APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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PALM SUNDAY



"Hosanna to the Son of David / blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

MATTHEW 21:9

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The Elect (full initiation):

Apollo Candel Luke Candel Garrett Goodman Cierra Harding Avery Reyes Brooklyn Reyes Monique Smith

The Candidates (Eucharist and Confirmation):

Miryana Joksovic

Vincent Sotto
who will be receiving their
sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Events None Motor

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 (in church)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

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PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 17 | 7:00PM

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 | APRIL 18

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass
12:30pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S
PASSION

7:00pm TENEBRAE

- a service of scripture & song

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 19

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 | APRIL 20

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

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, April 17 at 12:00 noon and Friday, April 18. We will return on Monday, April 21.

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

TODAY'S READINGS

Procession: Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7;

Psalm 22;

Philippians 2:6-11;

Luke 22:14 — 23:56

First Reading:

Isaiah bears witness as one who did not lose his faith despite persecution and ridicule. Can you discuss a time when your faith was put to the test?

Second Reading:

Paul tells the believers in Phillipi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?

Gospel:

In his passion narrative, Luke is the only evangelist to highlight that both Pilate and Herod (Antipas) find Jesus innocent of the charges against him. Is there a friend or co-worker you could help this week who is being treated unfairly?

We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other - Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday's liturgy is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds - culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death — all for us.

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Still unconvinced? Let the words of this Sunday's Gospel this week speak to you personally:

"The chief priests and scribes...stood by accusing him harshly" and He did not defend Himself, for love of me.

"Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him" and He stayed quiet, for love of me.

The crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us" and He let Himself be led away, for love of me.

"With loud shouts they persisted in calling for his crucifixion" and He did not object, for love of me.

"Even the soldiers jeered at Him" and He endured it patiently, for love of me.

"They crucified Him and the criminals there" and He died, for love of me.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week — attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit — and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

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Readings for the Week					
Sun	4/13	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Procession: Lk 19:28-40</i> Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56			
Mon	4/14	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11			
Tues	4/15	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38			
Wed	4/16	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25			
Thu	4/17	HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> : Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15			
Fri	4/18	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i> 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	4/19	HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12			
Sun	4/20	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12			

Mass Intentions				
Mon	4/14	8:30 am	Kathleen Wrightson †	
Tues	4/15	8:30 am	Patricia San Juan †	
Wed	4/16	8:30 am	Marcial Laplace (special intention)	
Thu	4/17	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Fri	4/18	12:30 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Sat	4/19	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil - Elect & Candidates	
Sun	4/20	7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary - Living & Deceased	
		9:00 am	Olivia Gray †	
		11:00 am	Denise Laplace (special intention)	





The 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal comes to a close at the end of this week. This weekend's edition of the parish bulletin went to print before the counting of the last week's ADA contributions. Final results will be publicized in the near future. But it's still not too late to give! Also, please note contributions for this year's ADA will be accepted until December 31, 2025. Remember that every dollar over our goal will come back to St. Mary for our own needs.

Gifts can be made by scanning the QR code above, through our parish office or online at www.dsj.org/ADA



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 disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL

For the use of the new technologies:

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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: Magdolma O'Brien; Janel Shultz; Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Tony Baldi

For those who have recently died:

Maureen O'Connell; Sister Genie Rohner; Herb Robbins; Paul Mahoney, Sr.; Diane Piziali; Jack Hanley

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.



APRIL 17-19 TRIDUUM

April 17: Holy Thursday: 5:00pm Sunday Ensemble April 18: Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

- Adult Choir

April 18: Good Friday: Tenebrae - Schola Cantorum April 19: Easter Vigil: Adult Choir & Orchestra

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9:00am: Parish Adult & Children's Choir

11:00am: Cantor & Piano/Organ



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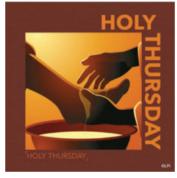
Sunday, April 27th, Howley Hall after the 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Proceeds & donations will benefit The Italian Catholic Federation & St. Vincent de Paul Society

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING What is the significance of foot washing on Holy Thursday?

Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet



of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood – "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ's sacrificial service to others.

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THE TRIDUUM

What happens that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

VISITATION OF SEVEN CHURCHES [VISITA IGLESIA] (Devotion)

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion.

The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar. ©LPi

The devotion of Visita Iglesia is an invitation for the faithful to be closer to God, to enrich one's faith and belief in the Real of Presence of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament especially during the three years of Eucharistic Revival (2022-2024). These traditions bring us to symbolically accompany the Lord Jesus during his time of suffering, in his moments of deep prayer and his final hours with his friends. This devotion can be a way for us to be with Jesus during the climax of his ministry, in the event of the Paschal Mystery. Visitation of the Seven Churches Worship Guide - https://bit.ly/7churches worshipguide



Guide

THE STILLNESS OF HOLY SATURDAY (a reflection)

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of



anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

APR 18 MEDITATIVE EVENING ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN by Fr. Andrew Dalton LC at St. William Parish. You are invited to explore the science, history, and Scriptures related to the Shroud of Turin presented by Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC on Good Friday, April 18 at 5PM at St. William Church. Fr. Dalton is an international Shroud speaker and Professor of Theology at the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Hospitality will follow the presentation. Event is free but please register at https://tinyurl.com/snsw-shroud2025

49TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PRO-LIFE WALK - 8 MILE WALK ON GOOD FRIDAY, 4/18/25, @7:00 AM from ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH (200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose) to OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH (2800 Mission College Drive, Santa Clara).

EVENING REFLECTION FOR WOMEN - MAY 7 at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. *First Wednesday monthly*. 6:00pm Mass, 7:00pm Talk followed by fellowship. Registration fee: \$15.00. Scan the QR code to save your seat. Please bring an appetizer to share.







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