



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## Palm Sunday

## April 13, 2025



### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

### Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

### Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

### **Sunday's Readings/Music:**

Readings begin on page 102/Hymns on page 338  
in the Breaking Bread Missal/Hymn Book.

- Gospel: Luke 19:28-40
- Procession: #557 Praise To You, O Christ, Our Savior
- 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
- 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
- The Passion of the Lord: Luke 22:14-23:56
- Presentation of the Gifts: #162 Were You There
- Communion: #342 Behold The Lamb
- Sending: #159 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Palm Sunday is the end of the Lenten season and the beginning of Holy Week. Holy week is the culmination of our forty-day journey beginning on Ash Wednesday until today; we have embarked on something very special. This is our time as followers of Christ to follow Him from His entry into Jerusalem to His Passion and Resurrection and Ascension.

I hope during this time you and I were able to fulfill whatever sacrifice we promised at the very start of this special time. In most cases, not all, I'm afraid, some of us did not accomplish the goal we set for ourselves. There is no shame in that, we tried our best by "giving" something up. What I've often said to you and to others, is to do your best and if you fail just start again.

The wonderful thing about our loving God is that He is forgiving and merciful. We know that because Jesus Himself has reiterated this on many occasions throughout His ministry. And we know this by reading the whole of Salvation history. God made many covenants with His people only to see them time and time again fall away and fail because of human weaknesses that are inherited in our humanity.

Thomas Merton suggests how Lent shows us our "powerlessness", and as I stated above, our inherited weaknesses. Merton writes: "Lent has summoned us to change our hearts, to effect in ourselves the Christian metanoia. But at the same time Lent has reminded us perhaps all too clearly of our own powerlessness to change our lives in any way. Lent in the liturgical year plays the role of the Law, the pedagogue, who convinces us of sin and inflicts upon us the crushing evidence of our own nothingness."

Merton's text above is a very sobering realization of our humanness, but that's not to say we are hopeless. Indeed, we are all given hope knowing that Christ' actions during this time of His entry into Jerusalem, to His Passion, and finally to his Resurrection, gives us hope in that "'life is changed, not ended". This Scripture passage is often used in funeral liturgies to convey a message of hope and transformation rather than an absolute ending, suggesting a transition to a new form of existence..." The time of Lent has been a time for us to reflect, to meditate, and to ponder what is required. And that requirement for eternal life is not at all difficult, but it does necessitate our cooperation and action to fulfill that which God has promised through His Son... life eternal is our goal which can only be achieved through Christ' actions on earth and continues in the Kingdom.



Merton writes that "Easter is the hour of our own deliverance— from what? Precisely from Lent and from its hard Law which accuses and judges our infirmity. We are no longer under the Law. We are delivered from the harsh judgment! Here is all the greatness and all the unimaginable splendor of the Easter mystery— here is the "grace" of Easter which we fail to lay hands on because we are afraid to understand its full meaning. To understand Easter and live it, we must renounce our dread of newness and of freedom!"

Happy Palm Sunday!

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday & Sunday, April 12th—April 13th**


 1 hour after all masses
   
**Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

**Monday, April 14th**

**4:00 pm**

**Taize Prayer**



**Thursday-Saturday, April 16th—19th**

**8:15 am**

**Morning Prayers  
(in lieu of daily mass)**

**Thursday, April 17th**

**5:00 pm**

**Holy Thursday Mass**

**Thursday, April 17th**

**After Holy Thursday Mass until 9 pm**

**Evening Adoration**

**Friday, April 18th**

**Every Friday during Lent/ March 7th—April 18th**

**9:00 am**

**Stations Of The Cross**

**Friday, April 18th**

**1:00 pm**

**Good Friday—Passion of the Lord**

**Friday, April 18th**

**Good Friday—Holiday/Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, April 19th**

**5:00 pm**

**Great Easter Vigil**

**Sunday, April 20th**

**9:00 am & 11 am**

**Easter Sunday**

**Monday, April 21st**

**Easter Monday—Holiday/Parish Office Closed**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 4/12</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	† Angela & Carlos Marrujo
<b>Sunday 4/13</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Charles & Lydia Seals-Sylvia
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Parishioners & Benefactors
<b>Monday 4/14</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Special Intention: Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Desierto &amp; Palang Families</b>
<b>Tuesday 4/15</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Special Intention: Ofelia Roman</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/16</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	† Judy Weigel
<b>Thursday 4/17</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	Morning Prayer—No Mass
<b>Friday 4/18</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	Morning Prayer—No Mass
<b>Saturday 4/19</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	Morning Prayer—No Mass

## NEW MISSALS/HYMNALS!

The new “Breaking Bread” missal/hymnal in the pews replaces the worship aid and the former “Celebrating the Eucharist” missal. Readings and music for the mass will be listed on the front of the bulletins going forward. Feel free to take a copy of the old blue missal home!

## PARISH FINANCIALS

	March
<b>Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests</b>	
March Donation	\$ 35,961
Budget Donation	\$ 30,500
Excess / (shortfall)	\$ 5,461
Year to date excess/(shortfall)	\$ 6,636
Dev. Fund March donation	\$ 2,004
Dev. Fund YTD excess/(shortfall)	\$ (1,059)

## TAIZE PRAYER 4/14 — 4 PM

Please join us for Taize Prayer in the church this Monday, 4/14 at 4 PM. Taize Prayer originates from the ecumenical Christian community of Taize, France. Elements include scripture, prayer & short repetitive songs/chants drawn from scripture with extended periods of silence for personal reflection, listening to God or resting in his presence. Join us!

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### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ann Enright	William Egan
Tom Hughes	Dan Feikert
Vicki Hughes	Edward Sheehan
Kevin M. Kelly	Martin Bailey
Sheila Wilkins	Nancy Herney
Andrea Puccini	Cathy Bridges
Bunk Sicotte	Martin Keegan

**Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.**

*Let us pray for all those who have recently passed away...*



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| † David Cox       | † Douglas Todoroff |
| † Gordon Hepler   | † John Lydecker    |
| † Lois Johnson    | † Joe Cellucci     |
| † Dolly Ambrosini |                    |

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### The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

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