

APRIL 14, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time

Sunday, Apr 14, 2019

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Hats off to Jesus' message

Imagine a baseball-cap seller in the first century. Further imagine the catchy phrases on the brim of his wares: "The last will be first." "Let me wash your feet." "Love your enemies." "Bless those who hurt you." "Be like the children." "Feed my sheep." "Take up your cross." "The humble will be exalted." "Blessed are the meek." Who's going to buy this misguided fellow's hats? The rest of us want to boast, not bow. This guy doesn't get it. He needs to get into another line of work. Would you wear a hat that says: "I come to serve"?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Procession: Luke 19:28-40; Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56. "I am among you as the one who serves."*

Monday, Apr 15, 2019

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Oil of gladness

In the Hebrew Bible, we read of kings, priests, and prophets being anointed by the pouring of oil on them. In the Catholic tradition, oils are used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. We also use oil to bless altars and other objects. But why? Its purpose is to recognize the presence of the Holy in the person or thing anointed. To be anointed is to be set apart as special, cleansed, healed, and strengthened. Reflect on how you've been marked as belonging to God and called to share in the holy mission of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11. "Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus."*

Tuesday, Apr 16, 2019

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Don't fail to find God

One of the lessons of Holy Week is that God draws grace and goodness out of any situation—even one that to us looks like a complete failure. God uses all of what is—every person's strength and weakness, every experience, encounter, accident, war or act of kindness, natural beauty or disaster—to make visible God's love and sustaining presence in the world. The psalmist put it this way: "For darkness is as light" to God. The message of Holy Week is one for the

entire year. Make a habit of looking for the ways God redeems our "failures." See how grace abounds.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

Wednesday, Apr 17, 2019

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Suffer the servant

Holy Week highlights the "Servant Songs" found in the Book of Isaiah. These are lyrical poems written about a servant whom God calls to leadership but the people abuse. The servant sacrifices himself for the sake of the people and is vindicated by God. The traditional Jewish interpretation is that the servant is a metaphor for the Israelites. Christians see the servant as a prefiguring of Jesus and the servant's suffering foretelling the Passion of Christ. Perhaps both are true. In these sacred days let your heart be filled with reverence for the suffering servant.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25. "I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me My face I did not shield."*

Thursday, Apr 18, 2019

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Triduum enchilada

Tonight's Mass of the Lord's Supper begins with the Sign of the Cross. Take note of it because you won't see another one for three days until the blessing and dismissal from the Easter Vigil. The reason for this is because the Triduum, the Three Days of Easter, is of one piece. It begins tonight and is carried through Good Friday and on to the Easter Vigil. So Catholics enjoy staying "in the zone" of celebration for the whole enchilada. Every thought, word, and action is wrapped in the awareness of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Triduum is moving and deeply enriching, so join in fully!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15. "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 19, 2019

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

It is finished—and it has just begun

We can look high and low but we will not find a Catholic Mass celebrated anywhere on this day. There is a Good

Friday service, to be sure, but there is no Mass. However, we will gather in churches throughout the world to hear scripture tell of the trial, death, and burial of Jesus. We will pray the prescribed 10 prayers of intercession. We will walk in procession to venerate the cross. And, on this second of the three sacred days this week that are known as the Triduum, we will receive the Eucharist, consecrated at the Mass of the Last Supper the night before. On this day of prayer and remembrance, do one thing to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42. "And after this, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus."*

Saturday, Apr 20, 2019

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL A vigil for the ages

The Easter Vigil Mass we celebrate today has not always been popular, having been an institution in the early centuries of the church, falling from practice in the Middle Ages, and then reemerging around Vatican II. Today this "mother of all vigils" (as Saint Augustine called it) moves people through its intense symbolism of fire, light, dark, incense, and song. The Easter Vigil reminds us that faith isn't just an idea; it is a full-body experience and way of life. Whether or not you attend the Easter Vigil, you can allow your faith to be a full-sensory experience, perceiving God in touch, song, aroma, and beauty.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12 (41). "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."*

Next Sunday

Sunday, Apr 21, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

Roll away the stone

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass Luke 24:13-35 (46). "So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 13-14,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord
Our Lenten journey climaxes in this celebration of Holy Week. Throughout

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these days we are called to experience with Christ a journey of unselfish love; to die to all that is sinful in us and to rise to new and renewed life. Will justice and charity be renewed in us through this journey? Will we make room for those in need as we let selfishness die in us?

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 13, 5:30PM

On the 51st anniversary of the death of Laurent Assiongbon, requested by Jeannette Assiongbon.

Birthday Blessings for, Vanessa Linton, requested by, Jennifer Brooks.

SUNDAY, April 14, 8:00AM

May the soul of my mother, Elcina Young rest in peace on her birthday in heaven, requested by Jackie King

SUNDAY, April 14, 10:00AM

Repose of the soul of Angie Laratta, mother of Kaye Crawford, requested by Chris and Kaye Crawford

Happy 15th Birthday to Wilson Buhenolwa, requested by his parents

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Each Good Friday, we are asked to support the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, which supports Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in the 29 parishes of the Holy Land, providing resources for the Catholic schools and religious education programs. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines so that Christian pilgrims will encounter the Lord in the very place he lived and ministered. Over the years, war, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians in the Holy Land. Throughout these times of crisis, the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

THANK YOU

The Lenten Food Drive yielded 49 bags which equated to 1,372 pounds of food for the needy. The food was distributed to the Blackland Neighborhood Center and the SVDP Ministry. The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver thank the parish for the tremendous response to the Lenten Food Drive.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Thank you to those families who have received the Traveling Chalice into their homes. If you are

interested in receiving the chalice, please see Bernadette Cay.

IGBO MASS APRIL 28, 2019

Next IGBO Mass, is Sunday, April 28, 2019, 1:30pm. Help spread the news. All Catholics are welcome.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Every April, child and youth serving organizations, including Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools, participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month to highlight the importance of protecting minors from abuse. These efforts are part of the ongoing work of the Church in the United States to carry out the [Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People](#). Holy Cross will participate in a nine (9) day Novena from April 20th - April 28th with special emphasis on Sunday, April 28th the National Day of prayer for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Date: Wednesday April 24th
Time: 6:30pm
by
Bishop Joe Vasquez



GRAND OPENING OF FLC on Sunday April 28 after 10am Mass

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holy Week April 14 – April 21
Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019
Masses 8:00AM - 10:00AM

Holy Thursday ~~~ April 18th
The Lord's Supper ~~~ 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~~~ April 19th
Fish Fry ends 2:00PM
Station of The Cross 2:30PM
Passion of Christ Follows

PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Friends, Family and Loved ones, with Mary and the Disciples mourn Christ Crucified 8:00PM

Easter Vigil - April 20th, 9:00PM
Easter Sunday April 21st, 8:00AM & 10:00AM

SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend APRIL 6/7, 2019 ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30	24
SUNDAY	8:00 am	30
	10:00 am	127

Weekend APRIL 6/7, 2019	
OFFERTORY	\$2638.00
Children	21.00
E-GIVING	2343.94
SVDP (E-GIVING)	50.00
SVDP	80.00
Scholarship	3500.00
Fish Fry	995.00
MSP	65.00
IGBO	397.00
Church Rental	750.00
Gift Store	39.00

HOLY CROSS SCHOLARSHIP
The scholarship application is currently available online and in the church office. The deadline to submit the scholarship application is Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Please contact Mrs. Dokpe Ogunsanya if additions information is needed, 512.990.9508 or dupsy@msn.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage
Nov. 3-13, 2019
\$3490
Interested persons should contact Pat Roberts, 512.288-7542.

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