MARCH 29, 2015 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

GOSPEL SUMMARY: Mark 15:1-39

This Palm Sunday reading of the Passion of the Lord is taken from Mark's Gospel. It was the first written account of how Jesus suffered and died. It is also the shortest version of the Passion and is written almost like a newspaper story that presents "just the facts." The most important truth Mark wants to communicate is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose suffering leads to glory. When Jesus cries out from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1), he is praying in the words of the psalmist who continues to trust God even when all seems hopeless. As we read or listen to the Passion, we try to unite ourselves with Jesus and all those who suffer injustice in today's world.

PROPHETIC ANOINTING: The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How will you make preparations for the Triduum?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
Friday:	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins at sunset
Saturday:	Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

Thank you for your support of the annual Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart to build up the Church. The Appeal funds the services, ministries, programs, agencies and apostolates that meet critical spiritual, educational and social-service needs.

~May our efforts be blessed and may we grow as a unified and vibrant community of faith. ~

To date, **53** of our registered parishioner households have graciously responded to our appeal. To get to 50% participation, we need **132** pledges. Thank you to the **53** listed below for your generosity:

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FUNERAL MASS FOR GENEVIEVE CRAMER. A Rosary and Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Genevieve Cramer, mother of Theresa Mascarenas, will be held here at St. Pius X on Tues March 31 at 10:00AM with a reception to follow in Keenan Hall. ~ Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. ~

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Sat	Mar 28	Sunday Vigil/ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	5:00PM	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8:30AM	(SI) Bedria Ablahad
Sun	Mar 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	11:00AM	+James Kurupas
Sun	Mar 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	12:30PM	+Natalia Gonzalez
Mon	Mar 30	Monday of Holy Week		NO MASS
Tues	Mar 31	Tuesday of Holy Week	7:30AM	+Elizabeth Abbate
Wed	Apr 1	Wednesday of Holy Week	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Thurs	Apr 2	**HOLY THURSDAY**	6:00PM	+Joseph, +Irene and +Frank Vido
Fri	Apr 3	**GOOD FRIDAY/PASSION OF THE LORD (English)**	3:00PM	
Fri	Apr 3	**VIERNES SANTO DE PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR (ESPAÑOL)**	6:00PM	

1. **OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from **Mar 15** was **$4354.94.** Thank you for your love and support.
2. **TAX PREPARATION:** By Paul Agpaoa; 45 Years Tax Preparation Experience. Bring all your documents and last year's tax return to Paul in the church office on Sundays between 8:00AM and 10:00AM and have your taxes prepared. 100% of his fee is donated to St. Pius X Catholic Church of Jamul. Agpaoa Tax Services, 1442 Highland, National City, CA 91950 619-474-1547.
3. The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3 and Easter Monday April 6. The Office will reopen on Tues April 7 at 9:00AM

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION, a Pontifical Collection:

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit MyFranciscan.org/good-friday. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

Cinco de May is quickly approaching and plans are underway! Your monetary support in any amount, is encouraged to ensure that this year's FIESTA is a success.

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2 at 6:00PM (Bilingual)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction until 10:00PM in Keenan Hall

Good Friday—Passion of the Lord

Outdoor Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Friday April 3 at 3:00PM (English)

6:00PM (Spanish)

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil

April 4 at 7:00PM (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday

April 5 at 8:30AM and 11:00AM (English)

12:30PM (Spanish)