March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28 | 7:00 PM

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - in church & livestreamed ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE After Mass in Hofmann Center till 10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass 12:30pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION **7:00pm TENEBRAE** - a service of scripture & song

HOLY SATURDAY | MARCH 30 | 8:00 PM

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass. No Confessions & No Mass at 5:00pm EASTER VIGIL - 8:00PM

The Initiation of New Members into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am No Mass at 5:00pm

PRAY FOR OUR ELECT

Tristan

■ Donna

■ Alexis

L.J.

and Chase

The Parish office will be CLOSED on Thursday, March 28 at 12:00 noon and Friday, April 29. We will return on Monday, April 1.

ADA WEEK 7: WE GRATEFULLY **ACKNOWLEDGE**

all participants in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We have now



reached 90.5% of our goal. We have only two weeks left to raise \$18,256 and begin raising money for the repair of our heating and cooling system. Success is possible if we all work together! If you are not yet among the 199 campaign contributors (9% of our community), won't you consider making a pledge? Remember: a gift to the ADA is more than just a donation to the diocese or the parish; it is a way of giving back to God for all the good God has given to us. donate online at dsi.org.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are Live Streamed on our website stmaryslg .org/live- stream-mass

DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Office Conference Room)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am Thursdays - 7:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm 408-354-3726

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. *How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?*

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus struggled with his own impending suffering and death. *During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?*

Gospel

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?

TODAY'S READINGS Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Mark 11:110 or John 12:12-16 MASS: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday — the beginning of our Holy Week. Our liturgy starts with the account of Jesus humbly entering into Jerusalem riding a donkey. People put cloaks and palm branches in His pathway crying, "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" It is with great joy that Christ was being honored as king, still in the same breath, we are filled with sorrow as we reflect on Christ's passion and death. Thankfully, we know the glorious outcome of this painful journey. Today, as we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion — "I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Christ endured such tortures, knowing that He did not deserve them, but still He humbly submitted to them.

We see that throughout Christ's life, His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. He became man for a reason, and He humbly and obediently submitted to that mission for each one of us. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. And it simply begins with the witness of our lives. Let all that we do, including the way we speak and act, reflect our mission in this life.

This message is re-echoed in our Second Reading, from St. Paul to the Philippians. St. Paul says, "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself... he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." We see again that although our Lord deserved every honor and praise from man while on earth, He chose the path of service and humility, sacrifice and love. He gave us everything in that moment. This truly was an overflowing gift for each one of us. So how can we share our gratitude with the Gracious Giver? We can bring service, humility, sacrifice and love into all areas of our lives — our homes by the way we treat our family members, into our church by the way we welcome and serve our neighbors, and into our workplaces by the way we speak and act.

Our Gospel today shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He first hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He then intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors in the various ways God is calling us to do so. No matter our state in life, we are all called to be faithful stewards through prayer and service.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

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	READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
Sun	3/24	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Procession: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47			
Mon	3/25	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11			
Tues	3/26	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38			
Wed	3/27	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25			
Thu	3/28	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15			
Fri	3/29	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42			
Sat	3/30	EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22; Ex 14:15—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mk 16:1-7			
Sun	3/31	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	3/25	8:30 am	The Jeffery Family (special intention)		
Tues	3/26	8:30 am	Kyle Jeffery (birthday)		
Wed	3/27	8:30 am	Denise Laplace (special intention)		
Thu	3/28	7:00 pm	HOLY THURSDAY		
Fri	3/29	12:30 pm	GOOD FRIDAY		
Sat	3/30	8:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY		
	EASTER SUNDAY				
Const	3/31	7:30 am	† Steven Wilson		
Sun		9:00 am	Denise Laplace (special intention)		
		11:00 am	† Noah Flora		

DSJ MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mental Health Ministry Training: Learn skills to serve as a Parish-Based Mental Health Minister. Join Listen with the Ears of the Heart, cohort 9! Session dates: Mondays Apr 8-Apr 29 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm via Zoom. If you or others in your parish are interested in this first step in exploring Mental Health Ministry, contact Barbara Zahner at barbarazahner1.mac.com. Limited space available.

What is Catholic Mental Health Ministry? – A short series of films and resources that explore the essence of Mental Health Ministry and how it differs from conventional secular mental health support and clinical care and emphasizes the reasons for this ministry's importance in our faith communities. For information and registration visit: What is Catholic Mental Health Ministry? – https://catholicmhm.org/what-is-catholic-mental-health-ministry

Introduction to Catholic Mental Health Ministry - Delve into the core principles and practices that define effective mental health ministry and learn practical guidelines for successfully implementing mental health ministry in a parish or diocese. For information and registration visit: Intro to Catholic Mental Health Ministry https://catholicmhm.org/introduction-to-catholic-mental-health-ministry



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: March

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

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FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: **Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto**

For those who have recently died:

Msgr. John Coleman; Bill Flora; Pat Malysz; Antonio Battencourt; Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez; Peter Kraljev; Linda Graham; Janice Gallagher

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

2ND OFFERINGS - HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28: PARISH OUTREACH

This collection serves the pastoral care, social service, and judicial needs of those in need.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29: HOLY LAND

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions; Provided a home in Bethlehem for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence; Offered more than 500 scholarships for university education; Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students; Supported 53 friars preparing for the priesthood; Restored and maintained 640 houses / apartments for Christian families; Provided assistance to more than 9000 families through weekly food baskets; Employed more than 1,000 workers in the Holy Land; Preserved 80 shrines from the life of Jesus, the Apostles and the prophets; Continue the work of restoration of the floor at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest place on Earth.

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis.

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To Make a Gift Online, please visit :

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Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for March is \$72.000.00

Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

To make an online gift: stmaryslg.org/online-giving

Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift Online. Instructions can be found at stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 2023 to Mar. 10, 2024
Budget	\$ 548,980.00
Actual	\$ 555,839.00
Difference	+ \$ 6,859.00

Stewardship of TALENT

March 23 & 24: PALM SUNDAY

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9AM Sunday: Parish Choir

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble



March 28 – 30: TRIDUUM

Thursday March 28th:

Holy Thursday - Quartet & Piano/Organ Friday March 29th: Good Friday - Parish Choir Saturday March 30th: Holy Saturday - Parish Choir

March 31: EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM Cantor & Piano/Organ 9AM: Parish Adult & Children's Choir + Orchestra 11AM Cantor & Piano/Organ

DIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

STEWARDSHIP SAINT for March



SAINT TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO

Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo is the patron saint of Peru. He was the archbishop of Lima from 1579 to 1606, and it is because of his missionary work and commitment to social justice as archbishop that he has been a popular saint in Latin America for over three centuries. He had a favorite stewardship message which he used often in his teaching and preaching: Time is not our own, and we must give a strict account of it.

St. Turibius was born in 1538 to an affluent family of the Spanish nobility. He was well-educated; a professor of law at the renowned University of Salamanca in Spain. He was ordained a priest in 1578 at age 40 and sent to Peru to become the archbishop of Lima in May 1579. Reportedly, St. Turibius baptized a half million people; among them were

He devoted himself to serving the poor and championing the rights of indigenous peoples against the oppressive rule of civil authorities.

St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres. He is also responsible for building many roads, schools, churches and hospitals in Peru. In 1591, he established the first seminary in the Western hemisphere in Lima. He was responsible for a new catechism in Spanish and two local native dialects.

Promoting social justice was a major concern of St. Turibius. He devoted himself to serving the poor and championing the rights of indigenous peoples against the oppressive rule of civil authorities. The governors of Peru mounted continued opposition to the archbishop because of his challenges to their injustices. The Archdiocese of Lima consisted of 180,000 square miles, (by comparison, the state of California is 164,000 square miles). He traveled the length and breadth of the archdiocese three times, mostly on foot and often alone, exposed to the tropical elements and without protection against hostile tribes and animals of prey. On one of his missionary journeys, he contracted a fever that would end his life. He died on March 23, 1606. He was canonized in 1726.

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A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, Catholics reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.



PRAYER RESOURCES FOR HOLY WEEK

THE CRY FROM THE CROSS - Pray As You Go 2024 https://bit.ly/43k1jzg (audio recordings for each session)

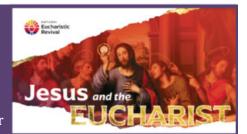
- Session 1: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'
- Session 2: 'In truth I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'
- Session 3: 'Woman, this is your son. This is your mother.'
- Session 4: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Eli, eli, lama sabachthani?'
- Session 5: 'I thirst.'
- Session 6: 'It is finished.'
- Session 7: 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.'

PRAYING LENT - Online Ministry of Creighton University

- Holy Week: The Easter Triduum https://bit.ly/4901s01
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter Vigil

WHEN: Sundays till April 21st at 10:00 AM





UPCOMING TOPICS

3/24/24 God is with us - *Part 2*

4/7/24 The Story of the Eucharist - Part 1

4/14/24 The Story of the Eucharist - Part 2

4/21/24 Bread for the Journey - Part 1

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YOUNG CHRISTIAN AWARD

Our homeroom teachers awarded students with the prestigious Young Christian Award, given to those who embody our Catholic school philosophy and Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLES). Congratulations to the deserving recipients this trimester!

FAITH FAMILY GROUP

6th grade led a wonderful Faith Family Group assembly this morning. In reflecting on the gospel story of Jesus comforting the disciples, students decorated Easter placemats for City Team, a local ministry supporting those experiencing poverty and homelessness.





1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION

As we were learning about fire safety and touring the station, the firefighters were suddenly called to duty - a real-life demonstration of their commitment to our community's safety. But the adventure didn't end there! Those amazing firefighters surprised us at school, showing us their truck tools/essentials and sharing their dedication. We left with a deeper appreciation for their bravery and service! THANK YOU LOS GATOS FD!

AROUND THE DIOCESE





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APRIL 2024

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