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**The Raising of Lazarus ~ John 11: 1-45**  
*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.* ~John 11:21

How often in our lives do we ask, "God, where were you? Why weren't you here for me? Why did you let this happen?" Mary's statement contains this question, "Where were you; if you had only been here this would not have happened?" Like it or not most of us think we can "manage" our lives. We convince ourselves everything will be OK provided we organize everything and control the outcome. Technology has provided us with a plethora of gadgets to help us along the way. We are wired in and electronically organized against any and all possible scenarios. Somehow it all gives us a false sense of security. And yet, the unexpected, like death, still comes. As a hospice nurse once said to me, "only in America do we think death is an option." It is only when things go wrong that we turn to God and ask: Why? Or perhaps why me? As stewards of the 24 hours God gave us today we realize "time management" is an oxymoron. We can't manage time. We can only make decisions about what we will do with the time we are given. Regardless of how we choose to spend it, Jesus is always with us. After he is raised from the dead Lazarus is released from his "burial bands". We too are bound with the bands of worry, frustration and fear. Worry, frustration and fear from which our electronic calendars and organizers can't protect us. During this Lenten season we have the opportunity to die to ourselves and rise to Christ. In so doing, we too will be released from our bands of worry, frustration and fear. In this story of the resurrection of Lazarus Jesus, who himself suffers physical death shortly thereafter, seems to say, "Don't worry, I am always here, even when it seems I'm not; even in the face of death."



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*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart"* Proverbs 3:5



**Thank you to all  
who attended the  
Journey of the Saints  
Exhibition**

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**Over 300 people  
attended the Event  
during the  
two week exhibition**

## March 26th—The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*'Out of the depths I call to you O Lord: Lord hear my cry. Listen attentively to the sound of my pleading!'* (Ps 129:1-2). In this, the fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to turn our attention to the realities that are perhaps the most 'scandalous' in human experience, the death of a loved one. In this Gospel we see all those who are being supportive of Martha and Mary at the moment of their brother, Lazarus' death. Previously called "Passion Sunday," this **Fifth Sunday of Lent** marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life. Today the option of covering of sacred images is practiced. The rubrics in *The Third Edition of the Roman Missal* states, In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.



**Join us for  
Bible Study**

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

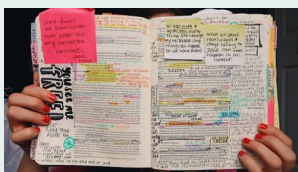
**1:00 pm Meeting  
ID: 87233018319  
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**7:00 pm Meeting  
ID 811 5705 8134  
Passcode: 6FuFf7**

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## First Sacraments

**First Communion (10 Communicants)**

**May 07, 2023 at 10:00 am Mass**

**Confirmation (4 Candidates)**

**7:00 pm on April 21, 2023  
at Transfiguration Parish**

*"Know that I am with you."*



## Palm Sunday April 02, 2023

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.







## Join us for Coffee and Donuts

After 10:00 am Mass  
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall  
If you would like to  
sponsor Coffee and Donuts  
Contact the Parish Office  
(323) 293-4877

**How did the egg come to represent Easter?** Throughout history, people across the world have given each other eggs at spring festivals to mark the seasons. Early Christians in Mesopotamia dyed eggs in the period after Easter. The practice was adopted by the Orthodox Churches, and from there it spread into Western Europe. Eggs represent new life and rebirth, so this ancient custom was absorbed into Easter celebrations. During Lent, when Christians fasted to mark Jesus' time in the wilderness, eggs were one of the foods people were not allowed to eat. So when Easter Sunday came around, eggs were a real treat. Various traditions and superstitions sprang up around the egg at Easter. Eggs laid on Good Friday were said to turn into diamonds if they were kept for 100 years. Some thought eggs cooked on Good Friday and eaten on Easter would promote fertility and prevent sudden death, and it became the custom to have your eggs blessed before you ate them.



## THE PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT RETURNS

*The Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters and the St. Bernadette Confirmation class are hosting this year's Easter Egg Hunt.*

*Please support their efforts by donating Easter Baskets, Plastic Grass, Small Individually Wrapped Candies and Plastic Eggs. Please place all donations in the receptacles at the church doors.*



## Easter Mass Intention requests:

Is it for an individual? or family? Is the person Living? Or Deceased? Name of the person making the request? The Contact person's name? (If different than the requestor) Phone? Email address? Requested date of the Mass? Please note if the intention is for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are prayers for the healing of a specific disease?



## LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 27, 2023  
MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK  
OF LENT  
TO APRIL 02, 2023  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD

### Monday, March 27, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

### Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

### Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:00 am Mass In-Person

Liturgy of the Word

(pre-recorded)

### Friday, March 31, 2023

8:00 am Mass In-Person

Liturgy of the Word

(pre-recorded)

### Saturday, April 01, 2023

Saturday of the Fifth Week  
of Lent

Liturgy of the Word  
pre-recorded)

Confessions 3:00 pm

Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

### Sunday, April 02, 2023

Palm Sunday  
of the Passion of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

following Mass in the Hall

Other Sacraments  
(as Scheduled)

### Mass Intentions

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#### 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to  
work wholeheartedly for the  
church. Help them to remember  
the work they do in the church is  
not in vain as Your Word  
declares Your work is never  
wasted.*



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#### Mass Intentions for this Week

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Eulalio Cabusas RIP  
Alejandra Cabusas RIP  
Abel Martinez RIP  
Jocelyn Caintic RIP  
Edward Fletcher  
Marsha Metoyer**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**Edward Fletcher  
Marsha Metoyer**

#### Did you know? March 25-26

##### Abuse prevention includes sports

All coaches who serve in archdiocesan Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are required to undergo a multi-hour VIR-TUS® "Protecting God's Children for Adults Training." They are also required to participate in the Play Like a Champion Today program, a national program that works with sports organizations at the youth and high school level to educate ethically responsible coaches. For more information about coaching requirements in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles,



visit: [playlikeachampion.org](https://playlikeachampion.org) and <https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-4/topic-9-4-3>.

**Our Parish Hall is a great place for a variety of events: Repasts, Luncheons, Business Meetings, Clinics, Inoculation Sites, Seminars and a host of other events. It is fully AV Equipped. For Details and Availability contact the Parish Office  
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**Please submit Bulletin Submissions and Pulpit Announcements  
at least two weeks in advance.**

**If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877**