



## St. Cornelius Catholic Church



# Leading people to Center on the Love of Christ

## Service Schedule

Monday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Mass - 5:00 pm Rosary - 5:30 pm
Thursday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Friday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Saturday	Rosary - 7:30 am Mass - 8:00 am Mass - 5:00 pm Vigil [Except Holy Saturday]
Sunday	Mass - 8:00 am Mass - 10:00 am Mass - 12:00 pm

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Livestream is available: Sun 10am.

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Confession: After Friday 5:00 Mass, Saturday 8:30 am  
Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm

Confession also available by appointment, contact the Rectory

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
CUT BRANCHES AND  
STREWED THEM ON  
**THE ROAD.**

MATTHEW 21:8

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 pm in the Church  
Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 pm - Parish Center Chapel  
Holy Hour Friday 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
First Saturday of the Month 8:30 - 9:30 am



# Pastor's Corner

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the central week of the year for Christians. On Palm Sunday each year we have the reading of the passion of the Lord Jesus. This year it is from St Matthew. From one perspective it is a story of cruelty, betrayal, and rejection. It is the culmination of human sin. "He was pierced for our offenses" said Isaiah. God reached out to us in love, and we subjected him to the ignominious death of the outsider by crucifixion. It is us humans at our worst. But from the perspective of faith, it shows the depth of God's love and forgiveness for us. He takes the worst we can throw at him and returns a greater love. He stretches out his arms on the cross in embrace of us at our most unlovable. He enters Jerusalem as a king, not riding on a horse, the animal of war but humbly on a donkey. This king will have no violence, rather he will take on unjust judgment and pain and transform it into only mercy and love. Palm Sunday is a special day for the diminishing and embattled community of Christians in Israel and the middle east generally. Please keep them in prayer.

We will have our Penance service on Wednesday evening so that we can personally experience that triumph of mercy and forgiveness over sin in our own lives. We hope you can join us for the wonderful services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, especially the Easter vigil on Saturday which is the most important and beautiful ceremony of the whole year and during which we baptize those elect with whom we have been praying and accompanying all this year.

Blessings,  
Fr. Jay

## holy week SCHEDULE

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
WED, APRIL 1ST | 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND**

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER  
7:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE.

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD**

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER  
3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
5:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS.  
7:00 PM PASSION PLAY - LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**APRIL 4TH HOLY SATURDAY**

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER  
8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

**APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY** | REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON

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## Liturgical Life

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# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide. But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

### The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophesy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!"

Every "Prophesy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

### Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.



# Prayer

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## MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday 3/29** 8:00 am H Corky Stillwell  
 † Al Stillwell  
 † All Souls in Purgatory
- 10:00 am H Robert & Chasity Hamamoto  
 † Luke Cunnane  
 † Judy Klenk  
 † Jim Young  
 † Brenda Crane  
 † All Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory
- Monday 3/30** 5:00 pm † Bernard Caballero  
 † All Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday 3/31** 5:00 pm † Howard Reinard  
 † Enriqueta Salazar  
 † Pedro Gonzalez  
 † All Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday 4/1** 5:00 pm † Lia Saldarriaga  
 † Alvaro Saldarriaga  
 † All Souls in Purgatory
- Holy Thursday 4/2** 7:00 pm General Intersessions
- Good Friday 4/3** 5:00 pm General Intersessions
- Holy Saturday 9:00 am** General Intersessions
- Easter Vigil 8:00 pm** General Intersessions
- Easter Sunday 4/5** 8:00 am H Angela Lain  
 † Blanca de Alvara
- 10:00 am † Maria Anthony  
 † Eduardo Bernal  
 † Hope Brooks  
 † Jesse Brooks

A Anniversary SI Special Intention  
 B Birthday H Health & Healing I Illness  
 T Thanksgiving † Rest in Peace



### Prayers for the Sick

**Please remember these loved ones in Prayer**

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Linda Johnston   | Carl Thompson             |
| Ben Rodriguez    | Duney Tuiteleleapaga      |
| Kathy Anderson   | Claude Richard Petruncola |
| Andy Stillwell   | Bill Stelmar              |
| George Luza      | Kristen Arroyo            |
| Stetson Gibson   | Angela Saldarriaga        |
| Robert Johnson   | Sr. Claire Flemming       |
| Salome Mondragon | Sr. Teresa Doherty        |
| Glen Huckaby     | Emiliano Ramirez          |
| Ray McConnell    | Pat Stevens               |
| Pat Reyes        | Scott Thomas              |

If you would like a loved one or yourself included, please contact the rectory or fill out a form on the website



# Community



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**St. Vincent DePaul** March 29: Palm Sunday - Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

**St. Cornelius Book Discussion Group** - The next meeting will be held Mon, April 20 in the Parish Center at 3:30. The book to be discussed is Briar Club by Kate Quinn. All are welcome.

**DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR EASTER**

**DONATE LILIES AND ORCHIDS.**

**PLEASE BRING THEM DURING HOLY WEEK AND LEAVE BY OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Make sack lunches to feed the homeless. Drop off at the Lazarus Project @ St. Cornelius.

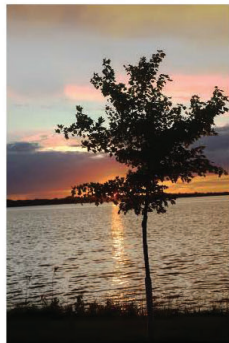
Invite some friends to join!

Every, Saturday, Morning **6:45am**

## Embracing the graces of the twilight years

~ a retreat for "senior" citizens

Like a tree planted near water, the person of faith finds deep spiritual nourishment, bearing fruits of wisdom and peace.



**Saturday, April 11 • 9:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.**  
St. Cornelius Parish Hall ~ Long Beach

Participants will reflect on the challenges and graces of the twilight years and opportunities to grow closer to the Divine.

Morning refreshments & fellowship ~ Keynote conference  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Personal & community prayer  
Small & large group faith-sharing ~ Lunch

- This retreat is being sponsored by St. Cornelius Parish and the Sisters of Notre Dame Mission Advancement Office.
- Senior citizens' care givers are also invited.
- RSVP deadline is Friday, April 3. To register, kindly email [infoca@sndusa.org](mailto:infoca@sndusa.org) or call 805-917-3714 and indicate name(s) and any special dietary requests.
- A free will offering will be appreciated.
- Please bring a Bible.

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"WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER FROM THE WELLS OF SALVATION"  
ISAIAH 12:3



## SANCTUS RETREAT

GROWING IN HOLINESS AND LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIAN CALL.

APRIL 25 8AM-6PM

SANTUS RETREAT - THE ART OF SELF-GIVING LOVE  
THIS RETREAT WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

- WHAT IS MY JOURNEY OF FAITH?
- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "DIE TO MYSELF IN LOVE?"
- HOW CAN WE LEARN TO LIVE MORE FULLY IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST?
- HOW DO WE TALK TO GOD IN OUR OWN WORDS ABOUT OUR LIVES?
- WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE "HOLY FOR LIFE?"

Come and see what God has in store for you.



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# Ministry

### Did You Know?

**March 28-29 || Encourage children to practice personal boundary safety rules**

All children should know their personal boundaries and know that they have a right to be safe in their own bodies. Encourage children to speak up and say “no” when they feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. They should know to get away from an unsafe situation as quickly as possible, and to tell a safe adult what happened. When a child says they don’t want to show affection, an adult should prioritize that child’s boundary. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



### Ministries and Fellowship Groups

#### Prayer

- Adoration - Denise Healey 562-412-3378
- Men's Bible - Chris Miraglia 562-756-8779
- Praise and Worship - Mike Medina 562-607-3004
- Prayer Warriors - Hilda Ramirez 562-421-8966
- Women Together in Prayer - Janet Uy 310-629-4517

#### Community

- Adult Prep. for Sacraments - Loraine Moreno 562-252-6755
- Book Club - Katy Ellis 562-607-1100
- Cub Scouts - Matt Siebert 562-756-7873
- Cursillo (Los Angeles) - Jackie Ramirez 562-316-8303
- Cursillo (Orange) - Dn Joe Hamamoto 562-572-3425
- Guadalupanos - Maggie Miller & Maria Eugenia Cortez 562-421-8966
- Knights of Columbus - Vic Magana 562-821-1483
- Religious Education - Cristy Hull 562-362-6561
- Respect Life - Jean Campos & Judith Martinez 562-421-8966
- Safeguard the Children - Parish Office 562-421-8966
- Youth Ministry and Confirmation - Alexis Hull 562-420-7613
- Young Adults - Miguel Macias - 714-798-4494

#### Service

- COA Chili Dinners - Maria Jimenez 562-822-5563
- Habitat for Humanity - Richard Brennan 562-480-7215
- Homebound and Hospital - Frank Schmidt 562-225-7571
- Lazarus Project - Rose Letson 562-755-0862
- PFO Transportation - Sean Gunning 562-209-3051
- St. Vincent de Paul - Jacqueline Padilla 562-421-8011

#### Liturgical

- Altar Servers - Al and Pilar Caceres 562-326-9768
- Choirs - Joe Patolo 562-421-8966
- Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors - Michele Bradley 562-964-4140
- Greeters - Joe Sova 562-716-5635
- Anointings/Baptisms/Quinceaneras/ Weddings  
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### Stewardship Report Week of 3/8/2026

<b>In-person Collection</b>	<b>\$10,344</b>
<b>E-giving</b>	<b>\$3,985</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,329</b>
<b>Versus Budget</b>	<b>\$29</b>

### Clergy and Parish Office

Parish Office, Mon-Fri 9:30-5:30 Closed for Lunch 12:30 - 1:30pm 562 421-8966

Weekends 9:00am to 2:00pm

Father Jay Cunnane - Pastor

Father Hieu Nguyen - Associate Pastor

Deacon Rich Boucher

Deacon Joe Hamamoto

Deacon Jerick Alenton

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Adrian Ramirez - Office Assistant

Maria Carbonara - Secretary & Projects

Kathy Hernandez - School Principal

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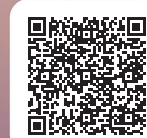
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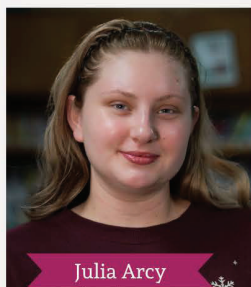
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Walk the road to Calvary with our Lord Jesus Christ. From His agony in the Garden to His body being laid in the tomb. Hear eye-witness accounts of what it was like to be at our Savior's Passion. Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm.

## PRAY FOR THE CATECHUMENS AS THEY PREPARE TO RECEIVE THEIR SACRAMENTS AT EASTER VIGIL



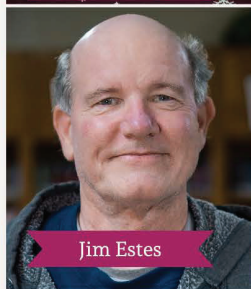
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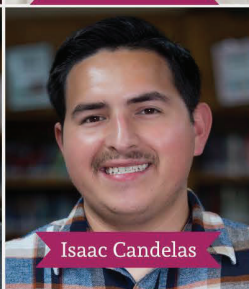
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