



St. Brendan Church Bulletin

Palm Sunday

Sunday April 10, 2022

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord”

Luke 19:38

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Mass Times:

Monday-Saturday 8:15 am

First Friday during the school year 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

All masses are livestreamed on our website except for Sunday 7:30 am and 11:30 am. You may attend any of the masses in person we just ask that you wear your mask at all times and sanitize your hands before and after mass.

Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 am (School Mass), 6:00 pm

Confessions (DURING LENT)

Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration Chapel: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Baptisms - Contact Sr. Angela

Weddings—Contact Fr. Mike at least six months before the desired wedding date

Anointing of the sick

Please contact the office 415-681-4225.

Mass Intentions

April 10

7:30 am Mai Pham Bui (D)

9:30 am John & Juliet Wallerstedt (D) Felix Dayrit (D)

11:30 am Sonia Gonzalez Ulloa (D)

Monday, April 11

8:15 am Leonora Mendoza (D)

Tuesday, April 12

8:15 am Philip Whitehead (L)

Wednesday, April 13

8:15 am Ramon Mendoza (L)

Thursday, April 14 (Holy Thursday)

6pm—Mass of the Lord’s Service

Parishioners & Friends of St. Brendan

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

8:15 am Parishioners & Friends of St. Brendan

Saturday, April 16 (Holy Saturday)

5:00 pm Parishioners & Friends of St. Brendan

Pastor's Column

The Way of the Cross- Four Observations on Palm Sunday

Today's Gospel is the longest in our entire liturgical year and interestingly it always involves every person in the church building. Think of that, the longest Gospel, that contains the betrayal, death, and Resurrection - involves every man, woman and child within hearing distance. I have always thought that this signified that we indeed were involved in the betrayal, through sin; the death of Jesus, as the debt for our/my sins were paid; and most important the invitation to share eternal life with Jesus, who conquered even death by His Resurrection, if we hear and listen to His Word and allow our lives to be transformed. There may be no apparent surface change, but when we speak, how we speak, and, importantly, what we do will betray even an attempt to live the message and promise made to each of us in today's gospel.

It was during Lent that, while in church, I made an important discovery that changed my way of thinking and acting. In the way of the Cross, celebrated by the Church as the "Stations of the Cross" and offered every Lenten season. Jesus falls three times. Importantly, each and every time Jesus gets back up he is met by a woman- the sorrowful women, Veronica with her veil who wiped the blood from Jesus' face, and lastly by his mother Mary as the sword of sorrow was piercing her heart. I have always thought that this has meant that it does not matter how we are thought of by our fellow men and women, but what our interior disposition is. If we have the interior disposition of being faithful to Christ, we will gain the respect of those who share those values. Secondly, God comes to us when we are being mistreated or thought of as being second — Just as he came to the women in the Way of the Cross. Jesus as man came to give every drop of his blood in expiation for our sins, some of which remained on Veronica's veil. He comforts the sorrowful as he did his own mother.

Is "peer pressure" new? Absolutely not! In today's reading alone, Peer pressure led to all of the Apostles fleeing at the time of Jesus trial and even Peter, our first pope, denied Jesus three times. When the crowds Chanted "Give us Barabbas!", did they really want a career criminal back in their streets where he could victimize anew? I have always thought not and considered the chant motivated by fear of what someone in a perceived position of perceived power would do if the crowd had chanted otherwise. Be strong and believe in Christ! But make no mistake, a desire for earthly self-preservation motivated that chant and regrettably continues to motivate that chant in our contemporary world.

Lastly, the palm procession and crowds that marked Jesus entry into Jerusalem that gives the reason why this Sunday is called "Palm Sunday", had as Jesus was accorded high honors and their wanting to make Him king, His betrayal, and death signify that earthly glory is fleeting. Let us all reflect upon our part in the death of Jesus and His as we enter Holy Week.

- Fr. Mike

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

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 Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence;

Income Tax Day; Passover begins

Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

ESSENTIAL REDUCTION

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

—Archibald Alexander

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 61:1-3ab, 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, 15-16, 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

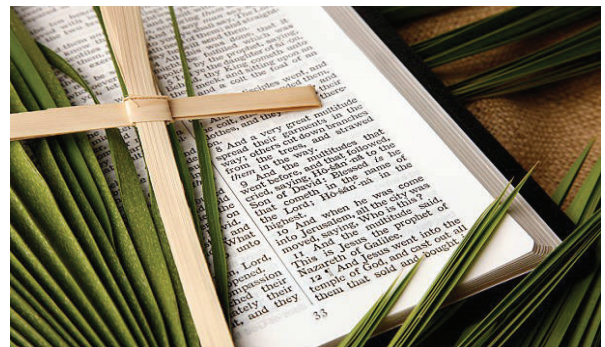


PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to
the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

Reflection question:

*How can I heed Jesus' lesson of
patient suffering?*



Opportunities

2022 Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9 & 10th

Saturday 5pM

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Holy Thursday

6 pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday

12 –1 pm Stations of the Cross

1–2 pm Seven Last Words of Jesus

2–3 pm Liturgy of Communion &

Veneration of the Cross

3–4 pm Confessions

Holy Saturday, April 16th

8:15 am Seven Sorrows of Mary

6:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17th

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week." The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response to the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of me."

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"Instead of hating the people you think are war-makers, hate the appetites and disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war. If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed – but hate these things in yourself, not in another".

Thomas Merton

Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit into my heart and make it a heart of peace. Replace in me injustice with justice, tyranny with compassion, and greed with generosity.

Reconcile me with my neighbors and with God.

I pray with St Francis:

*Make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love.
where there is injury, pardon.
where there is doubt, faith.
where there is despair, hope.
where there is darkness, light.
where there is sadness, joy.*

Amen.



Viewpoint

Lent through the Lens of Grace

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered us this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desires for love and service.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already pre-disposed ourselves to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us.

We receive God's gifts as body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations, and share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others. We can let our homes be places full of the holy – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Some symbols will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.



We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. A bowl of water on our dining room table can be transformed into a reminder of our preparing to renew our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at each meal to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent and to prepare us for the new fire being lit at the Easter Vigil. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey.

This year's Lent can be different. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused throughout the season. But if we do these things, God's desire for our hearts and our desire for greater union with God will meet. Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.

by Andy Alexander, SJ, Maureen McCann Waldron

Church & School



The **St. Brendan Men's Club** invites you and your friends to join them for a day on the Links on **Friday, May 20th** at the **Presidio Golf Course**.

Bring a foursome and have some fun with the community. Sponsorships are available.

Following will be dinner and awards at St. Brendan Parish Hall. For information, please call John Gallagher 415-606-1741 or email jgallagher@usa.net



Save The Date

Saturday, April 30th

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Around the Archdiocese

Easter Card Sorting with the Restorative Justice Ministry

Volunteers are needed to sort out 900 cards and prepare Easter treats and messages. The Easter treats and cards are given to people in custody at the San Francisco County jails. Volunteers are welcome to come for part of the day, as their schedule permits.

WHEN: April 13, 2022

9:00am - 9:00pm

WHERE: Chancery

1 Peter Yorke Way

San Francisco, CA 94109

RSVP: Julio Escobar

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Baptism

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:5



PLEASE note: There will not be a Pre Baptism Class in April. The next class will be on Saturday, May 14th. For more information, please contact Sr. Angela at 415-681-4225 x201

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