

# ***Palm Sunday*** ***April 9, 2017***

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Sacred Conversation

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

He must have done a thousand righteous things in his life. He was chosen by Jesus himself to be one of the Twelve. He was trusted to be the treasurer, and to hold the group's money bag. Yet, his eternal title will be Judas, the Betrayer.

We'll never know why on earth he did it. For thirty pieces of silver? The cynic says, "Of course. People will do anything for money." But is there any one of us who would hand a loved one over to be tortured and killed because we could make money by doing so? Never. Judas was up to something, and even today scholars can't quite discern what it was.

I'm intrigued by what the author of Matthew's gospel says: "Then Judas, his Betrayer, *seeing that he had been condemned*, greatly regretted what he had done." Did Judas try to step into history and force God's hand? Did he think that once the soldiers took hold of Jesus in Gethsemane he would call upon his legion of angels, who would slay anyone laying a hand on God's Anointed?

It followed that Jesus would then gather an army who would roust the Romans from Israel, and the Jews would once again control their homeland. Judas (before he was "the Betrayer") was no doubt named after Judas Maccabeus, the great warrior who liberated Jerusalem from the Seleucids. Judas—perhaps thinking of his great ancestor— was willing to temporarily "betray" Jesus in order to finally get him to harness his heavenly powers.

But it didn't happen that way. Jesus was condemned to death. His Betrayer hanged himself. And Jesus set out on the way of the liberation of the Cross.

*For what betrayals in your own life have you been forgiven and set free to be happy again?*

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Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

Debió haber hecho miles de cosas buenas en su vida. Fue elegido por Jesús mismo para ser uno de los

doce. Se le confió para ser el tesorero, y cuidar la bolsa de dinero del grupo. Y a pesar de eso, su titulo eterno será Judas, el Traidor.

Nunca sabremos por qué lo hizo. ¿Por treinta monedas de plata? El cínico dice, -Por supuesto. La gente hace cualquier cosa por dinero.- ¿Pero quién de nosotros entregaría un ser amado para ser torturado y asesinado solo porque podemos ganarnos unos pesos por hacerlo? Nunca. Judas se tramaba algo más, y aun los eruditos modernos no pueden descifrar lo que era.

Me intriga lo que dice el autor del evangelio de Mateo: -Entonces Judas, su Traidor, *viendo que había sido condenado, se arrepintió profundamente de lo que había hecho*.- ¿Trató judas de interponerse en la historia y forzar la mano de Dios? ¿Pensó que una vez que los soldados arrestaran a Jesús en Getsemaní él llamaría a su legión de ángeles, quienes matarían a cualquiera que pusiera mano en el Ungido de Dios?

Después de eso Jesús juntaría un ejercito que expulsaría a los romanos de Israel, y entonces los Judíos una vez más tomarían control de su patria. Judas (antes que fuera "el Traidor") sin duda fue nombrado por Judas Macabeo, el gran guerrero que liberó a Jerusalén de los Seleucidos. Judas- tal vez pensando en su gran ancestro- estuvo dispuesto a temporariamente "traicionar" a Jesús para así poder finalmente obligarlo a que utilizara sus poderes divinos.

Pero no sucedió así. Jesús fue condenado a muerte. Su Traidor se colgó. Y Jesús comenzó su camino a la liberación de la Cruz.

*¿Para qué traiciones en tu vida has sido perdonados y libres ser feliz otra vez?*

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**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—**  
Mary Anderson, Paul Maas, Yulissa Ayala,  
Ed Tomsic, LeRoy Kress, Guadalupe  
Garcia, Bud Lang, Sarah Salazar, Phillip  
Gallegos, Angela Gallegos, Ron Peterson,  
Tate Hallahan, Dolores Esquibel, Jenny  
Martinez, Clarita Rubio, Jana Purdy  
**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—**

Community Ministry needs—**Cereals** for  
the month of April. You can place your

donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

## ***Around the Parish and the Community***

### **FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

**Apr 02 10:15 am**

- \*Children's Faith Formation
- \*Secrets of Scripture

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – OPERATION RICE BOWL**

This year, our Faith Formation families will be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, an annual global Lenten project offered by Catholic Relief Services. We still have a few Rice Bowls left, so if you would like to take one home and invite your family to participate, please take one of the bowls from the table in the vestibule. We are asking folks to send their donation directly to Catholic Relief Services directly in the form of a check or money order. The address is on the booklet contained in the kit, or you can go to [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information.

### **2017 Lenten Schedule**

April 7—6:30 pm Lenten Series-*FROM  
THE DESERT TO THE CROSS*

7:30 pm Adoration/Confessions/  
Benediction

**\*\*\*last chance for Reconciliation\*\*\***

April 9—Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins

April 13—Holy Thursday  
(no morning Mass)

**7:00 pm**

***MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

April 14—Good Friday (no morning Mass)

**Noon**

***SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST***

**3:00 pm *TENEBRAE***

**7:00 pm *PASSION OF THE LORD***

April 15—Holy Saturday—

**8:00 pm *EASTER VIGIL***

April 16—Easter Sunday—

**9:00 am & 11:30 am Masses**

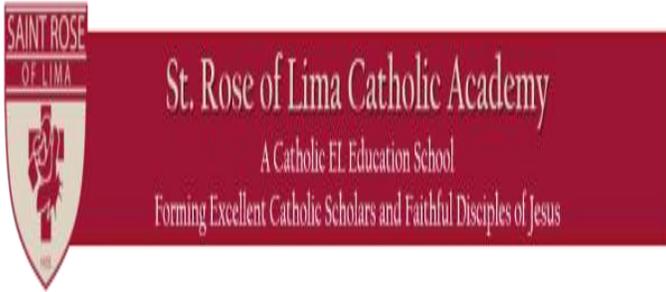
**ALTAR & ROSARY news !!!**

Please join the A & R Society for their April meeting on **Thursday, April 6, at 6:30pm.**

There will be a short meeting and then **apron-a-pallouza !!** Bring an apron and play the game, and take home an apron! All women of the parish are invited.

***FAMILY MOVIE for April 2 !!***

In 2014, the movie world was astounded by the 10-episodes on the History Channel on the life of Jesus: **The Son of God.** Join us **THIS** Sunday for a light lunch at 12:30pm and the movie, The Son of God. running time is two hours, and the movie is rated PG-13; so parents please be with your kids on this one.



School Days—Saint Rose of Lima is an amazing place to learn. We still have a few spots open for 2017-2018. Those places are for the incoming First, Second, Third, and Fifth grade classes. Give a call to the School Executive Assistant—Esther Gutierrez and schedule a tour.

Don't let the school year set sail without your child on board!

School Open House—Expeditionary Learning Night Open House—April 27, 6:00pm

Everyone is invited to see all the great learning going on at the school!

In Lent, each Friday is a day of abstinence. A day of abstinence means to refrain from eating meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence as well as days of fasting.

A day of fasting consists of one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal another full meal.

Each Catholic who has received their First Communion is expected to receive Communion at least once a year, but especially in the Easter season.

Consequently, this means that every Catholic who has received their First Communion should celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before Pentecost Sunday. Abstinence is a requirement of each Catholic from age 14 onward.

Fasting is a requirement of each Catholic from age 18 to 59.

### **BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!**

It's that time of year again! We will be selling Butter Braid pastries, just in time for your Easter dinner! We will begin our fundraiser NEXT WEEKEND, March 24/25, and continue through the weekend of April 1/2. These make wonderful treats for that special brunch or dinner. They also make great gifts! Stock up! Proceeds this year will go toward general maintenance needs for the church.

*Don't forget to do your spring shopping at **AMAZON SMILE!*** You can help the parish get 0.5 % back on each purchase. Woo Hoo!

For all high school men open to discerning a call to the priesthood: RAD Retreat at St John Vianney Seminary. April 30, 2017, 9am—4pm. Online registration: [www.DenverSeminarians.org](http://www.DenverSeminarians.org)

Tuesday Is 49: 1-6//Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday Is 50: 4-9a//Mt 26: 14-25  
Thursday 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 Gn 1:1-2:2//Gn 22: 1-18//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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday April 8**  
 4:00pm +Lillian Kress by family  
**Sunday April 9**  
 9:00am +Frank Raisch by family  
 +Carolyn Egan by family  
 +Lester Barenberg by Cynthia Stadig  
 11:30am People of the Parish  
**Monday April 10**  
 8:30am Communion Service  
**Tuesday April 11**  
 8:15am +Connie Garcia-Leroux by family  
**Wednesday April 12**  
 8:30am +O'Dilla Brunner by family  
**Thursday April 13**  
 8:30am  
**Friday April 14**  
 8:30am  
**Saturday April 15**  
 4:00 pm  
**Sunday April 16**  
 9am  
 11:30am

**BOTTOM LINE DIAPER BANK**—Looking for a Lenten Project? During Lent we are collecting DIAPERS for Catholic Charities. So buy 'em and drop 'em at the back of the church. You can't go wrong with diapers any size!

**Readings for the week of April 9, 2017**

Sunday Mt 21: 1-11//Is 50: 4-7//Phil 2: 6-11//Mt 26: 14-27:66  
Monday Is 42: 1-7//Jn 12: 1-11