunday. Aside from the many games that children can play and variety of food that everybody can munch on, there is also a Silent Auction that family can bid on. We thank our preschool staff led by our preschool director Alice Seher and this group of amazing preschool parents for putting up this day of fun for our children and school families. Thank you for ushering us to the joy of Easter!

Have a blessed Holy Week!

FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Lenten Reflection: “We fasted for 40 days. We put aside something we enjoy to better encounter our God and our neighbors. We emptied ourselves of old habits to make helping people in need a part of our daily routines. Our sacrifice this Lent became a source of hope and change for members of our global human family – and inspired us in our own faith.

This Easter season, let us be mindful to continue to put aside those things that distract us, so we can better serve those who need our time, prayers and energy each and everyday.”

- Catholic Relief Services Lenten Sacrificial Program

Rice Bowl Lenten Donations are due today, Palm Sunday. You may drop it into the collection baskets or give to Sr. Cristina in the church or in the parish office. Thank you for your generous support of the mission of the Catholic Relief Services.

Easter break for the following ministries:
Tuesday Sunday Bible Readings Lection Divina, Thursday Senior Club, Sunday Religious Education programs will not meet during the Holy Week and Easter Week. We will resume the week of April 23, 2017. Thank you.

Youth Ministry new schedule Beginning in April 2017 Youth Ministry will be held only once a month. It will be on Saturday at 5:00PM to 7:30PM, with Mass included. Please see the bulletin next week for details. Again, Fr. Arnold and Sr. Cristina thank the YM team of dedicated volunteers for seeking ways and means to make our youth group in the parish more alive and enthusiastic. We ask parents and guardians to encourage your children 12 to 18 years old to take part in our monthly Youth Ministry activities. Thanks you.

The Easter Triduum: The Journey of Our Redemption through Christ’s suffering, death, burial and resurrection to new life. The Church observes the Triduum (three days) as a single event made up of three distinct parts: The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday; the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday; Celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

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Sandri said. The cardinal encouraged individuals to give generously and which also boost local economy.

As we prepare for Easter, let us renew our commitment to being artisans of peace, praying and working that peace may dwell in the heart of every person, especially our brothers and sisters. "Once again, from every part of the Church, expressions of solidarity come together effectively in the Good Friday Collection," stated Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, in a recent press release.

Our sense of communion in the suffering and risen Christ moves us again this year to undertake the important initiative that is the Collection for the Holy Land," Cardinal Sandri said.

This announcement means that in most Catholic parishes around the world, a Good Friday Collection will be taken up to aid Christian parishes and their outreach in the Holy Land. This initiative has been an annual tradition in the Church since its institution by Blessed Pope Paul VI.

According to Blessed Pope Paul VI, the collection was created "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

The Catholic communities that will benefit from this aid include the Latin Patriarchal Diocese of Jerusalem, the Franciscan Custody and other jurisdictions, such as the Greek-Melkite, Coptic, Maronite, Syrian, Chaldean, and Armenian churches.

These funds will be used to help the parochial schools, hospitals, and community centers in these areas to protect and care for their communities, which often include refugees, asylum-seekers, children, and victims of war.

"Living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not at all easy. Especially in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, where Christian communities have experienced an ecumenism of blood," individuals are daily pressured to abandon their land or even their faith," Cardinal Sandri stated.

"The unforgettable faces of thousands of children and teens, fleeing violence and persecution in Syria and Iraq, continue to challenge us, even as these young people, thanks to our Collection, are being welcomed by Christian schools and neighboring counties."

While this collection is a one-time offering on Good Friday, the cardinal noted that there are additional ways of aiding Christians in the Middle East outside of the Lenten and Easter seasons.

"The small Christian presence in the Middle East has great need of the support and attention of the entire Church. Constant prayer is the first and greatest assistance they seek." Cardinal Sandri also said that Holy Land pilgrimages are a substantial way to grow the vitality of the Church in the Holy Land, and which also boost local economy.

"At least 30% of the local community in Jerusalem and in Bethlehem live and work thanks to the presence of pilgrims," Cardinal Sandri said. The cardinal encouraged individuals to give generously to this year’s Good Friday Collection, pointing to the words of St. Paul: “for God loves a cheerful giver.”

As for Easter, let us renew our commitment to becoming artisans of peace, praying and working that peace may dwell in the heart of every person, especially our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land and the Middle East."
The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

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Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we jour-
ney with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection
on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to
remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety
in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again
when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass
of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the
Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation
with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because
they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into
the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and
holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the
Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday,
we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of
Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly
on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his
disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come
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fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew
cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Pas-
don and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the
events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is
particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Je-
sus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that
sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the
Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: " . . . for this is
my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the
forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are
in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting
that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to
Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found
only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in
a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally,
Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenom-
ena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the
Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the
Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the
Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in
ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Mat-
thew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed
between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporar-
es. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear
that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus
and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish
contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in
Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflect-
ions of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond
to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes
to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the
disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rash-
ly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is
pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are
like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his
hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are
called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain
the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us.
After we have examined and studied the stories we have received
about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on
these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus’ obedience won for us.

READ THE CATHOLIC BIBLE FOR ONE YEAR

Readings for April 9-15, 2017

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Readings are based on the Bible book arrangement as found in the Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, but can be used with any Catholic Bible with full canon of Scripture (this is different from the liturgical readings of the Mass as seen on page 2). A link to a complete reading chart for a year is also available on our website: www.holynamesf.org

There will be a few bibles (New American Bible Revised Edition printed by Benedict Press) available for purchase in the Pastoral Center. Please contact Jackie at (415) 664-8590 for more information.

RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

—Walter Raleigh
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SCHEDULE OF MASSEES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 2 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
Legion of Mary: Contact Rose Symkowick (415) 731-4652
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm (except Oct. and Nov. at 7:30 pm) in the Flangan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Youth Ministry: Every Sunday from 10:45 AM– 12 Noon in Flanagan Center. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590
Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August

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