

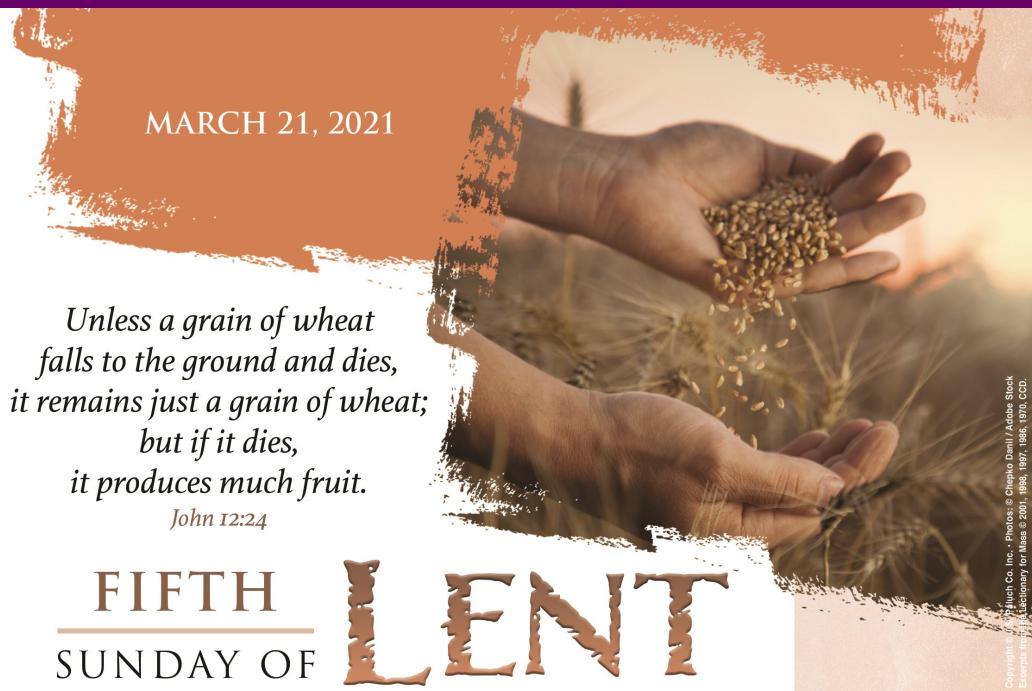


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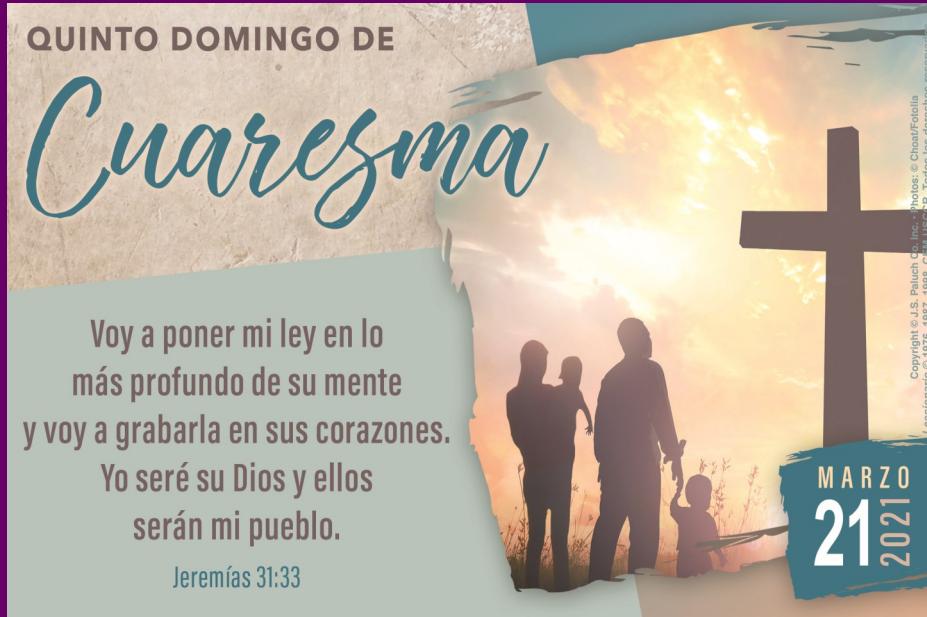
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Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

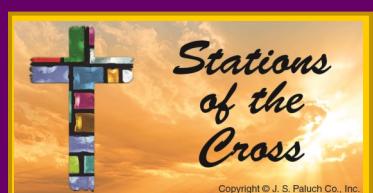
FIFTH
SUNDAY OF LENT



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IN-PERSON (inside Church) & livestreamed

Friday of Lent

- 6:00pm Bilingual Stations
 - Confession 6:00-7:00pm & 7:30-8:30pm
 - 7:00pm Mass New mass & Lent confession schedule



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Mass Schedule *

In Person, inside church

Monday to Friday: 7:00am

& 7:00pm – *livestreamed*

Saturday: 8:00am

& 5:00pm – *livestreamed*

Sunday:

7:30am Church – *livestreamed*

9:00am (Outdoor – Pavilion)

10:30am Church – *livestreamed*

12:00pm (Outdoor – Pavilion)

1:30pm (Spanish) – *livestreamed*

6:30pm Church

Confessions:

Monday-Friday: 15 minutes before mass

Saturday: 3:30pm -4:30pm

Additional Confession Schedule

(since there is no Communal Penance this Lenten Season):

Friday – March 26: 6:00pm-7:00pm, 7:30-8:30pm

Saturday – March 27: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Parish Office 909-595-9545

Attend selected livestreamed masses:

- Website: saintlorenzo.org
- Facebook page: [@slrwnut](https://www.facebook.com/slrvnut)
- YouTube channel: Lorenzo Ruiz (Walnut)

*Schedule subject to change. Please call the Parish Office 909-595-9545
Email: info@saintlorenzo.org



The 5th Sunday of Lent

Let us be a missionary community! **Each One Take Two!**

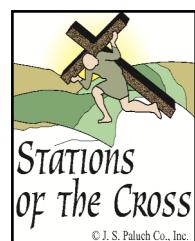
The Fifth Sunday of Lent invites us to be conscious of our 'discipleship'. An essential part of following the Lord is not just celebrating on your own but **sharing** your faith to others "*Truly I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces fruit.*"

We cannot remain alone. We must die and be a missionary community. **"Each One Take Two!"**. Let us bring the Faith Home.

As we prepare to enter Holy Week, this 5th Sunday of Lent or Springtime, let us make a resolve to invite someone to **pray**, to **learn our faith** and to be a **servant to others**. Let us not remain comfortably on the branch with our traditional Lenten practices. Let us come down from the branch...invite one or two to join us to read, reflect and pray on the Word of God liturgically.

Let us join ongoing small communities praying on the Word. Indeed, we pray... "*Create a clean heart in me, O Lord!*"

Fr. Tony



All parishioners are welcomed to join SLR's **Bilingual Stations of the Cross** this Friday at 6:00pm, followed by Mass 7:00pm at the Pavilion. Hosted by **The Youth Confirmation Ministry**; catechumens will participate in leading the readings for each stations in-person and/or remotely via Zoom. This event will also be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for the benefit of those who cannot physically attend and yet willing to participate.

REFLEXION QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA.

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Les mando un saludo fraterno lleno de bendiciones para ustedes y sus familias.

Hoy el evangelio de San Juan nos marca el termino de una de las partes del Ministerio de Jesus.

Desde su vida publica Jesus predicaba al y para el pueblo Judío de Israel, solo como un pequeno detalle, recordemos a la Mujer Cananea que pedía salud para su pequena hija enferma; Jesus entabla un dialogo con ella acerca de su Mision para con el pueblo de Israel.

Hoy vemos la presencia de los Griegos en este evangelio y su deseo de ver a Jesus y como en hermosas palabras Jesus abre su Corazon como el *grano de Trigo* sembrado en la tierra para dar frutos para otros pueblos. Jesus abre su Corazon para el mundo. La Salvacion a partir de ahora no solo sera para el pueblo Judío sino que la salvacion es Universal: "*El que quiera servirme que me siga...*"

El Padre Celestial en sintonia con la voluntad de su Hijo se hace presente en la Plegaria de Jesus.

Jesus sera elevado en la Cruz y se convertira en el grano de trigo que dara frutos de salvacion para el Mundo entero. La "**Nueva Alianza**" queda escrita por el evangelista San Juan en "**La Hora**", esta Hora que para Jesus ha llegado.!

Este Cristo sacrificado y Triunfador se nos hace presente en nuestra Celebracion Eucaristica. Que su Palabra y su Sacrificio nos sigan preparando para la cercana celebracion de los Misterios Pascuales.

Con carino y Afecto.

fr. Martin Alonso Bustos

m.n.m.

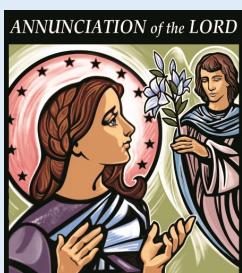
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence



ASSOCIATE
PASTOR

Growing The Seeds of Faith

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! You are the resurrection and the life. Make us believe in you (Jn.11:25) and help our unbelief (Mk. 9:24).

Our Lord Jesus Christ gives the grace to increase our faith abundantly in our Church's sacraments: Confession (Reconciliation) and the Eucharist, to name two of them. The other five you know them (test).

To bring about the effects and the power of His grace, we need to "come down" like Zacchaeus. This coming down can take just a click of a finger or a lifetime. The choice and the decision are "personal." To come down or not to come down will surely entail believing or not believing in the Word, Jesus Christ. To believe in Jesus is to hear Him say, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies... You cannot bear fruit," that is in the Gospel this Sunday. Jesus already did that because of His love and mercy for us, and we are the fruit of His suffering and death. His obedience to the Father's will to save us all (Hebrews 5:7-9) is written in the second reading. But what about us? How are we going to die to ourselves for others, so that they may come to know Jesus? We can imagine a mother dying to herself by caring for her children; A father "by the sweat of his brow" (Gen 3:19) brings home bread on the table. They gather and pray with the word of God as a family to give Jesus a home. In our St. Lorenzo Ruiz Parish, we are the bigger family. Our shepherds are our Pastor Fr. Tony and his Associate Pastor Fr. Martin. We have volunteers and leaders who help tend the flock. "Therefore, keep watch" (Mt.25:13) be aware of the enemy's traps of envy, jealousy, and indifference, these are evil characters that cause division in the body of Christ and they repel others from seeing the Light. What then must I do to counter these vices? The bible says, "Come down Zacchaeus! Today Jesus must stay in your home." Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts. The example to welcome Jesus into our homes is exemplified by over twenty parents of the children in our Religious Education elementary program. These parents have been journeying with the Word Among Us diligently every Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 AM via zoom. They started this Lent and have been there every Saturday. They share their experiences, they ask and answer questions reflecting on the readings such as, "How do I discipline or punish my child?" This was based on the first reading last Sunday when God punished the tribe of Judah for their unfaithfulness to God. The young generation of parents who have faith are now teaching their children better and the word of God helps them strengthen their family relationships. They are building their small churches! Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!!! (continued...next page)

Worship

Let us *journey*

**WE PRAY & WORSHIP.
WE ARE A PRIESTLY COMMUNITY.**

together this Lent Season with the **WORD**

In line with our "**Come Down Zacchaeus..**" program, we gladly share this great opportunity for us and everyone to re-evaluate our lives, our lives as Catholics, and true believers of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Like Zacchaeus accepting Jesus in his home, preparing for God's arrival, may we do the same this Lenten Season. Let's come down, let's accept him fully.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance to reconnect with your faith? Each year the church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over to "return to God with our whole heart."



The following are the Word Among Us that will be available for you:

- ⇒ **Mondays 7:30pm** Dave & Edith De Leon (deleondu@yahoo.com)
- ⇒ **Wednesdays 7:00 pm** Ray & Jasmine Apodaca (rayapodaca@saintlorenzo.org)
- ⇒ **Miércoles 11:00 am y 7:00 pm** Gaby Coria (Gabycoria@saintlorenzo.org)
- ⇒ **Thursdays 7:00 pm** Terry Perkins (tlpkittycat@yahoo.com)
- ⇒ **Fridays 5:00 pm** Adriana Melchor (melchorpoly5@gmail.com)
- ⇒ **Saturdays 10:30 am** Susie Taon (Susietaoon@saintlorenzo.org)

(Growing the Seeds of Faith continued from previous page)

Another group is the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Leadership formation session. It is a group that meets every Tuesday at 7 PM via zoom. A way to learn from the Word Among Us and be guided to live a purposeful life and fruitful leadership. In leadership, it takes a lot of humility not to lead as the world teaches us to lead, that is by an authority. In the Church to lead is to serve and to empower others to be leaders also. This is the principle that our Pastor Fr. Tony continues to emphasize to parish leaders. Thus, this session is open for all who serve and the ones who want to serve. We join with open hearts and the willingness to learn from one another. In these sessions, we learn some points to develop servant-leadership. This week we learn the Five Thresholds of conversion. A change of heart from within that will flow out to others. Fr. Tony calls that, "Centripetal Force" that reaches out to others.

You are invited to come and grow with the group. Email me at susietaoon@saintlorenzo.org to send you the link for the session.

Come and See!
Susie Taon

Program/Formacion Director



Welcome Home to our newly baptized:

Dominic Isaiah Contreras



Aleigh Maegan Dayupay Deita

Jaxon James Ramirez

FAMILY PRAYER GROUP



Wednesdays (Via Zoom)

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Opening Praise and Worship Songs

Opening prayer

Sunday Reading for the upcoming Sunday

Sharing of blessing

Reflection on the reading

Prayer intentions

Closing prayer

For those who are interested, please contact:

Sis Sheila sheilasobretodo@gmail.com

Thank you and God bless.

Some of the students preparing for First Reconciliation shared their thoughts...



Write a letter In the space below, write a short letter telling God how you feel about preparing for your first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Dear God,

I feel very blessed and thankful that I get to make my Reconciliation. I also feel very happy that I will be forgiven for my sins.

Our Mission Statement

As a welcoming community, we celebrate our life, conscious of our multi-ethnic traditions, vowing unity with Christ in our multi-cultural differences. We usher in our lives (being evangelized) and proclaim (as evangelizers) the reign of God as Priests, Prophets and Kings, and in so doing, we celebrate our discipleship in Christ Jesus. We extol "being Church" through the formation of Small Faith Communities as a way of life in being priests, prophets and kings; thus, we become economically stable and self-reliant as we give special attention and solicitude to our youth and the needy.

"They were faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the common life of sharing, the breaking of bread and the prayers." (*Acts 2:42*)

Write a letter In the space below, write a short letter telling God how you feel about preparing for your first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Dear God,

I feel a little nervous because it is my first time. But I am also happy because it will bring me closer to you.

Dear Jesus,

I have been preparing for Reconciliation, feel kind of nervous, but also relieved. It isn't easy to admit a lie/sin. Above all, I'm happy that I'm going to make things right with you.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

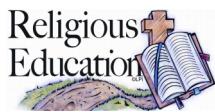


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But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put my law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jer 31:33

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Education



WE LEARN AND EDUCATE.

WE ARE A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

"If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts --"



"Zacchaeus,
come down quickly
for today I must
stay at your house."

Dear parents,

We would like to thank you for taking the time to be part of your child's 1st Communion Preparation here at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Church and to continue walking this beautiful path with your child.

We would like to give the information of the Parent & Child retreat:

Saturday March 27

- ⇒ from 9:00am to 12:00pm or 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- ⇒ Please attend mass at 5:00pm on Saturday March 27 or Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm (Spanish, Español) or 6:30pm to conclude your attendance to the retreat.

If you have any questions regarding the agenda or would like more information please contact us or stop by the office. 909-595-9545

From the CCD program, we would like to thank you for participating on your child's 1st Holy Communion journey.

Estimado padre,

Nos gustaría darles las gracias por participar en la preparación de la Primera Comunión de sus hijos aquí en la iglesia de San Lorenzo Ruiz, así como seguir caminando con ellos en este hermoso camino junto con ellos.

Nos gustaría darle información de este Retiro de Padres e Hijos:

Sábado marzo 27 de 9am a 12pm o de 2pm a 5pm

Por favor vaya a misa en familia el sábado 27 a las 5pm o en español el domingo a la 1:30pm para así concluir con el retiro.

Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de esta actividad por favor llámenos o visite la oficina para más detalles.

909-595-9545

Del programa de Catecismo, nos gustaría darles las gracias por su participación en la jornada de la Primera Comunión de sus hijos.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Instruction classes: every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Group Baptisms every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

Bautismos en Español: Cada cuarto Domingo del mes a las 3:00pm. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Anointing/Visitation of the Sick Contact the Parish Office 909-595-9545 Unción a enfermos- Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Matrimony Couples wishing to celebrate their wedding must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance prior to setting a date. This time is necessary to fulfill the prerequisites for receiving the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Preparation for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. For information, call the Parish Office and leave a message for Bob Kondrath.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) For more information call the Parish Office and leave a message for Linda Talcott.

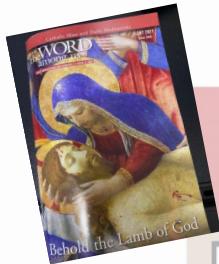
The SLR Adult Confirmation Program is ongoing with nine adults participating & on its fifth session. Facilitators: Susie Taon, Alvin Sunga, Bob Kondrath & Deacon Brian Miller.



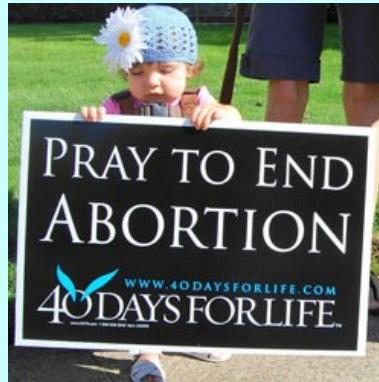
Service

WE SERVE & WE SHARE.

WE ARE A KINGLY PEOPLE.



Read the Word of God daily with your spouse, parents or children at home or via video conference.



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign** that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

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Public right-of-way outside FPA Women's Health
501 S. Vincent Ave.
West Covina, California

The abortion facility is above the Dollar Store.
"NOTE: Participants MUST remain on the sidewalk adjacent to Vincent Avenue".

Public parking is available on Christopher St. which is just past the Kentucky Fried Chicken. Please be careful when crossing the driveway in front of the shopping center. Only cross on the green walk sign!

Feb 17-Mar 28

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.
—Anonymous

Thank you to all our volunteers who have been supporting our church by sanitizing the pews after each mass.

To volunteer, please approach any of our ushers before/after the daily or weekend masses.



Temporalities

WE BECOME ECONOMICALLY STABLE
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St. Lorenzo Online Giving

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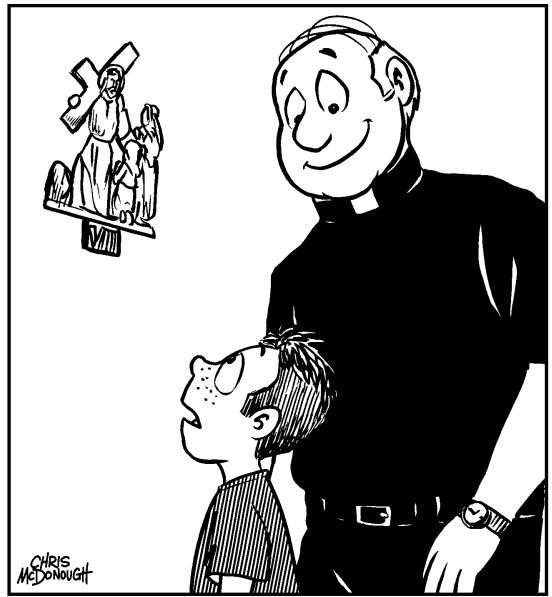
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Click on ONLINE GIVING
& enter Church code: CA839
- Fill out a form (on next page)
- Call/Visit Parish Office 909-595-9545



Youth

WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND
SOLICITUDE TO OUR YOUTH

Pastor Al®



"There are only fourteen stations?
Must have been before cable."

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SPRING RETREAT
Our Confirmation 2
Students are now
preparing for Penance
next week & a Retreat in
April.

Let us keep the students,
families & teachers in our
prayers...



Thank you to our
March Liturgical Sponsors

Sponsors of Light

Cecilia Yia Chua Lim & family

Evelyn & Sally

In loving memory of

Antonio Lim Su & in thanksgiving



Let our Sunday
Giving be our...
GENEROUS
RESPONSE
ACCORDING TO
CHIST'S
EMBRACE



Thank you the Stations of the Cross – our first (4) Fridays of Lent were led by our Youth Confirmation students & their families !

ENROLLMENT FORM



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Process my gifts on the: 4th or 15th of the month (please check only one box)

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____
or

(Note: The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

Monthly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

I would like to enroll in the *Faith Direct* program. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my bank account or credit/debit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or card statement, and my transfers will begin next month. I understand that I can increase, decrease or suspend my giving by contacting *Faith Direct* toll free at 1-866-507-8757. (All gifts provided to St. Lorenzo Ruiz originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with U.S. Laws.)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Name (Please Print): _____ Church Envelope #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone or Cell #: _____ Email: _____

For Bank Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a VOIDED check to *Faith Direct*

For Credit/Debit Card: Please complete the following VISA MasterCard AMEX Discover

Credit/Debit Card#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.

FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Procese mi regalo el día: 4º o el 15º del mes (favor de marcar sólo una casilla)

Por favor marque semanal o mensual:
Ofertorio: \$ _____

(Nota: Se determinará la cantidad total por el número de domingos en el mes. Algunos meses tienen 5 domingos)

Deseo ingresar en el programa de *FaithDirect*. Yo tengo entendido que la cantidad de mi contribución mensual será transferida directamente de mi cuenta bancaria o mi tarjeta de crédito/debito, tal como ha sido indicado anteriormente, y que un récord de mis donaciones aparecerá en la cuenta de mi banco o tarjeta de crédito/debito, y que las transacciones comenzaran el próximo mes. Tengo entendido que puedo aumentar, rebajar o suspender mis contribuciones llamando gratis a *FaithDirect* al 1-866-507-8757

FIRMA: _____ **Fecha:** _____

Nombre (letra de molde): _____ Número de Sobre #: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad/Estado/Código Postal: _____

Teléfono o Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Para Débito a la Cuenta Bancaria-Por favor, devuelva su forma lleno completo con un chequé anulado a FAITH DIRECT ENROLLMENT

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Mass Times:

Please come 15 min earlier to church for blessing of palms before each mass

- Vigil Mass Saturday March 27 @ 5:00pm—*livestreamed*

Palm Sunday, March 28:

- 7:30am Church —*livestreamed*
 9:00am (Outdoor—Pavilion)
 10:30am Church —*livestreamed*
 12:00pm (Outdoor—Pavilion)
 1:30pm (Spanish) —*livestreamed*
 6:30pm Church



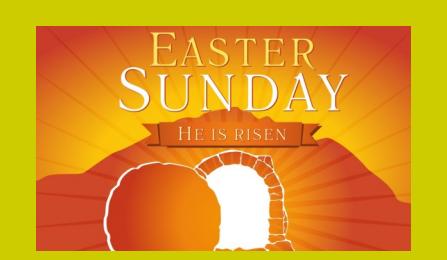
We begin Holy Week, the most solemn week in the church calendar. We reflect upon the events that brought about our salvation. Jesus



triumphantly enters into Jerusalem, the City of Peace, in order to announce the Good News, not just with His words but by His act of loving sacrifice for all people. We journey along with Him as He celebrates the great feast of Passover and becomes the New Paschal Lamb Whose blood is poured out so that we, the New Israel, might experience the liberation from sin and the new life of grace. We look on as Jesus suffers His passion and crucifixion. And ultimately, we will experience His glorification from the cross and at the tomb.

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HOLY WEEK



Holy Thursday, April 1

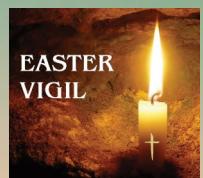
- 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper



Good Friday, April 2

- 12:00pm Seven Last Words followed by Stations of the Cross

- 2:30pm Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist
- 4:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
- 7:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist



Holy Saturday, April 3

- 7:30pm Easter Vigil Services

Easter Sunday, April 4

- ◆ 7:30am Mass (In Church)
- ◆ 9:00am Mass (Pavilion/ Outdoor)
- ◆ 10:30am Mass (In Church)
- ◆ 12:00pm Mass (Pavilion/ Outdoor)
- ◆ 1:30pm (In Church)
- ◆ 6:30pm (In Church)

