



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

8100 Chapman Avenue, Stanton CA 90680 | (714) 893-2766 | www.stpolycarp.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

CLERGY

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Rev. Viet Peter Ho

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Dcn. Juan Ochoa

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Sister Anna Anh Trâm Trần

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kara Ford

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Joseph Do

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English
7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English
9:00 AM Spanish
11:00 AM English
1:00 PM Spanish
4:00 PM Vietnamese
6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)
8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)
6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)
6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)
9:00 AM (Friday)
3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

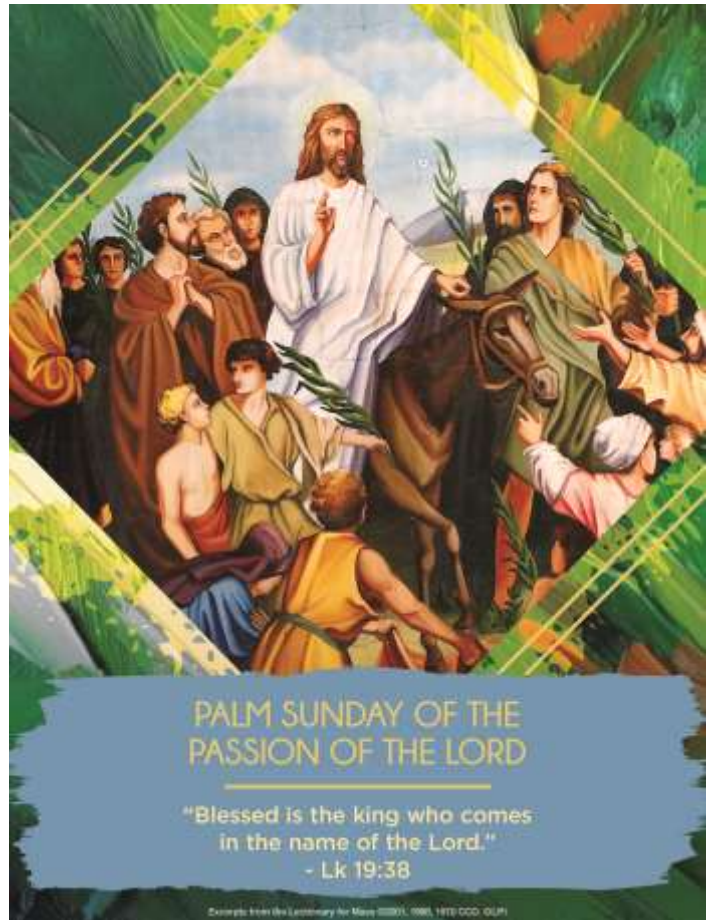
Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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APRIL 13, 2025



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday & Thursday 2 PM—6 PM
Saturday 9 AM—1 PM

Confirmation Programs

(714) 890-5200

Tuesday & Friday 9:30 AM—5:30 PM
Sunday 9 AM—2 PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 PM—4 PM
Friday 1 PM—5 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYỆN**

Saturday, April 12, 2025

5:00 PM Pray for our Priests
7:00 PM Pray for our Parishoners

Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:30 AM Peter Mai† & All Ancestors†; Palasigui Angels
9:00 AM Yolanda Lozano†; Alejo Villegas†
11:00 AM Lentz Sy Go†; Lilia M. Muldong† & Hiep Thi Hoang
1:00 PM Jose de Jesus† & Miguel Angel Serratos; Virginia Hernandez Reyes† & Anastacio Mojica Perez†
4:00 PM Joseph Nguyen Duc Vi†
6:00 PM Ana Miriam Montoya† & Vitelio Gonzalez†

Monday, April 14, 2025

6:30 AM Joseph Truong Van Tai†
8:30 AM Souls of Ancestors†
6:30 PM Jayne C. Bautista†; Reily Mora Zuniga

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6:30 AM Jonathan Alexis Jimenez†
8:30 AM Joseph Nguyen Ba Huan†; Monica Barrera†

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:30 AM Pray for our Priests
8:30 AM All Souls†

Thursday, April 17, 2025

5:00 PM Pray for our Parishoners
7:00 PM Pray for our Priests

Friday, April 18, 2025

NO MASSES—GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday, April 19, 2025

5:00 PM All Souls†; Thanksgiving
7:30 PM Quang Hien Nguyen† & All Ancestors†

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/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 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/
Rom 6:3-11/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



**Pope's Intention -
April**

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



Apr 5/6 Masses	\$ 22,295.00
Apr 5/6 Online Giving	\$ 2,139.52
Total collection:	\$ 24,434.52

*Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người.*

Dear Parishioners of Saint Polycarp,

This weekend marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week for Christians. Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday; and its highest point is the Holy Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

The word “passion” derives from the Latin word “passio” meaning “to suffer,” which refers to the events of Jesus suffering and death that includes his entrance into Jerusalem, sorrowful prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, arrest, trials, suffering, and crucifixion. Jesus’ passion is a testament to God’s love and a means of redemption for humanity.

On Passion Sunday, we join our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world to carry palms to welcome Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem, where He endured His passion. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate and commemorate the Last Supper, in which Jesus instituted two greatest sacraments: Priesthood and Eucharist. I mention “priesthood” because without the Priesthood of Jesus Christ there is no Eucharist. Thus, on this Holy Thursday, I ask for your prayer for the priests of the Church, namely the priests who have served you at Saint Polycarp. On Good Friday, we venerate the Holy Cross, on which Jesus was hung for our sins. On the Cross, Jesus died for us, so that we can inherit from and share with Him the gift of eternal life. On Holy Saturday, we celebrate at the Vigil Mass the Resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus teaches us that we believe not in a “dead” god, but in the God of Life. Please pray for great respect for human life.

As you carry the blessed palms on this Passion Sunday, I ask you to join me in thanking those who donate to us the palms, those who clean them, and those who prepare the sanctuary and the Holy Mass for us. Remember to join us after the 7PM Mass on Holy Thursday for the Eucharistic procession to the parish hall. Also remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstaining from meat, except for those who are outside of the required canonical age or those with health conditions.

Together with my brother priests, I offer my fervent prayers for you and your family. I look forward to celebrating Easter with all of you. In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Father Viet Peter Ho



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*“Harness the fire hidden in
The Eucharist to bring
about a true brotherhood
and unity.”*

- Cardinal Jaime Sin

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*“Aprovecha el fuego oculto
en la Eucaristía para
lograr una verdadera
hermandad y unidad..”*

- Cardenal Jaime Sin

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*“Hãy tận dụng ngọn lửa
ẩn chứa trong Bí Tích
Thánh Thể để mang lại
tình huynh đệ và sự hiệp
nhất đích thực.”*

- ĐHY Jaime Sin

Las lecturas de la semana del 13 de abril de 2025

- Domingo:** Lc 19, 28-40/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 (2)/Flp 2, 6-11/Lc 22, 14—23, 56 o 23, 1-49
- Lunes:** Is 42, 1-7/Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14/Jn 12, 1-11
- Martes:** Is 49, 1-6/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38
- Miércoles:** Is 50, 4-9/Sal 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34/Mt 26, 14-25
- Jueves:** *Víspera Misa de la Cena del Señor:*
Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16. 17-18 (ver 1 Co 10, 16)/1 Co 11, 23-26/Jn 13, 1-15
- Viernes:** Is 52, 13—53, 12/Sal 30, 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25 (Lc 23, 46)/Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9/Jn 18, 1—19, 42
- Sábado:** *Pascua de Resurrección Vigilia:* Gn 1, 1—2, 2 o 1, 1. 26-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22 (5)/Gn 22, 1-18 o 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18/Sal 15, 5. 8. 9-10. 11 (1)/Ex 14, 15—15, 1/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18 (1)/Is 54, 5-14/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 (2)/Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (3)/Bar 3, 9-15. 32—4, 4/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11 (Jn 6, 68)/Ez 36, 16-28/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 (12)/Rom 6, 3-11/Lc 24, 1-12
- Domingo:** Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Co 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Lc 24, 1-12

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 13 de abril de 2025

- Domingo:** Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo
- Martes:** Día de impuestos (EEUU)
- Jueves:** Jueves Santo
- Viernes:** Viernes Santo
- Sábado:** Sábado Santo
- Domingo:** Domingo de Pascua

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Reflexión breve: Soy una persona católica, orgulloso/a de ser católico/a, pero ¿es eso un testimonio silencioso de una verdadera evangelización?

Las piedras gritarán

Tengo una relación complicada con la evangelización.

No creo que nosotros (y aquí me refiero a los católicos americanos del siglo XXI) hemos recibido suficiente formación acerca de lo que significa exactamente proclamar el Evangelio. No sabemos cómo hacerlo. En realidad, *no queremos* hacerlo. Eso suena aterrador e incómodo. Suena a ir a tocar la puerta de unos desconocidos y gritarles a través del hueco de la cerradura: “¿Han aceptado a Jesucristo como su Señor y Salvador?” Suena a discutir con los amigos y la familia. Suena como un verdadero dolor de cabeza.

Soy católico/a, estoy orgulloso de serlo, hago mis cosas

católicas en mi hogar católico durante toda mi vida católica. Pero ¿es eso suficiente?

A todos los cristianos estamos llamados a ser “testigos silenciosos” en la manera en que vivimos nuestras vidas, escribe San Pablo VI en la exhortación apostólica *Evangelii Nuntiandi*; pero solo eso, dice él, es “insuficiente”. Tenemos que hablar acerca de Jesús, tenemos que pronunciar su nombre, tenemos que hablar de su vida, de sus promesas. Tenemos que *proclamarlo* a él.

Tenemos que alzar la voz tan alto de modo que un fariseo retroceda ante nosotros.

Y aun así – y San Pablo VI admite esto – en verdad no es evangelización si lo hacemos tan mal que nadie nos escucha. Si nosotros “imponemos” la verdad sobre la conciencia de alguien, en vez de “proponerla”; si cometemos el error de pensar que hay una forma única de compartir a Cristo ante la gran variedad de personalidades que existen en este mundo.

Queridos lectores, ya no me queda espacio en la columna, y todavía no tengo respuestas para ustedes, o para mí mismo. No sé cómo hacerlo bien, pero tenemos que intentarlo; tenemos que orar y reflexionar, ser pacientes, ser humildes. Tenemos que recordar que se trata de él y no de nosotros.

Sobre todo, cuando nos descubrimos confundidos y retrocedemos en el silencio, debemos recordar las palabras de Cristo: “si ellos callan, las piedras gritarán”.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

¡Hosanna al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito sea el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en lo más alto de los cielos! (Mateo 21:9). Preparados o no, llegamos a la Semana Santa, también llamada Semana Mayor. Conmemoramos la entrada triunfante del Señor a Jerusalén. ¿Has pensado de qué forma acompañaremos a Jesús durante la semana? ¿Cuáles son los planes en familia y en la comunidad parroquial? Muchas familias aprovechan este tiempo para salir de vacaciones, lo cual es muy bueno. Sin embargo, eso no es motivo para dejar a Jesús solo. Dondequiera que estemos, podemos tener momentos de oración y reflexión en el Misterio de la Pasión del Señor.

Se agitan las palmas benditas en nuestras manos y se escuchan los vivos del pueblo. Y en menos de una semana, daremos comienzo al Triduo Pascual. Judas lo traicionará a cambio de unas cuantas monedas; sus discípulos lo abandonarán y Pedro terminará negándolo. Todos le habían prometido fidelidad. Sin embargo, fallaron a la hora del arresto. Jesús es el amor que no se deja vencer y da muestras de ello aun en su tribulación. Cura al soldado que se acerca a arrestarlo, perdona a quienes lo crucifican y le da esperanza al ladrón arrepentido que muere con él. ¿Qué podemos aprender de todo esto? ¿A qué nos invita Jesús en este tiempo tan concreto? La respuesta es personal, pero démonos cuenta que, al final de todo el Vía Crucis, lo que vence es el amor. ©LPi

Thông Báo

1. **✠ Bắt đầu Mùa Chay: mỗi Thứ Sáu sẽ có đi Đàng Thánh Giá lúc 6PM.**
Sẽ không có Châu Thánh Thể hoặc giờ đọc kinh.

2. **Vé Số Gây Quỹ: Cộng Đoàn đang bán vé số số gây quỹ cho Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu La Vang 2025 tại Nhà Thờ Chánh Toà Chúa Kitô.** Mỗi xấp có 5 vé được bán với giá \$20. Giải độc đắc là 1 chiếc xe Toyota Camry 2026 cùng nhiều giải thưởng khác. Xin liên lạc các hội đoàn hoặc mua sau Thánh Lễ ở cuối nhà thờ. Xin mọi người rộng tay mua ủng hộ.

3. **Giải Tội Mùa Chay: Giáo Xứ sẽ có giờ giải tội:**

✠ Thứ Ba ngày 15 tháng 4 năm 2025
Lúc 9:30AM đến 11:30AM.

✠ Phân Ưu



“Xin Thiên Chúa là Cha Nhân Từ tha thứ những thiếu sót và lỗi lầm của người quá cố lúc còn sống nơi trần thế, để họ được về bên Thiên Chúa, hưởng vĩnh phúc trên Thiên Quốc.”

✠ Cộng Đoàn được tin:

✠ 1. Con trai Ông Lê Trí Dương (quen gọi Bác Cầu) là: **Anh PHAOLÔ LÊ TRÍ BẢO**, là cựu huynh trưởng Đoàn Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể của Cộng Đoàn đã được Chúa gọi về ngày 25 tháng 11 năm 2025 tại thành phố Garden Grove, California, hưởng dương 49 tuổi.

✠ 2. Nhạc phụ và Thân phụ các Anh Chị Nguyễn Văn Quang & Phạm Thị Minh Thy—Vũ Linh & Phạm Thị Mộng Tuyền—Nguyễn Long & Phạm Thị Minh Hương hiện đang phục vụ tại Ca Đoàn Dũng Lạc (Nhóm Thứ Bảy) của Cộng Đoàn. Ngoài ra, chị Phạm Thị Mộng Tuyền còn là Nguyên Thư Ký của Ban Thường Vụ Cộng Đoàn là: **Cụ Ông VINCENTE PHẠM VĂN NHO** đã được Chúa gọi về ngày 28 tháng 3 năm 2025 tại Fountain Valley, California, hưởng thọ 92 tuổi.

Cộng Đoàn xin được chia sẻ nỗi đau mất người thân đến với gia đình bác Cầu và gia đình các chị Minh Thi, Mộng Tuyền và Minh Hương và nguyện xin Thiên Chúa là Cha Nhân Từ đón nhận linh hồn **PHAOLÔ LÊ TRÍ BẢO** và **VINCENTE PHẠM VĂN NHO** về hưởng Nhan Thánh Chúa trên quê Trời.

Cộng Đoàn thành kính phân ưu đến Đại Gia Đình Ông Lê Trí Dương và Đại Gia Đình các chị Minh Thi, Mộng Tuyền và Minh Hương.



Ý CẦU NGUYỆN THÁNG 4 NĂM 2025

CỦA ĐỨC GIÁO HOÀNG PHANXICÔ.

**CẦU NGUYỆN CHO VIỆC SỬ DỤNG
NHỮNG CÔNG NGHỆ MỚI.**

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho việc sử dụng những công nghệ mới không thay thế những quan hệ giữa con người, nhưng tôn trọng phẩm giá và giúp họ vượt qua những khủng hoảng của thời đại chúng ta.

✠ Tình Tâm Mùa Chay 2025



CỘNG ĐOÀN ĐỨC MARIA MẸ THIÊN CHÚA
GIÁO XỨ ST. POLYCARP: 8100 Chapman Ave., CA 90680



**CHƯƠNG
TRÌNH**

**TUẦN
THÁNH
2025**

- 1. Lễ Lá: Thứ Bảy ngày 12 tháng 4 năm 2025. Lúc 6:50PM Nghi Thức Làm Phép Lá.
Chúa Nhật ngày 13 tháng 4 năm 2025. Lúc 3:50PM Nghi Thức Làm Phép Lá.**
- 2. Thứ Năm Tuần Thánh - Lễ Tiệc Ly: Ngày 17 tháng 4 năm 2025 lúc 5PM.
Sẽ có rước Dầu Thánh trước khi Thánh Lễ bắt đầu.**
- 3. Thứ Sáu Tuần Thánh - Tưởng Niệm Cuộc Khổ Nạn của Chúa Giêsu:
Ngày 18 tháng 4 năm 2025
Đi Đàng Thánh Giá lúc 5:30PM.
Suy Tôn Thánh Giá
Hôn Kính Thánh Giá và Rước Lễ.**
- 4. Thứ Bảy Lễ Vọng Phục Sinh:
Ngày 19 tháng 4 năm 2025 lúc 5PM.**
- 5. Chúa Nhật Phục Sinh:
Ngày 20 tháng 4 năm 2025 lúc 4PM.
Mừng Chúa Sống Lại**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 April 10 -15, 2025
 in the School Classroom

EASTER LILIES

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Easter Lilies after all Masses on April 12 & 13. Lilies will be \$15 or 2/\$25 and can be donated back to the church for decoration or taken home.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Council 6095 SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH www.stpolycarp.org

Schedule

APRIL 10, 2025
5:00PM - 9:00PM

APRIL 11, 2025
6:00PM - 9:00PM

APRIL 12, 2025
9:00AM - 7:00PM

APRIL 13, 2025
8:00AM - 7:00PM

APRIL 14, 2025
2:00PM - 9:00PM

APRIL 15, 2025
2:00PM - 8:00PM

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025
9:30AM-11:30AM

O MY GOD, I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR HAVING OFFENDED YOU AND I DETEST ALL MY SINS BECAUSE OF YOUR JUST PUNISHMENTS, BUT MOST OF ALL BECAUSE THEY OFFEND THEE, MY GOD, WHO ARE ALL GOOD AND DESERVING OF ALL MY LOVE.

I FIRMLY RESOLVE, WITH THE HELP OF YOUR GRACE, TO SIN NO MORE AND TO AVOID THE NEAR OCCASION OF SIN.

AMEN.

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PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

PSA 2025 REPORT

AS OF 04/08/2025

PLEDGES RECEIVED: 207

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$77,846.00

TOTAL PAID: \$76,196.00

OUR 2025 PSA GOAL: \$98,000.00

Thank You!

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HOLY WEEK 2025

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER - ENGLISH
- 5:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - VIETNAMESE
- 7:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - ENGLISH/SPANISH
- 8:30 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 8:00 AM GATHER IN THE HALL. REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER - ENGLISH
- 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/PASSION SERVICE - ENGLISH
- 5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/PASSION SERVICE - VIETNAMESE
- 8:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/PASSION SERVICE - SPANISH

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

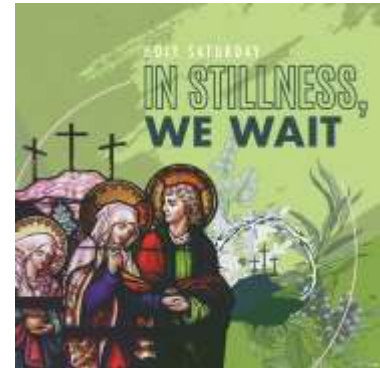
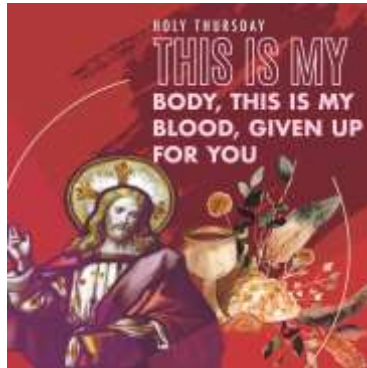
- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER IN ENGLISH
- 5:00 PM EASTER VIGIL - VIETNAMESE
- 7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL - ENGLISH/SPANISH



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED
THURSDAY 4/17/2025 AT NOON UNTIL TUESDAY 4/22/2025

FROM OUR CLERGY AND STAFF, WE WISH YOU A
HAPPY EASTER WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

"HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN!" LUKE 24:6-7

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Pro Sanctity Movement Prayer Group

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings for coffee and refreshments as we pray with the Sunday Gospel.

Where: St. Polycarp Room
When: Thursday Mornings after
8:30 AM Mass until 10:00 AM

No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy McDonnell for
any questions at 714-496-9597



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which will be given for you;
do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

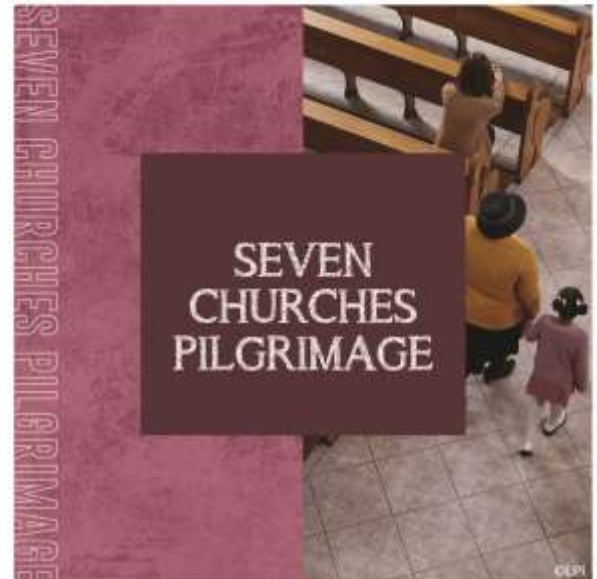
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Tuesday: Tax Day
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion, when he asked his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion and death.

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,
I open my heart to You,
offering every day and night to
You in sacred surrender. I pray
for the grace to accompany
You in a special way this Holy
Week, joining and offering the
trials I encounter on our shared
journey to the cross and to a
victorious hope.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. But is that wordless witness really evangelization?

The Stones Will Cry Out

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really *want* to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must *proclaim* him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

Answer:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches — a symbol of royalty — to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.



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