

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

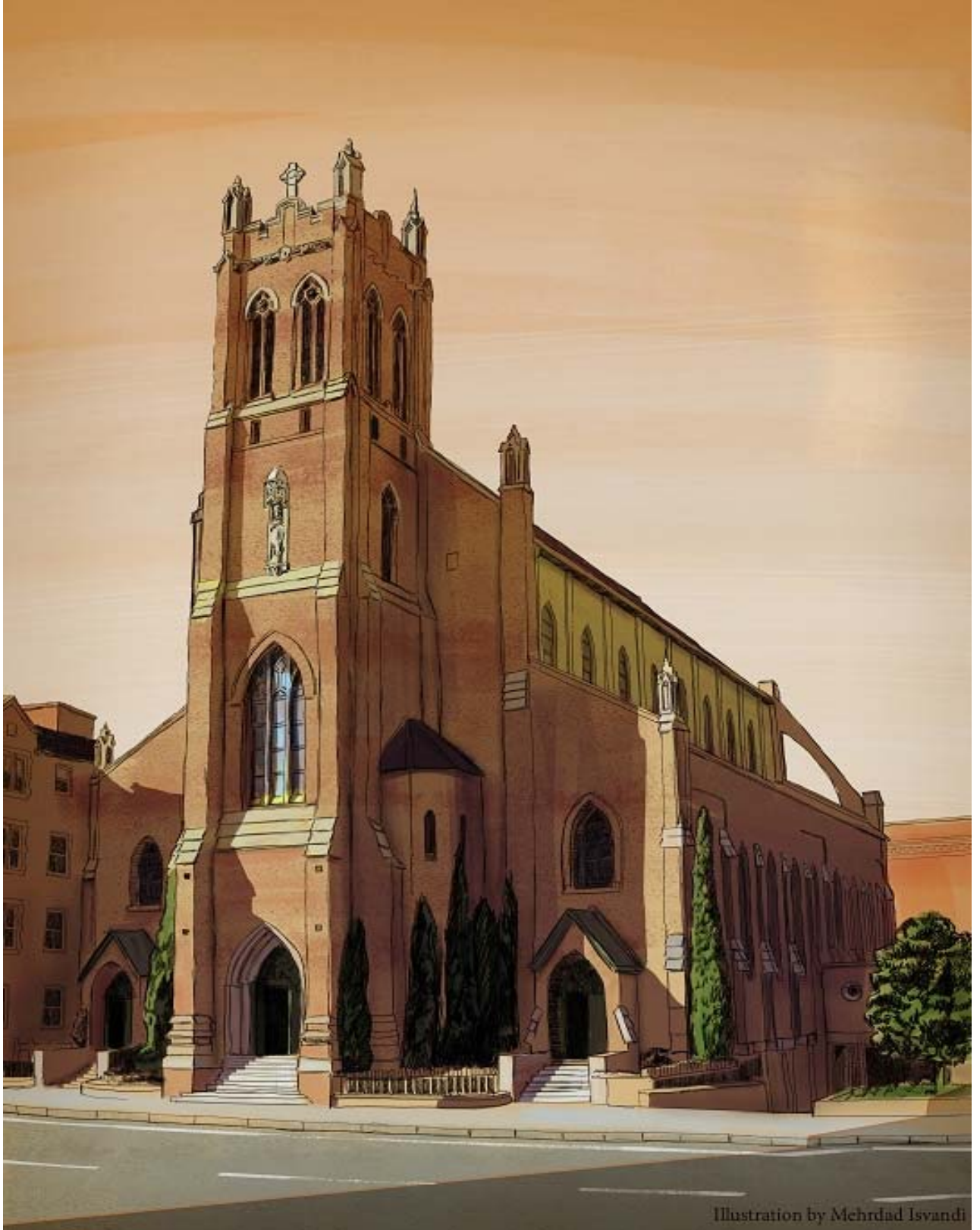


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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Encounter With the Cross

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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Our Fascinating Faith

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost.

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Who is Jesus to me?

Who is Jesus to me? Jesus is the Word made Flesh. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the victim offered for our sins on the cross. Jesus is the sacrifice offered at holy Mass for the sins of the world and for mine. Jesus is the Word-to be spoken. Jesus is the Truth-to be told. Jesus is the Way-to be walked. Jesus is the Light-to be lit. Jesus is the Life-to be lived. Jesus is the Love-to be loved.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



Palms

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If you have any damaged blessed items, including statues and Bibles, as well as sacramentals, such as crucifixes and rosaries, please feel free to drop them off in our gift shop. We'll make sure they are disposed of properly and respectfully.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Sheryl Magbitang	3/29	Corazon Hagape	4/3
Kezia Lenon	3/31	Brianna Marcos	4/3
Kooleen Carabbas	4/1	Alannie Grant	4/4
Menavir Lenon	4/2	Miguel Herrera	4/4
Cjay Martin	4/3	Mnormandy Nangca	4/4
Justin Agregado	4/3		

No 2:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday

We will NOT have our usual 2:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday here at St. Patrick.

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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St. Patrick 175th Anniversary Gala

From humble beginnings on 4th St here in San Francisco way back in 1851, we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a parish on June 6, 2026.

Dinner tickets for \$100 may still be available

from the various parish organizations

Raffle tickets are still available from the parish office (\$25 for a booklet of three, sold as booklets only)

Sponsorships are also available in our Gala program. Please contact the parish office for more details.

As part of our Gala celebration, on Sunday, May 31st, we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses which will coincide with our ministry fair. Come and see what's going on ministry-wise at St. Patrick. You just might find something that will inspire you to join. See some old friends, make some new friends, have some coffee and donuts, and maybe join a parish organization. What could be better than that!!

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

FATHER HARRY

God Squad
PRODUCTIONS

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospital-

ized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

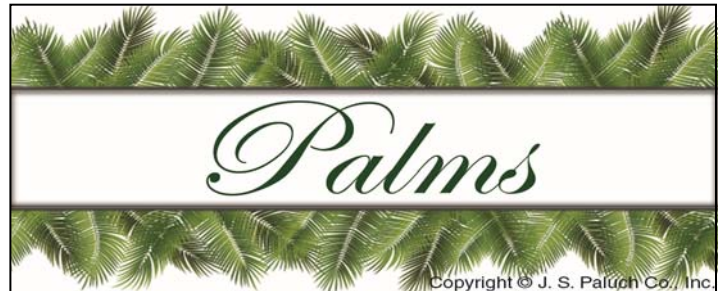
KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to *FatherHarry.org*. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

Beware of Scams

Please be informed that no priest from St. Patrick will ever ask for gift cards, checks, or any form of personal financial assistance. Be aware that scammers may use our email addresses or impersonate our clergy in an attempt to deceive you. If you receive any suspicious messages requesting money or personal information, do not respond and report immediately. Your safety and security are our priority. Thank you for your vigilance.



Living God's Word

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.

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Mass Intentions for Mar 29 - Apr 04

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 29	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI All Parishioners of St. Patrick BD Beatriz Sanchez † Cirila Monis SI Georgina Jose
Monday 30	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG Cecilia Abaoag † Jo Tjin Thoy † Dionisio Mendaros
Tuesday 31	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Burson Family SI Edgardo & Socorro Kalaw † Ponciano & Marlene Icatar
Wednesday 01	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Apolinar & Lita De Guzman BD Maria Oria BD Manavir Lenon
Thursday 02		
Friday 03		
Saturday 04		

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



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Important Dates to Remember

March 30, Monday of Holy Week
7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

March 31, Tuesday of Holy Week
† Perpetual Help Devotion only after 12:10 p.m. Mass †
7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

April 1, Wednesday of Holy Week
7:30 a.m. Mass
12:10 p.m. Mass
5:15 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Agape/Seder Supper – Bitanga Hall
~ **EASTER TRIDUUM** ~

April 02 ~ Holy Thursday
Only one Mass today at 5:15 p.m.
9:00 a.m.: Community Morning Prayer (Lauds)
5:15 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction
Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Parish Family Holy Hour

April 03 ~ Good Friday
(No Masses today)
9:00 a.m.: Community Morning Prayer (Lauds)
Confessions ~ 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.: Seven Last Words
1:45 p.m.: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 04 ~ Holy Saturday
9:00 a.m.: Community Morning Prayer (Lauds)
8:00 p.m.: THE EASTER VIGIL
Salubong after the Mass

April 05 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~ ALLELUIA!!
NO 2:00 p.m. or 5:15 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday

April 12 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday
May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Feb 26 – Apr 16 Life Giving Wounds online support group for adults with divorced or separated parents. Thursdays (except 4/2), 5:15 – 7:00pm PT. This support group offers adult children of divorce or separation an opportunity to begin or deepen their healing journey in communion with one another under the guidance of LGW leaders and expert speakers. Retreat Info & Registration: lifegivingwounds.org/online-support-group

Apr 11 annual Archdiocesan Catholic Women's Conference, A Retreat with the Merciful Heart of Jesus, Star of the Sea Church (4420 Geary Blvd, SF). Featuring Fr. Jim McCormack, and Sister Inga Kvassyova. Day includes opportunities for Reconciliation, and 4:30pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, an opportunity to receive the Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence for the "Feast of Mercy." Registration opens soon

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~ Philipians 2:9

Resurrection to Come

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

~ Walter Raleigh

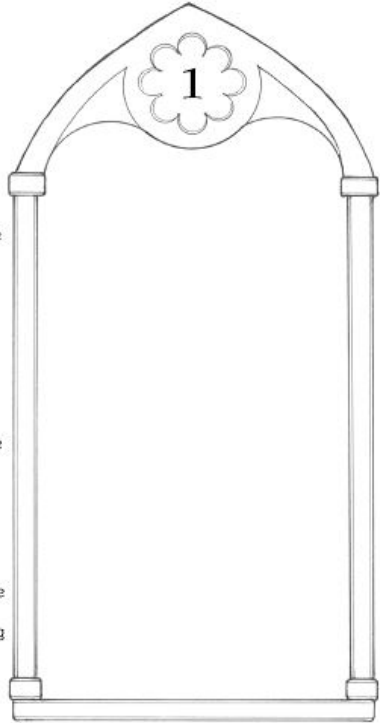
CATHOLIC CORNER

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

This Sunday, we will focus on an unusual addition to today's liturgy. On Palm Sunday the first reading we hear is one of two Gospels. The first (Matthew 21:1-11) tells the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. In it we hear the people praising Jesus, crying out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." We repeat those words at every Mass. Listen for them the next time you are at Mass.

The second Gospel, a very long reading (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66), tells the story of the Passion, that is, the suffering and death of Jesus. The same people who acclaimed Jesus in the first Gospel turned against him. Now instead of praising him they shouted, "Let him be crucified." Pilate listened to the people and ordered that Jesus be crucified. We remember that verdict in the first Station of the Cross: Jesus Is Condemned to Death.

One day during this Holy Week make a visit to church and find the first station. Take this paper with you and in the frame draw what you see in that station. Take some time to visit all the stations, thinking about how much Jesus loved us.



The Little Ones

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon;
this man they pressed into service
to carry his cross. Mt 27:32

Y cuando salían, hallaron a un hombre de Cirene llamado Simón,
al cual obligaron a que llevara la cruz. Mt 27:32

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Palm Sunday

Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 29, 2026

Pastor Al™



"It's amazing, Mom... you're the only person I know who can make balloon animals while weaving palms."

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Hosanna!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer’s willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today’s feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ’s victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day’s opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday’s joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

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Both/And

On the whole, we don’t think too highly of donkeys. Nevertheless, these animals have served humans for the last six thousand years, as pack animals or for people transport, and for all kinds of heavy agricultural work. Donkeys work very hard but they have a reputation for being stubborn and unintelligent. In ancient Israel a person riding on a donkey indicated wealth and status in much the same way luxury cars might do today. Ordinary people went everywhere on foot. Horses at that time were used solely for war, and only powerful kings such as Solomon could afford them. Jesus is described as riding on a young donkey into Jerusalem, which would have been appropriate for him as a descendant of the royal House of David. The crowd, if only temporarily, acknowledged Jesus as king, probably hoping he would start a violent revolt and overthrow their Roman conquerors. In later times, this same account of the Messiah riding on a donkey came to have the opposite emphasis, indicating Jesus’ simple, sober way of life, avoidance of luxury and status, and his perfect humility. The truth is that Jesus is both. He is the one who took “the form of a slave . . . humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,” and also the one whom “God greatly exalted” in kingly glory (Philippians 2:7, 8, 9). As we walk through this week, following Jesus to Calvary and beyond, we know that his suffering mirrors our own, but we also know that we are the sons and daughters of the heavenly king who has ransomed us from death and sin. Take time this week to walk with Jesus in prayer until you stand in your heart at the foot of the cross, where you can say like the centurion, “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (Matthew 27:54).

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My Will Be Done

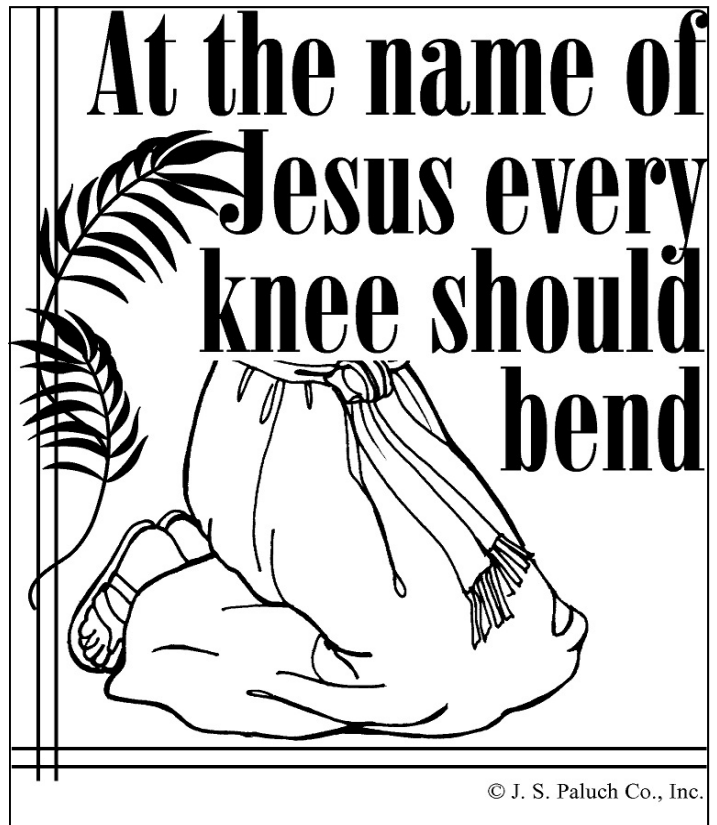


One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. That might sound odd, considering how the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is in distress. I suppose I could identify with them as they show weakness when Jesus needed strength. But I am really comforted by Jesus’ words. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, “not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39), I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it’s comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father’s will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord’s Prayer we pray, “Thy will be done.” But how often do we still take the easy way out? Ever hear someone tell a lie or spreading gossip that hurts a person’s reputation? We can choose to do nothing (the easy way) or gently reproach the other with a simple question, “What would Jesus do?” When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it’s none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, “Not my will, but yours be done”?

Luke’s Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, “When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden, and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father’s will. Our temptations continue every day as we face frustrations, desire for things we can’t have, unanswered prayers, or our own weaknesses. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what we think is best, at least remember to say, “Not my will, but yours be done.”

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

One gift our Palm Sunday worship offers is the reminder that no barrier exists between us and God. Jesus knows us, treasures us, and saves us, no matter the abuse or hatred we have endured or the sins we have committed. Though Jesus is blameless, he accepts punishment for us. Our readings today invite us to imagine ourselves in any of the situations described, and know that our Lord has also been in that place. Isaiah mentions someone who is well spoken as well as someone who is weary, abused, and discouraged. Philippians highlights the two natures of Jesus Christ: the human, which we know intimately, and the divine, which makes Jesus uniquely worthy of adoration and praise. The Gospel invites us to imagine ourselves as any of the characters we see: corrupt or pure, doubting or faithful, abusive or suffering. Our Lord knows all these experiences and offers salvation.

The Word of God

Jesus is the Word of God. When we read the scriptures, then, we are literally having a personal encounter with Jesus. That's why spending time with the Word of God is such a wonderful way to pray. Today's Gospel, the Passion of Christ according to St. Matthew, encourages us to spend time with our Lord in his most difficult moments. As we read and pray, we can imagine Jesus sitting beside us. We can speak to him as our wise and treasured friend. Jesus is fascinated by our lives and loves to hear us joining our own experiences to his.

In Conversation

Jesus gathers his friends around the table for supper. We think of our own experiences with friends and family around dinner tables, or of times when we went without either food or companionship.

- *Your Last Supper reminds me of a time . . . [continue in your own words]*
- *What was that evening like for you, Lord?*

Jesus knows his closest friends will betray, abandon, and deny him. We recall lonesome times in our own lives, or times we sinned against friends.

- *Your story brings back hurtful memories, Lord . . .*
- *Speak to my heart, Jesus. Share with me your agony.*

Jesus listens to the crowd clamor for Barabbas. We think of people who have been preferred over us, or times we have maneuvered to be first among many.

- *There are dark places in my heart, Lord . . .*
- *You knew the hearts of those who scourged you, Jesus.*

What was it like to forgive them?

Beaten, exhausted, and hanging between two criminals, Jesus dies. We remember times we have suffered or accompanied others in their pain.

- *I feel sad, Lord . . .*
- *You prayed for me personally in your final moments, Jesus. How can I thank you?*

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Catholic Prayer Corner

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

Living Stewardship Now

Go with family members or friends to as many of the Holy Week liturgies as possible.

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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.

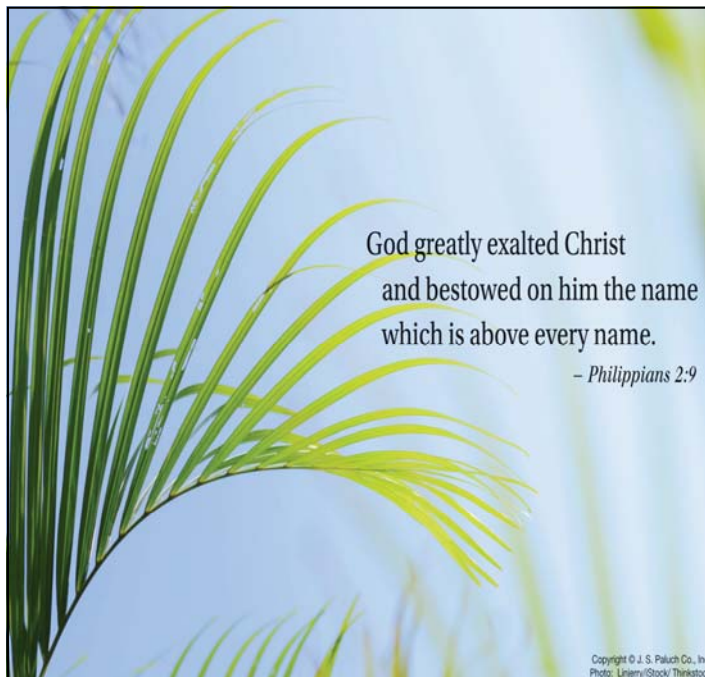
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Treasures From Our Tradition

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.

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and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

- Philippians 2:9

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The Attitude of Christ Jesus

The Lenten cycle brings us to this “mixed” Sunday of palm branches and painful suffering. Our liturgy opens by recalling Jesus’ triumphant entry along the main road into Jerusalem, then moves quickly to the back streets of betrayal and humiliation, the courtyards of torture and abandonment, the hill of execution.

Isaiah’s strange and gripping “Song of the Servant of God” was to become the song of Jesus. It is the song of one who strides forward consistently in the face of criticism, even scorn: “I have not rebelled, have not turned back.” It is to become our song, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

How are we to react when we hear the account of the passion and death of the Lord? Paul tells us that our attitude must be Christ’s, who “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.” We pray that we may absorb the attitude of Christ, and face life squarely in its triumph and its pain.

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Reflecting on God’s Word

Today’s Gospel before the blessing of the palms presents an exuberant scene. Imagine the large crowd just outside Jerusalem spreading their cloaks on the road, breaking off palm fronds, strewing them about and waving them as Jesus passes by. Hear the people shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David.” As Jesus enters the city, the people there are asking, “Who is this?” The crowd accompanying him answers: “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee. This is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” A journey of joy.

But a few days later Jesus took his last journey: a winding walk from the upper room on Thursday night out to the garden of Gethsemane, then to the house of Caiaphas, on to Pilate’s house and courtyard, and, finally, to the hill of Calvary. During this time, he was spat on and struck, stripped, scourged, and crowned with thorns; he was denounced, mocked, and ridiculed. Most likely some of the same crowd that cried out “Hosanna” cried out, “Crucify him!” It ended with his being nailed to a cross, and after three torturous hours, he died. At this journey’s end, there was one final cry from a small group, a centurion and the men with him: “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (Matthew 27:54).

Allow some time to relive these two journeys. You might hear some things you haven’t noticed before. Perhaps the words of one of the secondary characters or Jesus’ response to a particular situation or his silence before another will speak to you this time.

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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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, The Roman Missal



**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2026**

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— Philipians 2:9

April 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

—Mark Twain

Feast of Faith The Liturgies of Holy Week

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 to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—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 touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord’s 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. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ’s death and share in the glory of his resurrection. 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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A Retreat with the Merciful Heart of Jesus
on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 4420 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, CA

\$55 per person



Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone
Celebrant



Sister M. Inga Kvassayová, ISMM
Speaker



Father Jim McCormack, MIC
Speaker

The conference provides an opportunity to receive the Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence, with time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Conference will be held in the gym and Mass will be in the church.

Lunch is included.



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**Sto. Niño
Devotion**
(every Friday
after the
12:10 p.m. Mass)

*Judy Labaria
Alma Raymundo
Cathy Bohol
Sheila Montemayor
Anonymous*



**Black
Nazarene**

**Feast Day
January 9**

*Rosie Drapiza
Lydia Cagampan
Rene & Elsa Tuazon
Celia & Paul Gravador*



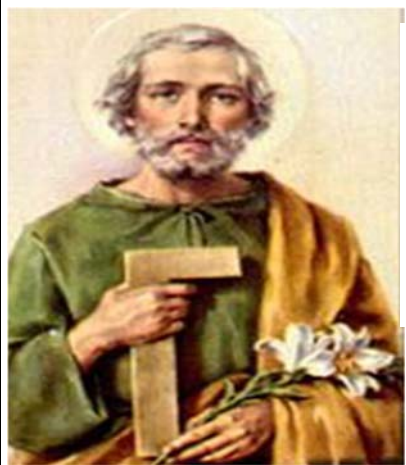
**Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion**
(every Tuesday
after the
12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



**San Lorenzo Ruiz
First
Filipino Saint
(Sep 28)**

*Fe Macatangay
Jeanette Chafe
John & Gemma O'Donnell
Evelyn Grande
Mely Saavedra*



**Saint
Joseph**

**Feast Day
March 19**

Xenia Villamejor

**St. Anne
Feast Day
July 26**



PRAYER TO
St. Anne

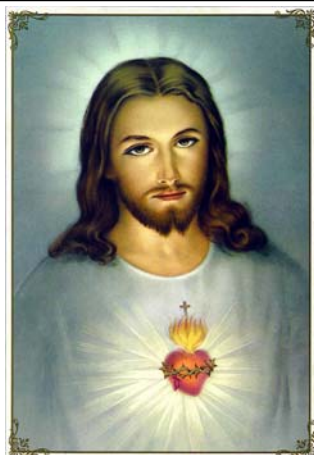
O GOD, You
bestowed on St.
Anne such grace
that she was found
worthy to become
the mother of
MARY, who
brought forth
Your only
begotten SON.
Grant that we may
be helped by her
intercession.
Amen.

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**Sacred
Heart**

**First Friday
Schedule**

**4pm Holy Hour
5:15 Mass**



**OUR
LADY OF
FATIMA**

**Pray the
rosary**

The Graceful Chapter

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Graceful Chapter

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Charismatic & Healing Mass:
Every 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Matt Dorsey
SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR



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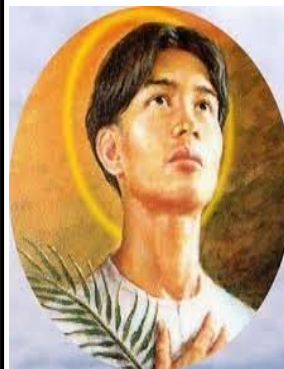
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Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day
December 12



St. Pedro Calungsod 2nd Filipino Saint (April 2)



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Romeo & Antonina Real Family,
Dan & Annie Lacap Family,
Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan,
Vida Ventura,
Nenette Murata,
Cristin Salangang