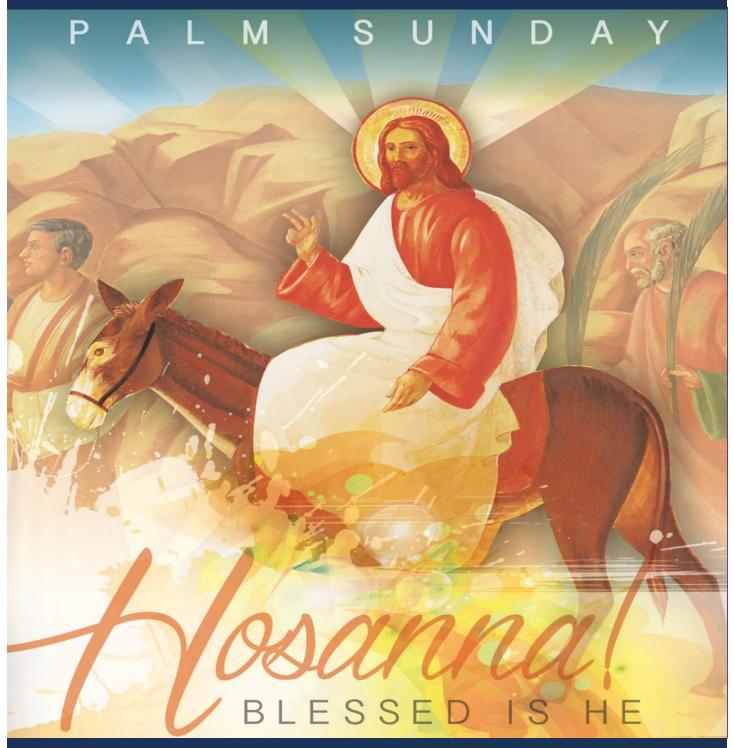
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Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. This week we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, where we'll witness the unfolding of the events of the Paschal Mystery: the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our Holy Week Schedule is printed below. Join us, as the Scriptures come to life in a special way to strengthen our faith journey during this Holy Week!

The Parish Fair was a great success and thanks to the more than 400 volunteers who helped to make this year's fair such a secure, safe and fun event. We are all grateful to our Fair Chair, Dr. Peter Wroblicky and the leadership team of Conny Frost, Nina Escandon, Jill Salinaz, Vicky Bedell, Gina Cooper, Kelly Holt, Kate Gorr, Ron Willhelm, Dylan Wright and all the captains of the food booths. Mark your calendars as our Fair for 2026 is set for May 1, 2, 3, 2026.

Great News - Vacation Bible camp is returning to Saint Joseph's this summer! We'll invite all Alpha K through fifth grade students to participate in this fun, educational and spiritual camp. It will be held the week of June 16 through the 20th. Watch this bulletin for further information and sign-ups will be available shortly.

Throughout this past year, and especially during this Lenten season, we have prayed for our Elect and the Candidates. All 16 of them will be brought into the church this coming Saturday evening, April 19 at the Easter Vigil. It is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year. The Easter Vigil Mass commences at 8:00 PM with the lighting of the fire outside in front of the church. If you have never attended this Vigil, I encourage you to surrender your evening. It is one of the longest liturgies of the year, but the most beautiful, filled with rich symbolism and beautiful

traditions of our church celebrating Jesus Christ the light of the world who has been raised from the dead!

This Good Friday, a remembrance of the Passion of the Lord takes place in our Church at 1:30 PM. During the liturgy, we will offer up the annual special collection, supporting the church in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges - many of which we hear about in the daily news. The war has left deep wounds that will take time to heal. Many Christians, for example, 90% in Bethlehem, depend on the pilgrimage industry to survive and live. The war has stopped pilgrims from going to the Holy Land. The Christians are now less than 2% of the population. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving, and in Bethlehem, 90 Christian families have left since the start of the war on October 7. This collection will support and offer hope to the Holy Land Christians. This collection will enable the Franciscans, who are the custodians of the Holy Shrines to keep the sacred spaces alive and vibrant. They must not become museums. Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. May this year's collection make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence, and instability in the region, where the great story of our faith unfolded. May your offering help to become an instrument of peace in a troubled land!

Finally, as we look forward to celebrating Easter weekend, thank you for prayerfully considering and planning your annual Easter Gift to support the mission and ministries of your spiritual family at St. Joseph's!

Blessings on your family this Holy Week, Msgr. Kevin



St. Joseph Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday April 12th & 13th

5:00 pm Saturday Mass Indoors

8:30 am Sunday Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)

10:30 am Sunday Mass Indoors 12:30 pm Sunday Mass Indoors

Holy Thursday April 17th

8:00 am Morning Prayer – Indoors

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Indoors

Good Friday April 18th

8:00 am Morning Prayer – Indoors 1:30 pm Passion Liturgy – Indoors

Holy Saturday April 19th

8:00 am Morning Prayer - Indoors 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass - Indoors

Easter Sunday April 20th

8:30 am Easter Mass on the Grass (Please Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs)

10:30 am Easter Mass Indoors 12:30 pm Easter Mass Indoors

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Congratulations to our St. Joseph Parish Confirmands! With great joy, we celebrate you as fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Your parish community is lifting you up in prayer as you embark on a lifetime of faith rooted in Christ.

-Liz Moreno Confirmation Coordinator



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Alessandro Rossil	Ella Swan	Kylie Manson
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Pray for our elect and candidates!

OCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen!



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!









PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday April 18 2025



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

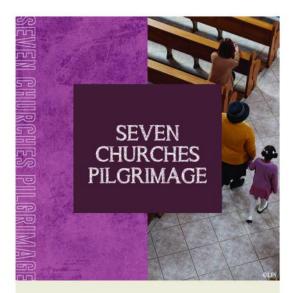
Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Tuesday: Tax Day

Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion, when he asked his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion and death.

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,
I open my heart to You,
offering every day and night to
You in sacred surrender. I pray
for the grace to accompany
You in a special way this Holy
Week, joining and offering the
trials I encounter on our shared
journey to the cross and to a
victorious hope.

Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/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 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/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 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next 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

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

Father John Muir

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Our Alpha K–2nd grade students recently took the stage at our Patriotic Program, expressing their gratitude for our servicemen, women, and all veterans. Through songs and performances, they showcased their appreciation for those who have bravely served our country.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers for their hard work in instilling a love for our history and nation. Their efforts not only honored our heroes but also helped our students grow as 21st-century learners—using their voices to celebrate America and the values we hold dear.







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"Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues." -St. Thomas Aquinas

Easter Distribution: THANK YOU to everyone that helped with, and contributed blessings and hope to 109 families, including over 315 children, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! By way of over \$6,500 in Skip-a-Meal donations and the School's food drive, we provided over 4,000 lbs. of food for Easter, including See's Candy! The children received personally-selected reading books from February's book drive

May 3-4, Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: We will collect non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Can you help? For information about MANY fulfilling ways to serve, call Tim Clark, 562-431-4385.

<u>Skip-a-Meal</u>: Please be especially mindful of Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season when our needs are greatest



+ COME & SEE

Sr. Eva invites you to join her for a Come & See, Come & Hear evening. For those who might consider sharing their faith with adults inquiring about our Catholic faith. Come & hear what that might entail.





We Need Help:

Seeking individuals to serve as OCIA catechists, who guide adults through the process of becoming Catholic. If you are interested in sharing your faith and helping others on their journey, consider becoming an OCIA catechist.

WEDNESDAY MAY 30TH, 2025 AT 7PM



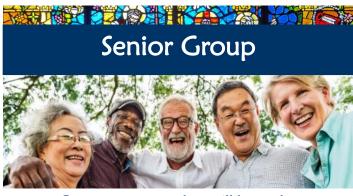
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The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean are available in the parish vestibule or online at lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children.



Our next get together will be at the El Dorado Restaurant on Monday, April 14th at 9:30 am.

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!



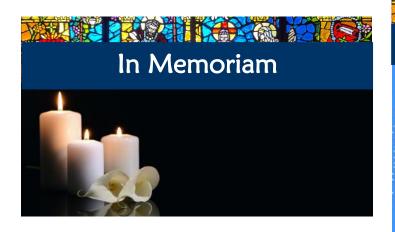
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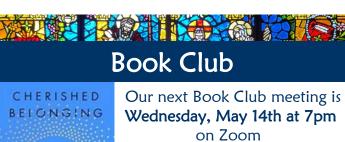
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Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church Thursday, April 24th at 11:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~



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Mass Schedule

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12:30 p.m.

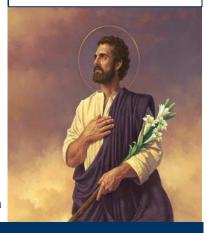
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