

ZION GATE
JERUSALEM

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

MATTHEW 21:9

APRIL 5
2020

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

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Passion Sunday

Pontius Pilate washed his hand in the sight of the crowd saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood." As early as one year old my parents were very particular on teaching us how and when to wash our hands. My mother would always ask you the pertinent question whenever you returned from church or school, "Have you washed your hands?" Sometimes, we were sincere about it, some other times we were not. That is, until one day my brother Williams came home and told us that he has discovered the real reason why our parents were persistent on us always washing our hands.

It was on a Palm Sunday, and among other things he said that if you wash your hands always you are washing off the sins of the Jews, and your name should not be included in those who killed Jesus. He cited the action of Pontius Pilate and his statement cited above. It was a shock to all of us why our parents would not tell us the truth. Why should they not want us to know that the washing of hands makes us innocent of Christ's blood? From that day on all of us were crazy about washing our hands. If we returned from church or school, everyone was demanding for water to wash their hands.

My father was ticked off by the panic and the urgency we were expressing, and he was worried. So, he asked Stanley why he was panicking, and Stan told him that he wants to wash away the sins of the Jews as Pontius Pilate did. "Who told you that you can wash away sin with water?" my father asked him, and he said that it was in the bible, that Pontius Pilate did it to exonerate himself from the crucifixion of Jesus Christ by the Jews. My father said, "You should wash your hands always when you come into the house from outside to wash away germs and diseases, I am sure of that." But whether it washes away sins too, we need to ask God about it.

Today coronavirus has put us back in that same position of washing of our hands with panic. Wash you hands before you eat, after you touch your doorknob, when you touch your books, clothes, shoes, car key, wallet and even yourself. The reason is to wash away coronavirus. I wish the reason would be to wash away sin. Please stay safe and do all you are told, especially washing of hands, and no panicking!

Fr. Gerald

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT MARCH 29, 2020

Goal	\$12,500.00
1st Collection	\$1,676.00
Direct Deposit	\$205.00
Online Giving	\$1,076.00
Variance	-\$9,543.00

This is a good time to remind you that we offer the option for giving electronically in a safe and secure way. Your online offertory can be customized by you. The frequency of how you want to give (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.) and the type of gift (debit, credit, EFT, etc.) is up to you. Please visit our website at st-justin.org for instructions on how to quickly set up an online offertory account. Please feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions on our online offertory. If you don't wish to give online, please remember to mail in your weekly offertory gift. We thank you for your continued support of our parish community.



Online Giving

ADA 2020

Encountering Christ, Faith in Action

Parish Goal: \$179,500

ADA Goal: \$139,858

Total	133,854	279	Total
Week 9			Week 9
	\$4,000	7	
	\$21,444	36	
	\$5,520	16	
	\$31,110	75	
	\$24,180	47	
	\$32,095	56	
	\$10,885	25	
Week 1	\$4,620	17	Week 1
Goal \$		# of Contributors	

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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: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 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, 15-17, 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; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 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) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 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

We pray for those who are ill or suffering from loneliness, sadness, or depression.



We pray for those who care for them. We pray for our deceased family and friends. We pray for our men and women who are serving in the military.

This week we pray especially for those who are ill or preparing for surgery: Leonard Armenta, Robert Benno, Carol Catambay, Steve DeGroot, Kathleen Farinas, Kenny Gibson, Gino Hernandez, Hiro Manaka, Gus Martinez, Jana McCune, Hanley Murry, Henry Ponce, Gloria Rohrig, Don Seghieri, Mary K. Seigny, Oliver Totah, Jack Varty, Vincent Vergano, Mark Walsh, Connie Zornes

and for those who have died from the Coronavirus

Mass Dedications for the Week of April 6 – April 12, 2020 + notes deceased

Fr. Chris and Fr. Gerald will keep the following intentions in their prayers.

Monday 8:30 a.m.	B. John Talia +	EASTER VIGIL	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	Dr. Everett Viano +	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Rich Rojas + Edwin Gackstetter Nancy Albaron
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	Oscar Louis Dumont + Mark Montoya +	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Kieran Coyle + Mary Kane +
HOLY THURSDAY	No Mass Intentions	Sunday 10:30a.m.	Julio Marquez + Rodolfo Valentino M. Feliciano + John Glen M. Feliciano +
GOOD FRIDAY	No Mass Intentions	Sunday 12:15 p.m.	No Intention

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

Email Laura Ortiz, laura.ortiz@dsj.org for registration/sacramental documentation questions.

Email Tracy Sevigny, tracy.hoglund@dsj.org for program questions.

No Office Hours until further notice.

Ongoing Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation:

All Sessions are by remote **invitation from catechists** at this time. 4's, 1st- 6th on Sunday.

4's	9am by WebX	2nd	10am by Zoom	5th	3pm by Zoom
K	Pre-recorded video	3rd	11am by Zoom	6th	1pm by Zoom
1st	9am by Zoom	4th	2pm by Zoom	JrHi	noon by Zoom

No sessions on Easter Sunday, but we will **resume** our remote catechesis **Sunday April 19th**.
Holy Week family ideas will be emailed out to all catechetical families.



All Sessions are by remote invitation at this time.

If you would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, send Tracy an email and you will be invited to the next Zoom Meeting session.

We encourage the practice of daily Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's Chapel found at:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Breaking Open the Word 11am Sunday, by invitation to our Zoom meeting.

Tuesday RCIA Session 7pm Tuesday, by invitation to our Zoom meeting.

First Eucharist Preparation

All Interviews & the Retreat are by remote invitation at this time.

At Home Assignments to be Completed by April 5th:

Called To His Supper: Complete or God's Gift: Complete

First Eucharist Remote Retreat: Part 2: Family Bread Activity emailed this week.



High School Confirmation

All Sessions are by remote invitation at this time.

Sunday, April 5th Session 5:30pm, by invitation to our Zoom meeting.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



Community Ministry Food Pantry

The Community Ministry Food Pantry is still functioning. Our pantry has been designated an “Essential” operation. Since we still have volunteers and staff willing to help (No Senior Citizens are allowed at this time), we will continue to be open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions please leave a phone message or email for Joe Bauer - 408-296-1193 ext. 109 joseph.bauer@dsj.org or Nancy Uyeda - 408-296-1193 ext. 105 nancy.uyeda@dsj.org

Community Ministry Easter Project

This year’s Community Ministry Easter Project will now not be taking place as it has in the past. We are still collecting Money and Grocery Store Gift cards that we can distribute to families coming to us for assistance. Checks and Gift Cards can be mailed to the attention of St. Justin Community Ministry, 2655 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95051 or can be put in the Parish Ministry Center mail slot. Any help will be appreciated.

Grocery Shopping for Our Senior Citizens

Given the CDC advice for seniors to stay away from crowded places and the craziness going on at grocery stores, if you are in need of assistance with your grocery shopping needs please do not hesitate to contact Joe Bauer at 408-296-1193 ext. 109 joseph.bauer@dsj.org or Nancy Uyeda at 408-296-1193 ext. 105 nancy.uyeda@dsj.org

Outreach Dinners

Because of precautions that we are taking due to the COVID 19 virus, our future Outreach Dinners will not be taking place until future notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment that this might cause.

Community Ministry Thrift Shop

We have decided to keep the St. Justin Community Ministry Thrift Shop Closed at least until after Easter (April 12). This is due to precautions we are needing to take with the COVID 19 virus.



Do This in Memory of Me

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

ATTENTION!

April is the time to apply for the Msgr. Mentasti Scholarship Award. This year a \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 8th grade student who has been accepted to a Catholic High School for the 2020 fall semester. The student’s parents must be registered, supporting parishioners of St. Justin Parish Community.

The initial funding for this scholarship came from a fundraiser to honor our founding pastor, Fr. Mentasti, upon his investiture as a Monsignor and also from his retirement. Since 1982 the scholarship has been funded by yearly contributions from the Stabilemates, Ladies Guild and Guadalupe Society, interest on the original sum, and more recently, an annual parish special collection. Special gifts in memory of loved ones have also contributed to this fund.

The names of past recipients are honored on a permanent plaque in the school lobby.
Check it out!

Application forms are available on the parish website, www.st-justin.org Forms **MUST** be completed and emailed to laura.ortiz@dsj.org by April 30, 2020.



HOLY WEEK PRAYER

during the Coronavirus with Bishop Cantú

Facebook Live on Sunday, April 5 at 7 pm



Bishop Cantú invites all to join virtually as he leads a special Holy Week Prayer on the evening of Palm Sunday, April 5th, to pray for the healing of our community and world and for renewed strength as Catholics deal with the effects of the Coronavirus crisis and prepare to encounter the Lord during this most sacred of weeks. The prayer will include Scripture and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The word we're using so frequently now, "quarantine", can perhaps help us make some sense of what we all are facing. "Quarantine" derives from the Latin word for "forty." By the mid-17th Century, it was associated both with the forty days of Lent but also with something completely different. Ships arriving from foreign ports to ports such as Venice would be forced to remain offshore for forty days to make sure they were not carriers of plague or other illnesses. Only later did "quarantine" come to mean any period of enforced isolation. It's original meaning revolved around those forty days.

It's here that perhaps our current reality can piece all of this together. Lent is, in truth, a quarantine. It is a period of forty days in which we forsake our normal ways of doing things in order to prepare for the new life of Easter. We endure isolation and discomfort during this quarantine, not simply for the good of our physical health but our spiritual as well. This quarantine, we hope, gives us a chance to eliminate the disease of

sin in our lives, and to help us grow stronger and ready to meet the demands of living as the "priests, prophets and kings" our baptisms have called us to be. We have been immersed into the life of the Trinity, which means we too must live as the Trinity lives: by giving life to others and providing for them (God the Father), by pouring out our own lives for others (God the Son), and for advocating for and enflaming others with the love of God (God the Spirit). That's quite a task, and it demands that we be in good shape to carry it out!

During this time of quarantine, we pray for all who are suffering from the Coronavirus and their families. During this time of quarantine, we pray for those who are suffering from its long-term effects, such as those who have lost their jobs or other fallout from this crisis. During this time of quarantine, may we seek healing on every level so that, once strengthened on every level we may enter into our new Easter life with joy and enthusiasm.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, You shine continuously on our Journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

*We seek refuge under your protection,
O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise
our pleas — we who are put to the test
—and deliver us from every danger.
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020
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PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 5

Mindful of everyone's health, palms are NOT to be distributed to the faithful at this time. However, what if everyone, on the morning of Sunday April 5, put a branch on the door of their house or in the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday? It could be any green branch you can get or find. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week will proceed via live stream on our Youtube Channel

HOLY THURSDAY: APRIL 9

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
5:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 10

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
1:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 12

11:00 A.M.

Happy 24th Wedding Anniversary



Alfred & Erlinda Carlson
March 31, 1997

Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary



Lance & Dorothy Carlson
April 6, 1968

Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home

Thursday, April 16th
6:30 p.m. by Zoom

Come explore this inspiring & challenging papal encyclical regarding environmental issues and the Catholic response!

Email any topics of interest to Tracy, tracy.hoglund@dsj.org

Passion/Palm Sunday Ideas

Mass: Watch Online

Passion: Netflix has the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke & John verbatim portrayals.

For under \$10, you may purchase Son of God or the classic King of Kings through **Amazon Prime**.

Some graphic context, so be advised.



Marriage Anniversaries

If your anniversary is coming up, please let us know!

Laura Ortiz at 296-1193 ext. 102
or lortiz@dsj.org

saint snippets



"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."

-Wisdom 3:1

St. Stanislaus the Martyr

11th-century bishop of Krakow martyred by the Polish king after opposing the unjust government. He is the patron saint of Poland.

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St. Justin's is now accepting applications for our Preschool (ages 3-4) and Pre-K (ages 4-5)

program for the Fall 2020 school year. Please email Shannon Barela for more information at Shannon.barela@dsj.org.