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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MARCH 29, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 30

8:30 a.m. Maria Soledad Soto
Martinez (D), Vilfrida
Dolores Peña (D), Julio
Muñoz Cruz
12:00 p.m. Dorothy Johnson, Richard
Jones, Anthony Koon (D)

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Domingo Jimenez, Brigida
Jimenez, Jose Ovaldo
Rivera (D)
12:00 p.m. All Souls

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Rosa Caines, Telly
Williams, Neil Patel, Joel
Delfiner (D), Mercedes
Pelaez & Claudio
Pelaez (D)
12:00 p.m. St. Rafael, Almighty God,
Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit,
St. Michael, Antigua
Nuñez (D)

Thursday, April 2

8:00 Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, April 3

12:00 a.m. Passion (English)
3:00 p.m. Passion (Spanish)
7:00 p.m. Passion (Vietnamese)

Saturday, April 4

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. People of SNT
9:30 a.m. Johnny De La Cruz (D),
Rosa Americana
Fernandez Bera (D),
Altagracia Medina (D),
Benita Cabrera (D)
11:30 am Jose Ramon Taveras, Mrai
Espinal Hernandez (D)
1:30 pm Gioanbaotixita Chau (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who
beat me,
my cheeks to those who
plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is
50:6)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the
point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly
exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men
with him who were keeping
watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they
saw the earthquake
and all that was happening,
and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of
God!" (Mt 26:54)

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Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-
26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/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 (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)/Rom
6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: 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 Or Lk 24:13-35



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head"** (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me"** (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— *Father John Muir*

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UPCOMING REMINDERS AND EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Regular Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper -
Washing of Feet & Adoration

Good Friday, April 3rd

12:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (*English*)

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (*Spanish*)

7:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (*Vietnamese*)

Holy Saturday, April 4th

9:00 a.m. Wake Up With Mary (*Spanish*)

8:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Regular Mass Schedule

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