

GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us. There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price. True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do. Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do? ©LPi

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
March 22 & 29, 2020	
Envelope Giving	\$3,175
Plate Giving	
Online Giving	\$1,530.38
Total	\$4,705.38
Funds needed a week to meet operations	\$5,000
Overage/Deficit	-(294.62)

Request for Prayers

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- Bill Gray
 - Leonardo Cepeda
 - Sandra Altomare
 - Ignacio Bladimir Perez
 - Maria Gonzales
 - Edward Mazano
 - Joanne Hunt
 - Socorro Martinez
 - Ruth Ramirez
 - Fran Dreis
 - Julian Lorenzo
 - Helen & Buriel Smith
 - Brigida McInvale
 - Isla Gonzalez
 - David Parra
 - Brianna Parra
 - Elisha Parra
 - Jennifer Martinez
 - Claudia Barrera

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Accountable

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: “To whom are we accountable?” Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God’s call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened. However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

TRUST in the Lord with ALL your Heart

PALM SUNDAY

April 2020 EVENTS

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31			

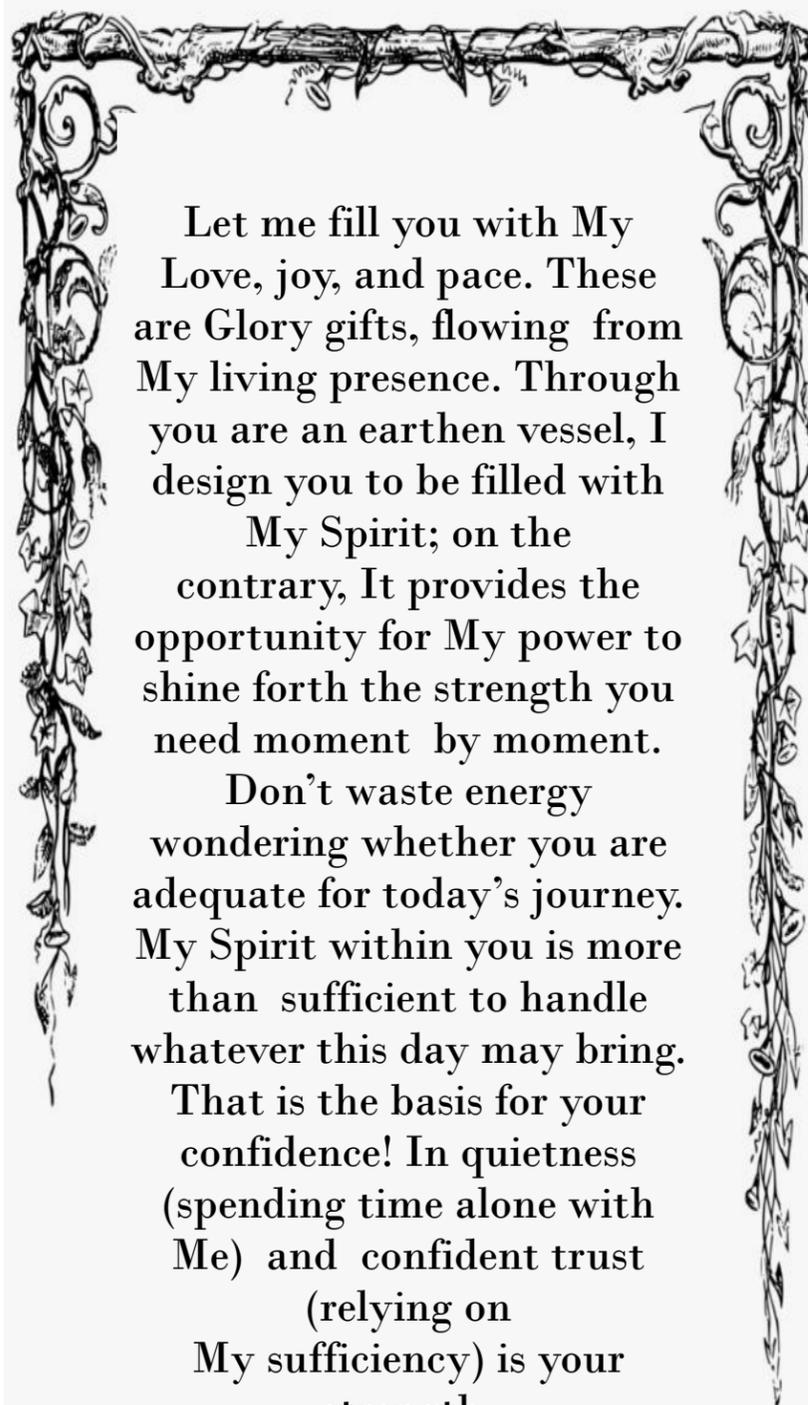
Mass 9:00am English
Misa 11:00am Español

3:00pm English
6:00pm Spanish

Good Friday

Easter Vigil
7:00pm

ABBREVIATIONS:
K of C- Knights of Columbus
GOLF - Generations of Living Faith
MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild



Let me fill you with My Love, joy, and peace. These are Glory gifts, flowing from My living presence. Through you are an earthen vessel, I design you to be filled with My Spirit; on the contrary, It provides the opportunity for My power to shine forth the strength you need moment by moment.

Don't waste energy wondering whether you are adequate for today's journey. My Spirit within you is more than sufficient to handle whatever this day may bring. That is the basis for your confidence! In quietness (spending time alone with Me) and confident trust (relying on My sufficiency) is your strength.

-Sarah Young
Jesus Calling
Enjoying His
Presence



Palm Sunday
Domingo de Ramos
April 5, 2020
9:00AM English
11:00AM Español

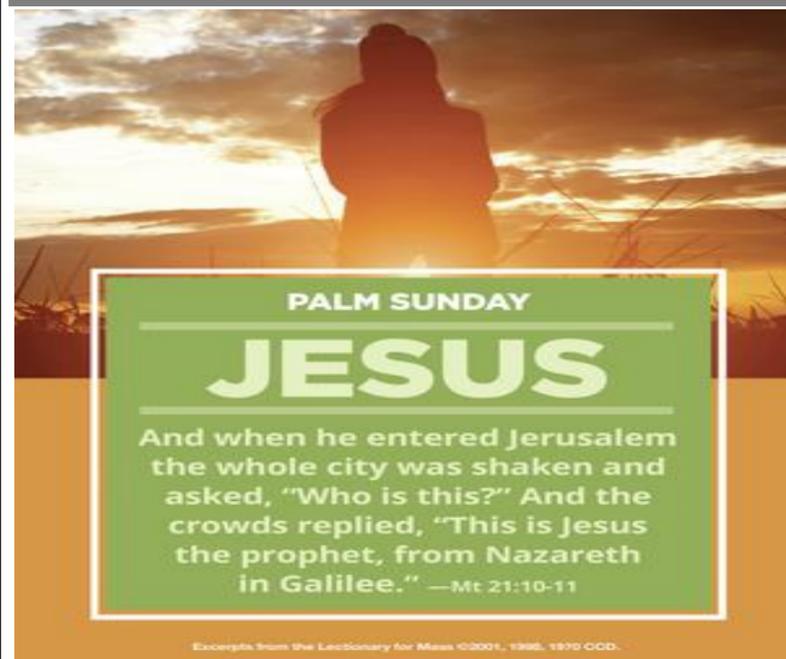
Holy Thursday/Jueves Santo
April 9, 2020
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00PM Bilingual

Holy Friday/Viernes Santo
April 10, 2020
Stations of the Cross
Passion of the Lord
3:00PM English
6:00PM Español

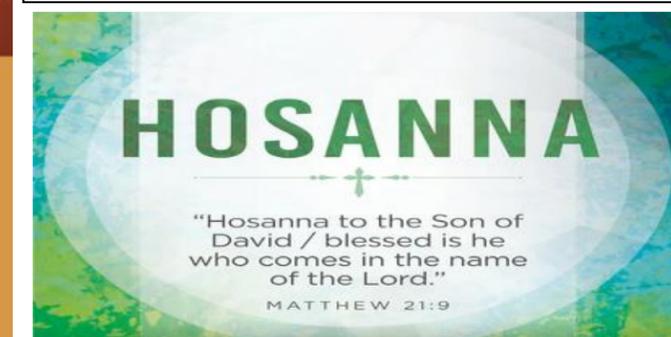
Easter Vigil/Vigilia Pascual
April 11, 2020
7:00PM Bilingual

Resurrection Sunday
Domingo de Resurrección
(Easter/Pascua)
April 12, 2020
9:00AM English
11:00AM Español

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pray for Bishop Robert Brom Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54	Pray for Rev. Charles Antony Maria Louis Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11	Pray for Rev. Daniel Anyanwu Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Pray for Rev. Alexander Aquino Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25	Pray for Rev Ruben Arceo Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15	Pray for Rev Dominic Asare, SVD Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42	Pray for Rev. John Auther, S.J. <small>Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10</small>



Observances for the week of April 5, 2020
 Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Monday:
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day
 Thursday: Holy Thursday
 Friday: Good Friday
 Saturday: Holy Saturday



LIVE THE LITURGY
 Listen carefully to the passion of Christ as it unlocks the door that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus's last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life's seemingly opposing experiences together, but He is the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering's loneliness and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
First Reading
 The prophet Isaiah speaks of his commitment to his calling regardless of the consequences he suffers. Who do you see today modeling this depth of faith?
Second Reading
 This Christological hymn in Philippians is one of the earliest attempts by believers to define who Jesus is. What do you find interesting or provocative about how Jesus is defined here?
Gospel Reading
 Matthew's passion narrative has a number of unique details, including the report of "the saints" rising from their tombs and appearing to "many" after Jesus' resurrection. What do you think Matthew was teaching us with the inclusion of this episode?

Why do we do that?

Question:
Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

Answer:
The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us. Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition. ©LPI

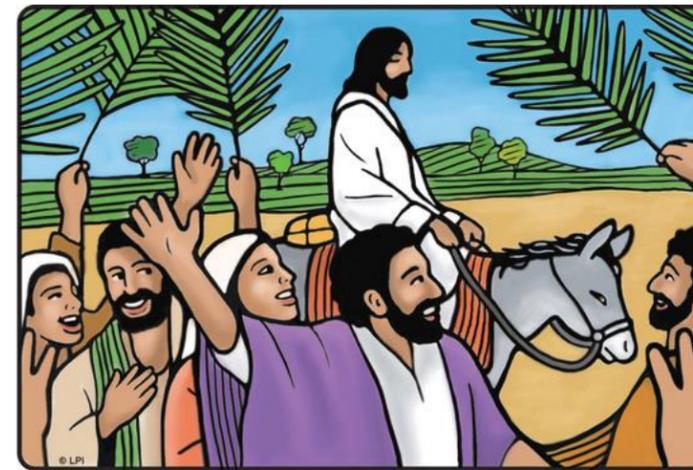
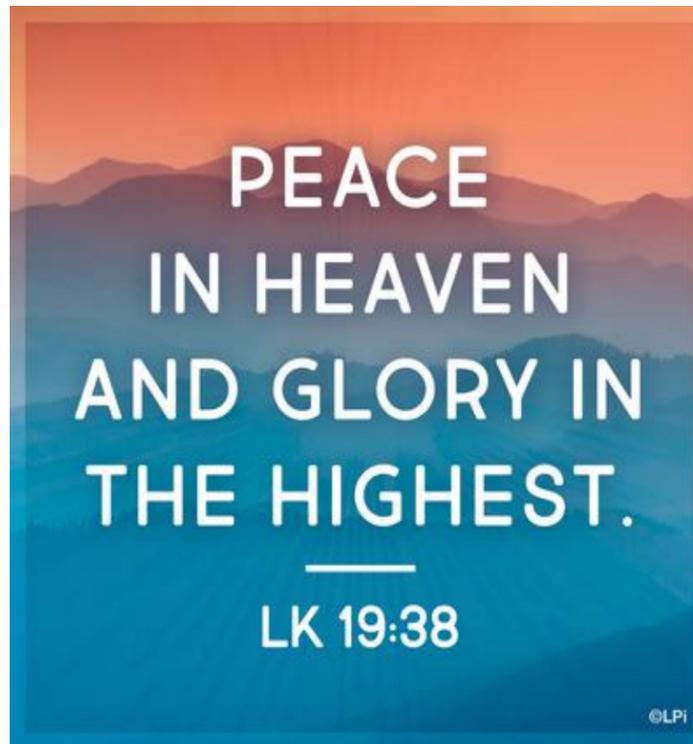


Our ACA Parish Goal for 2020 is \$38,000.00. so far we have a pledged amount of \$12,435 with \$4,590 as an Actual paid to date amount. Help us reach our goal for 2020 Turn in your pledge today!

A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things that renew Humanity.

MAY GOD BLESS:

- Robert Smull
- Patricia Konja
- Rodney Snow
- Leonard & Cyndie Dasho
- Joe & Linda Coppola
- Ray & Shelly Dexter
- Desmond & Rosa Fonseca
- James M & LaNelle Johnson
- Robert & Kimberly Perry
- Joe Toland
- Paul Ziegler
- Phyllis Antoine
- Gerald & Annette Antoine
- Rick & Roseann Rinear
- Eugene & Karen Bennett
- Cesar & Adriana Garcia
- Mary Altomare
- Pat Ray
- Jose & Alma Olivares
- Pat Nybo
- Elman & Socorro Martinez
- Javier Bravo
- David & Paula Block
- Arnold & Isabel Gerhardstein
- Laura Schneider
- Tom & Tammy Knapp
- Paul & Linda Wargo
- Barbara Boes
- Richard & Chelita Flores
- Ernest & Eileen Briesse



"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." — Mt 21:9-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD

If you can't go to confession, take your sorrow directly to God, Pope says



Pope Francis says: "People who cannot get to confession because of the coronavirus lockdown or another serious reason can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness,"

"This is the right time, the opportune moment. An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow."

The Pope says: "Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart."

Make an act of contrition and promise God, "'I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

"As the catechism teaches, you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think about it. This is the moment."

APRIL 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY

Masses will be livestreamed or taped as necessary and available on our website
www.stpiusxjamul.com
 or on the

Diocesan web-site
www.sdcatholic.org

Many other parishes will be streaming Daily Masses

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

— Mt 21:5

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