

# PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

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*Dear Parishioners,*



Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:50)

Saints like Ignatius Loyola and Teresa of Ávila have taught that using our imagination in prayer can help us to grow in our faith. So let's take their advice today as we read the passion of our Lord.

First, picture yourself with Jesus as he is arrested and brought before the chief priests. Listen as they level false charges against him. See him mourn over the way these men are bound in anger and hatred toward him.

Next, picture Jesus being humiliated by the soldiers. Watch as they spit upon him, mock him, and beat him. The challenge to hold his peace is overwhelming, but Jesus remains resolute and focused on his mission.

Now picture him at Calvary. He is exhausted. His body is wracked with pain and weariness. Nails have pierced his hands and feet. The pain sears through his body as the soldiers raise the cross. The suffering is enormous as the crowd continues to jeer and hurl accusations against him. Nonetheless, Jesus looks at us with compassion, understanding, and mercy. He will not accuse! He will not condemn! All he wants is our salvation.

Watching Jesus as he nears the end, you hear him speak to one of the thieves crucified with him. You think to yourself, "Even now he is still leading people to his Father!" Finally, you hear him cry out in a loud voice as he hands over his spirit—for you.

These are only a few of the events that encompass Jesus' passion. Try to read and reflect on these scenes, or choose some other scenes from today's Gospel: the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, or Peter's denial. Contemplate the passion story today. Let it move you to treasure Jesus above all others. This is the greatest story ever told.

"Jesus, I am overwhelmed by the love you poured out for me in your passion and death. Thank you, Lord."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriquez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

You can support the Archdiocese Keep Kids Safe Campaign. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Archdiocese is providing all parishes and schools with the 2017 Prevent Child Abuse Resource Packet. Included, this year, is the "Keeping Kids Safe" pinwheel stickers, decorations and children's activities, which are a symbol of childhood and represents every child's right for a life filled with hope, health and happiness. Through this campaign, we provide another opportunity to transform awareness into action. For more information on how to have your parish, school or family be a part of this important campaign, visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

### HOLY WEEK MASSES

**Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

**Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Holy Land Collection*

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1:30 PM*

*Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM*

**Good Friday Lenten Fish Fry**

*Friday from 3 to 6:30 PM*

**Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**

*Easter Vigil Service and Mass*

**Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

*8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM*

On **Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday** during the singing of the "Gloria" bells will ring. You are invited to bring bells from home to the services.



### Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 Transfiguration is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children. Please bring candy and plastic eggs to the rectory office. **NO JELLY BEANS OR UNWRAPPED CANDY** because it's unsanitary to handle. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Easter Flower Offering

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter. Envelopes are at the church exit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

### Your help is needed...

A parishioner is looking to rent a 1 or 2 bedroom house or duplex. If you know someone with such a place please call 323.292.8520. Movers are also needed if you can help.

### Blessings to Iris Turner

who celebrates her birthday on  
Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.  
*From your church family!*



### Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Mt 21:1-11, Ps 22:8-24, Mt 26:14-27, 66
Monday	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-14, Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12, Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1-2:2, Mt 28:1-10
Sunday	Acts 10:34a-43, Ps 118:1-23, Jn 20:1-8

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday April 8</b>	
5:15 PM	Soul of Robert Evans and Intention of Mabel Walton
<b>Sunday April 9</b>	
8:00 AM	Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Angela Dupré
<b>Sunday April 16</b>	
8:00 AM	Soul of Learie Apparicio
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

### Weekly Offering

**April 2, 2017**

\$8,185.37 Tithe and Offering  
165.00 Building Fund  
45.00 "We Care"



The school offering for the month of March is \$1,838.56.

### Phil's Camino

Bible Study completes the Lenten reflection of **The Way** with a viewing of **Phil's Camino**, about real-life cancer patient Phil who walked the pilgrimage El Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Everyone is welcome Monday, April 10 at 7PM in the hall.

### A call for Prayer

Please keep Fr. Michael Tang, former Pastor of Transfiguration in your prayers as he continues to recover from a serious horse accident. Father was scheduled for surgery this past Thursday. If you wish to send get well cards you may drop it off in our rectory office or please send to:

**St. Mark's Church, 940 Coeur D Alene, Ave. Venice 90291**

### Casino Trip

The Ladies Auxiliary invites you to **Barona Casino** on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Departing at 8:30 AM from Transfiguration Roxton Side. Estimated departure from Barona Casino is 4PM. \$25.00 per person... Call Geraldine Buffett 310.323.9491, Gerry Richardson 310.671.2569 or Lois Chargois 323.296.7451.