



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 9, 2017**

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.
— *Philippians 2:9*

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tues: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thurs: Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:12-16, 17-18; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri: Is 52:13- 53:12; Ps 31:2,6,12-16,17,25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1- 19
Sat: a) Gn 1:1- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11;g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **April** offerings:

4/2: 1st Collection: \$2598. Operating Expenses: \$1257.
4/9: Catholic Relief Services/Home Missions.
4/14: Holy Land (Good Friday). 4/16: Capital Expenditures & Easter Sunday.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 5/10/17, at 10:30AM in Hall

Finance Council: Mon., 6/5/17, at 1:30PM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Dolores, 874-6072

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30 AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM Mass, at St Philip Hall



Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., April 8, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., April 9, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., April 9, 9:30am Mass
Sun., April 9, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Mon., April 10, 9am Mass for Papke family special intention
Tues., April 11, 9am Mass
Wed., April 12, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Simpson
Thurs., April 13, HOLY THURSDAY 7pm Mass, Occidental
Fri., April 14, GOOD FRIDAY 12noon Service, Bodega
Sat., April 15, HOLY SATURDAY 8pm Easter Vigil Mass, Occidental
(No 5pm at St. Teresa Church, Bodega)
Sun., April 16, 8am EASTER Mass, Occidental
Sun., April 16, 9:30am EASTER Mass, Bodega
Sun., April 16, 11:15am EASTER Mass, Occidental
Mon., April 17, NO MASS

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Saturday: Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Prayer Requests: Nina Mikolasko, Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Nino S., Maureen Shaw, Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Don Collins, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Michael & Sherry Smith, Sheila Hansen, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Fr. Sergott, Barbara, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Jennifer Trentham, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection;
through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Roman Missal*

RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

—Walter Raleigh

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adams' original photograph of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. Only 500 prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a tax deductible donation of \$175. Please contact a restoration committee member for your limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

Looking for a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one? The Rural Food program has a beautifully designed card that is sent to the recipient indicating that you made a gift to the program. The cards are available on pamphlet tables at both St. Philip & St. Teresa Churches or by contacting Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator, at roddemar@comcast.net.

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for MARCH 2017

On March 14 we welcomed 100 families representing 146 adults, 44 children, and 33 seniors for a total of 223 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

Thanks to a grant from the Frietas Family Foundation we were able to purchase two 22 cubic feet chest freezers that are located in the basement of the rectory. These units are energy efficient and will enable us to purchase more frozen protein items and prepared meals for our Rural Food clients.

We need more volunteers on Monday to help unload our storeroom and delivery truck as well as set up the Parish Hall for the Tuesday distribution. Also help is needed on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 8, from 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, April 10, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 11, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients

Catholic Charities TOUR DATES

Join us for a tour of programs, meet some of the people we serve, and learn about all the ways Catholic Charities serves our diocese.

Tours last only an hour... the experience lasts a lifetime.

Please call 707-528-8712 x161 to reserve your spot.

Tours are held at the Family Support Center, SR

Flowers for the Altar at Easter

There are envelopes at the entrance table if you would like to make a donation towards our Easter floral decoration at church. Just drop the envelope in the collection basket or send to the office.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 13: Holy Thursday

7pm Mass at St. Philip Church, Occidental

April 14: Good Friday Service

12noon at St. Teresa Church, Bodega (Passion of Lord)

April 15: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

8pm at St. Philip Church, Occidental
(No 5pm at St. Teresa Church, Bodega)

April 16: Easter Sunday Masses

8am Mass at St. Philip Church, Occidental
9:30am at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
11:15am Mass at St. Philip Church, Occidental

Parish Kitchen and Hall Use: Our Hall Coordinator, Hal McGuirk, is in charge of scheduling all kitchen and hall requests. Please contact Hal at 874-3304 in advance to get necessary information about availability and regulations. Thank you.

Tables/Chairs Use: Reserve ahead; call Hal and Office.

Empowering Justice in a Divided World

Speaker/Writer from Ireland: Diarmuid O'Murchu

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

7-9pm Cost: \$10

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

10am-3pm

Cost: \$30 for both Tuesday & Wednesday

Please bring your own bag lunch

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Pope Francis Tweet

"When the Holy Spirit abides in our hearts, it is he who makes us understand that the Lord is near and takes care of us."

"Faith, Hops & Love":

A Fun-rai\$er Night to Benefit Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

Enjoy a wonderful evening of friends, faith, food and of course great beer at Lagunitas Brewing in Petaluma on Friday, April 21st at 6pm. Tickets cost just \$12 (Must be 21) and include food and music. For tix and info, search online: "Santa Rosa Catholic Events."