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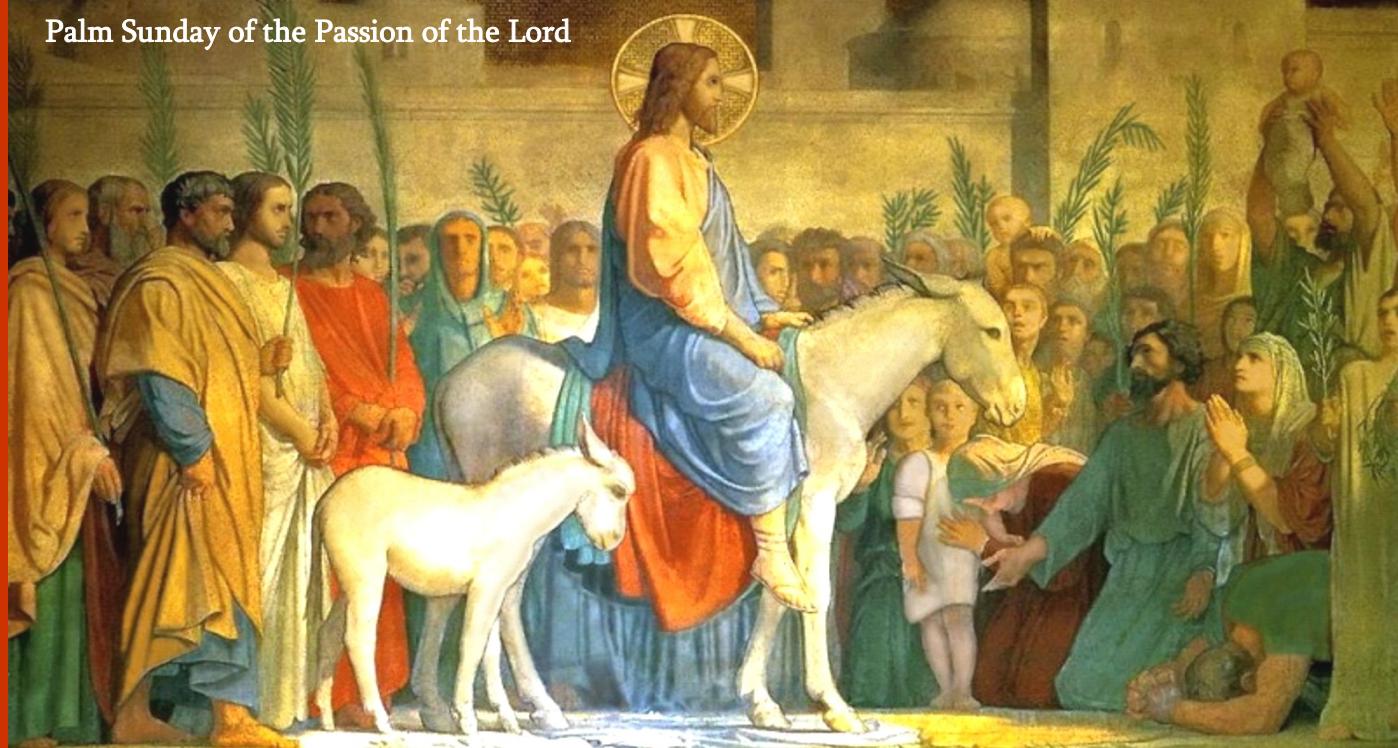
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## MASSES AND SERVICES

**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

**Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**

**And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday-Friday:** 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. (the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on our Facebook page AND on our YouTube channel).

**Monday & Thursday evenings:**

**Mass at 7:00 p.m. (also **LIVE STREAMED**)**

**CONFESIONS** under the red umbrellas on Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS:

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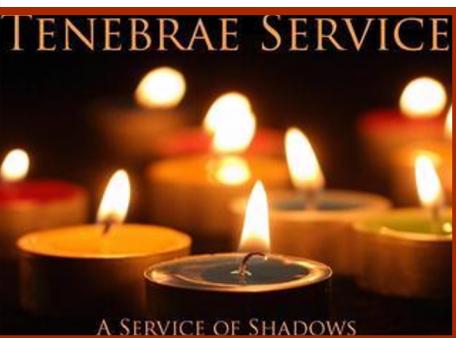
# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

**Blessed Holiest Week of the Year, everyone!**

No matter how our Lent has been going, whether excellently or not too well, this week is our chance to give Him our all, to ask for the grace to leave it all “out on the field,” not to hold anything back, as we enter with our Lord Jesus into His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. With this in mind, we will offer **extra confession times** on Tuesday and Wednesday, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Also, for those interested, besides the usual Holy Week devotions, we will be offering a **Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) Service** on **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and on Holy Thursday and Good Friday around**



**9:15 p.m.** Each evening will begin in darkness, with only the light of nine candles, and then we'll begin (Gregorian) chanting three Psalms, followed by a sung portion of the Lamentations of Jeremiah and a reading, three more Psalms, followed by another portion of the Lamentations and a reading, then three final Psalms, followed by a third portion of the Lamentations and a reading. After each reading, someone will come up and blow out a candle, so that by evening's end we will be sitting in a physical darkness that deepens our sharing in Jesus' Passion and Death.

If you have been counting the 40 days of Lent beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, then you know that Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday afternoon, when we get ready to begin the shortest and greatest AND most amazing liturgical season of the whole year: the Paschal Triduum—or the Three Days of the Lord’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection. But even though Lent ends on Holy Thursday, the Church encourages us to pray and fast and do works of mercy with even more fervor and discipline from Thursday evening after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper until the Easter Vigil (for us this year, the Vigil will begin at 8:00 p.m., to make sure it begins in actual darkness, as the liturgical guidelines require). You will also notice that the Triduum begins with no holy water in the fonts (even though this year we haven’t had any in the fonts because of Covid), and the Tabernacle will be wide open and empty. This is to remind us that all the Sacraments and sacramentals (little sacraments or encounters with the Risen Lord) receive their power from Jesus CRUCIFIED AND RISEN. So it doesn’t make sense to celebrate the Sacraments and sacramentals during the Three Days of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Toward that end, we will NOT be offering Mass or Confessions or any other Sacraments or sacramentals on Friday and Saturday, except in danger of death, until the Easter Vigil. And please do come to the Easter Vigil, especially if you have never been to one. It really is the “Mother of all Liturgies,” the “Source and Summit” of the whole liturgical year—and is exceptionally beautiful!!

Allow me to conclude with a reference to Holy Monday’s Gospel: “Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment” (John 12:3). Have you ever smelled the fragrance of chrism oil scented with balsam, like the oil used at Baptism and Confirmation? It smells wonderful, right? And remember how Mary’s sister Martha had said of her brother Lazarus’ death, “Lord, there will be a stench [if we open his tomb]” (John 11:39)? So, the death of Lazarus and our own deaths without Jesus smells horrible. But the death of Jesus smells wonderful! May that image—and fragrance—fill your Holy Week!! We Carmelite Friars all wish you a glorious Holy Week!!!

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,  
Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm  
Sunday

March 28



## CONFESIONS (Tuesday & Wednesday (March 30 and 31):

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. each evening

## MASSES & SERVICES:

NO morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday

### **Wednesday (March 31)**

**7:30 p.m.: \*Tenebrae Service (\*Latin for Darkness)**

### **Holy Thursday (April 1)**

**7:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration and...**

**9:15 p.m.: Tenebrae Service**

**ALSO... You're invited to the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel**

### **Good Friday (April 2)**

**12:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words; 1:00 p.m.: Way of the Cross;**

**2:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy; 3:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy at Cloistered Nuns' Carmelite**

**Convent; 7:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy (repeated); 9:15 p.m.: Tenebrae Service**

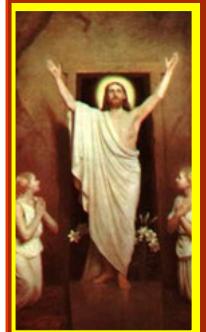
**ALSO... You're invited to the 3:00 p.m. Sacred Liturgy at the Nuns' Chapel**

**Holy Saturday (April 3): 8:00 p.m.: Solemn Easter Vigil Mass,  
beginning with the lighting of the Easter fire**

### **Easter Sunday (April 4)**

**Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass**

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April 4



Maundy  
Thursday

April 1



Good  
Friday

April 2



Holy  
Saturday

April 3



## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



DONALD H. CALLOWAY, MIC

## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

**PREPARATION SESSIONS** began last Wednesday for those wishing to be consecrated to St. Joseph on May 1st. You may still join the group on future **Wednesdays—at your choice of Noon or 6:00 p.m.**—in the Guadalupe Courtyard (enter on the parking lot side—near Adoration Chapel entrance). The first day of your preparation will actually begin on March

You may also prepare on your own by reading and praying through the book by Fr. Donald Calloway (shown to the left), which is available for purchase in the office for \$15 each. You can also find the book on Kindle (sold on Amazon, etc.).

# REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



Today, Palm Sunday, we are invited to follow Jesus throughout Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the **woman who poured oil on Jesus' head**, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or instead, like the Twelve after Jesus' arrest, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Mark (14:15:47). One thing unique about this reading is the emphasis on Jesus' being abandoned by His disciples. First, the leaders of the disciples—Peter, James, and John—cannot even support Jesus in His agony in the garden: they fall asleep—three times! Then there is Judas, who seeks out the chief priests to make a deal with them; Peter, who denies even knowing Jesus three times; and the disciples who flee when He is arrested. The crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for Him to be crucified. Even Simon

the Cyrenian had to be forced to help Him carry the cross.

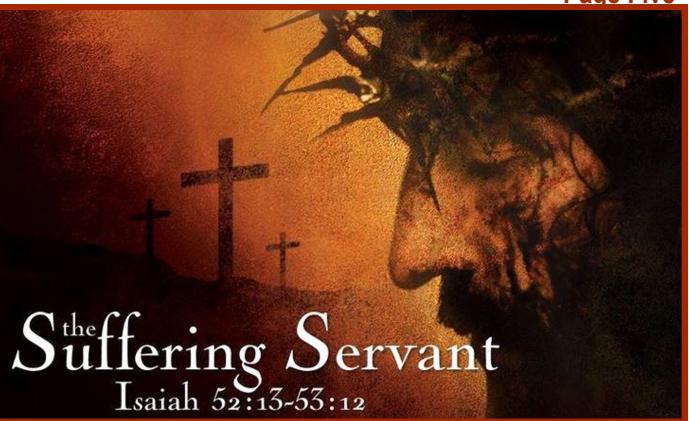
The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing His sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as the complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians (2:6–11). However, it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "Sad Week" or "Suffering Week," for each of the readings today—even the lamentations of the Psalm—ends in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of the risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with Him through these days.

Though it is Palm Sunday, the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, in which we follow Jesus from His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to His crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week. The first reading from the book of Isaiah (50:4–7) gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person and is a pre-figuration of Jesus. The refrain for the Psalm (22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24) is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

Of the Passion narratives in the four Gospels, they all agree on the main events—the Last Supper shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, praying in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—but each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper (John names her as Mary of Bethany—Lazarus' sister—and has her anointing His feet instead of His head). All the Gospels have this scene in them, but only Mark has it taking place just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for His burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in His presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on His head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve have abandoned Him and seem to be long gone.

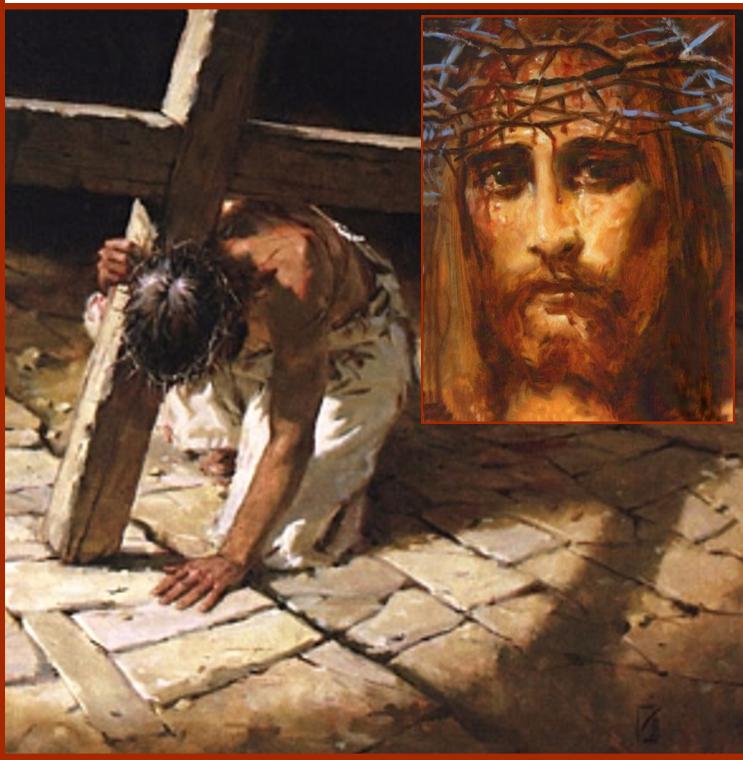
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What does this tell us? With friends like these, who needs enemies? No, the point is that Jesus died specifically for these people, not because they were once friends, but because they were sinners who needed salvation. All but one of them ended up as saints. The one who didn't was Judas, who gave up on Jesus instead of coming back to Him for forgiveness (Archbishop Sheen says Judas—unlike Peter's remorse after his denial—"repented unto himself," meaning his sorrow was only for himself and not for Jesus). When we find ourselves in sin, when we think that everything we do is wrong, or when we think we can't possibly deserve to be loved by God—that is when God can help us most, IF we just stop hating ourselves and start loving and trusting the Lord. It is not the time to pretend we have avoided the big sins, or to brag about some of the good we may have done.



Instead of trying to convince God that we deserve His mercy, we simply need to agree that we require His mercy and help. God loves sinners who know they need His forgiveness and also know that they don't deserve it.

Perhaps you have already been forgiven and are now wondering what's next? Remember the ones you would not expect to support Jesus: The centurion supervising His crucifixion proclaims Him "Son of God" and a member of the Sanhedrin gives Jesus a burial place. These were people who did not claim to be worthy but just did what they could to show their love. Ask Jesus each morning when you wake up, "What can I do for you today?" and then do what you can.



# Mass & Prayer Nights

- MONDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every MONDAY evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching (indoors!)
- TUESDAY NIGHTS:** For those wishing to celebrate Mass in Spanish, join us on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every THURSDAY evening to refresh your soul! The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration
- SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER:** Join us LIVE (outside) OR via ZOOM for Fr. Thomas' HEALING PRAYER TRAINING. Training is held on Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (join anytime during that time slot). Here is the link:



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The Nuns at the Carmel of St. Teresa are deeply grateful for all of your donations to the Fr. Jerome Appeal. These contributions will certainly help them with their ongoing expenses. Unlike our household bills, when their bills arrive they, are in the thousands of dollars.



Entrance Day of Sr. Faustina OCD

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God bless each of you!

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends.

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Due to the printing schedule of the bulletin publishing company, this issue was submitted on March 19, so it does not contain the totals for the weekend of March 20/21.

February 20 / 21.....	\$19,038.00
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March 7 / 8.....	\$14,589.00
March 13 / 14.....	\$22,832.00

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# Mass Intentions

## For Holy Week March 27 through April 3, 2021

### Saturday:

5:00 pm: Sr. Carmela of the Bl. Sacrament, OCD, INT  
Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 am: Otto & Martha Lacayo, INT

9:00 a.m.: Kevin Lazatin, INT

11:00 a.m.: Lucy Tittmann, B-Day INT

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Virgilio & Martita Lopez, 68th Anniv INT

### Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Georgia M. Townsend, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

**8:00 a.m.: Lopez Cifuentes Family, INT**

### Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Pat Frederickson, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Arturo Esteban, RIP

**8:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT**

### Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Arturo Esteban, RIP

\*7:30 am: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

**8:00 a.m.: Henry Guanzon, RIP**

### Holy Thursday:

\*5:00 p.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

**7:00 p.m.: Carmelite Friars of the CA-AZ Prov INT**

### Good Friday:

No Masses

### Holy Saturday:

6:00 p.m.: Carmelite Community (**Private**)

8:00 p.m.: Arenas Ortega Family INT

\*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,  
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## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

**8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and 7:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday evening Masses (and any other special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those not attending)—links on our website's home page (top left column).**



# EASTER FLOWERS

In order to decorate the church (and the outside worship area) for Easter, we are in need of donations for Easter Flowers. Please help by picking up one of the flower envelopes, which are available on the tables at the entrances to the church and under the tent outside.

# DEATHS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**† JOSEPH CAN KIM DANG**

Father of Sr. Kim Marie, OCD

**† BARBARA SAWAYA**

Sister of Therese Sawaya

# FEAST OF FAITH

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights. It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was arrested—the night He gave Himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we venerate the Cross—the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.



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**WHY IS IT?**