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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY

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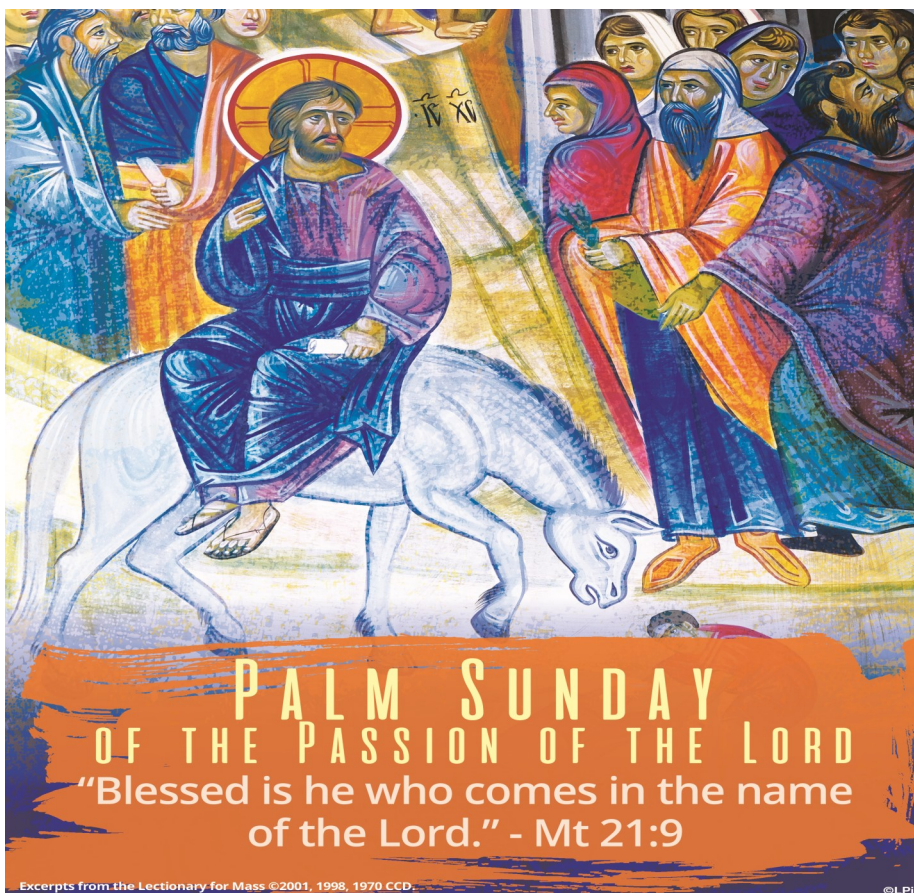
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HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!



CONFESSION WHEN A PRIEST IS NOT AVAILABLE

A Reflection from Pope Francis

This habit of returning home "takes flesh in the Sacrament of Reconciliation", the Pope explained.

"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?'. Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand."

RETURN

The Pope expressed the hope that the word "return" might "echo in our ears today".

"Return to your Daddy. Return to your Father. He's waiting for you, and He will throw a feast for you."

The Father of mercy is always ready to forgive and will never refuse to do so. These are challenging and difficult times for us all, but with faith we rely on the intercession of the holy Mother of God for strength and protection. Be safe and well.

WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eduino, Pastor.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Jack Hamilton
by Campos Family

5:00 PM †† Alberto & Lisa Garcia Schnell
by Mary A. Garcia

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00AM † Jack Hamilton
by Hamilton Family

9:30AM Olivia Massetti
by Cathy & Jim Brescia

11:00AM † Cathleen Ragone
by The Gilles Family

7:30PM OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 6

8:00AM † Michael Lerda
by The Plog Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00AM †† Amelia San Miguel & Bill Portillo
by Ernest Portillo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00AM † Lizz Baca
by Baca Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00PM † Patrick Wirsing (Healing)
by Patti Shawhan

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

8:15 PM † Lizz Baca
by Baca Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
[1a]/Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY: VIGIL, APRIL 11

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24,

35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God

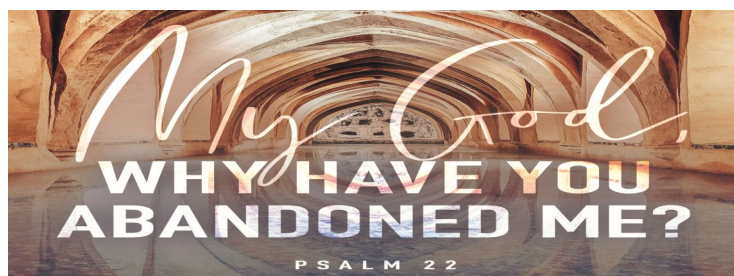
Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

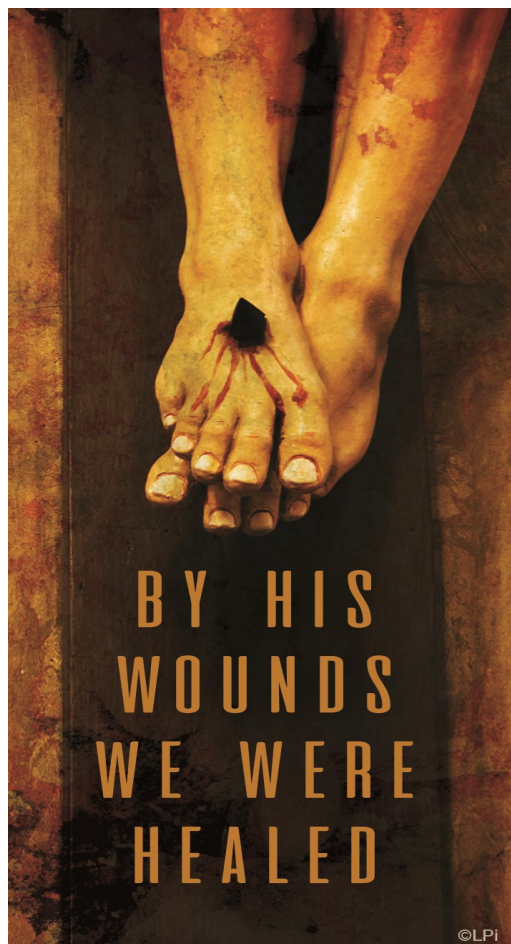
True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

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OUR PARISH



PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Mass live-streamed at 10:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Mass live-streamed at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Service live-streamed at 12:00 pm

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Mass live-streamed at 8:15 pm

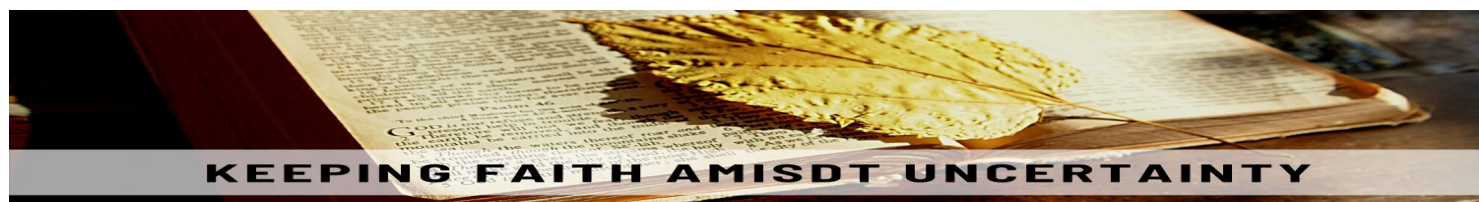
EASTER SUNDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Mass live-streamed at 10:00 am

Please note, there will be NO Easter Egg Hunt.

Make sure to subscribe to the OLA Parish YouTube Channel by hitting the "subscribe" button, on the following link, so you don't miss any of the celebrations of these rites or the Sunday Masses, until the public health emergency order is lifted.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM6bj-nlm0W3tkIVbAd9c0A>



HOW TO REMAIN FAITHFULLY INFORMED, CONNECTED AND NOURISHED

MASS: Go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM6bj-nlm0W3tkIVbAd9c0A> for Sunday morning Mass. You can also search for OLA Parish.

MYPARISH APP: My Parish app gives you access to a wealth of information on your phone! Check it out today.

Choice #1: Text "App" to 88202 to download the parish app. Simply select our parish after downloading it.

Choice #2: On the Apple Store or on Google Play search for "myparishapp" and download the app. Again, choose our parish name after downloading it.

FLOCKNOTE: Receive the weekly parish bulletin and updates in your email that may be read at your convenience. If you have not already received a Flocknote notification, please contact Ivan Florez at officemgr@olaparish.net with your email address and he will add you to the list of recipients!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: We have Adoration in the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm and Sundays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. If you are not able to come to the church, you may consider using this online perpetual adoration source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMBusENP19M>.

TO SUPPORT YOU IN MANAGING ANXIETY AND STRESS: The Centers for Disease Control offers a wonderful resource of methods for coping with stress at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/coping.html>.

TO SUPPORT YOU IN PRAYER: These are perfect resources to keep your soul elevated to the Lord:

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Breviary, available online at <https://www.ibreviary.org/en/> or you can download its app for both iPhone and Android.

Aleteia, is a great site with resources to help you grow in your Catholic spirituality during this time of crisis, their webpage is <https://aleteia.org/>.

SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Distance Learning Continues

Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Lincoln Snyder, announced last Friday, March 27 that our school buildings will remain closed until May 1, and we will continue distance learning through that time. We will be on vacation for Easter break from April 10-19, and so there will not be distance learning at that time.

We all miss one another and close interaction, but let us continue to unite in faith and grace as we do our part to "flatten the curve" and keep our loved ones safe and healthy. We will continue to learn, grow, and worship together from a distance until we meet again in person.

God bless,
Robert Love



I will teach you in a room.
I will teach you now on Zoom.
I will teach you in your house.
I will teach you with a mouse.
I will teach you here and there.
I will teach you because I care.
So just do your very best.
And do not worry about the rest.

Have you considered a Catholic Education for your child?

We invite you to visit and learn more about OLA School.

Please contact Lynn Sweeney at Sweeney@olaparish.net

OLA School, Preparing the Whole Child for a Lifetime of Excellence.



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[OLA THIS WEEK](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqWz8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)



OYYA IS HERE TO HELP!

WEEKLY OYYA SUPPORT GATHERINGS



Sacramento Region
with Lindsey West
Tuesdays at 12:30pm & 8:30pm
zoom.us/j/2145568488



Southern & Eastern Region
with Alex Barraza
Wednesdays at 3:00pm & 7:30pm
zoom.us/j/933417150



North State Region
with Richard Cherveny
Tuesdays at 6:00pm & Thursdays at Noon
zoom.us/j/5303667954

OYYA LIVE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 10:30am
www.facebook.com/scdyouthmin

OYYA RESOURCES

Non-Gathered Youth & Young Adult Ministry
www.scd.org/non-gathered-yya

PROJECT YM LIVE

A Weekly Virtual Youth Night
Parishes and families can register and get the latest information about the weekly speaker and worship leader at projectym.com/live/

OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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POPE FRANCIS TWEETS



Pope Francis

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LET US [#PRAYTOGETHER](#) FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS. IN THIS MOMENT WHEN EVERYONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE AT HOME, MAY SOCIETY HELP THEM AND MAY THE CHURCH WELCOME THEM.

MAR 31, 2020

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbri di San Pietro. Falcini.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Please hold in your prayers
our sick brothers and sisters:**

Joan Cotton	Cathy Quesinberry
Larry Nelson	Gloria Plog
George Peres	J. Richard Heintz
Jennifer Burk	Molly Garcia
Julie Nelson	Craig & Jane Holmquist
Nancy Carlson	Daniel McNerney
Jonathan Rassmussen	Barbara Farren
Stacie Higginbotham	Richard McClintock
Sandi Lanz	Ben Koerber
Tom Bogetich	Rees Lee
Joe and Sue Simon	Margaret Parker
Shirley Ward	
Mary Silva	

**Note: Please call the parish office to add a name
or to remove them from this list. Thank you.**

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

TURN FEAR INTO TRUST

Praying when you're paralyzed with fear

Pervasive and all-consuming fear can wreak havoc in our lives.

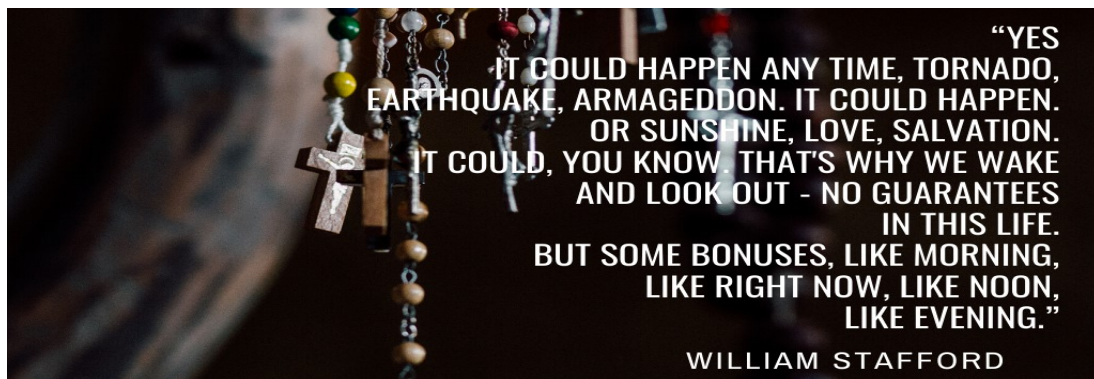
When it is our constant companion, then everything worries us and begins to take on the guise of a threat. Fear can paralyze us as we attempt to avoid everything distressing.

When we find ourselves avoiding even those challenges that are important to our growth, then fear has become a major obstacle for us on our personal journey. Instead of giving way to fear, perhaps we will take reasonable cautions as wisdom teaches us, and then affirm the profound truth that "in God I trust; I am not afraid."

"My Lord and my God, when I feel afraid, guide me to turn that fear into trust in you.

Teach me to notice when fear begins to arise in me, and then remind me that I can use it as an opportunity to draw closer to you. Show me if there is anything I need to do to deal with those things that frighten me, and then help me hand the situation over to you, my God. I will affirm over and over the words of the psalmist: 'In God I trust; I am not afraid.'"

- This is taken from *Surrendering Our Stress: Prayers to Calm the Soul and Strengthen the Spirit*, by Joan Guntzelman.



**"YES
IT COULD HAPPEN ANY TIME, TORNADO,
EARTHQUAKE, ARMAGEDDON. IT COULD HAPPEN.
OR SUNSHINE, LOVE, SALVATION.
IT COULD, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHY WE WAKE
AND LOOK OUT - NO GUARANTEES
IN THIS LIFE.
BUT SOME BONUSES, LIKE MORNING,
LIKE RIGHT NOW, LIKE NOON,
LIKE EVENING."**

WILLIAM STAFFORD

COMMUNITY



IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

This past week we celebrated the beautiful Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The gospel text from Luke's infancy narrative reminded us of the saving mystery of the Incarnation. Through the generous, trusting response of Mary of Nazareth, the Divine Word became flesh, taking on our human nature. Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary, is true God and true man. He is Emmanuel, "God-with-us."

The mystery of the Incarnation is not a singular event. With the Annunciation God enters into human history in an irrevocable way. He eternally embraced our humanity. Through baptism we participate in the Incarnation. Jesus took on our human nature so that we could share in His divine nature. The baptism we have received is also the sacrament we are called to live. Because of our baptism, our life in Christ should radiate in all we say and do. This is fundamental to authentic Christian living. It should be renewed and enlivened during these sacred days of Lent as we draw near to Holy Week and the celebration of the Paschal Triduum.

The alarming and ever mounting outbreak of the Coronavirus has paralyzed the social and economic vitality of the State of California, the Nation, and many parts of the world. Cooperating with efforts to control the outbreak of the virus and protect many of our vulnerable brothers and sisters, the Catholic Church in Sacramento has suspended all of the traditional public customs and rituals of these sacred days. Remember: Lent is not suspended. Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter will come. The change in our usual manner of marking the days of the Lord's death and resurrection should stir us to re-examine our heart and seek more intently to follow where the Lord Jesus will lead us in this way of the cross for 2020.

When each of us was baptized, we were immersed into the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. This extraordinary grace binds us to the Lord. As St. Paul told us in his letter to the Romans, "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." The sacramental dynamic of the Lord's death and resurrection is lived out by each of His disciples in the manner that each of us more closely embraces the newness of life found in Jesus.

The current circumstances have shaken us from our usual rhythms. We are unable to gather near to the Eucharistic table of the Lord. Still, through the grace of our baptism we can draw near to Jesus and through him enter into the mystical union of the one Body of Christ. Our sufferings, our sacrifices, offer us the means of entering into communion with Christ. Paul told us in his letter to the Colossians, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church." Let us pray that these words of Paul may find a place in our own hearts.

Growing numbers of our neighbors find themselves infected with the coronavirus. The numbers of those dying from this plague are mounting. Many friends and relatives have lost their jobs. Many of you are staying home because of your children, relatives who need you, and you cannot work. Loneliness and isolation weary and worry an escalating portion of our communities. Each day the future seems cloudier. The courageous perseverance of health care workers, first-responders, grocery store clerks, and others inspire us while their vulnerability in the exercise of their daily duties remind us how vulnerable we have all become.

The baptized are charged to make the Incarnation alive in these circumstances. We are the witnesses of Emmanuel, God-is-with-us. Our personal testimony should make Christ present for others. Pope Benedict taught that no Eucharist is complete without concrete acts of charity. This means that every act of charity offered with faith in the Lord Jesus is intimately connected with the Eucharist for which we so hunger. May that hunger give us a desire to offer our sacrifices and works of charity so that we may savor its grace in our hearts and through us the Eucharist may reach others.

I am grateful to my brother priests who make themselves available to hear confessions, always observing health precautions while protecting the seal of confession. For those who are unable to approach the sacrament of Penance, remember that you can make a perfect act of contrition with a firm resolve to confess your sins as soon as you are able. This act of perfect contrition does offer God's abundant mercy and the forgiveness of sins. More guidance is available on the diocesan as well as parish websites.

My brother priests, Bishop Weigand and I daily offer Mass for all the People of God in the Diocese of Sacramento. Join with me in praying for God's mercy to end this pandemic, heal all those afflicted, sustain all those who care for the afflicted. May all the deceased receive God's mercy. May all those who mourn be consoled by the Lord's tenderness.

WORD OF LIFE

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

2019-2020 Respect Life Reflection (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of March 29

Due to the COVID-19 quarantine, we cannot provide the Weekly offertory at this moment.

Regular Offertory \$ 7,279.00

Electronic Giving \$ 1,486.42

Total \$ 8,795.42

Average Weekly Budget Amount \$12,000.00

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING THROUGH WESHARE. OUR PARISH IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU!



URGENT APPEAL FOR OLA ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD LOCKER

Message from Frank Romano, president of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Chapter



Because of the recent Mass cancellations due to COVID-19, there was no St. Vincent de Paul Fifth Sunday collection in March. During this pandemic, you, through your OLA St. Vincent de Paul Society, have continued to support our neighbors in need. *With all recommended personal safety precautions being observed, your OLA Food Locker has already served 508 people (307 adults, 201 children) in the first two weeks of California's Stay-at-Home-Order.*

This number will continue to grow as people learn that our food locker, through your generosity, remains open during this most challenging time. If you wish to contribute to OLA's St. Vincent de Paul's ongoing activities, you may do so electronically via the [OLA WeShare](#) website (scroll down to the "Events and Collections" section, and select the option for OLA St. Vincent de Paul). You may also mail a check to the Parish Office made out to 'St. Vincent de Paul'.

Thank you for your generous, continuing support.

GOOD FRIDAY

A collection to support Christians in the Holy Land

THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

April 10, 2020

Providing Care to Christians in the Holy Land

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land.

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

APRIL 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with **Stewardship** opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GIVING

WESHARE

We want to encourage our parishioners to enroll in our automated donation program called **WeShare**. This program provides a convenient way to make your donations to our church in the comfort of your home. To enroll please follow these simple steps:



- Go to <https://olaparish.net>
- Click on **Donate**.
- This will take you to our "**Contribute**" page, where you will find the **WeShare** link to enroll and start making your donation.

If you have questions about your account or are having trouble to enroll, please contact our Manager, Ivan Florez in the office at (916) 481-5115.

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

During the offertory at all the masses, we encourage the children, if they have something to offer or give, to place it in the baskets.



STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Donate Online



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