



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year C)

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the Beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

“Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)

The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle so that he can endure all suffering with patience.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)

Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.

Gospel (Luke 22:14-23:56)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

Today we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week in the church calendar. We reflect upon the events that brought about our salvation. Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem, the City of Peace, in order to announce the Good News, not just with His words but by His act of loving sacrifice for all people. We journey along with Him as He celebrates the great feast of Passover and becomes the New Paschal Lamb Whose blood is poured out so that we, the New Israel, might experience the liberation from sin and the new life of grace. We look on as Jesus suffers His passion and crucifixion. And ultimately, we will experience His glorification from the cross and at the tomb.

During this most holy of weeks – Holy Week – may the time you spend reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus bring you a greater awareness of God’s love for you!

Mass Intentions from April 12-13, 2025

Sat. Apr 12/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Apr 13/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	-Teresa Baird
	Vito Fundaro	- Fundaro family
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott family
	Sam Atalla	- Carol Atalla & Shanahan family
	Sabia & Donato Palmarella	- Angela & Giuseppe Palmarella
	Eugeno, Sirmia, Quinto & Martini Fiori	- Nick Cicchino
	Francesco Nard, Francesco Andreacchi & Giovanni	- E Nardi
	Corazon Ynalvez, Jocelyn & Roselyn Turico	- Lucia Ynalvez
	Lucia I Liganor & Ricardo T. Liganor Sr.	- Liganor & Chan families

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

17 April - 6:30 pm Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet

Good Friday (Collection for the Holy Land)

18 April - 2:30 pm Confession
 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
 4:00 pm Meditations on the Way of the Cross

19 April - 6:30 pm **Easter Vigil at the parish**

EASTER SUNDAY

20 April - 9:00 am Mass at the St. Patrick’s Square
 10:00 am Mass at the Parish

KALAYAAN (Philippines Independence)
Spring Festival - June 1, after 10 am mass.
A fundraising lunch benefitting St. Richard Parish.
Sponsored by St. Richards Filipino Community.
Filipino Cuisine to Savor...
Ticket will be on sale Easter Sunday
Adults- \$35 each, Children ages 5 to 10 \$15 each.
Kids under 5 years enjoys for free...
If you can help sell tickets please see Beth Villondo.
Thank you in advance for your help!



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
 Giving thanks to the Lord and for special intention
 for the Edward family.

By - Edward family.

Collection for April 6 was \$ 1030.60
 Thank you for your contribution.



Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to GOD.

The Gospel is GOD’s “love letter”
 to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.
 We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives. If we make Good use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds. The miracle of inner change is possible. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline. You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done. The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Our Father
 Give us this day our daily bread
 and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all.
 Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table.
 Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep.
 Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do.
 Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more.
 Amen.