



Procession of the Palms

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 2024

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

-- Philippians 2:8



Daily Mass

Week of March 25th – 29th

Monday: 8:00 Catherine Galvin+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Mary Strother+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: **Holy Thursday - No Daily Mass**
 Friday: **Good Friday - No Daily Mass**



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
March 17, 2024	\$10,753.00

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2024 Celebration of the Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29th

12:30 p.m. - Passion of the Lord
 2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy
 No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
 Easter Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not celebrated during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Five weeks ago, we began our Lenten journey. We received ashes and were reminded that our time on earth is limited, our ultimate reality awaits us. We were encouraged to fast and abstain, to pray and reflect. We were asked to examine our lives; to seek healing for our brokenness and forgiveness for our sinfulness.

As we enter into Holy Week, our Lenten journey reaches its goal. Thursday evening at sunset marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the holiest of days, the Paschal Triduum. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. These days represent our past, our present and our future.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus offers us his life as a sacrifice for our sins. His self-giving act of love conquers all our sins, past, present and future. On Good Friday, Jesus dies and, in doing so, destroys death's power over us. On Holy Saturday night, Jesus rises from the dead and recreates our reality. Because of Jesus, sin cannot control us; death cannot destroy us and eternal life is our destiny.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude that we gather as a Faith Community on Holy Thursday night to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday afternoon to celebrate our Lord's Passion and on Holy Saturday night to celebrate the Mass of Light and Resurrection.

Love, Fr. Leo

Holy Week!



For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel; and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

RICE BOWL



Rice Bowls!

Rice bowls will be collected on March 28th, Holy Thursday, at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. A receptacle will be placed by the Altar to gather the little boxes. We appreciate the Lenten sacrifices you have made and wish to thank you in their name for your charitable concern and help.

Upcoming Grief Support Ministry Meeting!

You are invited to join the Grief Support Ministry meeting for a gathering to provide support during times of loss and sorrow. Whether you are coping with recent loss or navigating the ongoing journey of grief, this is designed to offer comfort and understanding. During this meeting, we will share stories, offer comfort and provide resources for coping with grief. Together, we can lean on each other and find strength in community. The date is Sunday, April 14th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. All are welcome!

Today's Readings!

Gospel at the Procession with Palms -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10).

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 Mark (Mark 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]).

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday?" Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar, two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

Special Thank You!



The Environment Committee would like to thank Tom Elmendorf for donating the palms gracing our Church. Also, thanks to the parents and Scout Troop 6, Asiann Velasco and Lisa Groh for helping to decorate!

**Readings For The Week
March 25th -- 30th**

Monday: First Reading Isaiah 42:1-7;
Psalm 27;
Gospel John 12:1-11

Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 49:1-6;
Psalm 71;
Gospel John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 69;
Gospel Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: First Reading Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14;
Psalm 116;
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
Gospel John 13:1-15

Friday: First Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12;
Psalm 31;
Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Gospel John 18:1-19:42

Saturday: First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:2;
Psalm 104;
Second Reading Genesis 22:1-18;
Gospel Mark 16:1-7

Troop 6 Open House!

Interested in joining Scouts BSA? Look no further as Corpus Christi has its very own Troop that has been going strong for over 60 years. Chartered by the Corpus Christi Men's Club, Troop 6 is a scout-led, 5th grade boys and girls and older (up to 18), focused on developing leadership skills through service and adventure. Yes -- that's right -- girls are now welcome to join Troop 6! Meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the School. For more information, contact Sean McKillop at: seanjmckillop@gmail.com; or Lisa Gros at: lgros@rocketmail.com or call (510) 993-6404.



HOLY WEEK

Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, leave the paper unread. Turn off the computer, radio and TV. Eat little. If possible, stay home or in Church. Don't shop. Don't work. Don't make others work. Open eyes and ears to sunsets, sunrises, the beauty of darkness and light, the beauty of one another. Gather with the Parish community (and help others to gather) to pray, fast and keep watch. It is the Passover of the Lord!

Volunteers Needed!

Arthur Siu and Karen Keil from the Environment Committee invites our Parish Family to help decorate the Church on Saturday, March 30th, at 10:00 a.m. If you have only an hour or two, please join in making our Easter environment special for everyone!