



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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 13, 2025

The Lord God is my help, therefore,
I am not disgraced.

-- Isaiah 50:7a



Daily Mass

Week of April 14th – 18th

Monday: 8:00 Elizabeth Meagher+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Owen & Zelda Burns+
 Thursday: **Holy Thursday - No Daily Mass**
 Friday: **Good Friday - No Daily Mass**



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Recent Collections	April 6, 2025
Plate	\$10,941.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,493.00

Holy Week Schedule 2025

Celebration of the Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 17th

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

Good Friday, April 18th

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

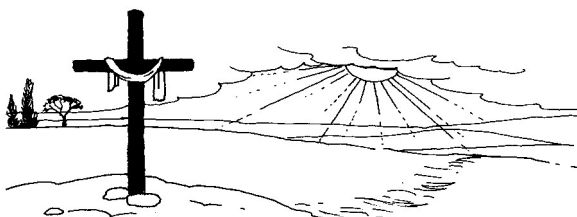
Holy Saturday, April 19th

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

Easter Sunday, April 20th

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

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



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is a very big day for us: Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest week of the year. We remember the suffering and death of our Lord, but not simply as an event of the past. As a great writer once said, the passion of Christ continues to the end of the world.

That means that the suffering we see all around us, at home and abroad, are the passion of Christ in real time, our time. Those subject to the horrible genocide in Gaza are reliving the torture of Jesus; the ongoing war in Ukraine is a repetition of the unjust pain inflicted on our Lord. The events in Sudan and Syria continue the renewal of all that Jesus experienced.

If we simply go through the liturgical motions we deny the reality of Christ living in his people, whoever they are and whatever they profess religiously. We say in the heart of the Eucharistic prayer the words of the Lord at the last supper: this is the cup of my blood, which will be poured out for you and for all.

That "all" is not play acting. On Good Friday we pray for all people, including those of other faiths, of no faiths. So in the deeply moving liturgical actions, let us always keep in mind the suffering of so many people in the world today, and make their suffering our union with Jesus, who told us: do this in memory of me.

Fr. Basil

Rice Bowls!

Rice bowls will be collected on April 17th, Holy Thursday, at the evening Liturgy 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.



Today's Readings

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

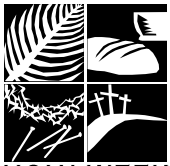
Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

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 Luke (Luke 22:14--23:56[23:1-49]).

Upcoming Potluck!

Corpus Christi Hospitality is hosting their first Potluck this year on Saturday, April 12th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish (or consider a free will donation).



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. Meditate on Chapters 13 to 19 in St. John's Gospel. Read the Bible's Song of Songs. 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!

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

The Jesus Creed!

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God
The Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength.
Love your neighbor as yourself.

Readings For The Week April 14th -- 19th

- 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 18:1-10:42
- Saturday: First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:2;
Psalm 104;
Second Reading Genesis 22:1-18;
Gospel Luke 24:1-12

The Face of Jesus!

In all the readings for this Sunday, we can look at the face of Jesus. There are two Gospel passages, both from the Gospel of Luke. The first tells of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Crowds greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna!" The second tells of Jesus' departure from Jerusalem, carrying the cross on his back. The same crowds derided him and shouted for his crucifixion. We first see a face shining with glory, but in a few short days a face dark with blood and sorrow. Set between these two contrasting Gospel passages are equally contrasting readings from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Isaiah describes a suffering servant who willingly submits to beating and humiliation, not even turning away his face. He knows he belongs to God and will not be put to shame. Paul writes to the Philippians of Christ Jesus, the true Suffering Servant, who willingly emptied himself to become human. But this man, with a very human face, has now been exalted by God above all others.

