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*Palm
Sunday*

**Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017

The Passion of the Lord

First Reading

In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

As a servant, Isaiah claims, “I have not rebelled, have not turned back” from God. This is in contrast to his generation in Israel, who had both rebelled and turned away from God. Isaiah was faithful, and for this faithfulness he suffered. His suffering was very intense and painful. He tells of having been beaten. He describes his beard being plucked—a sign of dishonor for the Jews. Yet in all of his suffering, Isaiah puts up no resistance. Despite suffering, Isaiah endures in faithfulness. Again he acknowledges the Lord’s help as the cause of his ability to endure. In utmost humility, all of Isaiah’s successes are attributed to the work of God, all is for his glory. Although he’s to suffer much, he’s confident and trusts that God will take care of him.

Isaiah’s ministry and life are a prefiguration of Jesus Christ. As a prophet and servant of God, Isaiah prophesies, not only by his words but by his very life, the future Man-God. The faithfulness and suffering of Isaiah point to a similar pattern in the life of Christ. As we prepare for Holy Week and the death and Resurrection of Christ, Isaiah reminds us of the suffering that Christ endured for us.



Second Reading

Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

St Paul exhorts us to have the same attitude as Christ, but what exactly is that? The answer seems to follow upon Paul’s description of Christ, who “though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.” Jesus was and is always God, so it doesn’t make much sense that he’d want to grasp at an equality with God that he already had.

Scholars say a better translation of the word grasp would be “taken advantage of.” It makes more sense to say that “though in the form of God, he did not deem equality with God something to be taken advantage of.”

The attitude of Christ, then, was that of not taking advantage of his great powers and privileges as God. Instead, Jesus accepts the humble condition of a slave. Thus, his attitude is one of selfless surrender and great generosity. This is the attitude that St. Paul would have us imitate.

Gospel

The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]).

As Christ enters the holy city of Jerusalem to the acclaim of the people, our part must be muted by our knowledge of what’s to come. As Christ knew, we also know that acclaim would quickly turn to accusation and deadly intent. The palm celebration foretold the final vindication and victory of the Messiah in his Resurrection.



This serves as a salutary reminder that each Sacrament, each mystery of the Church, contains within it the whole of the mystery of Christ. Our whole sacramental spirituality as Catholics combines the dark tones of the Passion as well as the bright ones of the Resurrection. Each Eucharist, because it includes the whole mystery of Christ, includes both movements: sorrow and joy. We begin the Mass with the Penitential Rite and end with the Communion Rite. The Eucharistic meal includes both the Passover Seder Supper of Holy Thursday and the sacrifice of Calvary on Good Friday. The Lord we truly receive in Holy Communion is the Risen Lord of Glory who is present in the consecrated host—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Because the Palm Sunday Liturgy includes both the foretaste of Christ’s glory in the procession of the palms and the bitter agony leading up to the sacrifice of Calvary, it’s a good time to reflect upon the nature of the Eucharist as the whole of the mystery of Christ.

Grow in Discipleship

The week that begins with Palm Sunday contains what are sometimes called the “High Holy Days” of Christianity. They are called this because they commemorate the last days of the life of Jesus as he goes from the Last Supper to the tomb and contain the most sacred moments of Christian history.

While there are many aspects of this week that we can look at, our focus in this study is on the Garden of Gethsemane. After the Last Supper, Jesus goes to the Garden to pray and prepare for what lies ahead. Knowing that he will be facing incredible suffering, he prays to the Father, asking that if it is possible that the “cup” he must drink could pass.

In these moments, we see Jesus, the man. He is fearful and anxious, even

to the point of sweating blood. Yet, he unites his human will—which dreads the coming events—with his Father’s and is able to not just passively acquiesce to his Passion, but embrace it. He doesn’t deny his pain, but unites it to the Father in an act of perfect love.

The lesson is clear for us. We all are called to love God and do the Father’s will, even when it is difficult. But love involves sacrifice—dying to self and making sacrifices for the one we love. Indeed, love demands that we sometimes do things we don’t want to do to serve the good of others. We can use the example of Christ in the Garden to accept our crosses as well.

Watch the short Opening the Word video reflection at FORMED.org

DIGGING DEEPER **Garden of Gethsemane**

The name Gethsemane comes from a word meaning “oil press” and refers to olive oil pressing. The olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane are among the oldest in the world. Carbon dating of several trees gives dates of 1092, 1166, and 1198, and DNA testing indicates that all three trees came from one original tree. Probably none of the olive trees in the Garden today were growing at the time of Christ, because the Romans cut down all the trees in the area when they destroyed the Temple in 70 AD.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 4/8

- 8:30am The intentions of our parish
Concepcion Llacer †
- 5:00pm Ken Dayton
Clifford Bates †
- 7:00pm Uriel Cruz †
Benjamine Morales †

Sunday 4/9

- 6:45am The intentions of our parish
Melanie Maher †
- 8:00am Rae Winslow †
Asunta, Greman & Justaliano †
- 9:30am Loretta Ramos Bodie
Marian Hansen †
- 11:00am Raymond F. Werner
Jerome Stratman †
- 12:30pm The intentions of our parish
- 6:00pm The intentions of our parish
Joseph Esquibel †

Monday 4/10

- 7:00am Moriarty Family
Deborah Feuss †
- 8:30am Basilisa Alarcon †
Gregorio, Felisciana and Raul †

Tuesday 4/11

- 7:00am Norman Manha, Sr. †
- 8:30am Samantha Smith
Joseph Boyle †

Wednesday 4/12

- 7:00am Sonia, Earl Laweson and
Diana Ripac & family
- 8:30am Jamie Algarne †
- 7:00pm Silva and Shun Suk Bang †

Thursday 4/13

- 6:00pm Mary & Ben Slater
- 8:00pm Jean, Eric, Dorrin, Jose Luis and
Maria Avevalo & family

Friday 4/14

GOOD FRIDAY—NO MASSES

Prayers & Devotion

Meditation

Put yourself in the scene of Jesus in the Garden at Gethsemane. You are with the other disciples in the Garden as Jesus leaves you to pray alone. Dimly, through the darkness, you can see him fall prostrate in prayer and you hear him say, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." What do you think as you hear Jesus, the strong, confident man, cry out to the Father to be spared the "cup"? Now imagine that you can say something to Jesus. What would you say? What does he say back to you? Hold those thoughts in your heart for a few minutes.

Plenary Indulgences

Tantum ergo

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who devoutly recite or sing "Down in Adoration Falling" (Tantum ergo) on Holy Thursday.

Adoration of the Cross

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who in solemn liturgical action of Good Friday devoutly participate at the adoration of the Cross and kiss it.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF HOLY WEEK? 5 WAYS TO LIVE IT WELL

Meditate on the Passion using passages in the Bible, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.

Avoid listening to music or attending parties or celebrations. Make sure to keep your conversations as sober as possible.

In addition to fasting and abstinence on Friday, make another small sacrifice.

Try to attend all of the liturgies and invite your family and friends.

Keep away from distractions like your cell phone, videos, etc.

01 MEDITATE ON THE PASSION

02 TRY TO BE SILENT

03 MAKE AN EXTRA SACRIFICE

04 ATTEND THE LITURGIES

05 KEEP ALL DISTRACTIONS AWAY

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Holy Week Reminders



Holy Thursday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

There is no Mass celebrated in the morning.

6:00 pm Mass

Come to Mass wearing slip-on shoes if you wish to participate in the foot washing.

Bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

Due to the hall renovation, we will not process with the Eucharist out of the church. Instead, we will remain in the church after Mass for 20 minutes of Adoration followed by Benediction.

8:00 pm: Mass in Spanish.

Because the Triduum is one 3-day long liturgy, there is no closing on Holy Thursday. Rather, we continue with the liturgy on Good Friday.



Good Friday

Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world on Good Friday. The Lord is not present in the tabernacle, so we do not genuflect on this day. Good Friday is a continuation of the Holy Thursday gathering.

We fast and abstain from eating meat. One small meal, and two other small meals that do not combine to make one meal is the standard.

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

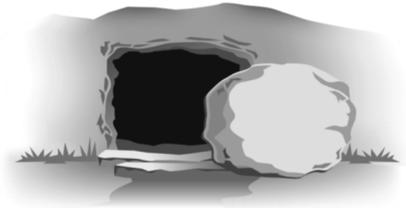
4:00 pm: Passion Play presented by our teens

5:30 pm: Service in English with Liturgy of the Word, Veneration and Holy Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday.

6:00 pm: Bilingual Live Stations of the Cross begins in the courtyard

8:00 pm: Service in Spanish

We depart in silence, as the liturgy continues with the Easter Celebration.



Holy Saturday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

10:00 am: Bring bread and beverages for your Easter celebration to the chapel for blessing

5:30 pm: The Great Easter Vigil* in English.

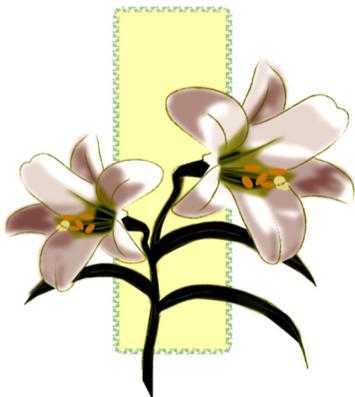
Bring candles for the procession at the Great Easter Vigil

Mass begins outside in the courtyard with the blessing of the Easter fire.

7:30 pm: We are offering an extra Easter Mass* in English, because there will be no overflow Masses on Easter Sunday due to the hall closure.

10:00 pm: The Great Easter Vigil* in Spanish

**Mass in the evening fulfills your Easter Sunday obligation.*



Easter Sunday

Mass at **5:30 am, 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish) 3:30 pm (Vietnamese) and 6:00 pm.**

We have added a "sunrise" Mass at 5:30 am and a "sunset" Mass at 6:00 pm on Easter Sunday. 7 children will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the 6:00 pm Mass. Expect the liturgy to be a bit longer than usual.

This Week

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Monday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Events:

Young Ladies' Institute meets at 1:30 pm in the Convent. All women are invited to come to deepen spiritual awareness, form enriching friendships, foster seminarian education, provide charitable support, and develop personal talents in the service of our parish and community.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Suggestion:

Register for a Small Group Bible Study at StMichaelLivermore.com/Discipleship. Groups will be forming the week of April 23 and will start the first week in May. Studies range from 5-8 weeks. Consider hosting a small group in your home!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Wednesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Suggestion:

As we approach the great Triduum, spend time with Jesus who is present in the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. The chapel is open 24/7. The outer door is locked at night, so please call 775-772-6369 in advance for the access code.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Holy Thursday

Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Events:

All School Mass at 8:30 am

See Holy Week Reminders on previous page

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Good Friday

Parish Offices Closed
Fast and abstain from meat

Readings: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42

Events:

Divine Mercy Novena: Pray for all mankind, especially all sinners.
See Holy Week Reminders on previous page

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Holy Saturday

Readings: *(see the Triduum Worship Aid in the church)*

Events:

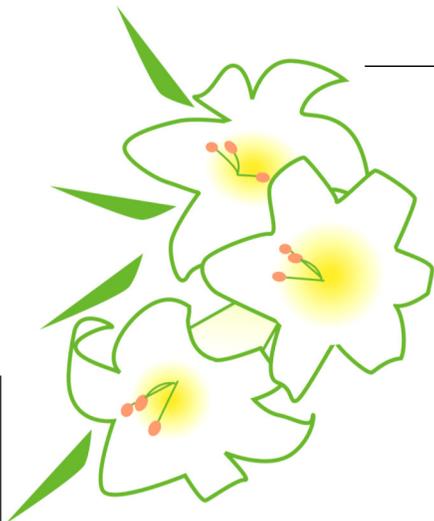
Divine Mercy Novena: Pray for souls of Priests and Religious

See Holy Week Reminders on previous page

Easter Sunday Reminders

We are expecting HUNDREDS of guests and visitors on Easter Sunday. Here are ways you can help welcome them:

1. **If you are able to walk**, please park in the overflow parking available at St Michael School, thanks to our Knights of Columbus, or on the side streets. This will free up parking for our guests.
2. **Consider attending** the "sunrise" Mass at 5:30 am or "sunset" Mass at 6:00 pm. This will allow more room at the mid-morning Masses for our guests.
3. **Scoot to the center of the pew**, to allow our ushers to more easily seat our guests.
4. **Smile and say hello** to someone you do not recognize!



Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Novena Starts on Good Friday, April 14

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena.

A brochure with the novena prayers is available near the doors at church.

Divine Mercy Sunday Sun, April 23 at 3:00 pm

Jesus said to St Faustina:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

Join us at 3:00 pm to sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Mass

Dress-a-Girl Sew-Fest Sat, April 22 9am-3pm

...at St Augustine's Hall 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton. We are always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations! If you can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please contact us for kits that you can sew from home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Fri – Sun, April 28 - 30

The Diocese of Oakland will host a post-abortion retreat in the Tri-Valley Area to offer hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment that will result in a life-changing transformation. Confidential sign-ups for women, men, and couples are happening now.

To register or find out more, contact Gloria Maldonado, 510-384-6875 or gloriamaldonado375@sbcglobal.net or visit AfterTheChoice.org.

Faith Formation Registration is Now Open!

Registration for Faith Formation for the 2017-2018 school year is now open. We have classes for first through eighth grade students. Please pick up your registration packet in the office or download it at StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

Are You Called to be a Catechist?

Helping the next generation of disciples grow in their faith is one of the most rewarding ministries! Prayerfully consider being that person who makes a difference in a child's life. Call 925-447-1585 for more info.



Easter Offerings

Did you have a powerful Lent?

Do you feel God working in your life?

In addition to your regular Sunday offering, prayerfully consider giving an Easter offering to St Michael's in thanksgiving.

Faith Direct is a safe and easy way to give financial offerings to St Michael Parish online with your credit/debit card or bank account. You can set up a one-time donation, weekly or monthly donations and even catch up on a second collection that you may have missed. Set up your account today at

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Próximos Eventos

Procesión de palma

Sábado, 8 de abril a las 7:00pm

Comenzaremos en el patio con el Evangelio, y luego procesaremos en la iglesia para continuar la misa.

En la Vigilia Pascual ...

Sábado, 15 de abril a las 10:00pm

Lleve velas para la procesión y botellas de agua bendita para llenar.

Reencuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Abril 28 a 30 del 2017

Date la oportunidad a ti y tu pareja de renovar tu matrimonio en el Reencuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas informacion llamar a 925-447-1585
Fr. Rafael Hinojosa

EDGE Grupo de Adolescentes

Jueves 6:30pm-8:00pm

Todos los adolescentes entre las edades de 11-15 años estan invitados a participar en nuestro grupo lleno de divertidas dinamicas y charlas. Para mas informacion Lupita Murillo: 925-784-5519



Semana Santa

13 de abril Jueves Santo

8:30 am Oración de la mañana
6:00 pm Misa en inglés
8:00 pm Misa en Español

14 de abril Viernes Santo

8:30 am Oración de la mañana
4:00 pm Representacion de las estaciones en Ingles
5:30 pm Servicio en inglés
6:00 pm Viacruzis
8:00 pm Servicio en español

15 de abril Sábado Santo

8:30 am Oración de la mañana
10:00 am Bendición de los alimentos de Pascua
5:30 pm Vigilia pascual (inglés) *
7:30 pm Misa de Pascua (Inglés)
10:00 pm Vigilia pascual (español) *
La misa comienza en el patio de la escuela.

16 de abril Domingo de Pascua

Misa en la Iglesia
5:30 am, 6:45 am, 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:00 am
3:30 pm (vietnamita)
y 6:00 pm.

Noticias Parroquiales

LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Jesús es la Palabra de Dios. Cuando leemos las Escrituras, pues, estamos literalmente teniendo un encuentro con Jesús. Es por eso que dedicar tiempo con la Palabra de Dios es una extraordinaria manera de orar. El Evangelio de hoy, la Pasión según san Mateo, nos anima a dedicar tiempo con nuestro Señor en los momentos más difíciles de su vida. Al leer y orar, podemos imaginar a Jesús sentado junto a nosotros. Podemos hablar con él así como nuestro mejor amigo, uno que nos pone atención. Jesús está fascinado por nuestras vidas y le encanta escuchar que compartamos con él nuestras experiencias.

AL CONVERSAR

Jesús reúne a sus amigos alrededor de una mesa para cenar. Podemos pensar en nuestras propias experi-

encias con amigos y familiares alrededor de una mesa, de nuestras veces cuando fuimos sin algo de comida que convidar o sin compañía. ? Tu Última Cena me recuerda de una vez cuando . . . [continúa con tus propias palabras] ? ¿Cómo te fue esa tarde Señor?

Jesús sabe que sus amigos más cercanos lo van a traicionar, abandonar y a negarlo. Trataremos de recordar momentos de soledad de nuestra propia vida, o en aquellas veces que pecamos hacia nuestros propios amigos. ? Tu historia trae a la mente momentos dolorosos, Señor . . . ? Ábreme tu corazón Jesús. Cuéntame acerca de tu agonía.

Jesús escucha a la multitud gritar que liberen a Barrabas. Pensemos de personas que han sido elegidas en lugar de nosotros, de aquellas veces que

hicimos lo posible para ser los primeros en medio de tantas otras personas.

? Hay lugares oscuros en mi corazón, Señor . . .

? Tu conocías los corazones de aquellos que te flagelaron Jesús. ¿Cómo le hiciste para perdonarlos?

Azotado, cansado y crucificado en medio de dos criminales, Jesús murió. Recordemos aquellas veces que nos ha tocado sufrir o acompañado a otros que sufren.

? Me siento triste, Señor . . .

? Tú oraste por mí en tus últimos momentos de vida Jesús. ¿Cómo puedo agradeceréte?

Lecturas de hoy

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Flp 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]

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01 **MEDITA EN LA PASIÓN**
Medita en la Pasión usando pasajes en la Biblia, los Misterios Dolorosos del Rosario, etc.

02 **BUSCA HACER SILENCIO**
Evita escuchar música, procura que tus conversaciones sean sobrias, evita asistir a fiestas o celebraciones.

03 **HAZ UN SACRIFICIO EXTRA**
Además del ayuno y abstinencia del Viernes Santo, haz otro sacrificio pequeño.

04 **ASISTE A LAS LITURGIAS**
Asiste en la medida de tus posibilidades e invita a tu familia y amigos.

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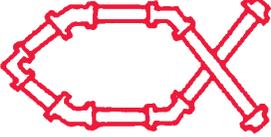
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6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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O San Miguel, Arcangel defiendenos la batalla. Se nuestra proteccion contra el mal y las trampas del Diablo; humildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda. O Principe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios echas a Satanas al infierno y a los espiritus que vagan por el mundo para arruinar las almas. Amén.

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