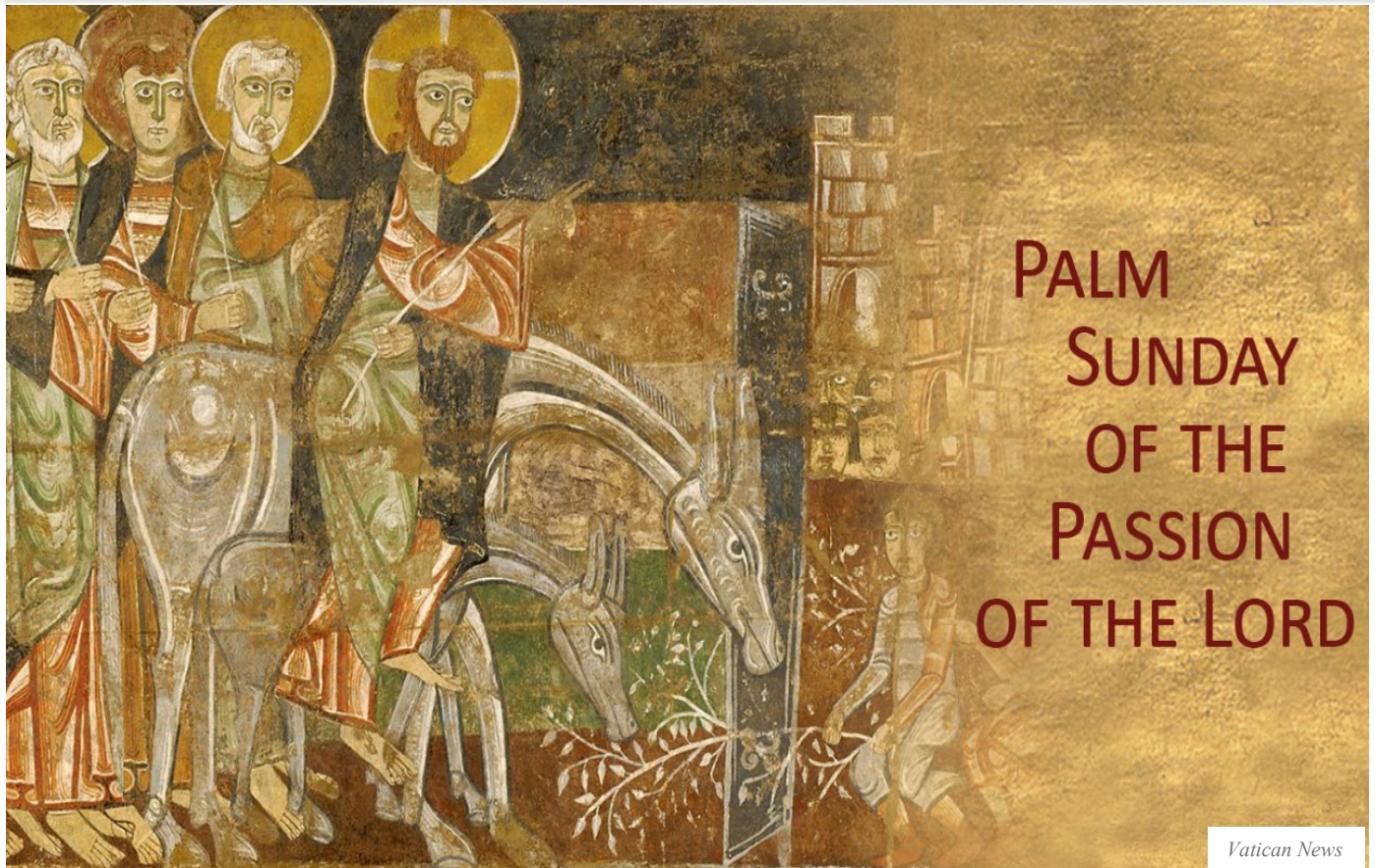


# CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



9677 HIGHWAY 6 – NAVASOTA, TX 77868  
TELEPHONE: 936-825-3920

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023

### Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00 am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm

Weekday Mass:

First Saturday 9:00 am

Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am

Tuesday 6:00 pm (English)

Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Rosary Prayed in Common:

Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm

Wed & Fri: 8:10 am

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

### OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

510 Manley Street – Navasota, TX 77868

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Religious Education : 936-825-1869

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### Reconciliation Confession

Tues, Thurs

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment: Parish Office

Tel: 936-825-3920

### Reconciliación Confesiones

Los martes, jueves y el segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45 pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

### PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Giovanni Nguyen

### Permanent Deacon

Garry Janota

Russell Pasket

Grant Holt

Gregory Jelinek, MD (Retired)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:15 am-noon & 1:00-5:00 pm

Friday: 9:15 – noon.

Other times by appointment

## PARISH LIFE

### Mass Schedule & Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 02

8:00 AM Benefactors of Memorial Fund

1:00 PM Serafin † and Rosa †

MONDAY, APRIL 03 No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 04

6:00 PM Lola Longoria †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05

8:30 AM Christine Demny †

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 06 BILINGUAL

7:00 PM Christ † and Regina † Mattern

FRIDAY, APRIL 07

3:00 PM English Passion of the Lord

6:00 PM Spanish Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 8—Vigil

8:30 PM Paul † and Monica † Mattern

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM Torres, Rangel and

Baldobino Families

1:00 PM\* People of the Parish

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 03

5:00 PM Spanish Legion of Mary

6:15 PM RCIC, SPCC

TUESDAY, APRIL 04

7:00 PM English Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 05

6:00 PM CCE Grades 1-5th, SPCC/SPH

6:00 PM Consecration to Jesus through  
Mary, Cry room CH

THURSDAY, APRIL 06

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry  
room

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

### PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office: 936-825-3920.

## PARISH LIFE

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class. Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times. All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in, and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light. English Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 28, April 22, July 22, 2023, and October 28, 2023, at 11:30 AM. Spanish Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 14, April 15, July 15, 2023, and October 14, 2023, at 11:30 AM.

For more information regarding English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360. For more information regarding Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.

### WEDDING PREPARATION

#### Wedding Info Session and Registration:

**Sunday April 16, 2023.** Contact parish office or email Jennifer Nguyen, [jnguyen9@twu.edu](mailto:jnguyen9@twu.edu) for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION



#### CATACHUMENS

Lourdes Arredondo  
Tammy Tran

#### RCIA CANDIDATES

David Clawson  
Diana Clawson  
Heliberto de la Rosa  
Katherine Gomez  
Lari Oubre  
Moises Gomez

# Parish Life

## PRAY FOR THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of  
our community:

Sarafina Alo  
Andrew Castillo  
Braxton Castillo  
Jo Ann Clepper  
Frank Crouch  
Elizabeth Culmer  
Eva Estrada  
Liz Estrada  
Lois Finke  
Fabryna Hitchcock  
Liz Johnson  
Rachel Kammel  
Mary Ann Knowles  
Liz Kubricht  
Glenda Lawrence  
John Lawrence  
Christian Mills  
Leslie Mills  
France Munoz  
Anita Olguin  
Julian Olguin  
Matthew Oliver  
Cecelia Pearson  
Angelina Peterson  
Wallace Peterson  
Irene Ramirez  
Lucila Rivera  
Zek Rueda  
Rosalinda Salazar  
Josh Sechelski  
Sherrie Shiflett  
Lydia Torres  
Jessie Torres  
Polly Uilkie  
Jessie Valadez, III  
Crystal Winkler  
David Woehler  
Trần Thị Tuyết Mai  
Donna Grupa

**Call the parish office** when a member of our  
community has a need to be remembered in  
prayer, 936-825-3920.

Also, if you have added a name to the prayer  
list, please call to let us know when to remove  
the name from the list. Thank you.

## OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2023

FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

WE PRAY FOR THE SPREAD OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE,  
BY DECREASING THE USE OF WEAPONS  
BY STATES AND CITIZENS.

## DSF & IGNITE CAMPAIGN DONATION

### DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal.....\$26,000

2023 Total Paid (*activity thru 03/23/2023*)..... \$ 8,015

Participants.....22

### IGNITE CAMPAIGN AS OF 3/23/2023

Parish Goal.....\$208,632.00

**Amount Received.....\$83,029.00**

Amount Pledge.....\$98,250.75

Goal vs. Pledge.....\$110,381.25

Goal vs. Paid.....\$125,603.43

Participants.....40

## APPRECIATION

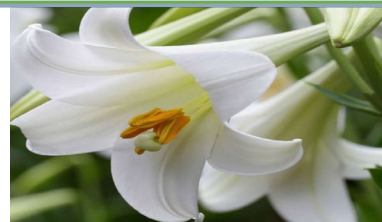
Thank you for considering a one-time  
or monthly gift to the DSF and IGNITE  
campaign this year. A little goes a long  
way when we all work together.

### NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday April 7, 2023

Holy Land Collection

## EASTER FLOWERS



Remember a loved one this Easter by making a  
donation to the Easter Flowers Memorial fund.  
Names are listed all Easter Season. Please place  
your donation in a special envelope with your  
special intention during Sunday's collection.



# Parish Life

## EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIAL

Peter Nguyen Ngoc Tuynh  
 Maria Tran Thi Thanh Tra  
 Maria Teresa Pham Thi Tuyet  
 Teresa Avila Huynh Thi Hue  
 Joseph Nguyen Van Hung  
 Peter Nguyen Ngoc Huyen  
 Peter Nguyen Xuan Canh  
 Maria Pham Thi Nhan  
 Anton Nguyen Thai Hy  
 Pauline Bidelsbach  
 Rev. Phaolo Nguyen Hoai Chuong  
 Maria Nguyen Thi Dung  
 Bishop George Arthur Sheltz  
 Venerable Cardinal Francois Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan  
 The Rev. Joseph Nguyen Van Chu



### 5 Different names for Palm Sunday and their meaning

Palm Sunday is beautiful opening to Holy Week and is a day of joy mixed with sorrow. While most call this day "Palm Sunday," it is also called by at least four other names.

**PALM SUNDAY** One of the most popular names for this day is Palm Sunday. It is a name that refers to the custom of holding palm branches during the liturgy, commemorating the event of Jesus entering Jerusalem before his final arrest and crucifixion.

**HOSANNA SUNDAY** A similar name to Palm Sunday, Hosanna Sunday refers to the acclamation "Hosanna in the highest" with which the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus when he rode triumphantly on a donkey into the city.

**PASCHA FLORIDUM** According to Dom Prosper Gueranger in his Liturgical Year, "Our forefathers used also to call it Pascha Floridum, because the Feast of the Pasch or Easter which is but eight days off, is today in bud, so to speak and the Faithful could begin from this Sunday to fulfill the precept of Easter Communion." This is also where the state of "Florida" received its name.

**CAPITILAVIUM** Another unique name for this day is "Capitilavium," which Gueranger explains. We also find the name of Capitilavium given to this Sunday, because during those times when it was the custom to defer till Holy Saturday the baptism of infants born during the preceding months, where this day to wash the heads of

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1022

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mt 21:1-11 (37) Is 50:4-7  
 Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66  
 27:11-54 (38) Pss II

MONDAY

**Monday of the Holy Week**

3

Is 42:1-7  
 Jn 12:1-11 (257)

TUESDAY

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

4

Is 49:1-6  
 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)

WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

5

Is 50:4 - 9a  
 Mt 26:14-25 (259)

THURSDAY  
OF HOLY WEEK

**Mass of the Lord Supper**

6

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1  
 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)  
 Pss Prop

GOOD  
FRIDAY

**Passion of the Lord**

7

Is 52:13-53:12  
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 Jn 18:1-19:42(40)  
 Pss Prop

HOLY  
SATURDAY

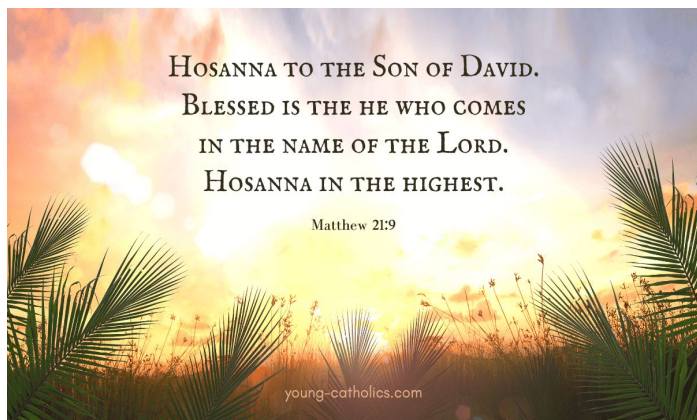
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Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a  
 Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1  
 Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
 Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10 (41)  
 Pss Prop

these children out of respect to the Holy Chrism wherewith they were to be anointed later on this Sunday.

**PASCH OF THE COMPETENTS** Gueranger explains another ancient name, which refers to the catechumens who were preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Later on, this Sunday was, at least in some Churches, called the Pasch of the Competents, that is of the Catechumens who were admitted to Baptism. They assembled today in the Church and received a special instruction on the Symbol [the Creed], which had been given to them in the previous scrutiny. In the Gothic Church of Spain, the Symbol was not given till today. *Philip Kosloski - Aleiteia 04/10/22*

# LITURGICAL FEASTS



Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphant entry in Jerusalem, days before he was arrested and crucified. It is celebrated the Sunday before Easter and is the beginning of Holy Week.

- **Procession** – [Matthew 21:1-11](#): "The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road."
- **First Reading** – [Isaiah 50:4-7](#): "Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back."
- **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 22](#): "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"
- **Second Reading** – [Philippians 2:6-11](#): "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped."
- **Gospel** – [Matthew 26:14 – 27:66](#): "I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father."

## Prayer for a Celebration of Holy Week

*Jesus, Our Redeemer and Lord,  
Enter into my mind and heart as Holy Week unfolds  
and open me to the grace of this sacred time.  
Through its symbols and stories, awaken in me an awareness of your great sacrifice,  
made so generously on our behalf.  
As I gather with other members of my parish family,  
fill me with humility, gratitude, and reverence.  
From the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday  
to the opening of the Triduum on Holy Thursday,  
may my focus remain on you.  
As I listen once again to the agonizing story of your Passion, death, and burial,  
may I learn what it means to say, "your will be done."  
And, throughout the quiet space of Holy Saturday,  
may I await, dormant and expectant,  
for your rising to new life as Easter dawns.  
I ask this in your holy and blessed name.  
Amen.*

## HOLY WEEK

APRIL 2 - 8



Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services.

Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

Catholic Online /Easter/Lent  
<https://www.catholic.org/lent/holyweek.php>

*Palm*  
Sunday



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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The Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, also called Palm Sunday, represents the gate through which we enter into Holy Week. This is a time in which we contemplate the last moments of the life of Jesus. We recall Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem, welcomed by a festive crowd, and then we recall his Passion. As early as 400, a procession with palms took place.

The liturgy is entirely characterized by the theme of Jesus's Passion. This is true particularly regarding the Gospel texts which, according to the liturgical year, present the passion narrative. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (the Song of the Suffering Servant, Isaiah 50), becomes a prayer in Psalm 22 with the refrain "*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*" The terror that Jesus bore in obeying the Father "*to the point of death, even death on a cross*" is attested to in the Second Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

This is not so much the celebration of "grief" and "lament", as much as a week that expresses the "heart" of the Paschal Mystery when Jesus gave His life for our salvation. Jesus became man because he loves us, and because of love He gives His life. It is through this obedience that Jesus loves the Father and loves the men and women He came to save.

On Palm Sunday, we are offered an interpretation of our life and destiny. All of our sufferings and grief find a response in Jesus. In the face of every question regarding why there is suffering, why there is death, why there are so many choices that are incomprehensible to the human mind, Jesus does not give us vague responses. With His life, he has told us that He is with us, at our sides. Until the end. We will never be alone – neither in our joys nor in our sufferings. Jesus is with us.

It is a celebration that is understood through silence and prayer rather than through words, so as to enter into it with the heart. Vatican News/Liturgical, 03/23



Cosimo Rosselli–The Last Supper–Vatican

### Stewardship Reflections

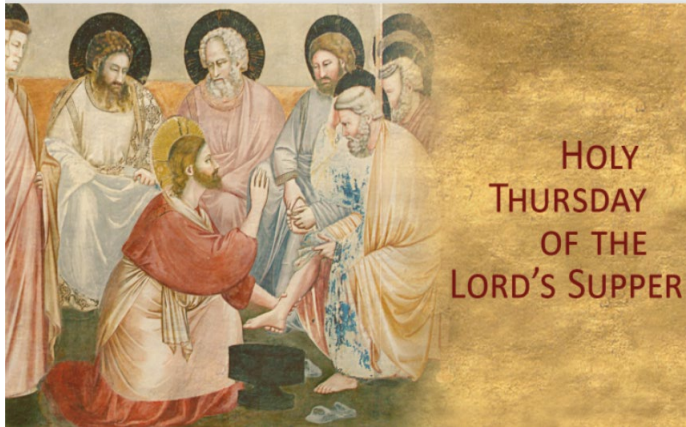
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: April 2 That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross". "As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32 The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

### Boletín de Mayordomía – Reflexiones

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor: 2 de abril Que aprendamos a poner las necesidades de los demás antes de las nuestras y que ayudemos al prójimo "a cargar su cruz." "Al salir encontraron a un hombre de Cirene llamado Simón y lo obligaron a cargar la cruz de Jesús." Mateo 27: 32 El Señor nos llama a amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. Cada día se nos presentan oportunidades para amar a nuestro prójimo y ayudarlo a "cargar su cruz". Esas oportunidades no son usualmente grandes eventos, son usualmente situaciones ordinarias como ayudar a alguien a llevar las compras o mantenerles la puerta abierta. La clave es poner las necesidades de los demás antes de las nuestras y no esperar nada a cambio

# LITURGICAL FEASTS

## HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



The primitive Church celebrated Easter in its entirety solely during the Easter Vigil that lasted until Easter morning. Only in the 4th century was this celebration gradually distributed over three days as a Triduum that began with the Mass in *Coena Domini* and reached its peak in the Easter Vigil. It would begin Thursday evening because, according to the Jewish tradition, the day began the evening before. Thus, the solemnities and Sundays were already celebrated liturgically with Vespers of the evening before. The second reason is that in the Last Supper, Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift of Himself that He would give on the cross.

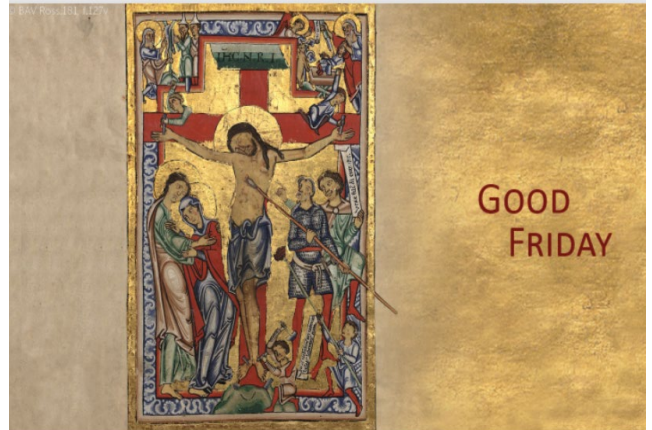
According to Jewish law and custom, Jesus celebrated the Jewish feast of Passover with His disciples in remembrance of the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Within the setting of this banquet, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the sacrament of salvation, and He instituted the ministerial priesthood. He did not limit Himself to saying words, but He performed a gesture that reveals the truest and deepest “meaning” of what He had just celebrated: the washing of the feet, that is, a service of love. This service was performed by slaves for their masters and their guests so their feet would be cleansed from the dust of the streets. Jesus, therefore, breaks the rules regarding domination and service.

This, then, is the “code” to understand and live the Last Supper, obedient to Jesus’s words: “*Do this in memory of me.*” These words refer not only to the “repetition” of the deeds and words of the Last Supper regarding the Eucharist, but are an indication to “do this” in service, in mutual love, beginning with the least. This is the full meaning of the Eucharist.

May Holy Thursday thus become an open book, like a school of faith and Christian wisdom.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/holy-thursday-of-the-lords-supper.html>

## GOOD FRIDAY



Good Friday originated as the day of Jesus’s death (the 14th day of Nisan, which would have been Friday). It was a day of mourning accompanied by “fasting”, which was later extended to every Friday of the year.

The Liturgy consists of three moments: the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion.

Today, through the Liturgy, the faithful are invited to fix their eyes on Jesus Crucified. He died on the cross to fulfill the mission of salvation the Father had entrusted to him: “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”.

Isaiah says: “it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted” (Isaiah 52:13—53:12).

With His life, Jesus paid the highest price for our disobedience, and He did it with and for love: Christ “became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (2 Cor 8:9).

Under the shadows of Good Friday, each one of us can place ourselves before the Cross and compare ourselves with the Lord Jesus regarding our own problems, our own tragedies, our own sufferings.

Every one of life’s questions can be illuminated by the Cross to such an extent that we can truly say: “The heart has reasons that reason cannot understand.” The Lord Jesus deserves to be followed unto the end, just like He loved us.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/good-friday.html>



# LITURGICAL FEASTS

## HOLY SATURDAY/OUR LADY OF HOLY SATURDAY



Today, the Church is silent. We are invited to unite ourselves with the Virgin Mother in expectation of the New Day. Today is a day to help us understand how to live in confident hope the “many other days” of silence that life presents us along our journey. It is good to spend some time with Mary for this is the only way we can take up our journey again.

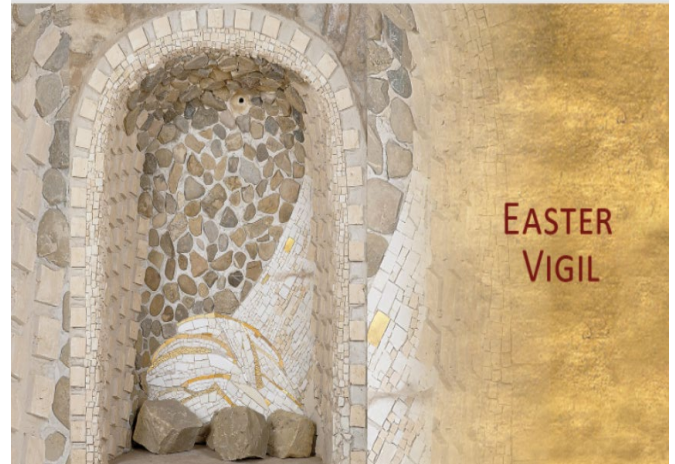
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## RCIA: SCRUTINIES

Scrutinies are ancient rites for the Elect as they prepare for Baptism at Easter. These rites are celebrated on the three Sundays of Lent (March 12, March 19, and March 26). As we pray for people from our parish on their RCIA journey, these rites can inspire each of us on our own Lenten journey by taking an opportunity to examine (scrutinize) what we do and what we fail to do in our own relationship with Jesus.



## EASTER VIGIL



There are no liturgical celebrations in the Church on Saturday. In the Middle Ages, an erroneous interpretation led to anticipating the Easter Vigil, the “Mother of all vigils”, to early on Holy Saturday morning. Pope Pius XII in 1951 and in 1955 reestablished the ancient order, which was then put into the new Missal in 1970. In this most holy night, the “Church waits, keeps vigil for the resurrection of Christ and the celebration of the sacraments.”

The Service of Light consists of the blessing of the fire, the lighting of the paschal candle and the entrance into the church, up until the chanting of the Exultet. The *Liturgy of the Word*, consists of listening to seven readings from the Old Testament, one reading from Saint Paul, and the Easter Gospel. The story of salvation unfolds God’s faithfulness regarding his people.

The *Baptismal Liturgy*, consists of the Sacrament of Baptism for adults, or the blessing of the water, followed by the renewal of baptismal promises and the sprinkling with the blessed water.

The Eucharistic Liturgy, through which, with the celebration of the sacrament, we are made contemporaries of Jesus through His command, “Do this in memory of me”, and our response, “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.”

Easter Sunday is already celebrated during the night. The Masses on Easter Day are a prolongation of joy, of awe, aware that what is “essential is invisible to the eyes”.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/easter-vigil.html>



## ARTIFACTS OF CHRIST



### VERONICA'S VEIL



### THE CROWN OF THORNS



### THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN

*Aleteia. Artifacts of Christ*

## THIS IS WHAT PLEASES JESUS BEST, ACCORDING TO ST. FAUSTINA



### Praying with passion: Approaching Christ's Passion, but with great hope and great peace.

We can approach Christ's Passion in prayer with hope and great peace. In the words of Joseph Ratzinger, "What looks down at us from the cross is a goodness that enables a new beginning in the midst of life's horror." And St. John Paul II adds, "The cross is like a touch of eternal love upon the most painful wounds of man's earthly existence."

One practical way to meditate on the Lord's Passion is to pray before a [crucifix](#), for "the human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced" ([CCC 1432](#)). *The Imitation of Christ* tells us, "If you do not know how to meditate on heavenly things, direct your thoughts to Christ's Passion and willingly behold his sacred wounds." Also, of course, is prayerfully meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

St. Gregory of Nazianzen gives this counsel: "Worship him who was hung on the cross because of you, even if you are hanging there yourself." We do well in this since "it is only as a cross-bearer that one belongs to Christ" (A. Sertillanges). (Aleteia. 03/19/23). Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

### A Reflection from St. John Paul II appeals to youth on Palm Sunday proclaim the cross to the world

"On the cross, Jesus dies for each one of us. The Cross is, therefore, the greatest and most eloquent sign of his merciful love, the only sign of salvation for each generation and for all humanity," said the Pope.

The Holy Father recalled that twenty years ago, "at the conclusion of the Holy Year of Redemption, I entrusted young people with the great Cross of that Jubilee." "Since then, the cross continues to travel across the world, in preparation for the World Youth Days. Its journeys have taken it to the five continents. Like a torch passed from one hand to another, it has been transported from one country to the next. It has become the luminous sign of the trust that animates the young generations of the third millennium." John Paul later told the young people that "as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the extraordinary spiritual adventure, let me repeat the same appeal I gave you then: 'I entrust to you the Cross of Christ! Carry it to the world as a sign of the love of the Lord Jesus for humanity and announce to all that only in Christ died and risen is there salvation and redemption.'" World Youth Day 2004. CNA 4/4/2004.

## People of the Passion Reflection

### People of the Passion: Peter

*"Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly."*  
(Matthew 26:75)

Peter's anguish over his betrayal of Jesus brought about deep remorse and shame. Nevertheless, he did not succumb to despair, but remembered what Jesus taught about forgiveness. When you are tempted to feel ashamed and unworthy, let the story of Peter compel you to stay open to God's unconditional love.

### People of the Passion: John

*"Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home."*  
(John 19:27)

Tradition has it that John was the beloved disciple who was charged with taking care of Mary. He did so by bringing her into his family, the ultimate act of hospitality. When you are given the opportunity to provide care and assistance to someone else, let John's example inspire you to be generous.

### People of the Passion: Mary

*"Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."*  
(John 19:25)

It's hard to imagine the devastation Mary felt in seeing her son in such pain. As the only person to be with him from birth to death, Mary knew Jesus like no one else. Her devotion remained steadfast. When you are besieged by grief or hurt, let Mary's devotion remind you to stay close to Jesus.

### People of the Passion: Mary Magdalene

*"Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene..."* (Matthew 27:55-56)

Mary Magdalene experienced a profound healing when Jesus expelled several demons from her. Hers is a life of redemption and transformation. When you find yourself in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, let Mary Magdalene's story bring you hope and comfort.

### People of the Passion: Simon

*"As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross."*  
(Matthew 26:32)

Simon appears as a bystander who, against his will, is made to carry the heavy cross. What must it have been like for him to walk behind Jesus as he made his painful way to Golgotha? When you are asked to help another shoulder a heavy load, try to respond like Simon and carry it without complaint.

### People of the Passion: Centurion

*"Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's son.'"* (Mark 15:39)

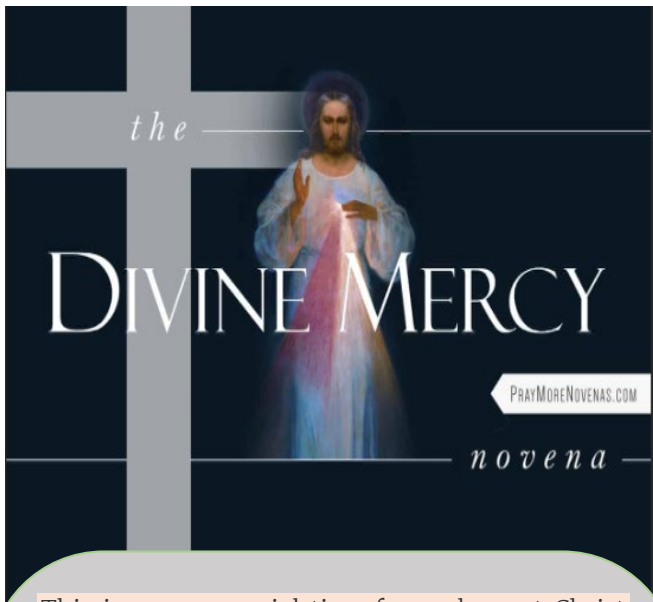
Did the centurion take part in the scourging or in the throwing of dice for Jesus' garments? As the dreadful procession towards Golgotha took place, something changed for this man and he thus gets the last word in the Passion account. When you grow lax in your faith, let the centurion's story motivate you to remain open to revelation.

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# THE DIVINE MERCY



This is a very special time for us here at Christ Our Lights Church as we prepare for our annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday.

A Novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. In the case of the Novena to The Divine Mercy, we pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention.

*Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw ... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).*

He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

*"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."*

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

*"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."*

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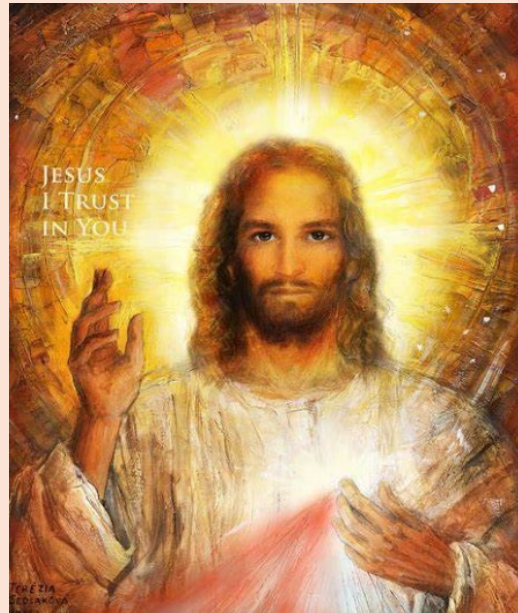
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Novena Begins

End Date:

Saturday, April 15, 2023

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

8:00 AM-CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
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10:00 AM- ST. STANISLAUS  
ANDERSON

1:00 PM-CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
(SPANISH)

# OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER TO *Easter!*

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Palms Procession in English Mass &amp; in Spanish Mass.</i>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2023	08:00am 10:00am 01:00pm	<b>Christ Our Light</b> <b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b>	Fr. Giovanni Nguyen Fr. Giovanni Nguyen Fr. Giovanni Nguyen
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> <i>No Mass in the morning. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The washing of the feet ceremony.</i>	April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2023	07:00pm 07:00pm	<b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b>	<b>Fr. Paul Lockey</b> Fr. Giovanni Nguyen
<b>HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>No Mass. The Passion of the Lord. <b>Fast &amp; Abstinence</b></i>	April 7 <sup>th</sup> 2023	03:00pm 03:00pm (English) 06:00pm (Spanish)	<b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b>	Fr. Giovanni Nguyen <b>Fr. Adam McClosky</b> Fr. Giovanni Nguyen
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2023	08:30pm 08:30pm	<b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b>	<b>Fr. Paul Lockey</b> Fr. Giovanni Nguyen
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>The Resurrection of the Lord. Liturgy of Baptism. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.</i>	April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2023	08:00am 08:00am 10:00am 01:00pm (Spanish)	<b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b> <b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b>	<b>Fr. Adam McClosky</b> Fr. Giovanni Nguyen Fr. Giovanni Nguyen Fr. Giovanni Nguyen
<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <i>Communion begins with the two forms: the Body and Blood of the Lord.</i>	April 16 <sup>th</sup> 2023	08:00am 10:00am 01:00pm (Spanish)	<b>Christ Our Light</b> <b>St. Stanislaus Kostka</b> <b>Christ Our Light</b>	Fr. Giovanni Nguyen Fr. Giovanni Nguyen Fr. Giovanni Nguyen

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**Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church,  
for each community and every believer.**

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## FOR THE ENGAGED

### Holy Week Traditions For Couples



#### ***Throughout Holy Week***

Pray together as you designate a spot in your home for palms.

If you haven't already done so on the fifth Sunday of Lent, take time this week to [cover any crucifixes, religious art, or statues in your home](#). Broadcloth, in purple or another somber color, is an affordable option from fabric stores. Like any bride, the Church veils what is good and beautiful for the purpose of reserving that beauty for the proper occasion--in this case, the fullness of life made new on Easter Sunday.

Choose one of the Gospels, and read a portion of it each night.

Employ an extra penance you and your fiancé or spouse can both take part in this week, such as no meat, no TV or media, or a fast from unnecessary spending.

Plan to attend a [Tenebrae service](#) in your diocese.

#### ***Holy Thursday***

Attend your diocese's Chrism Mass, wherein the holy oils used in the sacraments throughout the year are blessed by a bishop. This Mass reminds the faithful of Christ's great gifts to us of the sacraments, and its beautiful cathedral setting invites reverence and worship.

Pray a Holy Hour together after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, before the Blessed Sacrament if your church offers it. If time and geography allow, consider partaking in the tradition of the [Seven Churches Visitation](#), essentially a pilgrimage of Eucharistic Adoration in various locations.

#### ***Good Friday***

Starting today, begin the [Divine Mercy novena](#).

Following Stations of the Cross and the Good Friday service, cook a simple dinner together.

Spend a portion of the day together in silence.

#### ***Holy Saturday***

If your family makes a big Easter feast, consider assisting with cooking and preparations. Get to know your beloved's family stories and recipes.

Pray for your marriage--or future marriage--in a particular way. Holy Saturday speaks to so many instances of waiting, from the anticipation of your wedding day to a longing for answered prayers in work and family-related matters.

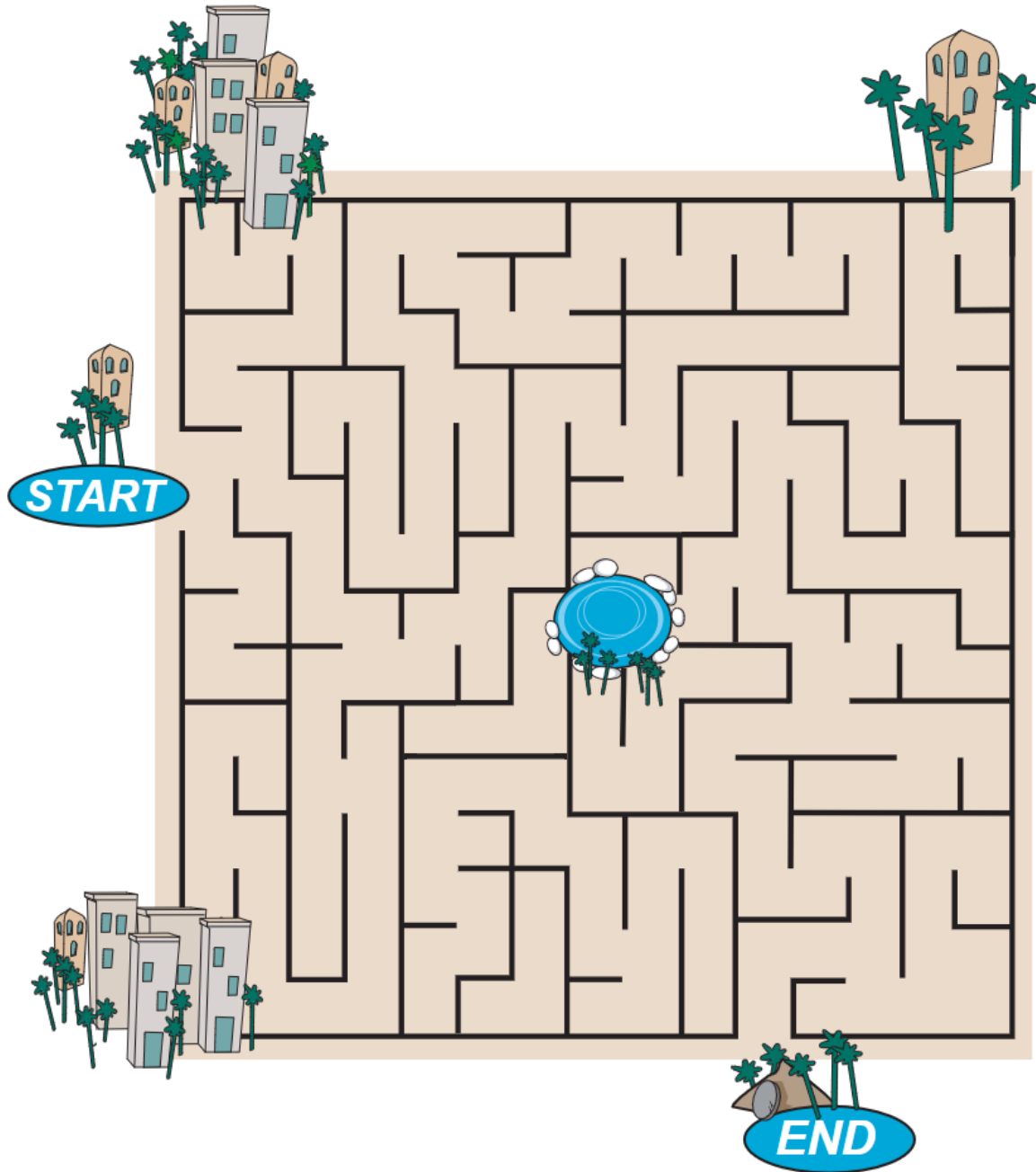
For all of this coming week, in fact, enter into the waiting, this sense of bated breath. Allow yourselves to sit with your longings. Entrust them to the Lord, knowing he desires nothing hidden from us, that he loves just as we are in our brokenness, and that he rejoices in our vulnerability. His love restores. Know of our prayers for you as we prepare for the joy of the Resurrection, and don't hesitate to contact us with specific intentions we can share with you and unite to the Cross.

*Holy Week Tradition for Catholic Couples. SpokenBride.com*

## FAMILY LIFE - CCE CORNER

### Find Your Way to Jesus' Tomb

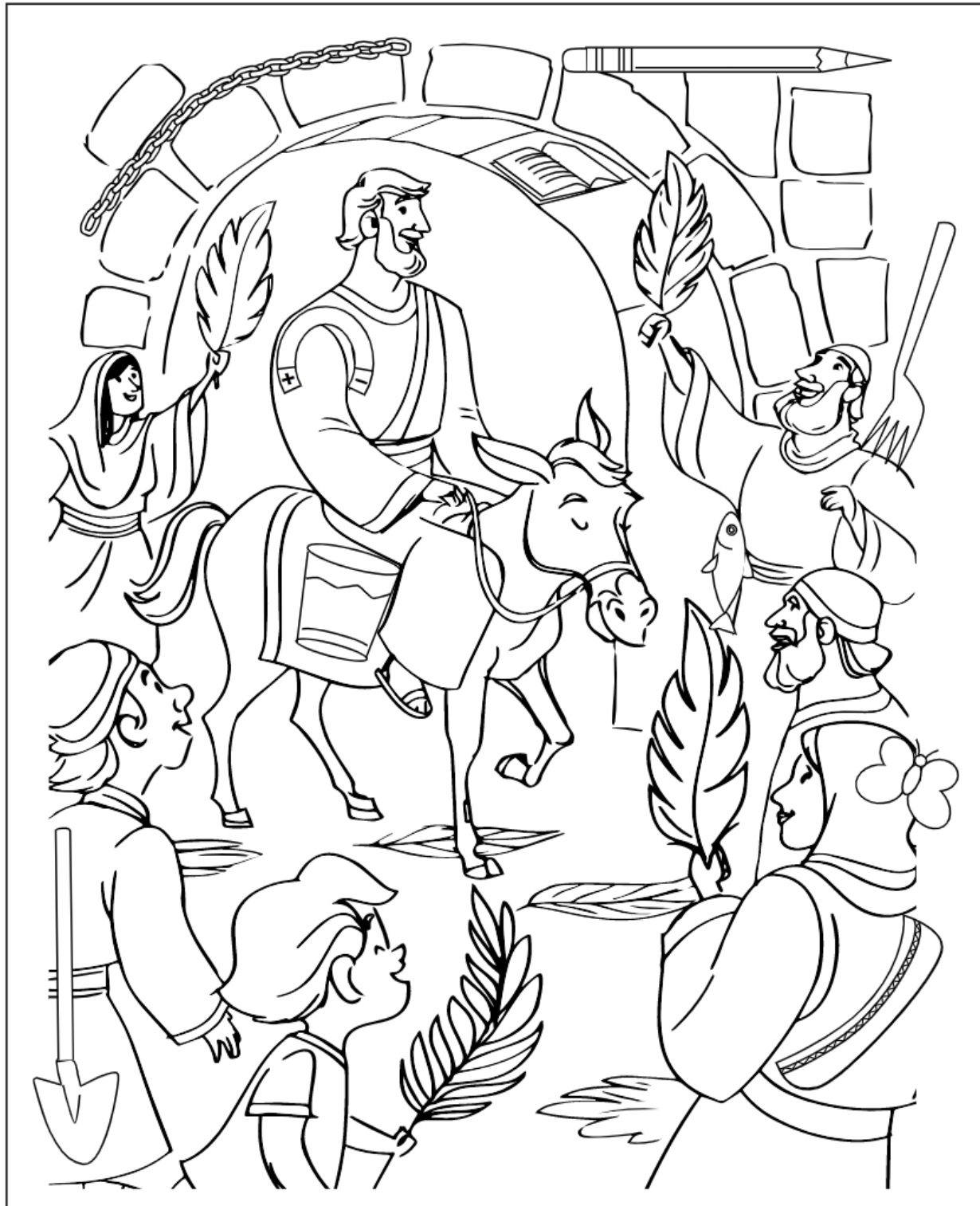
Go with Mary Magdalene through Jerusalem to find Jesus' tomb. Do not cross any lines.





## Hidden Pictures: The People Honored Jesus (Palm Sunday)

Find these objects hidden in the picture below:  
chain, pencil, book, magnet, fork, glass, fish,  
butterfly, shovel, canoe





## Prayer Celebration

**Preparation:** Arrange a table with a purple cloth, a Bible, and a cross. In front of the table, place a basket or ceramic bowl, large enough to hold a small stone for each child. Place markers nearby.

*Gather the children together in front of the prayer table.*

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Jesus, each day of Lent is a chance to show our love for you.  
May each step we take during this holy season bring us closer to you.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us listen to the Word of God.

**Reader:** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

**Leader:** During the season of Lent, we remember how Jesus gave his life for us and how he asks us to show our love for God, for each other, and for ourselves. We do this by praying, by doing good, and by helping the poor.

*Leader distributes the stones and markers, and invites the children to use the markers to draw a sign that will remind them of Jesus during Lent. When everyone has finished, conclude with the following prayer.*

**Leader:** Invite the children to repeat each line of the prayer after it is read.

"Again we keep this solemn fast,  
A gift of faith from ages past,  
This Lent which binds us lovingly  
To faith and hope and charity.

More sparing, therefore, let us make  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense;  
Learn peace through holy penitence."

(Prayer of Gregory the Great)

**Leader:** Conclude the prayer service by inviting the children to place their stone in a place that will remind them of the road through Lent. If desired, sing a closing song.

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## The Road to Lent Leads to Easter

The word *Lent* comes from an Old English word, which means "to lengthen." For those living in the Northern Hemisphere, the season coincides with spring, a time in which the days lengthen. The increased light causes trees to bud and flowers to blossom. New life emerges all around us.

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. Lasting for forty days—from Ash Wednesday to the evening of Holy Thursday—the season draws us towards the light of Christ. The Church invites us to stretch ourselves towards that light through three traditional practices: prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Each one has both a personal and communal context. In our individual lives, we craft a Lenten routine that draws us

into a desert of simplicity through daily acts of meditation, self-restraint, and generosity. As members of the faith community, we join together to celebrate the Eucharist during the six Sundays of Lent, and to take part in other sacramental and seasonal rituals, such as Ash Wednesday, the Stations of the Cross, and communal celebrations of Penance and Reconciliation.

The road through Lent leads us towards the promise of Christ's new and abundant life. Each step along the way brings us closer to the Paschal Mystery and to the light that emanates from an empty tomb and gives rise to a garden of grace. Our "allegians," stilled for a time during Lent's forty days, arise anew as we proclaim our faith: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

### Suggested Activities

- Brainstorm a list of healthy habits — those practices that help us maintain our physical well-being. Explain that the three Lenten practices of prayer, penance, and giving to the poor are like "healthy habits" for the soul. They keep us focused during Lent on the sacrifices Christ made for us, and the call to holiness that he extends to us.
- Christ's journey on Calvary when they could not make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Invite the children to work individually or with others to make simple drawings of each of the Stations of the Cross, and to write a short prayer to accompany each one. Post these along a hallway or around the classroom as a way to pray during Lent.



### Bright Ideas

To find additional activities for your class, visit [WeBelieveWeb.com](http://WeBelieveWeb.com).

### Directions

Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and the new life that Jesus brings us. We follow Jesus through the forty days of Lent by praying, doing good things for others, and helping the poor. Complete the steps on the road to Lent by filling in a way to pray, do good, or help others. Some ideas are already in place. Then put your ideas into practice!

### The Road to Lent

Ask Jesus to help you walk the road through Lent.



Name one thing you could "give up" for Lent.



Draw a picture of Jesus praying in the desert.



Write a card to someone who is sick or sad.



Act out a story about Jesus healing someone.



Design a Lenten prayer space.

Write a prayer asking Jesus to help those in need.



Try not to complain about anything today.



Write a prayer thanking Jesus for the new life he gives us.



Write a prayer for the people in your parish.



Give away one of your toys or games.

Look back on your road through Lent. Tell how it brought you closer to Jesus.

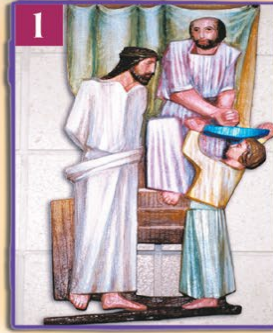
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## Stations of the Cross

In the stations we follow in the footsteps of Jesus during his passion and Death on the cross.



Jesus is condemned to die.



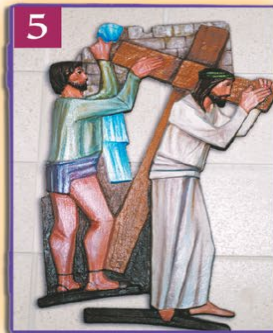
Jesus takes up his cross.



Jesus falls the first time.



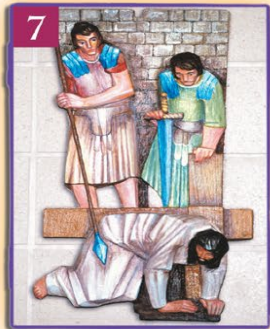
Jesus meets his mother.



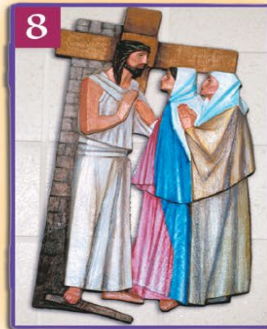
Simon helps Jesus carry his cross.



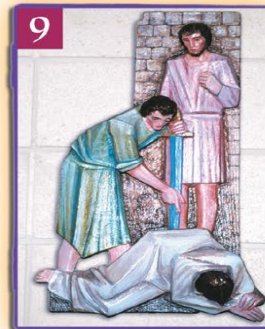
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.



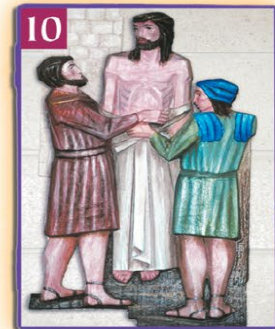
Jesus falls the second time.



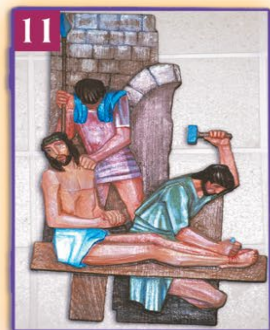
Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.



Jesus falls the third time.



Jesus is stripped of his garments.



Jesus is nailed to the cross.



Jesus dies on the cross.



Jesus is taken down from the cross.



Jesus is laid in the tomb.

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# AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

## 175 Years of Faith

On May 4, 1847, the Apostolic See in Rome established the Diocese of Galveston; May 4, 2022 marks 175 years since the founding of our Diocese. We will be celebrating this milestone all year! Visit our website for information: [www.archgh.org/175](http://www.archgh.org/175). Coverage can also be found in the *Texas Catholic Herald*. **Join us in celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**

Join the Archdiocese at our 175th Gala on April 20, as we come together to celebrate our legacy in Texas and the great work yet to come!

## Veteran's Benefits Seminar

The Office of Aging and St Dominic Village is co-hosting an on-site event for older veterans/ spouses and surviving spouses. The Veterans Administration (VA) will provide education on caregiving and funeral/burial benefits. Registration is open now for all parishes.

Tuesday, March 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Dominic Auditorium. Cost: Free. Information and registration link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Q50C8wVEQc> For more information contact the Office of Aging at 713-741-8712.

## Magnify

All young adults are invited to join us for Magnify at St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr., Houston) on Saturday, April 1, from 12 to 7 p.m. Magnify, formerly known as the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day, will include a keynote speaker, workshops, Mass, and time for social activities. Our English Keynote is Dr. John Bergsma, a theology professor from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Our Spanish Keynote is Adriana Visoso, President of La Red. Registration cost is \$50 (register by March 26). At the door cost is \$60. All details for the day are available online at: [www.archgh.org/magnify](http://www.archgh.org/magnify)

## Magnifica

Todos los jóvenes adultos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para Magnifica en el Seminario, St. Mary's Seminary (9845 Memorial Dr., Houston) el sábado 1 de abril de 12 a 7 p.m. Magnifica, anteriormente conocido como el Día Arquidiocesano de Jóvenes Adultos, incluirá un orador principal, talleres, Misa y tiempo para actividades sociales. Nuestra oradora principal en español es Adriana Visoso, Presidenta de La Red y nuestro orador principal en inglés es el Dr. John Bergsma, profesor de teología de la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville. El costo de \$50 (regístrese antes del 26 de marzo). El costo en la puerta será de \$60. Todos los detalles del día están disponibles en línea en: [www.archgh.org/magnify](http://www.archgh.org/magnify)

**The Office of Pro-Life Activities** offers various opportunities for healing after abortion. Interested individuals can attend one or all events depending on need and preference. For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or email [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org).

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for women and men seeking healing after abortion the weekend of March 24-26. This retreat is part of Project Rachel's ministry. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more information, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-440-3443 or email at [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org).

**The Office of Aging Ministry** offers a variety of practical and pastoral planning resources on their website. The resources address:

- Caregiving
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- End-of-life planning

For more information, contact the Office of Aging at 713-741-8712; visit their webpage at <https://www.archgh.org/aging> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Office-of-Aging-Ministry-Archdiocese-of-Galveston-Houston-113054663832133>

## Office of Hispanic Ministry: Dialogando con el Evangelio

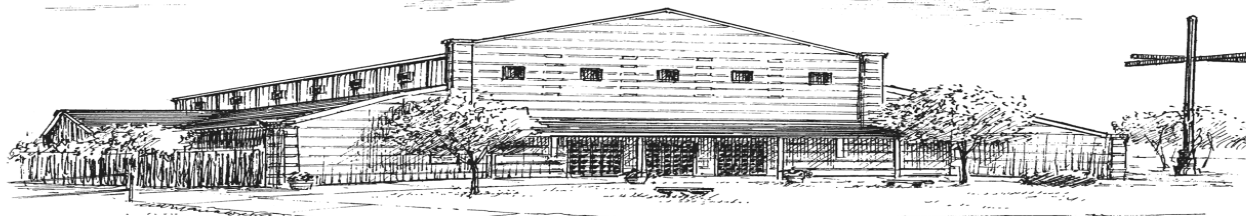
La Oficina de Ministerio Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston los invita a sintonizar su programa de radio, "Dialogando con el Evangelio" todos los domingos a las 6 a.m. y 8 a.m. por la 920 AM y a las 11 a.m. por Radio María. Para más información, comuníquense al 713-741-8727.

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