

## LENT 2022

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His Mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth & renewal by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5

"with God's Love and Mercy . . . let's bring Jesus Home!!!"



ST. LORENZO RUIZ  
CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY

... "Springtime of the Soul...  
the Family"

# Rebirth...

# Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

"Blessed is the  
king who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord."

Luke 19:38

April 10, 2022

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## THE EASTER TRIDUUM



### What's inside?

- ♦ Holy Week Schedule & reminders
- ♦ Divine Mercy Novena begins 4/15
- ♦ Each One, Teach One...  
Each One, Take Two!

**FATHER,**  
into  
your  
hands  
**I commend  
MY SPIRIT**



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Thoughts & prayers from Fr. Tony

## Passion (Palm) Sunday

***“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”***

Today, the people of Jerusalem are in a frenzy. Jesus – “*the one*” who made the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and the dead come back to life - is making a triumphal entry into their city on a donkey’s back. The children ran to meet him while the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road exclaiming “Hosanna!” Here comes “*the one*” to fulfill the *new covenant*... come let us celebrate!

Absurdly, this triumphal entry also signifies Jesus’ entry into his own passion and death. **“My God, my God why have you abandoned me.”** It was a sorrowful lament which speaks of the anguishing reality of the present but undoubtedly magnifies Christ’s resolute obedience and profound trust in the Father.

Yes, how many times have our souls screamed out this plea? Hearing stories upon stories during the height of the pandemic...husband and wife lying side by side at the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) ...not knowing that one goes first and the other follows... and young children orphaned. A family of three... two go, one remains. A family of five...three go and two remain. Yes, these stories I hear firsthand and watching their pained faces soaked in tears. I too would cry out “My God, my God why have you abandoned them”.

Yet, and quite remarkably, these families remain so faith-filled, so courageous, holding steadfast to their trust in the Lord like it is the only thing that matters in their lives. Through their dark moments, their spiritual dryness, their desolation, they’ve felt the presence of the Lord IN THEIR MIDST more strongly than ever.

How many times have our souls screamed out this plea?...as we watched the indescribable and heart wrenching struggle, pain and agony of the victims of Ukraine. Indeed, at every mass I celebrate I invite the community to walk in solidarity with them...trying to disembark for them.

***“My God, my God why have you abandoned me”***...was and is my innate cry in my being “earth trying to kiss heaven, remembering my emotional struggle with Covid and Cancer.

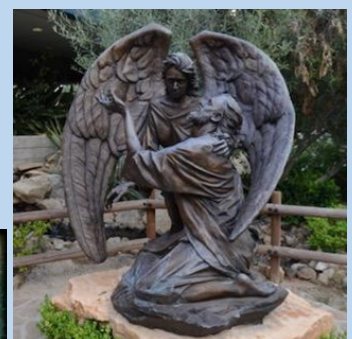
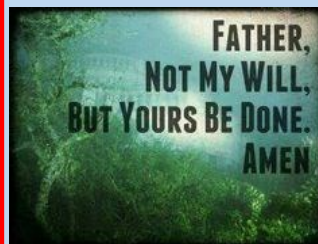


At the hospital during my most difficult time, all I wanted to have was a hand to hold onto...and I felt it was deprived of me. I cried and cried until I could not cry anymore...and perhaps the real cry was that agonizing cry of Good Friday.

But through it all, the Lord has brought me to this day...I praise and bless Him always. Last Friday (April 8), the Lord has blessed me serving Him as a priest for 49 years. I could not thank enough our faith community and all those who held me by the hand through prayers. I am most grateful to our Bishop Dave and Cardinal Mahony who cradled me when the ‘crying out’ was so trying. Bishop Dave would assure and reassure me... *“Tony, I am here for you and with you... even if we would hobble together to the finish line.”*



Yes, at the end it is a true cry of **“Hosanna, Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”**. The loudest cry: **“Yes Father, not my will but thine be done.”**



**Agony in the Garden**

*Parishioners at the 5:00pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick 4/2/22*



## EASTER TRIDUUM

### April 14: HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm...Mass of the Last Supper

(Bilingual) followed by  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament until 12midnight

### April 15: GOOD FRIDAY

12:00pm.....Seven Last Words

*followed by the Stations of the Cross*

2:30pm.....Liturgy of Good Friday:

The Word, Eucharist &  
Veneration of the Cross

4:00pm...1st Day Divine Mercy Novena

7:00pm..... Liturgy of Good Friday:

The Word, Eucharist &  
Veneration of the Cross (Bilingual)

### April 16: HOLY SATURDAY

7:30pm..... Easter Vigil Services

(No Regular Masses)

### April 17: EASTER SUNDAY

5:00am.....Salubong

(Encounter of Mother Mary & the Risen Lord  
followed by Mass and Egg Hunting for the  
Children)

### Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### April 24: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Masses: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 6:30  
pm (No 1:30 pm Mass)

**12:00pm...Blessing of the  
RELIEF JESUS WITH  
HIS ABOUNDING MERCY**

**By Bishop David O'Connell, D.D.**

followed by a combined Bilingual Mass

## FINAL BLESSING OF THE GARDEN OF GOD: THE WAY OF THE CROSS - THE WAY TO DISCIPLESHIP

9:00am Sunday, May 1

By Bishop David O'Connell, D.D.

San Gabriel Regional Bishop



### ST LORENZO RUIZ PARISH COMMUNITY

### *Divine Mercy Novena*

APR 15 TO APR 23, 2022



Day	Date	Time	Special Intentions	Location
1	Apr 15 Good Friday	4:00 PM	All mankind, especially sinners	Evangelization Center
2	Apr 16 Holy Saturday	4:00 PM	The souls of priests and religious	Evangelization Center
3	Apr 17 Easter Sunday	4:00 PM	All devout and faithful souls	Evangelization Center
4	Apr 18 Easter Monday	7:30 AM	Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him	Church
5	Apr 19 Easter Tuesday	7:30 AM	The souls of separated brethren	Church
6	Apr 20 Easter Wednesday	7:30 AM	The meek and humble souls and the souls of children	Church
7	Apr 21 Easter Thursday	7:30 AM	The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy	Church
8	Apr 22 Easter Friday	7:30 AM	The souls who are detained in purgatory	Church
9	Apr 23 Easter Saturday	4:30 PM	The souls who have become lukewarm	Church

### EME Schedule (Eucharistic Ministers) - Masses

- 5:00pm: Terry P.- lead, Lizette, Debbie G, Grace G, Sue T.
- 7:30am: Jose & Cecilia M, lead- Rose & Ruben R., Sergs V, Zeny C., Magda A.
- 9:00am: Emily A lead, Lutching C, Vicki P, Maribel P, Marie M, Irene P
- 10:30am: Gloria V lead, Dolly A. Noemi C., Nora G, Cecille G, Tessie G.
- 12noon: Norma J lead, Josie B., Honchee N. Connie B, Estrel Y,
- 1:30pm: Esther lead, Vivien M., Tere V, Rosa S., Judith V
- 6:30pm: Bill & Monica R. lead, Flora S., Vicki P.

## FOR LOVE'S SAKE

*"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross" (Philippians 2:8).*

You have just heard of the greatest brutality in the story of our Christian faith – lies, deception, and mockery, all of which ultimately leading to the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ! Why? Didn't God intend to send him to save us from our sins? Why does it have to end like this? No other religion has a leader who was tortured like Jesus. Why does it have to be our Lord? He was making miracles and he was teaching the things that God wanted us to hear and follow while we are living here on earth. Jesus became a model for us to lead a good and happy life in this world in order to attain eternal life in heaven. But he died because of His obedience and His love for mankind. This kind of love is difficult to follow. However, according to Bishop Barron, "the path of discipleship is the path of self-sacrificing love, and that means the path of suffering."

One of my friends revealed to me a very sad truth about her marriage... she is a battered wife. Her husband is an alcoholic. What is interesting is that you could never tell from the outside that she is going through this. She is one of the jolliest people I have ever met and has the loudest of laughs. Interestingly, I heard from one of the priest's homilies that the person who laughs the loudest is the person who has the most misery. It's an observational fact. At a very vulnerable time, this poor lady questioned God. "Why me? What did I do to suffer this brutality from my husband?" She never had a relationship with God until she found God in the midst of her sorrow and started visiting the church where she found the company of good parishioners. In the church, through daily mass and listening to the daily Word, she came to realize the power of God's love and how God revealed the healing power of prayer. Her husband is still an alcoholic; they live in separate homes but through prayers and through the guidance of the priests and fellow parishioners, she was able to wholeheartedly accept her reality. Through it, she became strong-willed and able to defend and threaten her husband to a point where he was no longer able to carry out his brutality toward her.

My friend still recalls the pain and suffering that her husband has inflicted, but she is now trustful that God is always on her side.

*"The Lord God is my help; therefore, I am not disgraced: I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame" (Isaiah 4:7).*

In Christ,

*Sheila Sobretudo*

SLR Coordinator, Come Down Zacchaeus Program

## Mass Schedule\*

### In Person, inside church

**Mon to Fri:** 7:00am and 7:00pm

**Sat:** 8:00am

5:00pm– livestreamed

**Sunday:** 7:30am Church

9:00am Church

10:30am Church – livestreamed

12:00pm Church – livestreamed

1:30pm (Spanish) Church livestreamed

6:30pm Church

**Confession:** Monday-Friday: 6:45am & 6:45pm,

**First Friday:** 7:30-8:30pm ; **Saturday:** 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Parish Office 909-595-9545**

*\*subject to change – call for special masses*

## 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**.



## On Father Tony's 49th Anniversary....

Dear Father Tony,

Kathy and I send you heartfelt greetings on your special day. During this very difficult period in our country and, especially in your life, you have continued to lead us, inspire us and give us hope that eternal things will supersede these temporary problems. Thank you for all that you do. May God grant you health, energy, and peace as you continue to serve the God we love.

**Al & Kathy Worland**

*We are extremely grateful to God for sending Fr. Tony into our lives. May the Lord bless you with abundant joy, good health, peace, and long life.*

## ST. LORENZO RUIZ COMMUNITY PRAYER SOJOURN

*Los Angeles Archdiocese Jubilee, St. Lorenzo Ruiz Church  
Quest for Shrinehood and Discipleship Prayers*

“Through your intercession, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, may God favor us in our quest to further our dream ... this house of God, to be declared a Diocesan Shrine,” where heaven kisses earth in mercy and piety.

Amen.



# Temporalities

**We thank our April Liturgical Sponsors**

## Sponsors of Light

**Nora R. Giron and family**  
*in loving memory of Romeo R. Giron*

## Sponsors of Altar Bread & Wine

**Lydia Sison Sebastian**  
*in thanksgiving and in celebration of her birthday*

## Sponsors of the Word

**Marina Fulache**  
*in memory of Armand Laygo*

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

*As we journey in prayer, self-denial and sharing through this Springtime, we cannot thank enough our Sponsors for this Lenten Season with generous hearts.*

**Jojo & Eileen Cambe**

**Ruben & Rose Rodriguez**

**Francis & Ruth Calderon**

**Reynaldo & Trini Foliente**

**Asian Journal**

**Marina Fulache**

**Vicky & Vanessa Gallardo**

**Nol & Connie Tabangay**

**Bob & Vangie Sia**

**We thank Ito ay Atin Restaurant for our Lenten Guide 2022**

**We thank Lydia Sebastian with Mother of Mercy Homes Inc. for our Food Bags!**



## What Lent Means for Your Stewardship

**Still using envelopes for your Sunday offertory?** Lent is a time to consider a new approach. Switching to **eGiving** instead of cash or checks is a more efficient, convenient way to give.

- **Enroll in our online giving program by visiting [saintlorenzo.org](http://saintlorenzo.org) Click on ONLINE GIVING & enter Church code: CA839**
- **Or Fill out a form**
- **Or Call/Visit Parish Office 909-595-9545**

**Faith Direct** – our parish's online giving platform – is a tool you can use to deepen your commitment to the church and the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month, and it will also help our parish by cutting the costs of envelopes (and using less paper!), and reducing the time we spend processing cash and checks.

## Holy Land Collection—Good Friday, April 15

The Christians understand the magnificent responsibility they have been given to protect and safeguard the Church in the Holy Land. They also know they were born and raised in the Holy Land for a reason much greater than their own dreams and desires. **Your prayers and support** are making a difference and give these Christians hope. During this Lenten season we ask you to **continue to pray for and support their mission** in the Holy Land. Your gift will continue to help the Christians safeguard the Church in the Holy Land for generations to come. **Good Friday is on April 15th.**



Vanessa,  
Thank you for  
gifting us with our  
Easter candle !



## Together in Mission

As of April 1, 2022

**Goal: \$ 71,983**

Pledge: \$13,323.34 (18%)

**Paid: \$9,488.34 (13%)**





Fr. Tony,  
Fr. Francis  
and the  
Ministers of  
the Sick at  
the Mass w/  
Anointing of  
the Sick.  
5:00pm 4/2/22



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**Want to help  
our Church**

**grow with the Word of God?**

Be a **Word Among Us (Daily Reading Book)** sponsor! Please visit or contact the Parish Office (909) 595-9545.

**“When we give freely to God,  
we receive freely from God.”**



**Join us for a prayer Vigil year round**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8:00 am—5:00 pm**

**Help to keep the chain of prayer  
unbroken**

Dedicate one day a week of prayer and fasting for the unborn. This is a great way for churches and individual ministries fill a weekly 2-hour time slot

**Contact:** Tess Gloria (St. Lorenzo representative)

trekgordon70@gmail.com

**Contact:** Yvonne (626) 221-3707

yvonvira4life@earthlink.net



**Hospitality at SLR with families & ministries...**

**Come and sign up to host one Sunday! Contact Sheila at 909-595-**

**9545 sheilasobretudo@gmail.com**



Deacons and families hosted Coffee/Donuts, pictured here w/ Fr. Charles & Fr. Tony after the 12:00pm Sunday Mass 4/3/22

**THANK YOU**  
Volunteers!



Voices of Love Choir w/ Fr. Tony at the 7:30am Mass 4/3/22



The Miano Family presented gifts at the 10:30am Mass 4/3/22



Sheriff Alex Villanueva

Los Angeles County Sheriff's  
Community Advisory Council presents:

## Drive-Thru Food Distribution Event

**Saturday, April 16, 2022  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
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