



Sunday, March 24th, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Lord Passion

Holy Family Church

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Rev. Joseph Son Nguyen, Pastor

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday –Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 8:15a.m

Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month 12:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 9:00am-9:30am / First Fridays 9:00am-9:30am

2024 Pastoral Services Appeal

This appeal supports the pastoral services of our Diocese of Orange and special projects in our parish, as well.

These ministries and services include Catholic Education, Catholic Charities of Orange County, Seminarian Formation, Vocations, The Permanent Diaconate, Priest Retirement, and so much more. In fact, for every dollar given, 95 cents go directly to fund the vital initiative in our local Church.

Our required contribution to this appeal in 2024 is \$41,000.00. Any contribution above this amount goes back to our parish, where you continue to see significant improvements. You can make a one-time donation or a pledge which could be fulfilled over the course of the year. You might have received the PSA envelope by mail or there are pledge envelopes in our church pews. After you have filled out the PSA envelope, you may drop it in the Sunday collection, mail it to the Collection Center, or enter the information online. There is a video and link in our website **www.holyfamilysb.com**. Thank you for your participation.

News from Our Diocese

- On March 28, the Diocese of Orange will be hosting the 3rd annual Holy Thursday “Visitation of Seven Churches” tradition. Last year, more than 35 parishes/community centers around our Diocese participated and hundreds of faithful drove around Orange County to visit and spend time with the Lord. Our church will be participating this year! **For the list of churches participating, please visit rcbo.org/visitation or get the list at our parish office.**
- Christ Cathedral is hosting a Bible study series presented by Fr. Timothy Peters titled “**Encountering Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John**” on the four Fridays in April. Call (714) 971-2141 for more information.
- Trinitas Arts Conservatory**, a joint program of Rosary Academy and Servite High School, invites you to attend their spring musical “Hello, Dolly!” This beloved classic is a heartwarming musical about matchmaker Dolly Levi, who ingeniously meddles in the lives of the people of New York City and Yonkers, all while finding love for herself. Come see our talented students from **May 9 to May 12**. Tickets are available at trinitasarts.org.

“Fasting” doesn’t mean eating fast food!



Your Contributions- Thank you

Sunday, March 17, 2024: \$4,209

Online Giving: \$842.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ! (Catholic Reflections)

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him. Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives. As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way. Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised, and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him. *My suffering Lord, I worship You and praise You with all my heart. As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover, You intended to give new power to that celebration by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb. May I always worship You Who suffered for me and give to You all that I endure in life to be transformed by Your saving act. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Holy Week Schedule

- **Holy Monday thru Wednesday,
March 25th to March 27th**

Mass: 8:30 a.m.

- **Holy Thursday, March 28th**

**Morning Prayer (no morning Mass):
8:30 a.m.**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 4:00 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion,
March 29th**

**Morning Prayer (no morning Mass):
8:30 a.m.**

Good Friday Liturgy: 3:00 p.m.

- **Holy Saturday, March 30th**

**Morning Prayer (no morning Mass):
8:30 a.m.**

**Easter Vigil Mass:
6:00 p.m. (NO 4:00 P.M. Mass)**

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Masses:

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

& 12:00 noon

Prayer Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:30 a.m. March 25

Peter Hoang Nhue, RIP

Ricardo Talavera, RIP

Andy Maffucci, Sp. Int.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. March 26

Anna Luong Dinh, RIP

William "Bill" Nelson, RIP

Rosario Cabanela, RIP

Jose, Sp. Int.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. March 27

Marylin Ranta, RIP

David Steffen, Sp. Int. Birthday

Shirley Judge, Sp. Int

Linda Kadlac, Sp. Int.

Holy Thursday 4:00 p.m. March 28

Clemente Lazatin, RIP

Irene Diep, Sp. Int.

The Maffucci Family, Sp. Int.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. March 30

Rosemary Remulla, RIP

Easter Vigil Saturday 6:00 p.m. March 30

Ricardo Talavera, RIP

Irene Diep and family, Sp. Int.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. March 31

Severino and Nieda Tabios, RIP

Jim Kaspar, RIP

Rosemary Remulla, RIP

Sharon Nguyen, Sp. Int.

Madelene Diep, Sp. Int.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. March 31

Adam Lukasik, RIP

Betty Esparza, Sp. Int.

Sunday 12 Noon March 31

Josephine Chris, Sp. Int.

Geri Kearns, Sp. Int.