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Palm Sunday ~ April 01/02.2023
The Passion of Christ ~ Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
Behold, the hour is at hand...” ~Matthew 26:45

During the last 24 hours of his physical life on earth Jesus had many experiences and he encountered many different people. Likewise we too will meet a lot of people and do a lot of things this coming week.

As we enter Holy Week ask yourself, “Where will I meet Christ this week?” Will I encounter Christ at a quiet reflective dinner with friends, or will I meet him when a close friend or coworker betrays my trust? Perhaps I will meet Christ while praying in a quiet garden, or some other contemplative place; or perhaps when I am confronted by angry, judgmental people.

Will I encounter Christ when I am judged by others; because of my race, nationality, religion, age, sexual orientation, opinions, physical appearance or even the way I dress. Will I realize Christ’s presence whether people are cheering me or jeering me. Will I meet Christ in the friend who tells me what I don’t want to hear, but need to hear? Or, will I hope to find Christ in the person who only tells me what I want to hear for their own personal benefit. Will I find him when I am with my family and friends or when I am abandoned by all of them?

At the end of the week will I drag my cross, laden with problems, resentments, disappointments, failures, personal tragedies, shame and unhappiness to the top of a hill finding the only person there willing to help is Christ? In that encounter, he will smile and say, “Let me take the cross from you. I can handle it”. **Blessed Holy Week**



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<i>“Trust in the LORD with all your heart” Proverbs 3:5</i>	



Liturgy Schedule—Holy Week 2023

Holy Thursday 7:00
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday
12:00 Noon –The Last Words
1:00 pm Solemn Liturgy & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday
7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday
Masses 8:00 am and 10:00 am





April 02 —Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration: "The palms are blessed with the following prayer: *Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church. "*Hosanna in the highest.*" These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy). Our joy is quickly subdued, however. We are jolted back to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel.

**Join us for
Bible Study**

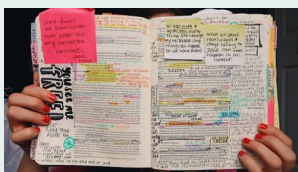
**1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

**1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472**

**Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441**

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

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Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962**



After Mass on Palm Sunday, family members can gather to make small palm crosses to wear. There are a variety of ways to make the cross. The simplest is to take two small pieces, one a little longer than the other, criss-cross the pieces in shape of a cross and staple at the middle. Another way is to make two small slits near the top (where the crossbeam would be) in the longer piece of palm and slide the cross beam through the slits. This could be a challenging project for the family members to try various methods. Each person is given a palm cross to wear on their coats or clothing throughout Holy Week, to remind us to carry our own cross patiently.



Good Friday: April 07, 2023 What's Good About 'Good' Friday?

Why call it "Good Friday" instead of "Bad Friday" or something similar? Some Christian traditions do take this approach: in German, the day is called Karfreitag, or "Sorrowful Friday." In English, the origin of the term "Good" is debated: some believe it developed from an older name, "God's Friday." The name "Good Friday" is appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marks the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins. If we are to understand the gospel's good news, we must understand the bad news; The good news of deliverance makes sense when we see how we are enslaved to sin. We need the law first to show us the hopelessness of our condition; only then can the gospel of Jesus' grace bring us salvation. Good Friday is "good" because it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter. Without it, God



could not be both "just and the justifier" of those who trust in Jesus ([Romans 3:26](#)). Paradoxically, the day in which evil seems to triumph was actually the death blow in God's glorious plan to redeem the world



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
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Reverence for Blessed Palms

Because Easter palms are blessed, they are now sacramentals, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life." Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. Palms may only be burned or buried.

It is a tradition to burn blessed palm branches in times of forthcoming natural disasters, such as hurricanes or tornadoes, asking God to avert or lessen the impending disaster. The instruction in the Directory on Popular Piety explains why this practice is not encouraged.

"Palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory."



THE PARISH
EASTER EGG HUNT RETURNS
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH EASTER
EGG HUNT

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING:
EASTER BASKETS, PLASTIC GRASS,
SMALL INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
CANDIES AND PLASTIC EGGS.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO
THE PARISH OFFICE



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

APRIL 03, 2023
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
TO APRIL 09, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 03, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 04, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Holy Thursday, April 06,

2023

7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 07, 2023

12 Noon

Last Words

1:00 pm

Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 08, 2023

7:19 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 09, 2023

Easter Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 am Masses

Easter Egg Hunt

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, April 01, 2023

Deacon Emile Adams RIP

Sunday, April 02, 2023

Anthony Moret



**75th Anniversary tour- Paris and Lourdes,
Here we come!**

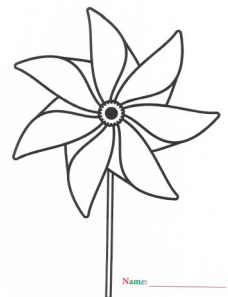
Enjoy 11 days touring France ! Tour highlights include Paris, Rouen, Amboise, Nevers, Vichy, Rocamadour, Rodez and Lourdes. Enjoy French wine tasting, visit Nevers, the monastery of St Bernadette, where the body of St Bernadette rests, see the world famous Black Madonna, ending our trip at Lourdes.

Did you know? April 1-2

Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2023 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Resource Booklet includes order forms for the colorful “Keep Kids Safe” pinwheels and stickers and the 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, as well as prayers, petitions, and homily helps.

Keeping Kids Safe
Coloring Page



For more information go to: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

**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 Articles and Pulpit Announcements
at least two weeks in advance.**

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