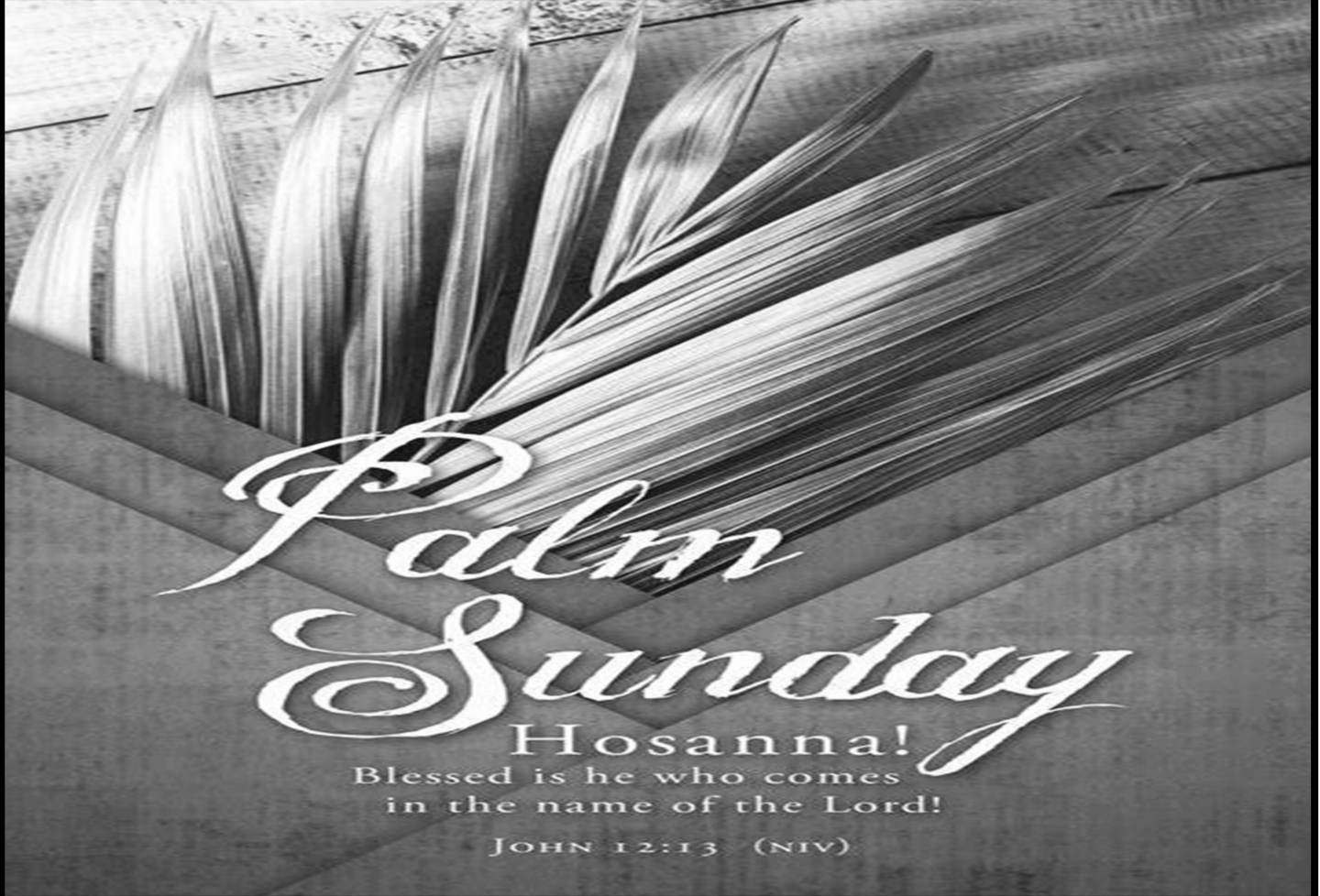




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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am – 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Sacrament of Confession :

Tuesday 9 am - 9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Library Hours: Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

The Parish office will be closed for Easter from noon on Thursday, April 6th - Monday, April 10th.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

We enter today into this Holy Week, and in the Gospel passage that we just heard, we relive the last days and final hours of our Lord Jesus Christ's earthly life.

The Gospel is written so that we become "witnesses." We become part of the story. So, today we go with our Lord up to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. We have a seat at the table as he celebrates his last supper, and we witness the drama of his betrayal.

We try to keep watch with him in the garden, and we are there when the mob comes to arrest him. We witness the mockery of his trial, the cruelty of the soldiers, the falling away of his closest disciples.

And finally, we walk alongside our Lord, with Mary our Blessed Mother, as he carries his cross and is crucified.

So as we begin this Holy Week, let's ask for the grace to enter into these mysteries in a deep and personal way. Let us truly accompany Jesus and Mary our Blessed Mother on this final journey.

As we walk this path with Jesus and Mary, we remember that everything that happens in these final moments of our Lord's earthly life — happens according to God's plan of salvation.

And we know the "**end of the story.**" Our Gospel today ends with our Lord suffering and dying on the cross, feeling abandoned and alone. Everything appears to be lost — but it's not! And we know that. The victory is already won. ***God wins in the end!***

St. Paul tells us today in the second reading: "Christ Jesus ... **humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.**"

Year after year, we remember the passion and death of our Lord. But always we know that Good Friday leads to Easter Sunday. The way of the cross leads to the Resurrection. Our God is the God of the living, not of the dead. Jesus dies in order to rise.

The lesson for us again in this Holy Week, ***is to have trust in God's mercy***, in his providence. God's plans for us are all for love, for life, for our happiness and joy.

My brothers and sisters, whatever crosses we carry in our lives, whatever hardships we face, we need to know that ***Jesus is walking with us***. We need to know that he goes with us in our sufferings, that the crosses we carry are a part of his cross. We are carrying his cross with him, like Simon, the Cyrenian, today in the Gospel.

Knowing this does not take away the pain or the fear, it does not spare us the disappointments and losses in our lives. But it tells us that our pain is not the last word of the story. God will wipe away every tear. If we carry our cross with him, He will lead us to the resurrection.

As we accompany Jesus and Mary throughout Holy Week, they are showing us the meaning of love.

Love means self-surrender. Love means handing over your whole self, everything you expect out of life, everything you want and have, all your actions and thoughts — putting it all in God's hands, to do his will.

In his humanity, Jesus had a choice to make. We heard his anguished prayer to the Father in the Gospel today. "***Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.***"

This is what love looks like. ***Not what I will, but what God wills.*** This is the love we are called to, my dear brothers and sisters.

Holy Week makes us "witnesses" of our Lord's love for us.

Let us ask for the grace this week, to testify to the love we have witnessed. Let us open our hearts to one another, as he has opened his heart for us. As we accompany Jesus and Mary on their final earthly journey together this week, let us say to God, as they did: "***Not my will, but Thy will be done.***"

May Mary our Blessed Mother go with us this week, as we carry our cross with her Son, that we might join him in his resurrection.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD



Wednesday, April 5th
Parish Reconciliation Service
 4 PM - Church

Holy Thursday, April 6th
 8:15 AM - Morning Prayer in the Parish Hall

5 PM - The Lord's Supper
 Evening Adoration, after mass until 9 PM
 in the Parish Hall

Good Friday, April 7th
 8:15 AM - Morning Prayer in the Church
 9 AM - Stations of the Cross
 1 PM - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 8th
 8:15 AM - Morning Prayer in the Parish Hall
 5 PM - The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 9th
 9 AM & 11 AM - Easter Sunday Mass

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 04/03	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Enrico Aguas
Tuesday 04/04	8:15 AM	† Kenny Burkhardt
Wednesday 04/05	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam
Thursday 04/06	8:15 AM 5 PM	Morning Prayer - Parish Hall Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Friday 04/07	8:15 AM 1 PM	Morning Prayer - Church Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Saturday 04/08	8:15 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Prayer - Parish Hall Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 04/09	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors

EXTRA HANDS NEEDED!



PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

The coming celebrations mean quite a few changes around church, almost every day of the first week of April.

Wednesday, April 5th; after morning mass, 9 am, Palms removed, change altar linens, set up Altar of Repose for Thursday.

Saturday, April 8th; after the morning prayer, 9 am, remove purples and rocks, change altar linens, flowers in place, Wreaths on outside doors, etc.

Any questions or to offer your time please contact Nancy Kubacki, 925-988-0216 -----

May God's blessings go with you.



St. Anne's Society

Our Spring Bake Sale is taking place this weekend in the Parish Center. This culinary event is very

popular and baked items sell quickly. Hurry over after Mass to claim a tasty treat! The sale will take place in the Parish Center from 4 pm to 4:45 pm before Mass on Saturday and after Mass from 6 pm to 7 pm. Sunday's sale will take place from 10 am to 10:45 am and again from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. Please consider bringing a bag from home to carry your purchased goods.

Let's make this Bake Sale the best ever!

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We are grateful.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Karen Salchett	Jannet Tuvilla
Ron Barajas	Dona Newell	Edward Regan
Cathy Grimesey	Carolyn Collins	Jason Navaro
Josay Hayes	Chris Ramirez	Robert Kraftschik
Sandra Chafe	Kathleen Clemons	Bev Regan
Pamela Maria	Tom & Vicki Hughes	Carol Hannon
Caroline George	Thecla Justen	Betty Hernandez
Ellen Stevens	Hogey Hogenboom	Tom Mader
Robert DeGraca	Michael Dunn	Felice Santos
Fr. Anthony Chang	Vincent Riggio	Larry Maday
Joe Cellucci	Karl Kropp	Jeff Westerfield
Cheryl Spitz	Martin Keegan	Jordan Navaro
Patricia Carey	Bonnie Walsh	Richard Daniels
Geri Pyle	John Statz	Debbie Campbell
Carter Whitlatch	Mike Abell	Robin Duggan

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151



The following non-perishable items are needed at St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply.

Toilet Paper	Oatmeal—small packets	Ketchup
Shaving Items	Chicken Broth	Coffee
Toothbrushes	Top Ramen	Water
Paper Towels	Mustard	Tea
Cleansing Wipes	Pasta / Pasta Sauce	Mayo
Body wash	Soup / Broth	Box Fruit Juice
Peanut Butter	Jam / Jelly	Cereal

Thank you - for your canned food and non-perishable donations to our food bin. With the cold and wet winter, St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Mary Church serves as many as 60 clients, and their entire families, each week. Along with your donations, the shelves are well stocked.

Thank you also to Jim W., and our SVdP workers in our parish, for bringing these donations to food pantry and working at the pantry each week. God bless you.

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Charles Cobb	925-705-7143
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Homebound	Evelyn Noriega	510-386-1573
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Why do we cover Crucifixes and other images during the final week of Lent?

The Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through salvation that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

[From Aleteia.org – <https://aleteia.org/2016/03/19/why-do-we-cover-crucifixes-and-statues-during-lent/>]