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## Palm Sunday

### Why do we read the Passion during Palm Sunday services?



On Palm Sunday, the Catholic liturgy is an overture for all of Holy Week. At the beginning of the Mass, the palms are blessed and a short Gospel is read describing Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. During the Mass, the Passion is read, often in

three parts. The Palm Sunday liturgy begins in triumph, but quickly there looms the shadow of the cross. The joy of Christ’s followers on the first Palm Sunday was short-lived. The crowd in Jerusalem was larger than usual because Jews had gathered for Passover. Many in the assembly were unaware the “Savior of the World” was in their midst. Those followers who honored him with palms were doubtless in the minority — as evidenced by his arrest just a few days later and the cries of the crowd for his crucifixion. For many Catholics, Palm Sunday is the only time they hear the Passion read, since the Good Friday liturgy is often held during workday hours and the congregation is much larger on Palm Sunday.



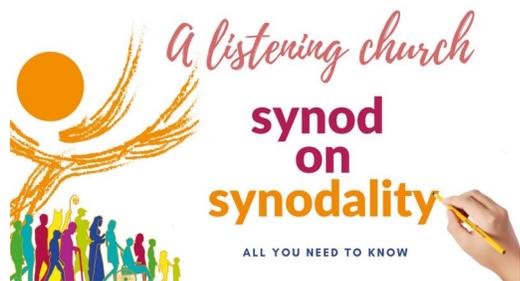
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#### MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 09 TO 16 2022

Saturday 4:00 PM.....	All Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 AM.....	Francisca Anuluona
Monday 8:00 AM .....	All Parishioners
Tuesday 8:00 AM.....	All Parishioners
Wednesday 8:00 AM .....	All Parishioners
Thursday .....	All Parishioners
Friday.....	All Parishioners
Donations accepted and appreciated	

### Pope Francis Heard YOU.

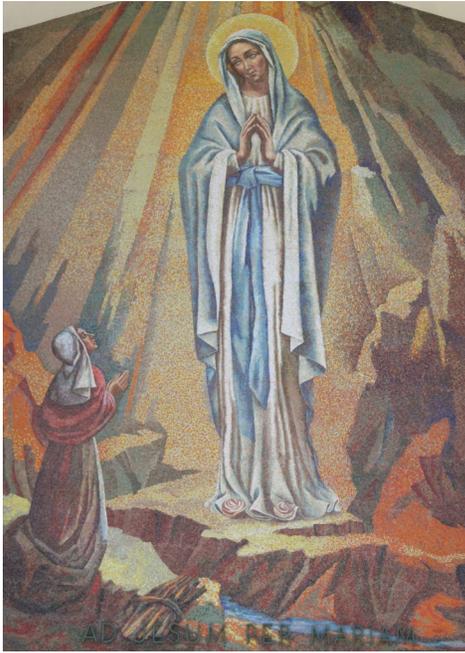


*A listening church*  
**synod  
on  
synodality**  
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

**“Special Thanks” to  
all who participated  
in the Synod Listening  
Sessions!  
You provided us with  
valuable information  
and input.**

**Your responses are being compiled and will be submitted to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for further compilation and, ultimately, submission to the Holy Father. We will keep you informed as the process continues.**

# ST BERNADETTE CHURCH ~ 75 YRS OF MAKING MEMORIES



**Join Us!**

**Sunday, May 01, 2022**

**St Bernadette Church**

**75th Anniversary**

**Celebratory Mass  
and Luncheon**

**10:00 am**

**Celebrant**

**Msgr Terrence Flemming**

## WHY WAVE PALM BRANCHES?



It was common practice in the ancient world to welcome home a king or war hero by laying out a path of palm branches - similar to rolling out the red carpet today. Others suggest the Romans honored champions of the games and the military with palm branches. Another explanation is it is a reminder of the Festival of the Booths commanded (Leviticus, Deuteronomy.) The Israelites were commanded: "And you must take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of splendid

trees, the fronds of palm trees and the boughs of branchy trees and poplars of the torrent valley, and you must rejoice before Jehovah your God seven days." The palm branches were used as a mark of rejoicing. All Israel was to "become nothing but joyful."-Leviticus 23:40; Deuteronomy 16:13-15 However others believe there is no connection between this festival that occurred months after Passover and the triumphal entry into Jerusalem by Christ just before Jesus death and resurrection.

## Help Your Children Understand their Faith

It is one thing to believe; to grasp what we believe is another. In today's academically sophisticated world there is no choice. Either understand your faith or lose it. It is not enough for children to know their prayers and memorize certain articles of faith. Children must grow in their understanding. Parents can help by explaining what we believe and why. Children ask questions about, "Who is Jesus? Where is God? Does God know what I am thinking? Why should I pray if God already knows what I need?" Our faith can be confusing. One priest says one thing, another says something which sounds completely different. Children grow not only in size but in intelligence. Parents must make sure their children mature, not only in body but also in spirit. In the gospel of St. Matthew, our Lord gives the parable of the Sower who went out to sow, all good seed, but not all on good ground. When Jesus explained the meaning of this parable, He told His disciples the seed falling on the wayside symbolizes those who have received the word of God into their hearts, but fail to understand it. So what happens? The devil comes along and steals the word of God from their hearts. Of course, we parents must understand what we believe if we are to explain the meaning of faith to our children.

**Join us for  
Bible Study**

**1st and 3rd Thursday  
1:00 & 7:00 PM  
Via ZOOM**

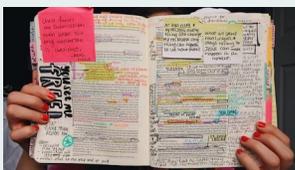
**1:00 pm Meeting  
ID 86373871437  
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**Contact:  
Carolyn James  
(323) 394-5441**

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**7:00 pm Meeting  
ID 811 5705 8134  
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**Contact:  
Elsie Dixon  
(310) 410-2962**



## What is Palm / Passion Sunday

This year Palm Sunday is celebrated on April 10, 2022 and is always the first Sunday before Easter. It commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is associated in many Christian churches with the blessing and procession of palms. Palm Sunday celebrations have been taking place since the end of the 4th century in Jerusalem. In



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the West the earliest evidence of the ceremonies is found in the 8th century. During the Middle Ages the ceremony for the blessing of the palms was elaborate: the procession began in one church, and ended in another, where the palms were blessed, and returned to the church where the procession had originated. The principle feature of the liturgy was the chanting by three deacons of the account of the Passion of Christ (Matthew 26:36–27:54). Musical settings for the crowd parts were sometimes sung by the choir. After reforms of the Roman Catholic liturgies in 1955 and 1969, the ceremonies were simplified to emphasize the suffering and death of Christ. The day is now officially called Passion Sunday. The liturgy begins with a blessing and procession of palms, but prime attention is given to a lengthy reading of the Passion, with parts taken by the priest, lectors, and congregation. The palms are often taken home by the members of the congregation to serve as sacramentals and some of them are burned, the following year, to serve as the ashes for Ash Wednesday.



## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday to

#### Easter

#### Monday

8:00 am

#### Communion Service

#### Tuesday

8:00 am

#### Communion Service

#### Wednesday

8:00 am

#### Communion Service

10:00 am

#### Adoration

#### Thursday

9:00 am

#### Office of Readings

7:00 pm

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday

9:00 am

#### Office of Readings

1:00 pm

#### Solemn Liturgy

#### of the Passion

#### Holy Saturday

9:00 am

#### Office of Readings

7:00 pm

#### Easter Vigil Service

#### Easter Sunday

10:00 am

#### Easter Sunday Mass

#### Other Sacraments

(as Scheduled)

#### Mass Intentions

(323) 293-4877

[j.carper.sbcc@gmail.com](mailto:j.carper.sbcc@gmail.com)

## Lilies Available

Contact Helen Clemmons

(323)296-7363

Or, the Parish Office

(323)293-4877

Large \$25 Medium \$15



## VOLUNTEERS?

### Always Needed

### Forever Appreciated

Elizabeth Andrew once said. "Volunteers are always needed and forever appreciated." Ready to get out of the house and maybe make the world a little better. We need your help. Give us a call at the office and find out what needs doing .

(323)293-4877

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A decorative poster for a Women's Day Luncheon. The background is a light cream color with a floral pattern of large pink and blue roses and green leaves. A hummingbird is perched on a yellow flower at the bottom. The text is written in elegant, cursive and serif fonts. It includes the church name, the event title, the date, the location, the ticket price, and the guest speaker's name and title. There is a small inset photo of Dr. Shannen Dee Williams.

*St. Bernadette's  
Knight of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #162  
Cordially invite you to*

**Save  
The Date**

*For Our*  
**Women's Day Luncheon**  
**On Sunday ~ May 15, 2022**

*Join us for Mass at 10 AM, Followed by a Delicious Lunch.*

*In St. Bernadette's Church Hall  
3825 Don Felipe Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90008  
Ticket Price is \$50 per person*

*Our Dynamic Guest Speaker will be:*  
**Dr. Shannen Dee Williams**  
*Associate Professor of History at Villanova  
and the University of Dayton*

*Her new book is  
about Black Catholic Nuns  
Freedom Struggles in America*

## Stella Elementary Charter Academy

Stella Elementary Charter Academy (2nd-4th) is located at 4196 Marlton Avenue (next to St. Bernadette Church), and serves Student Leaders in grades 2nd-4th. Stella Elementary Charter Academy (TK-1st) is located at 2636 S. Mansfield Avenue.

Our School Creed is: "We will become Social Justice Leaders who have a Heart of Empathy, Mind of Consciousness, and Spirit of Joy." We refer to our students as Student Leaders because they are their own Leaders, and we empower them to become the leaders of our future. Every single one of our team members at Stella Elementary believes this, and believes in our creed. Our staff works collaboratively to meet the needs of every single Student Leader every day.

We welcome you and your family to join our Stella family for the 2022-2023 school year.

Visit us at: [www.brightstarschools.org/enroll](http://www.brightstarschools.org/enroll)