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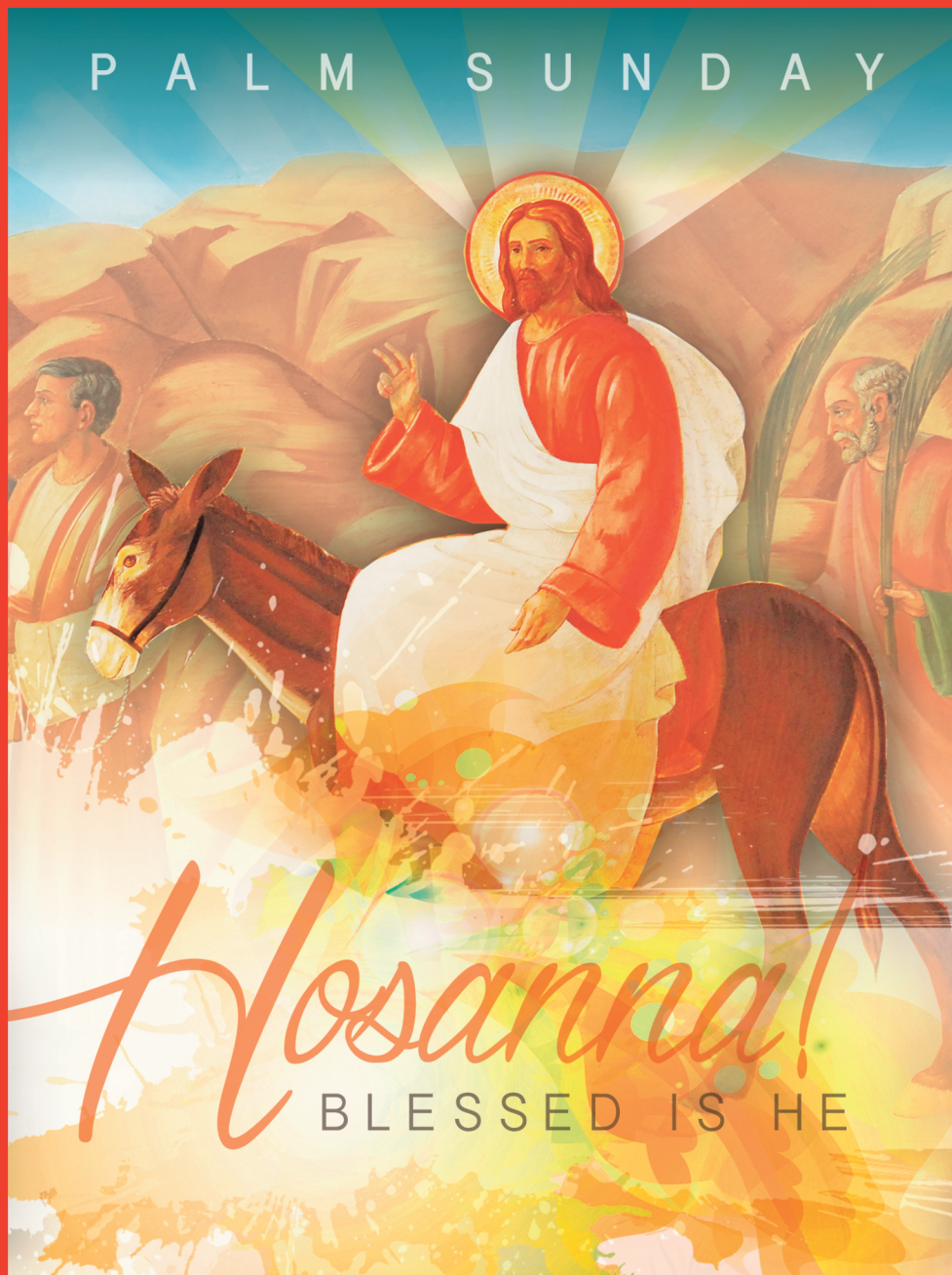
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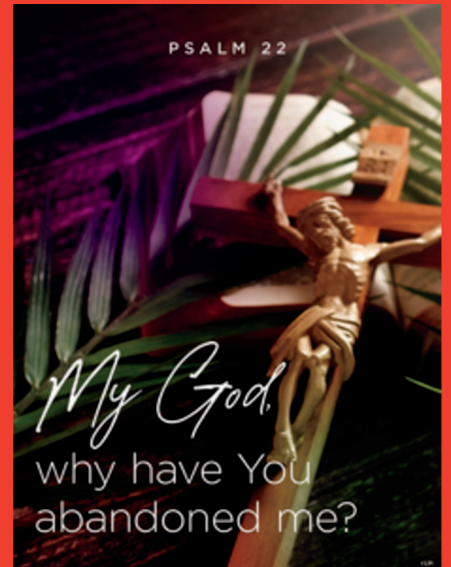
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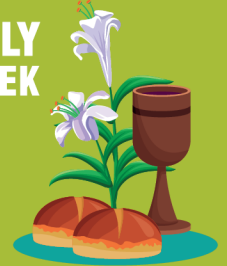
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MARCH 29, 2026



HOLY  
WEEK



Good  
Friday



# WORSHIP *We are a PRIESTLY people.... we WORSHIP and PRAY.*

Thoughts 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? I just cannot help but remember...because I was a victim myself 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: how it is happening again with the ongoing war with our country together with Israel against Iran. "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me" is a greater cry!

"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. That indescribable teaching and experience at the hospital during my most difficult time, will always be embedded at the very core of my being. 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. I thank the good Lord, this coming Wednesday, April 8, the Lord will bless me serving Him as a priest for 53 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 late Bishop Dave 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, the name of the Lord". The loudest cry: Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in "Yes Father, not my will but thine be done."

# Holy Week

## Easter Triduum

### HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2  
 Mass of the Last Supper - 7:00 PM  
 (Bilingual) followed by Adoration of the  
 Blessed Sacrament until 12 midnight  
 at the Agony of the Garden

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3  
 Seven Last Words - 12:00 PM  
 followed by the Stations of the Cross  
 Liturgy of Good Friday: The Word, Eucharist  
 & Veneration of the Cross - 2:30 PM  
 1st Day Divine Mercy Novena - 5:00 PM  
 Liturgy of Good Friday (Bilingual):  
 The Word, Eucharist &  
 Veneration of the Cross - 7:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 4  
 Easter Vigil Services - 7:30 PM  
 (No Regular Masses)

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5  
 Salubong - 5:30 AM  
 Encounter of Mother Mary & the Risen Lord  
 followed by Mass & Egg Hunting for the Children  
 (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12, 2026  
 12:30 pm

### Divine Mercy Bilingual Mass

- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- Exposition, Procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

April 3 to April 11, 2026

DAY	DATE	SPECIAL INTENTIONS	LOC	TIME
1	Apr 3 Good Fri	The Souls of Mankind Especially Sinners	EC*	4:30 pm
2	Apr 4 Holy Sat	The Souls of Priests and Religious	EC*	4:00 pm
3	Apr 5 Easter Sun	All Devout and Faithful Souls	EC*	4:00 pm
4	Apr 6 Easter Mon	The Souls who do not believe in God	Church	7:30 am
5	Apr 7 Easter Tues	The Souls who separated from My Church	Church	7:30 am
6	Apr 8 Easter Wed	The Meek, Humble Souls and Children	Church	7:30 am
7	Apr 9 Easter Thur	The Souls who Venerate and Glorify My Mercy	Church	7:30 am
8	Apr 10 Easter Fri	The Souls Detained in Purgatory	Church	7:30 pm
9	Apr 11 Easter Sat	The Souls who have become Lukewarm	Church	4:30 pm

\*EC - Evangelization Center

Sunday, 9:00am Mass

March 22, 2026

The Elect





As we reflect on this meaningful weekend, we are reminded that parents are the first catechists of their children. Their role is essential and irreplaceable in guiding, teaching, and witnessing the faith. Through their commitment, presence, and prayer, they help lay the foundation for their children's relationship with Christ. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and for the example they set as they walk alongside their children in this journey of faith and affirmation.

This weekend, our Confirmation parents beautifully began their children's retreat journey by coming together in faith and love. On 3/20 Friday evening, they gathered for Taizé prayer, entering into a spirit of quiet reflection and trust as they lifted their children up to God and entrusted them to His care.

On 3/21 Saturday, parents continued their devotion by holding a Sacred Hour throughout the day in the chapel, creating a prayerful presence as their children were away on retreat. Their time in prayer was a powerful witness of love, faith, and surrender.

With joyful anticipation, parents reunited on 3/22 Sunday at the 12 PM Mass, their hearts filled with excitement as they awaited the return of their children. The celebration continued with fellowship and the creation of welcome-home posters—visible signs of their love, pride, and encouragement.

**Gabriela Encinas**

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## STEWARDSHIP

### WEEK ENDING MARCH 22

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**TOTAL \$14,107**

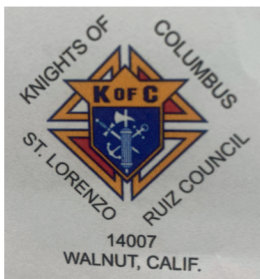
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Restored A Journey to Wholeness

Join us for a one-day retreat of hope and healing for women whose lives have been touched by abortion.

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April 3  
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# YOUTH

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YOUTH of the parish.*

PILGRIM PINES  
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## Confirmation 2 Retreat



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 22, 2026**  
**1:30PM MASS**



Crisanta Lopez & Elida Savala

**Each One, Teach One,  
Each One,  
Take Two**



Help us bring beauty and meaning to our sacred space this Easter. We invite you to donate Easter lilies in memory of a loved one or with your prayer intentions. You may drop off your lilies in the church vestibule beginning Monday March 30th, and don't forget to include a card with your loved one's name or your intentions. Thank you for your generosity!

**Families after the Sunday**  
**10:30 Mass, 3/22/26**



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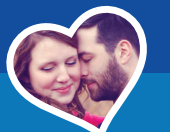
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