

# Immaculate Conception, Oroville WA

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**April 5, 2020**  
**Palm Sunday**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Resp. Psalm: Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11  
Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27:66

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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Sunday Mass: 12:30pm  
(English)  
Sunday Mass: 2:00pm  
(Spanish)

## **SACRAMENTS:**

**Baptism:** Call the Office to register your child to be baptized or call the Pastor.

### **Confessions:**

By appointment.

**Quinceañera:** Call the Office or the Pastor for more information.

**Matrimony:** By advance arrangements of at least six months.

**Anointing of the Sick:** At Mass, seasonally as announced, and individually of need. Call the Pastor.

**Communion to the shut in:** As requested. Call the Pastor.

Dear Parishioners May the grace, peace and love of Christ be with you. As we continue this time of quarantine, I just wanted to keep you updated about what is going on in our parish.

## **1. HOW ARE YOU DOING, FR. LUTA**

I have received several calls and emails from parishioners wondering how I am doing. I glad to say that I am doing very well, I feel healthy and exercise from home. A family stopped dropped of a small grill for me, and I love it. I also very thankful to families that have brought me food. May God bless you. My family in Uganda is doing well. Though the country currently has about 48 cases of patients with COVID 19, they are also in quarantine and curfew at night. This week, I would like to share with you a couple of thoughts about the cure and prevention for COVID 19. What the cure?

- a. Some have suggested Chloroquine! Yuk! Have you ever taken Chloroquine? I have. As a child, my parents used to give me Chloroquine tablets whenever I had a high fever due to Malaria. It worked! But I tell you, it's the most disgusting and bitter thing I have ever taken. Just thinking about it gives me goose bumps. It's so bitter that its taste remains in your mouth for hours. Besides, for some people, it causes you skin to itch. So you would be always scratching yourself. I am not a doctor and I am not recommending anything, (just sharing some experiences with you) but hey, if that's what we need to take to cure COVID 19, I think it's definitely worth it, with lots of prayers.
- b. b. I am taking various precautions and measure to avoid COVID 19. Washing hands properly, social distancing (this is so hard), not shaking hands and using a mask. This week, a parishioner gave me a mask, and it was my first time to put it on. I admit that it was a struggle. I tried four times, and every time, I was getting it wrong. After listening to the instructions again, I finally got it.

## **2. HOLY WEEK**

This Holy Week and Easter is going to be strange and different. I ordered palms for Palm Sunday, and they have been here for a week now. Bishop Daly has instructed us to bless the Palms and keep them, so that we can distribute them to you at a later time. Please join me for Palm Sunday Mass at 9am in English, 10:30am Spanish and 2pm Spanish, via OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH OKANOGAN Facebook live stream. If you do not have a Facebook account, here is the link to get to the mass: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Catholic-Church/Our-Lady-of-the-ValleyParish-156404751763457/> Even though the Mass is broadcasted though the Okanogan Parish Facebook page, I have tried to live stream the Masses from each of three churches in our Tri Parish Community to create a sense of unity in our community. As you follow the Mass online, I invite you to please cut and hold tree branches in your hands, to commemorate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he was joyfully received by the people in the city holding tree branches and singing songs. They don't have to be palms. After the Mass, you can hang the branches on your doors during Holy week.

Schedule of Masses during Holy Week. Masses/Services will be livestreamed from the churches in Okanogan, Tonasket, and Oroville. Please join us.

**I. PALM SUNDAY 4/5/2020:** 9am English, 10:30am Spanish, 2pm Spanish

**II. HOLY THURSDAY:4/9/2020:** 5pm English, 7pm Spanish

**III. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES:** 3pm English, 7pm Spanish

**IV. HOLY SATURDAY:** Please join Bishop Daly for Mass at 8pm (English) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DioceesofSpokane> and Spanish with Fr. Gustavo: [https://www.facebook.com/St-Vincent-Catholic-Church794292517259258/?hc\\_ref=PAGES\\_TIMELINE](https://www.facebook.com/St-Vincent-Catholic-Church794292517259258/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE)

**V. EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:** 9am English, 10:30am Spanish, 2pm Spanish.

### 3. FORMED.ORG: A FREE ONLINE FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE

If you have not yet done so, please sign up and use FORMED.ORG. The church bought a subscription for everyone, and so it's free for you. It has excellent faith formation programs, bible studies, catholic movies, youth and children faith formation, etc. Here is how to access it:

1. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
2. Click on SIGN UP
3. Click on "I belong a Parish or Organization"
4. Enter the zip code: 98840
5. Choose "OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY"
6. Follow the instructions.

### 4. TRI PARISH WEBSITE.

About three years ago, I created a website for our three parishes: Immaculate Conception, Oroville, HOLY Rosary Tonasket and Our Lady of the Valley Okanogan. The website is: <https://www.okvalleycatholicparishes.org/> Please visit that website for more info about the parishes. I use it to post announcements from the church, the bulletin, etc. Some of the areas of the website are in the process of being modified.

### 5. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

I am honestly ashamed to ask for donations during this time, because I know many of the people are under quarantine and not working, with bills to pay, etc. Yet I must admit that our church also receives bills for electricity, etc. I hereby ask for your donations, if you can. Please mail. For Our Lady of the Valley, the address is mailing address is: 2511 Elmway, Okanogan WA 98840. For HOLY ROSARY TONASKET AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OROVILLE, the mailing address is: P.O.BOX 308 Oroville, WA 98844.

**ONLINE GIVING:** I am also in the process of setting up online giving for people who can donate online, through our TRI PARISH WEBSITE:

<https://www.okvalleycatholicparishes.org/> I have been working hard on this project in the past days, which requires prudent decision making. I have consulted the diocese officials, and various parishes on the best way to do this. I had been assured by the company we chose that we should have it going by this week, but it was not possible due to some technical issues. I will try next week and as soon as I have it going, I will let you know.

### Reading for next Sunday April 12th

#### Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34A, 37-43

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6B-8

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

### 6. FUNERAL ARRANGMENTS FOR Ana Torre REST IN PEACE

Many of you have asked me about the funeral Mass for Ana Torre. Ana died on the morning of Monday March 23 2020 at her home in Okanogan, after a very long illness. She was the wife of our Altar Server and Sacristan, Julian, and mother of Ugo. Ana was a longtime member of our church in Okanogan, and a member of the women's guild. At this time, funeral arrangements are in the process. I will let the community know as soon as they are finalized. Please keep Julian and Anas family in your prayers.

### 7. DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT.

With immense sorrow and sadness, I announce to you the tragic and accidental death of a baby boy named Jacob Valdovinos Pineda. He was only three years old, the only son of a young couple; Daisy and Jaime, who live near Brewster. Some members of their family live in Tonasket and are members of Holy Rosary Church. Jacob was in a ware house with his mom, when a huge bag of fertilizer fell on him. He was flown to Spokane, where he died a day later. I went over and prayed with the family last week. They are devastated. Please keep that family in your prayers. If you can help them in any way possible, especially financially, please give me a call. May his soul rest in Peace.

### 8. FOOD DONATIONS:

This week, I received a truck full of food items like rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, cooking oil, bread etc and I was able to drop it off at peoples doors, as well as diapers for children. On Tuesday, Catholic Charities in Spokane will also deliver a truck load of food and supplies to Holy Rosary Church in Tonasket, to be distributed as well. If you need food assistance, do not come to the church. Please let me know so that I can find a way of how to deliver that food to your family. You can please call me at 509-845-1919 Once again, happy Holy week to you and your families. I ask that we truly keep the HOLINESS in HOLY WEEK! As we begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem to suffer and die for us. Let us all join him. Let us joyfully welcome him in the city of our hearts. Let us join our agony, suffering to His. Let us pick up our crosses follow Him. Its only through doing that, especially dying to sin, that we will be able to joyfully resurrect with him, even from the Corona Virus Pandemic. I assure you of my prayers, every day. Please keep me in your prayers as well. Happy Holy Week.