

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself... he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME, MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25  
Monday of Holy Week  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26  
Tuesday of Holy Week  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27  
Wednesday of Holy Week  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28  
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)  
Chrism Mass:  
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29  
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30  
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
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  
Mk 16:1–7



SUNDAY

March 31  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)  
Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11 / Mark 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39



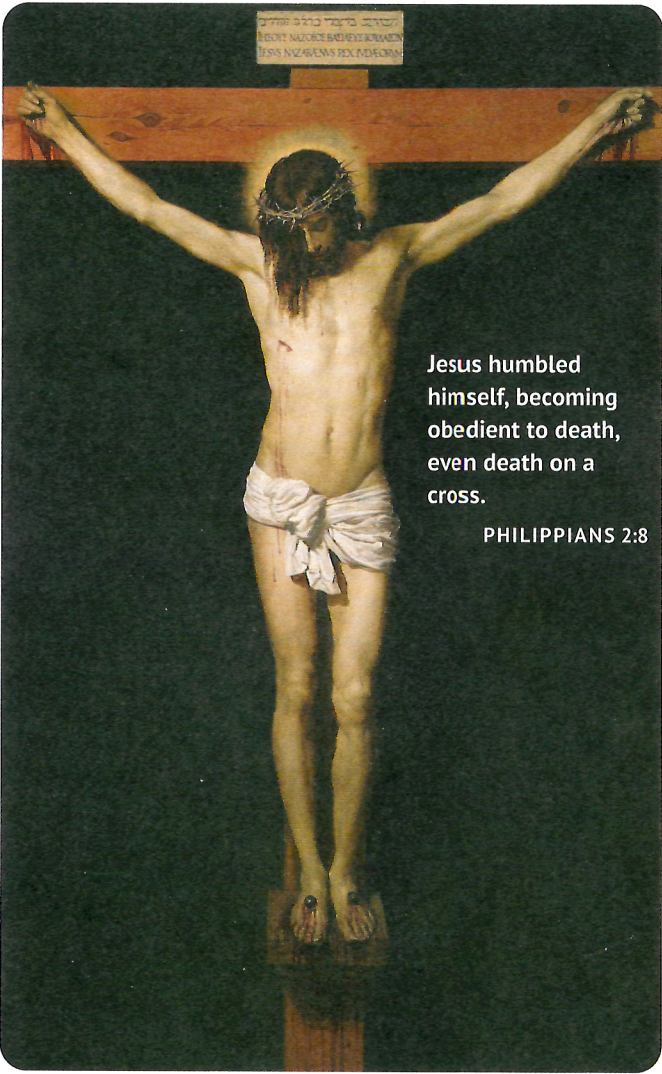
The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live the life of my dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?



Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ST. JUDE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Confessions by appointment or after Mass on Thursday

Weekly Thursday Mass – 10:30 a.m., Adoration at 9:00 a.m.

Rosary first Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. before Mass.

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Weekly Collection Information

Collections:	Target	Received	Over-(under)	Attendance
March 17, 2024:	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,692.00	\$ 208.00	149
Year to Date:	\$ 69,800.00	\$ 69,154.81	\$ 645.19	4239

FROM OUR DRE:

No CCD 3/24 and 3/31

No First Communion Prep 4/3

Thank you to everyone who attended our student led Stations of the Cross

Jesus Shows Us What It Means to Sacrifice for Love

Today, we cover more ground with Jesus than any other Sunday. We begin the journey with Jesus in Bethpage, preparing for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Once He arrives in the city, Jesus joins the disciples in the Upper Room for the Last Supper. Later, He awaits His fate in Gethsemane. Following Jesus' arrest, He is taken immediately to the high priest and then turned over to the governor. Pontius Pilot has Jesus scourged at the praetorium, crucified at Golgotha, and then he lets Joseph of Arimathea take Jesus down to be buried in the tomb.

On this circuitous journey from Bethpage to Golgotha, so much changes and so much more is lost! Jesus goes from being hailed as a hero to a crucified criminal. Jesus loses His status, His friends, and then His dignity. The disciples also face losses as well; they lose their courage, their leader, and their sense of security. We must remember that Jesus predicted His passion more than once, but never in specific terms. Neither Jesus, His disciples, nor those who indeed followed Him, knew precisely what it would take from them.

On our journey through life with Jesus, we, too, experience many changes and many losses. We often make sacrifices out of love for our children, grandchildren, parents, and other relatives. We give to and do for friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow parishioners. We all experience loss living on this earth, some more than others.

We must remember that Jesus is always with us in our loss and understands what it means to sacrifice for love. Jesus emptied himself, becoming human to be with us, to love us, and to show us how to love like Him. Jesus surrendered His hero status and humbled Himself out of love, even to the point of accepting death as a crucified criminal.

In times of loss, we can choose to be like the disciples, or join in love with Jesus. During the Last Supper, the disciples denied that they would betray Jesus or that their faith would be shaken. Still, they could not stay awake with Him in the garden of Gethsemane, and they fled as soon as he was arrested, leaving the women alone at the cross and burial.

Unlike the disciples, Jesus does not flee. The sorrow, the distress, and the pain he endured at Gethsemane and Golgotha are genuine. He prays to the Father that this cup should pass, but ultimately, He accepts His Father's will. Jesus surrenders His fate, and He is to lose. Jesus does this out of obedience to His Father and out of love for US.

Jesus' passion is and should be our passion as well. We journey together through loss—never alone, but always united with HIM. In this Eucharist, we recall the Last Supper and how He shares Himself with us out of love. Gathered as one with Jesus through this sacrament, we will face whatever losses we may experience with JESUS!



*Mass Intention for today: March 24, 2024: The People of St. Jude Parish*

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2024**

**READER:** Tony Karsen

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Rocky, Daisy, Alexa, Lydia, Bo, Noah

**Mass Intention:** The People of St. Jude Parish

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024**

**READER:** Jennifer Price

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Alexa, Daisy, Lydia, Bo

**Mass Intention:** The People of St. Jude Parish

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2024**

**READER:** Ellen Brown

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Marcus, Bella, Noah, Sadie, Alanah

**Mass Intention for Sun., March 31, 2024:** The People of St. Jude Parish

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m.** with Adoration until midnight. (March 28)

**Good Friday Mass at 3 p.m.** Church will open at noon for Adoration. (March 29)

**Holy Saturday (March 30)**

Decorate church starting at 10 a.m.

Blessing of the Baskets at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil for the Collaborative at St. Mary's in Paw Paw at 9 p.m.

**Easter Sunday (March 31)**

St. Jude Parish, Gobles Mass at **9:00 a.m.**

St. Mary's, Paw Paw Mass at **11:00 a.m.**

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Therese Mieu Tran, Pete Percival, Steve Klein, Garry Adams, Joan Rumery, David Vana, Phil Boyer, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny and Mary Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, Vivian Polomcak, and all those on our Prayer Chain.

**BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS** so that they can be disposed of properly. There is a basket in the hallway for drop off. Thanks!

**LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN THE PARISH PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** – All are invited to join. We will start meeting some time after Easter in April. If you're interested, please contact Lauren or Tammy. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

**MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE** - Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](https://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

**RETURN OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD THIS JUNE –**

**Bishop Lohse has announced** that the regular distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass will return to Parishes across the diocese on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parishes will participate in three Sundays (June 9, 16, 23) of catechesis prior to the return. More information will be available on the diocesan website.

**CHRISM MASS SET FOR MARCH 26TH AT 2 P.M. AT CATHEDRAL** -The annual Diocesan Chrism Mass with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. All are invited to attend.

**POPE FRANCIS** has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines, and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

**THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO** has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374.

**ORDINATIONS**

**Please pray for all the men who will be ordained in the coming weeks:**

**April 13th** – Please pray for the 12 men preparing to be ordained by Bishop Lohse as permanent deacons. The Ordination Mass will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

**May 18** – Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, 10 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo