

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



THE STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17,
25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:
a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Lk 24:1-12
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 or (at an afternoon
or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

The Parish office will be **CLOSED** on **GOOD FRIDAY**,
April 18th.

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of April to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

- Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
- New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
- Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de abril para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

- Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
- Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
- preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
- Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

ADORATION – until 12 Midnight on Holy Thursday after Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Immaculate Heart parish hall.

REMINDER – You can still get Holy Thursday candles from the parish office. They will be burning before the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration. Candles are \$5.00.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fasting from food and abstaining from meat.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - David Alvarez and the Confirmation Class will lead the Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12:00pm noon, Immaculate Heart church grounds. Soup/snacks will follow in the parish hall

BLESSING OF BREAD – on Easter Sunday after both morning Masses; 8:30 & 11:00.

NOTE: MASS CHANGES –

- Beginning Sunday, June 22, 2025, the 8:30AM Spanish Mass will be moved up to 8:00AM
- Mass will be celebrated @ Holy Family at 9:30AM beginning June 22nd and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Same schedule for the other weekend Masses

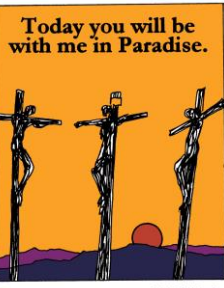
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY – is the Sunday after Easter, April 27th. In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces: complete forgiveness of sins and punishment: To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr. Josh will be available for confession at Immaculate Heart, from 12 noon-6pm. We will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, April 12th

5:00PM-IHM – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe

Morales; +Noah Alcala;
In Thanksgiving for Juan Francisco Solis’ birthday



Palm Sunday, April 13th

8:30AM - +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira;
En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Adam, Cynthia y Charlie Galvan

11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Wednesday, April 16th 9:00AM-IHM

+Barbara Rivera

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th – IHM

6:30PM -IHM “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

For the priests, living and deceased, who have served our Parish

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th – IHM

6:30PM – IHM- “Celebration of the Passion of the Lord”

HOLY SATURDAY, Easter Vigil, April 19th -

8:30PM-IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Easter Sunday, April 20th

8:30AM - Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de José Aguayo, Luz Cano, Aurora Ruiz, Erick y Omar Rico; Por el bien estar de familia Solis

11:00AM – In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Joclyn Madrigal, Sandra Kelly, Carmen Wilson, Roberto y Raquel Acevedo; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE – The Guadalupana members will be selling Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is May 2nd.

MANUEL & REFUJIA HEREDIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP–Applications are available in the parish office. You must be a 2025 Graduating High School Senior and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sweetwater, Texas to apply. Deadline is April 25, 2025 by 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

April 19 – Finance April 26 – Grupo Misionero

OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION -- to the Cursillistas, Grupo Misionero, Guadalupanas, Parish & Finance Councils, and the Jamaica Committee who provided the meals after the Stations of the Cross. Thank you also to all who shared the reflections and to all who attended The Stations *Via crucis*. *God Bless*

If you sign to for VERO, be sure to mention the church as your referral!

PLEASE NOTE – Important Meeting on Tuesday, April 15th, at 6:00pm, at Immaculate Heart Church, for Deacons, Altar Servers, all who will be decorating the church, and anyone who would like to help with the Holy Week & Easter Liturgies—Thank You! **Fr. Josh**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS will be Holy Thursday, April 17th, “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”. Thank you to the parents of the First Communion Class for their contributions for Altar Flowers “In Honor of the First Communion Children.”

NO MASS on Tuesday. Fr. Josh will be in San Angelo for the Chrism Mass. All parishioners are invited to the Chrism Mass @11:00am, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo.

WEDNESDAY MASS, April 16th, this week, will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart @9:00AM. Adoration will follow immediately after Mass. Fr. Josh will be available for **CONFESSIONS** from 9:30am-5:00pm and also 6:30-8:30pm during our **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**.

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - Please plan to attend the Liturgical celebration for the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil; the three-day Passover of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION - Good Friday Collection is for the **HOLY LAND**. This collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express our solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LENTEN OFFERING RICE BOWLS - may be turned in to the office during this coming week or at either of the Holy Week services.

• **CCD - NO CLASSES:** Sunday, April 13th & 20th – *Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday*
Wednesday, April 16th – *Holy Week*

CLASSES RESUME: Wednesday, April 23rd;
Sunday, April 27th

ULTREYA– meets Monday, April 14th,7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall. You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. All are welcome!

April 5/6, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$4253.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1361.00
CCD.....	<u>1100.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$6714.00

ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzará a finales de abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. La primera clase será miercoles 30 de abril, 2025, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr. Note mas informacion en la entrada de la iglesia.

#24 – Purification & Prayer

As the priest purifies the sacred vessels, he prays a prayer quietly. This helps to remind him that this is not the same as washing dishes after a meal. This is about our own body and soul being purified after receiving Holy Communion. We may also call to mind the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary cleaning the Body of Jesus before they laid him the tomb. We believe that Jesus is present in every drop and crumb, and so the priest or deacon must be careful that nothing is spilled or ignored while cleaning. The prayer that the priest prays is: What has passed our lips as food O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, so that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

Everyone has somewhere to be. The average parishioner has had a busy weekend, and a looming week ahead of them. Their favorite team has already begun to play, or the rest of their friends are already at lunch waiting for them. It is very convenient to slip out the door after receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus; it may also be working against the very aspect of our faith that needs the most attention at this point in our lives. Forcing ourselves to kneel and pray while we wait for others to finish receiving Communion goes against each of the streams mentioned above. Rather than being an inconvenience, we can view this time as a gift from God to pause and be still in the presence of Jesus. There is nothing to accomplish in this time. No demands to be met. We simply wait, and pray.

After a period of silence, the priest stands and prays the prayer after communion. We conclude our Eucharistic banquet with thanksgiving, and we commit our hearts and lives to serve the Lord in response to this great gift he has given to us. We say thank you for the gift of the Eucharist we have just received. Just as the disciples at Emmaus gave thanks after Jesus appeared to them in the breaking of the bread, our hearts are burning within us as we give thanks.

#24 – Purificación y Oración

Mientras el sacerdote purifica los vasos sagrados, reza una oración en silencio. Esto le ayuda a recordar que esto no es lo mismo que lavar los platos después de una comida. Se trata de nuestro propio cuerpo y alma que se purifican después de recibir la Sagrada Comunión. También podemos recordar la imagen de la Santísima Virgen María limpiando el Cuerpo de Jesús antes de que lo pusieran en la tumba. Creemos que Jesús está presente en cada gota y migaja, y por eso el sacerdote o diácono debe tener cuidado de que nada se derrame o se ignore mientras limpia. La oración que el sacerdote reza es: Haz, Señor, que recibamos con un corazón limpio el alimento que acabamos de tomar, y que el don que nos haces en esta vida nos aproveche para la eterna.

Todos tenemos un lugar al que ir. El feligrés promedio ha tenido un fin de semana ocupado y una semana pesada que se avecina. Su equipo favorito ya ha comenzado a jugar, o el resto de sus amigos ya están almorzando esperándolos. Es muy conveniente salir por la puerta después de recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús; eso también puede estar trabajando en contra del aspecto mismo de nuestra fe que necesita más atención en este momento de nuestras vidas. Obligarse a uno mismo a arrodillarse y orar mientras esperamos que otros terminen de recibir la Comunión va en contra de cada una de las corrientes mencionadas anteriormente. En lugar de ser un inconveniente, podemos ver este tiempo como un regalo de Dios para hacer una pausa y estar tranquilos en la presencia de Jesús. No hay nada que se debe hacer en este tiempo. No hay exigencias que cumplir. Simplemente esperamos, y oramos.

Después de un momento de silencio, el sacerdote se pone de pie y reza la oración después de la comunión. Concluimos nuestro banquete Eucarístico con una acción de gracias y entregamos nuestro corazón y nuestra vida a servir al Señor en respuesta a este gran don que nos ha dado. Decimos gracias por el don de la Eucaristía que acabamos de recibir. Así como los discípulos de Emaús dieron gracias después de que Jesús se les apareció al partir el pan, nuestro corazón arde dentro de nosotros mientras damos gracia