

April 5, 2020

# Parish Calendar

**Sunday 04/05**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Sunday 04/12**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21/  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**



PRIVATE MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5

The times in parentheses are the originally scheduled times. No public Masses are permitted during this coronavirus time. The priests will offer these Masses privately.

### PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY

**Saturday, April 4**

+ Dennis Defreitas (5:30 p.m.)

**Sunday, April 5**

+ Alfia Hutchison (7 a.m.)

+ Mary Carroll Lynch (9 a.m.)

+ Jerry Calamia (11 a.m.)

+ Krista Valdez & Randi Valdez (1 p.m.)

For all SSPP Parishioners (6 p.m.)

**Monday, April 6**

Engaged Couples (6:30 a.m.)

+Carol Parry Sullivan (8:30 a.m.)

**Tuesday, April 7**

Sister novices & seminarians (6:30 a.m.)

All Souls in Purgatory (8:30 a.m.)

**Wednesday, April 8**

+ Yvonne Carper (6:30 a.m.)

Catechumens & Candidates in RCIA

**Holy Thursday, April 9**

For all SSPP Parishioners

**Good Friday, April 10**

No Masses are allowed on Good Friday

**Holy Saturday, April 11 - Easter Vigil Mass**

For all SSPP Parishioners



### THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *The Roman Missal*

**ALL Masses and other gatherings** of the parish have been cancelled through **April 30th**. The absence of the Sacraments and of our communal gatherings is so very difficult but, in the Lord, in prayer for each other, and by other means of communication, we will be strengthened and kept faithful to God and to each other. To keep up with the latest news, receive weekly notes from the Pastor, and for the "SSPP daily reflections" for spiritual enrichment, text the word **life** to **84576** to sign up for Flocknote. Or, go to [peterpaultucson.flocknote.com](http://peterpaultucson.flocknote.com) and sign up there.

#### A HOLY WEEK NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Passion Sunday begins Holy Week. Over the years I always begin this week with something beautiful, like gathering with you in the Ss. Peter & Paul church vestibule for the blessing of the palms. The 9 and 11 a.m. choirs make it sweet with their Hosanna verses. Back in my seminarian days, we walked an outdoor procession. In Camarillo, California we began in the fresh Spring air at the steps of the Saint John's seminary library. We carried our palms while singing and walking the 200 yards over to chapel at the quadrangle. In my memory, I can hear the tower bells playing to accompany the voices of seminarians praising God.

This Passion Sunday is unprecedented. We hear that word a lot these days: "unprecedented." Have any of us ever begun Holy Week without public liturgies? Have any of us ever gone a month without Mass?

"Unprecedented" is the right word. I share your grief. May we all soon be together for Mass.

Although we are keeping our social distance, our Ss. Peter & Paul Parish family should remain united in prayer. Each in our own homes we can make these days holy. We can read the Scripture of the day at <http://uscgb.org/bible/readings/>. We pray the Stations of the Cross at <https://stations.wordonfire.org/stations-of-the-cross>. We can pray the Sorrowful Mysteries in the Rosary. That's what the Sisters of Charity, the deacons, and priests are doing.

In addition, Fathers Bala, Justin, and I will celebrate the Holy Week liturgies in private. Every prayer will be offered for your intentions. May you have good health and holiness.

Now, I would like go back to the word, "unprecedented." There are actually too many precedents of the separation of the Faithful from public worship. The first generation of Christians were persecuted by the Romans. The English arrested and martyred Irish Catholics during the 17th and 18th Centuries. In our times, the Chinese government persecutes Christians, and Muslim gangs in Africa burn churches, kidnap girls, and kill Christians. In the end, our separation from the Sacraments will be temporary. Please include in your prayers not only the rapid resolution of this coronavirus pandemic, but also the permanent freedom of religion, so that all our brothers and sisters will safely have public worship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Patrick Crino  
Pastor



#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ENDURING HOPE

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion. We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

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