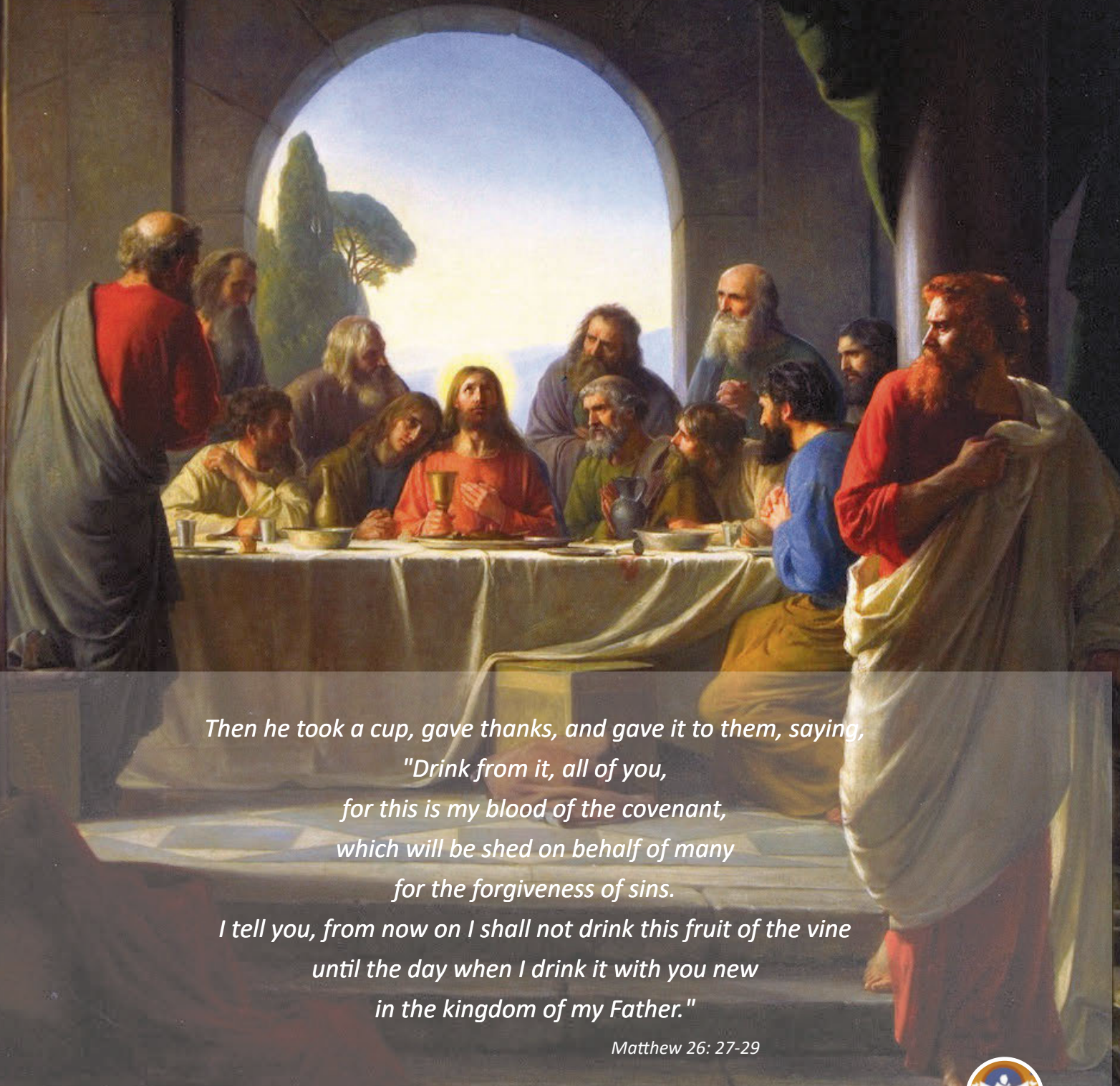


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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

APRIL 02, 2023 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



*Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,  
"Drink from it, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed on behalf of many  
for the forgiveness of sins.*

*I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine  
until the day when I drink it with you new  
in the kingdom of my Father."*

*Matthew 26: 27-29*







## Holy Week Schedule

**April 1/2: Palm Sunday -**  
5:15 Saturday,  
7:30 and 9:30 Sunday

**Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday,**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper -**  
7:00pm, followed by Eucharistic  
Adoration in the Reconciliation  
Room. *No 12:10 Mass this day.*

**Friday, April 7: Good Friday,**  
**Service of the Lord's Passion with**  
**Adoration of the Cross - 12:10pm,**  
followed by Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday, April 8, Easter Vigil -**  
8:30pm. Starting at the front door  
to Brunsman Hall and process into  
the church.  
*No 5:15 Mass or scheduled*  
*Confessions on Holy Saturday.*

**Sunday, April 09, Easter -**  
7:30am and 9:30am

*PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK*  
*will be livestreamed.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9  
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;  
Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH / Pathways for Justice Ministry IFTAR DINNER at SALAM CENTER MOSQUE

4545 College Oak Drive, Sacramento  
Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 6 p.m.

In the year 1219 St. Francis of Assisi travelled to Egypt where he met with Sultan Malik-al-Kamil, in an act of peace during the time of the Crusades. In April 2017 Pope Francis also visited Egypt, urging Christians and Muslims to walk together not as enemies but as “fellow travelers.”

Following their examples of interfaith understanding, the Pathways for Justice Ministry invites parishioners to join in service of an Iftar meal for our local Muslim sisters and brothers. Iftar is the meal of fast-breaking at sundown during the holy days of Ramadan.

For more information, to donate or to join our volunteer team in this act of inter-religious fellowship with Muslim families, please email [pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com](mailto:pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com).

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## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into  
my soul. Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my  
heart. I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself wholly  
to You. Never permit me to be  
separated from You. Amen.

## PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX



*St. Francis prayed this prayer before  
the crucifix in the little church of San  
Damiano in 1205/1206 in the early  
days of his conversion.*



**M**ost High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of  
my heart and give me true  
faith, certain hope, and  
perfect charity, sense and  
knowledge, **L**ord, that  
I may carry out Your holy  
and true command.

**A**men

## Pathways for Justice



**Tip  
#4**

### A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

“...In some places, where the facades of buildings are derelict, people show great care for the interior of their homes, or find contentment in the kindness and friendliness of others. A wholesome social life can light up a seemingly undesirable environment.”

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, paragraph 148

THE CROWDS KEPT CRYING OUT:  
**"HOSANNA  
 TO THE  
 SON OF  
 DAVID;  
 BLESSED IS HE WHO  
 COMES IN THE NAME  
 OF THE LORD;  
 HOSANNA IN THE  
 HIGHEST."**

Matthew 21:9

A  
 MOMENT  
 WITH



IL POVERELLO  
 FOR LENT

Brother Francis, a man of little account and of weakness, your little servant, salutes you in him who has redeemed us and washed us in his precious Blood, in him whom, when you hear his name, you should adore with reverent fear, prostrate upon the ground. Jesus Christ the Lord, Son of the Most High, in his name, who is blessed forever and ever. Amen.

- St. Francis of Assisi (Letter to the Whole Order)

### Easter Sunday Morning Coffee and Pastries

All Are Welcome!

Join fellow parishioners in celebrating Easter Sunday after the 7:30 mass. There will be Coffee and assorted pastries and goodies for the children.

"Let Us Rejoice That Christ Has Risen"

**Sunday, April 7, 2023**

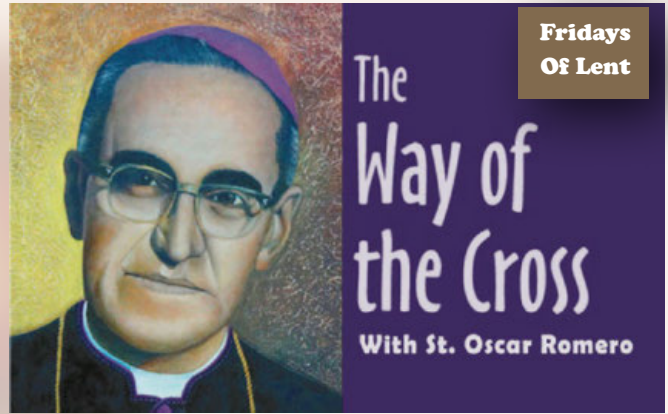
**8:30 AM Mass til 9:30 AM**

In Front of Church

Hosted by 7:30 Mass Parishioners

**FASTING AND ABSTINENCE** : **Abstinence from Meat** is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all of the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

**Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 18 to 59 years old. The traditional norm for fasting is to eat only one full meal. Smaller meals throughout the day, if all added up, should not be more than one full meal.



Join Fr. Rey on Good Friday following Mass at 12:10,

NOT LIVESTREAMED, but you can find videos from the last two years on YouTube to enjoy, at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>

*The Franciscans have been closely identified with this devotion since 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land.*



TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE IN PERSON  
 OR LIVESTREAMED

Each Wednesday during Lent, at 6:30 pm

In the church, or via YouTube at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>.



### FROM THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS FOR LENT 2023

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom. (read the full message at <https://bit.ly/3KN4wQB>)

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# PALM SUNDAY

## OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
April 1-2, 2023

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,  
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

### Procession:

### *Palm Sunday Processional*

Rory Cooney

VERSE (Cantor) ALL  
Sing ho-san-na to the cho-sen one!

REFRAIN  
Sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na to the cho-sen one!

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### Psalm: Psalm 22: "My God, My God..."

Cathy McDonald

Introductory Response:  
E - li E - li la - ma sa - bach - ta - ni.  
E - li E - li la - ma sa - bach - ta - ni.

Verse Response  
My God, my God. My God, my God. Why have you for - sak - en me? My\_  
God, my God. My God, my God. Why have you for - sak - en me?

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### Lenten Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephen

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!\_\_\_\_  
Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!\_\_\_\_

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### Dismissal of Catechumens (9:30):

### *Blessing of St. Clare*

Cathy Tisel Nelson

**May you always be with God wherever you may be and may God be with you always.**

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### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

### **Preparation of Gifts:**

### ***We're You There***

*African American Spiritual*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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### **Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

### ***Mass of Remembrance***

*Marty Haugen*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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# PALM SUNDAY



## OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Communion:

### *We Remember*

Marty Haugen

**REFRAIN**

We re-mem-ber how you loved us\_\_ to your death, and still we cel-e-brate, for  
you are with us here;\_ and we be-lieve\_ that we will see you\_\_ when you come  
in your glo-ry, Lord.\_\_ We re-mem-ber,\_\_ we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.\_\_

Here, a million wounded souls, are yearning just to touch you and be healed.  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. **(Refrain)**

Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy, and presence of our God. **(Refrain)**

Christ, our Abba's great "Amen", to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,  
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear. **(Refrain)**

See the face of Christ revealed in every person standing by your side,  
Gift to one another, and temples of your love. **(Refrain)**

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### Sending Forth:

### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

When I sur-vey, the won-drous cross On which the  
For-bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
See from his head, his hands, his feet, The pain and  
Prince of glo-ry died, My rich-est gain I  
death of Christ, my Lord; The vain things that now  
love flow min-gled down; Did e'er such love and  
count but loss, And pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
tempt me most, And I sac-ri-fice them to his blood.  
sor-row meet, Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

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