

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 2018

HOLY WEEK

Before Jesus enters Jerusalem for the final time, he looked out over the city and “he wept”. Jesus knew his final hour was upon him.

“The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.””

The people wanted a king, but they will reject Jesus as their king. He was not the strong warrior who would lead them into physical battles and vanquish all their enemies. He was the meek innocent lamb whose kingdom was not of this world. Our King is a mighty warrior who will lead us into battle against Satan and his cohorts.

Let us arm ourselves for spiritual battle: the sacraments, the rosary, and sacred scripture, must always accompany us, especially during Holy Week. Maintain an intense focus this week on Jesus. Keep your eyes on him and follow him wherever he leads you; keep your ears open and listen for his word to be spoken. Be acutely aware of the presence of Jesus in your life this Holy Week. The highlight of the week comes on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you are able to join us during the Sacred Triduum the holy liturgies will propel you more deeply into the sacred mystery.

Might I suggest more silence this week. Try to unplug from your media and plug into prayer. Hours of depressing news, mindless TV shows, video games, sports and countless other forms of entertainment can be eliminated or dramatically reduced this week and you will be better for it. Don't worry, you will survive from this detachment. Less noise will lead to a healthy silence so that you can better hear the voice of God. Like Jesus, we too might be brought to tears during Holy Week as we understand more fully what Jesus was asked to do by his Heavenly Father.

God bless you,
Fr. Matthew



DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *Monday of Holy Week*
Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** *Tuesday of Holy Week*
Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** *Wednesday of Holy Week*
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
- Thursday:** *Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)*
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; John 13:1-15
- Friday:** *Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42
- Saturday:** *Easter Vigil*
Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18;
Exodus 14:15 15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14;
Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4;
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Mark 16:1-7
- Sunday:** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*
Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; John 20:1-9

This Week's Program Schedule

Monday, March 26

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| 8:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 8:30AM | Bible Study | Lounge |
| 6:00PM | Adoration/Reconciliation | Church |
| 6:15PM | Practice: Live Stations of the Cross | Church |

Tuesday, March 27

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| 8:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 6:30PM | No Charismatic Prayer Group | |
| 6:30PM | Baptism Class (Pre-Registration) | Conf. Rm |

Wednesday, March 28

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| 1:00PM | Mass @ CSUS Bizini Hall, Rm 245 | |
| 6:15PM | Practice: Live Stations of the Cross | Church |

Thursday, March 29, Holy Thursday

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| 7:00PM | Mass | Church |
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Good Friday, March 30

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| ~Office Closed at Noon~ | | |
| 3:00PM | Liturgy of the Lord's Passion | Church |
| 6:00PM | Live Stations of the Cross | Church |

Saturday, March 31

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| 8:15PM | Easter Vigil Mass | Church |
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Easter Sunday, April 1

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| 9:00AM | Easter Sunday Mass | Church |
| 11:15AM | Children's Easter Mass | Church |
| ~No Evening Mass~ | | |

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

PSSNOIA	RDBAE	OOBDL
SIKS	HRSNOT	SROSC

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$ 6,746.65
Catholic Relief Services: \$ 2,574.26

God bless you for your generosity.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and (Veneration of the Cross w/Communion)	Friday, March 30 @ 3:00PM
Live Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 30 @ 6:00PM
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday, March 31 @ 8:15PM
Easter Sunday Mass	Sunday, April 1 @ 9:00AM
Easter Sunday Children's Mass	Sunday, April 1 @ 11:15AM

There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM	Saturday, March 24	Barbara Lanthier†
9:00AM	Sunday, March 25	Ernesto Villalobos† & Lucia Del Real†
6:00PM	Sunday, March 25	All Saints Community
8:00AM	Monday, March 26	Special Intention†
8:00AM	Tuesday, March 27	Elizabeth Kisgen†

ADORATION: Please join in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, March 29, after the 7pm mass through midnight. Stay for as long as you like and you can come and go as you wish.

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We are currently looking for students, Ages 6th—12th Grade to perform the Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30. We have many cast parts available. We also have parts for extras to help with costumes, make-up, and props. Practices are scheduled for March 26 and March 28. There may be another practice, if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SPECIAL THANKS: Special thanks to **Marian Jessie** for her extraordinary help in the office over the past few weeks. It is sincerely appreciated. God bless you for your unselfish service!

BMA UPDATE: All Saints still remains in 1st place in the diocese, having reached 130.9% of our 2018 BMA Goal as of March 21. We have total promised BMA pledges of \$72,278. Please remember that anything over our goal comes back to us for our Building Fund. We sincerely appreciate all those who are supporting our 2018 BMA. God bless you for your generosity!

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8: Our First Sunday Hospitality is postponed from Sunday, April 1 to Sunday, April 8 because of Easter Sunday.

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2nd COLLECTION will be for the benefit of our *Building Fund*. God bless you for your generosity.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Tricia Hoobyar

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: PASSION, BREAD, BLOOD, KISS, THORNS, CROSS. *How did you do?*

TIPS FOR TITHING

Our gift to God is a sacrifice. To give in a sacrificial way means that our giving comes from the heart. Jesus sacrificed his entire life for us and His gift was His very life. We are to return a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so the work of Jesus can continue on earth.

*What return can I make to the Lord for all the blessings
He has poured out on me?*

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

Gustavo Delgadillo	Socorro Aguilar	Ed H
Peggy Howard	Carol Parks	Tom Abram
Cecilia Renenger	Linda Seymour	Stephen...
Jim Perdomo	Flynn Hillman	Janet Fiorini
Katarina Renenger	Jeanne Neu	Shelly...
Sherry Mailloux	Mike Baer	Karen ...
Cynthia Basco	Jackie Ferreira	Jacki...
David Rodriguez	Lillian Lopez	Sharon...
Patti & Tom Scott	Charles W.	Ed Rocha
Carol Patterson	Catherine Harris	William Jackson
Joanne Mattos	Isabel Rodriguez	Edward Lytle
Bishop Stephen Blaire	Rozee Lopez	Kevin Downs
Ruby Summerlin	June Zuniga	Raul Campusano
Maria Ortega	Rita Yonan	Taylor Holt
Ray Morris	Teresa Diamond	Geralyn Weston
Russell Van Hook	Harry Sullivan	Sara Serpa
Pam Youngdale	Gary Winkleman	Infant Rosie
Cliff Bentley	Giovanni Sahagun	Joe O. Brasil
Ramin O.	Suzanne L.	Caroline B.
Pierre...	Romina Y.	Ernestina Padilla
Richard Lopes	Anthony Farina	

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Sunday, March 25: Please join us for Lenten Night: Part 3 after the 6:00PM Mass.

Monday, March 26: Rosary on Campus. Meet at the CSA table in the Quad at 12:00pm.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

There will be no CRE on the Wednesdays of March 28 or April 4 due to Holy Week and the Easter holiday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 11 with our regular class schedule.

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIPS:

All Saints is offering scholarships to church members who are attending or planning to attend any university, community college, or trade school. In addition, any student, regardless of religious affiliation, who is attending or planning to attend CSU Stanislaus is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Application forms are available in the office and will be due on **Monday, April 16, 2018.**

Please note: If you would like to offer a scholarship in your family's name or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office.