

Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016



PASSION
The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity,

interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply “Palm Sunday.” Not too long ago, today was known as the “Second Sunday of the Passion,” and in 1970 it was renamed “Passion Sunday.” This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ’s entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.” In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, “Holy Week,” was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord’s Passion, you

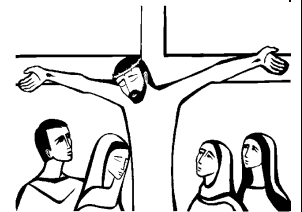
may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church’s annual baptismal retreat: don’t be left out!

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Parish Agape
Wednesday, March 23 @ 6:30PM

Stations of the Cross
Good Friday, March 25 @ Noon
Be renewed in this intimate experience of Jesus' solidarity with all humanity in our way of the cross each day.

Good Friday, March 25 @ 7PM
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The service is open to all, so please invite friends and family as they witness the story of our Lord's Passion through drama and music.
If you're interested in participating in the presentation, please e-mail our music director, Enrico Banson at music@stpaschaloakland.org or call the office.



Social Justice Committee
Pasta & Games
Friday, April 8 @ 6:30PM Hall
St. Mary’s Center for the homeless
We are still collecting toiletries, small sizes would be best. In addition, socks would be welcome.
The Catholic Worker
We also are still collecting rice, beans, canned and boxed goods, toilet paper, and paper towels.
Thank you for your support.



STEWARDSHIP

March 6 Collection	\$ 2,296.00
March 13 Collection	\$ 1,463.00
Bishop's Appeal	
Our 2016 Goal	\$ 7,651.00
Received as of 3/15/2016	\$ 700.00
Capital Improvement Campaign	
Our 2016 Goal	\$ 20,000.00
Received as of 3/15/2016	\$ 3,243.00
<i>Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together:</i>	
Our Goal	\$ 163,740.00
Pledged as of 11/2/2015	\$ 135,525.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 28,215.17
25% received as of 11/18/2015	\$ 11,512.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Saturday, March 19
5:00PM – Ruth Grady Cuddyre
Sunday, March 20
10:00AM – Ben Perry

THIS WEEK AT ST. PASCHAL BAYLON

Sunday, March 20

First Communion Class, 9AM, Rectory Conf. Rm
Choir Practice, 9:15AM, Church

Wednesday, March 23

Parish Agape, 6:30PM,

Holy Thursday, March 24

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM
Night Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, 9PM

Good Friday, March 25

Stations of the Cross, Noon, Church
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 7PM

Saturday, March 26

Easter Vigil, 8PM, Reception following mass

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday Mass, 10AM, Easter Egg Hunt following mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday:	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday:	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday:	Wednesday of Holy Week; Purim begins
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
Friday:	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
Saturday:	Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<u>Chrism Mass</u> : Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <u>Lord's Supper</u> : Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	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) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	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 Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially:



Anna Alberti	Gary Manuel
Stephen Alberti	Rosie Martin
Jocelyn Alcantara	Sandra Meekins
Claudia Blancher	Sam Meo
Lani Borges	Grady Miles
Andrew Brown	Dakota Neal-Soublet
Peter Cuddyre	Bob Norris
Benigno Cusortelli	Angela Paz
Jerry DeMaria	James Pearson
Alex & Dorothy Donaville	Norma Perry
Sue Ann Dunford	Sonja Phillips
Gerri Escobar	Carol Reinero
Juanita Estrella	Bea Scott
Jess Felis	Rich Selby
James Ferguson	Bill Slon
Jane Framsted	Bruce Soublet
Libia George	Margaret Soublet
Ernie Gonsalves	Rosetta Souza
Chanel Marie Gordon	Jared Springer
Sue Holmes	Nancy Stoeber
Meghan Johnson	Sandra Tanhuanpaa
Lisa Johnston	Leila Tassano
Heidi Kauzlarich	Mary Tate
Sarah Leech	Elizabeth Vallerga
Shirley & Ed Mannette	Barbara Wickhorst

And for those who have died.