

Sunday, April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday



**Sun. 9 Apr. Palm Sunday, I Class**  
8:00 am Fr. Savoie, FSSP  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Fr. John Lyons, FSSP  
6:00 pm Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP

**Mon. 10 Apr. Monday of Holy Week, I Class**  
7:00 am †Gail Miranda  
12:15 pm Rose Wedinsky

**Tues. 11 Apr. Tuesday of Holy Week, I Class**  
7:00 am Ola Peju Adesanya  
6:30 pm Sergio & Theresa Reali

**Wed. 12 Apr. Wednesday of Holy Week, I Class**  
7:00 am Charles & Mary Ann Cuny  
12:15 pm †Sara Ellen & †John Caudill

**Thurs 13 Apr. Holy Thursday, I Class**  
7:00 pm Pro Populo

**Fri. 14 Apr. Good Friday, I Class**

**Sat. 15 Apr. Holy Saturday, I Class**  
10:30 pm Pro Populo

**Sun. 16 Apr. Easter Sunday, I Class**  
8:00 am Agnes Costa  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Paz & Eli Gonzalez  
6:00 pm Marina Lucina

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
†Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
†Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
†Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath

**Important Upcoming Dates**

April 13—Holy Thursday  
April 16—Easter Sunday  
April 19—Men’s Holy League  
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”  
May 6—First Holy Communion  
May 25—Ascension of Our Lord  
June 18-24 Camp Sacred Heart  
June 23—Feast of the Sacred Heart  
July 1—Feast of the Precious Blood  
July 23-27—Annual Retreat

**The Mystery of the Cross**

Good Friday is the day which invites us more than any other to “enter into the thicket of the trials and pains . . . of the Son of God,” and not only with the abstract consideration of the mind, but also with the practical disposition of the will to accept suffering voluntarily, in order to unite and assimilate ourselves to the Crucified. By suffering with Him, we shall understand His sufferings better and have a better comprehension of His love for us, for “the purest suffering brings with it the most intimate and the purest understanding;” and “no one feels more deeply in his heart the Passion of Christ than one who has suffered something similar.” With these dispositions let us accompany our Lord during His last day on earth.

The atrocious martyrdom, which within a few hours will torture His body, has not yet begun, and yet the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Olives marks one of the most sorrowful moments of His Passion, one which best reveals the bitter sufferings of His soul. His most sacred soul finds itself immersed in inexpressible anguish; it is extreme abandonment and desolation, without the slightest consolation, either from God or from man. The Savior feels the weight of the enormous burden of all the sins of mankind; He, the Innocent One, sees Himself covered with the most execrable crimes, and made, as it were, the enemy of God and the target of the infinite justice which will punish all our wickedness in Him. Of course, as God, Jesus never ceased, even in the most painful moments of His Passion, to be united to His Father; but as man, He felt Himself rejected by Him, “struck by God and afflicted.” This explains the utter anguish of His spirit, much more sorrowful than the dreadful physical sufferings which await Him; explains the cruel agony which made Him sweat blood; explains His complaint, “My soul is sorrowful even unto death.” Whereas before He had so ardently desired His Passion, now that His humanity finds itself facing the hard reality of the fact, deprived of the sensible help of the divinity, which seems not only to withdraw, but even more, to be angry with Him, Jesus groans: “My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me!” But this anguished cry of human nature is immediately lost in that of the perfect conformity of Christ’s will to the Father’s: “Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

(Divine Intimacy by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

**From the Pastor**

Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday. It is the holiest time of the liturgical year. During this week we celebrate the redemptive work of Christ – His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. In order to help you to profit spiritually from this week, find below some suggestions:

1. If you haven’t yet gone to confession this Lent, make the time to do so. Even if you are not conscious of having committed any mortal sins since your last good confession, a well-made confession will better dispose you to receive the graces Our Lord wants to give you at this time.
2. Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the days it is possible to do so.  
On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the Masses are at the regularly scheduled times. See elsewhere in the bulletin for the rest of the Holy Week schedule.
3. If you have been negligent in keeping your Lenten resolutions, make an extra effort to keep them this week.
4. Keep electronic entertainment to a minimum – internet, TV, video games, etc.
5. Do a little fasting, and/or abstain from some favorite food.  
**Note:** Good Friday is a day of fasting for those between the ages of 18 and the completion of their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Abstinance from meat is obligatory on that day for all of those 14 and older.
6. Do practice religious devotions: make the Stations of the Cross (if you can’t do it in church, do it at home), meditate especially on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, read the story of the Passion of Our Lord from any one of the Gospels, spend some time in private prayer before Our Eucharistic Lord, etc.
7. Practice greater kindness and patience with the people you live with and work with. Good deeds and acts of charity are always in order. Try to be mindful of the poor in some concrete way, e.g., making a donation to your church’s poor program.

**Have a blessed Holy Week!**

**Schedule for Holy Week**

**April 9, Palm Sunday:** palms will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Those who attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass may pick up palms at any time during the following week.

**April 13, Holy Thursday:** Tenebrae begins at 9 a.m. There is only one Mass at 7 p.m. on this day. Eucharistic adoration will follow until midnight.

**April 14, Good Friday:** Tenebrae begins at 8 a.m. Confessions will be heard at 11 a.m.; Stations begin at 12 noon; the service begins at 1 p.m.

**April 15, Holy Saturday:** Tenebrae begins at 9 a.m. Confessions immediately following Tenebrae. Please note a change in this year’s schedule from previous years. The Easter Vigil will begin at 10:30 p.m. This will allow us to begin Mass at midnight.

**April 16, Easter Sunday:** The usual Sunday schedule

**Around the Parish**

~ **A Funeral** Mass for Mike McGrath will be held this Tuesday, April 11th. The Rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m., and the Mass will follow at 11 a.m..

~ **Congratulations** to Gordon Alder who was received into the Church on Saturday, April 8th.

**Altar of Repose**

The last days of Lent are quickly closing in and soon it will be Holy Thursday. Each year we ask for families to contribute to the flowers for the Altar of Repose & each year the altar is more beautiful than the last. Please bring Calla Lilies, flowers from your garden and Easter lilies to the kitchen sometime on Thursday, April 13th—the earlier the better. Any and all contributions are welcome. If you leave containers you would like to retrieve, please look for them on a table in the gym on Good Friday or any day following over the weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the flower arranging, including de-thorning roses, please come to the kitchen at 10:00 am on Holy Thursday; or, if you wish to help moving vases and rearrange flowers for Holy Saturday, please join us in the kitchen at 10:00 on Holy Saturday. You are welcome to join us either day or both days—many hands make light work.

**Annual Retreat—July 23-27**

This year’s retreat will be preached by Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ. Father Brown preached the retreat for the FSSP deacons’ retreat the year Fr. Curtis was ordained to the diaconate. Father Curtis say that it was the best retreat he ever went to! Let’s have a full house in order to take full advantage of having such a wonderful priest.

Secure your place at the retreat by filling out a form and leaving a deposit as soon as possible. Forms are available in the parish office or bookstore.

**Camp Sacred Heart 2017**

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 18-24 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9-18. Boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest.

For more information call the parish office or 916-223-3112. You may stop by the parish office or bookstore for registration forms.

**Sponsors needed for Camp**

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, please consider doing so. There is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Paulette Brady, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mitzi Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family, Helen DeCarlo, Jim Greenwell, Barbara Cogan, Sarah Vierra



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 10:30 a.m. High Mass  
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

**ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING**

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