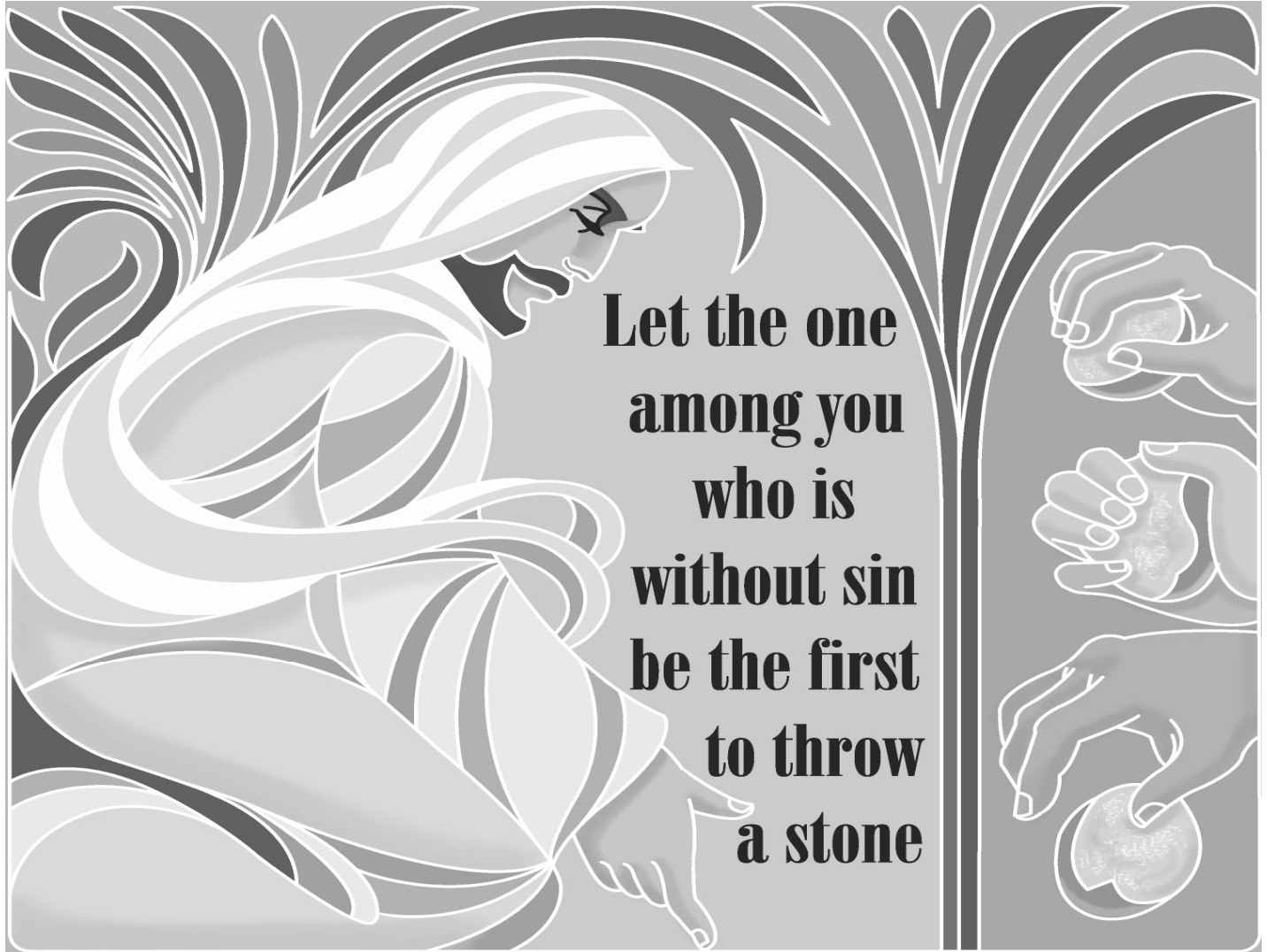


# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 21, 2010



Let the one  
among you  
who is  
without sin  
be the first  
to throw  
a stone

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### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday

**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Fridays, after Daily Mass.—11:45 a.m.

Benediction at Noon

**Holy Days:** Please contact Parish Office

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Please contact the Parish Office

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office

**BAPTISM CLASSES:** Please contact the Parish Office

**MARRIAGES:** By appt., 6 months in advance. Please make arrangements directly with the Pastor.

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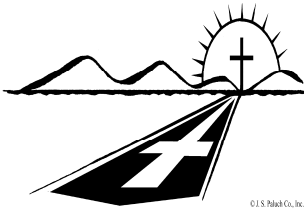
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Weekdays: T, Th, Sat. at 8:00 a.m.

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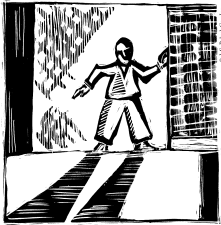
Mondays -- 5:00—7:00 p.m.



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I consider everything as a loss—because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
— *Philippians 3:8*

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### DOUBLE STANDARDS

The philosopher Bertrand Russell, who prided himself on his atheism, once spoke of two kinds of morality that seem to exist in contemporary life—one that we preach but fail to practice, and another that we do practice but hardly ever preach. Jesus, by contrast, never allowed such double thinking. In today's Gospel, the crowd publicly humiliates the woman caught in adultery and is ready to stone her to death. Stoning was prescribed in many ancient cultures, mostly for sexual and religious sins. Jesus takes another track entirely. He does not question the woman's guilt, but rather exposes the hidden guilt in the hearts of the people who were so ready to harm her. Not only were they ashamed of themselves, they could no longer look down on the woman as "the guilty one" from their position of supposed superiority. We may never be tempted to do actual violence to another person, but the question we have to ask is whom do we sit in judgment on? A family member who is an alcoholic? A woman who has had an abortion? An immigrant who may be here illegally? Or worse yet, do we condemn in our hearts whole groups of people: another race, another religion, another political party, a different income bracket? Are we sure that everyone who has committed a crime deserves punishment? Most of us can keep our own sins hidden away, but they follow us like a dark shadow, doing all kinds of damage to us, to our relationships, and to our dealings with the world around us. There are two things that we can do: unload all our guilt and sense of disapproval on God in confession, and then make a serious effort to understand how much more we are like other people than different from them. That will lighten us up.

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES THIS WEEK

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held this Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Several priests will be on hand to hear our confessions. If you can't attend on Tuesday, you will be most welcome to attend St. James' service tomorrow (Monday), 7:30 p.m., or Our Lady of Lourdes' service on Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

*In whatever condition we find ourselves, we can always open ourselves to conversion and receive forgiveness for our sins. On Calvary, by the supreme sacrifice of his life, the Messiah will seal for every man and woman the infinite gift of God's pardon and mercy.*  
— Pope John Paul II

### ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE –TODAY!

Holy Redeemer's 4th Annual **St. Joseph's Table Celebration** is here. The event takes place this Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, immediately after the 10:00 Mass and continues until 7 pm in the evening.

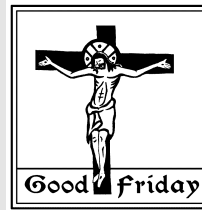
Please reserve some time in your day to support this special occasion. It's a day to listen to traditional Italian music while enjoying a homemade spaghetti dinner with family, friends and fellow parishioners. Italian sausage, salad and bread will also be served. There will also be a bake sale with lots of homemade Italian favorites including cannoli, pizzelle and biscotti.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the event and after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. You do not need to be present to win. Some of our raffle items include 2 tickets to the All-Star game in Anaheim and 4 reserve seats to a Dodger-Met game and a Brighton watch.

Donations for the dinner will be accepted at the door. Please join us!

*Thank you,*

*The St. Joseph's Table Committee*



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### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

After Holy Thursday, and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the altar has been stripped, and the tabernacle is empty, ushering us into **Good Friday**—the day commemorating the passion and death of Jesus for the salvation of the world.

As late as the time of St. Augustine, we find liturgical prayers taking place and the recitation of the divine office, but no Eucharist is celebrated on Good Friday. The Morning prayers in the older Liturgy used to be called "TENEBRAE" as the Divine office was read in a darkened church, with the progressive extinguishing of a candle after each psalm.

The Celebration of the Lord's passion, takes place in the early afternoon, and for pastoral reasons, it may be repeated in the evening. This celebration consists of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

The general intercessions and the chant for the showing and veneration of the cross, are sung on this day, and the passion of the Lord from the Gospel of John is proclaimed.

Only one cross is used for veneration; a powerful symbol of today's solemn liturgy. Then we all receive Holy Communion; from the Sacred hosts left over from Holy Thursday Mass.

After the Celebration, the altar is stripped, the Cross however remains near the Altar with candles, for the veneration of the people.

On this special day, we pray that the sufferings and death of Jesus will be a source of healing for us all.

**BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON HEALTH CARE REFORM  
USCCB NEWS RELEASE  
March 15, 2010  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

WASHINGTON— Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following statement on the state of health care:

Statement by Cardinal Francis George, OMI  
THE COST IS TOO HIGH; THE LOSS IS TOO GREAT

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have long and consistently advocated for the reform of the American health care system. Their experience in health care and in Catholic parishes has acquainted them with the anguish of mothers who have been unable to afford prenatal care, of families unable to ensure quality care for their children, and of those who cannot obtain insurance because of preexisting conditions.

Throughout the discussion on health care over the last year, the bishops have advocated a bipartisan approach to solving our national health care needs. They have urged that all who are sick, injured or in need receive necessary and appropriate medical assistance, and that no one be deliberately killed through an expansion of federal funding of abortion itself or of insurance plans that cover abortion. These are the provisions of the long standing Hyde amendment, passed annually in every federal bill appropriating funds for health care; and surveys show that this legislation reflects the will of the majority of our fellow citizens. The American people and the Catholic bishops have been promised that in any final bill, no federal funds would be used for abortion and that the legal status quo would be respected. However, the bishops were left disappointed and puzzled to learn that the basis for any vote on health care will be the Senate bill passed on Christmas Eve. Notwithstanding the denials and explanations of its supporters, and unlike the bill approved by the House of Representatives in November, the Senate bill deliberately excludes the language of the Hyde amendment. It expands federal funding and the role of the federal government in the provision of abortion procedures. In so doing, it forces all of us to become involved in an act that profoundly violates the conscience of many, the deliberate destruction of unwanted members of the human family still waiting to be born.

What do the bishops find so deeply disturbing about the Senate bill? The points at issue can be summarized briefly. The status quo in federal abortion policy, as reflected in the Hyde Amendment, excludes abortion from all health insurance plans receiving federal subsidies. In the Senate bill, there is the provision that only one of the proposed multi-state plans will not cover elective abortions—all other plans (including other multi-state plans) can do so, and receive federal tax credits. This means that individuals or families in complex medical circumstances will likely be forced to choose and contribute to an insurance plan that funds abortions in order to meet their particular health needs.

Further, the Senate bill authorizes and appropriates billions of dollars in new funding outside the scope of the appropriations bills covered by the Hyde amendment and similar

provisions. As the bill is written, the new funds it appropriates over the next five years, for Community Health Centers for example (Sec. 10503), will be available by statute for elective abortions, even though the present regulations do conform to the Hyde amendment. Regulations, however, can be changed at will, unless they are governed by the statute.

Additionally, no provision in the Senate bill incorporates the longstanding and widely supported protection for conscience regarding abortion as found in the Hyde/Weldon Amendment. Moreover, neither the House nor Senate bill contains meaningful conscience protection outside the abortion context. Any final bill, to be fair to all, must retain the accommodation of the full range of religious and moral objections in the provision of health insurance and services that are contained in the current law, both for individuals and institutions. This analysis of the flaws in the legislation is not completely shared by the leaders of the Catholic Health Association. They believe, moreover, that the defects that they do recognize can be corrected after the passage of the final bill. The bishops, however, judge that the flaws are so fundamental that they vitiate the good that the bill intends to promote. Assurances that the moral objections to the legislation can be met only after the bill is passed seem a little like asking us, in Midwest parlance, to buy a pig in a poke.

What is tragic about this turn of events is that it needn't have happened. The status quo that has served our national consensus and respected the consciences of all with regard to abortion is the Hyde amendment. The House courageously included an amendment applying the Hyde policy to its Health Care bill passed in November. Its absence in the Senate bill and the resulting impasse are not an accident. Those in the Senate who wanted to purge the Hyde amendment from this national legislation are obstructing the reform of health care. This is not quibbling over technicalities. The deliberate omission in the Senate Bill of the necessary language that could have taken this moral question off the table and out of play leaves us still looking for a way to meet the President's and our concern to provide health care for those millions whose primary physician is now an emergency room doctor. As Pope Benedict told Ambassador to the Holy See Miguel H. Diaz when he presented his credentials as the United States government's representative to the Holy See, there is "an indissoluble bond between an ethic of life and every other aspect of social ethics."

Two basic principles, therefore, continue to shape the concerns of the Catholic bishops: health care means taking care of the health needs of all, across the human life span; and the expansion of health care should not involve the expansion of abortion funding and of policies forcing everyone to pay for abortions. Because these principles have not been respected, despite the good that the bill under consideration intends or might achieve, the Catholic bishops regretfully hold that it must be opposed unless and until these serious moral problems are addressed.

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Joe Heydorff, Baby Zoe Eyraud, Geraldine De Vera, Tom Passafiume, Larson Family, Risa Gilbert, Gerry Mitchell, Heather Eyraud, Maria Stieritz, Henny Schreefel, Jacob (age 3), Carol Friesen, Kathryn Ausburn, Larry Lewis, Albert Guthrie, Edward Pilgrim, Rebecca Cole, Rosemary Hegenbart, Carmel Richardson, Anne McPherson, Janice Klein, Colleen MacIntosh, Maria Bonino-Britsch, Sela Patterson, Bill McNerny, Kay Kates, Michael Franco, Angie Escobal, Robert Delaney, Margaret Sinatra, Jolene Neal, Kathleen Robertson, Virginia Brennan, Eleanor Birney, Stacy Toyon, Judy Silva, Wendy Wayne, John Paluka, Jeanie Fjelstad, Teresa Rocha, Ed Gillin, Kerrigan Madden, Betty Myers, Mamata Pramanik, Bernadeen Sullivan, Katie Heydorff, Gil Bernal, Adam Voelker, Gregory Voelker, Teresita V. Bautista, Letty Gutierrez, Calixto Gutierrez, Ana Velez, Remedios Stanlee, Arcenia Go, Sarah Novak, Paula Sulit, Victoria Robman, Will Romo, Brian Cole, Rev. Magee, O.S.A., Joanie Walsh, James Pope, Esther Mimiaga, Pat Miller, Albert Mellican, Marion Marvin, Marie Castle, Robin Klesges, Ken Lau, Nancy Wheeler, Baby Ian Palamattam, Vincent McElwee, Evelyn McElwee, Florence Cannella, Teresa Zuniga Lau, Teresa Newlin, Eleana Zuniga, Mary Louisa Zuniga, Francis O'Neil, Marge & Tom Gilroy, Carol Mutchnik, Patricia Hausmann, Tom English, Millie Urso, Eithne Foley, Cora McConnell, Louise Lewis, Nikolas Haas, Jane O'Neil, and all others.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Lt. Col. Vince O'Donoghue, US Army, Daniel Molina, USMC, Israel Navarro, Capt., U.S. Marine Corps, Alexander Farnsworth, U.S. Army, Dan Cortes, USMC Gunnery Sergeant, Jeffrey Salvador, U.S. Army National Guard, Christopher Falzone USMC, Brendon Terry USMC, Michael Richards, USMC, preparing for deployment to Afghanistan, Jessica Pena, serving in Iraq, Lance Corporal Zac Garcia, USMC, Brian Henderson, Capt. Michelle Sharp U.S. Army, serving in Korea, Staff Sgt. Louis Figueroa, Staff Sgt. Erica Thill, Staff Sgt. John Stedman, Kyle Jesse Marquez, Cesar Nader, Justin Hughes, Capt. Bryan Bogardus, Christopher Villagrancia, Brian Joseph Joo, Specialist, Brandon Buys, Carlos Brown, Christopher Skeehan, Abraham Miranda, Mike McDonald, Michael & Kim Rufner, Raul Acevedo, Doug Zembeic, Byron Pangburn, Grant Gregory, Capt. Brian McDermott, U.S. Army. *To add a name please call 249-2008, ext. 441.*

**Our Parish School News**

**SPRING BREAK:** School will dismiss on Thursday, 4/1/10 at noon and resume Monday, 4/12/10.

**The faculty and staff of Holy Redeemer School send wishes to all the parish community for a blessed and happy Easter. May the risen Lord be with us always, bestowing His gift of peace on all.**

**OPEN HOUSE!!!**

**Wednesday, March 24 5:30 – 7:00pm**

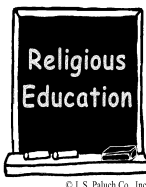
Grades 5-8 at Holy Redeemer Campus

Grades K-4 at St. James Campus

Come and see our campuses and meet our staff!

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOW!!!**

Holy Redeemer/St James the Less School is now accepting applications for the upcoming school year. Grades K-4 will attend the St. James campus. Grades 5-8 will be on the Holy Redeemer campus.



No Sunday Class today. Please pray for our school teachers and REP catechists who are attending the Religious Education Congress this weekend. May they all return with a renewed spirit to continue enriching our children's Catholic Faith!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Abuse Prevention Training of Kids Nears 6 Million Mark**

Did you know that the Catholic Church in the U.S. has prepared more than 5.7 million children to recognize abuse and protect themselves? Age-appropriate child safety programs are mandatory throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please contact the parish office for more information about the safe environment training programs for children in our parish, or call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office: **(213) 637-7227**. For particular help you may contact Assistance Ministry at **(213) 637-7650**.

**MSGR'S DERBY TRIP AND FR. GABRIEL'S INSTALLATION CELEBRATION**

If you would like to make a donation for Msgr. Jack's 50th Anniversary parish gift, please make your check out to Holy Redeemer and indicate on the memo line it is for Msgr.'s Triple Crown Trip. Thank you to all who have donated thus far! We're making good progress! If you'd like to give Fr. Gabriel a monetary gift to celebrate his installation as Bishop, Msgr. Jack will hand-deliver it to him. Msgr. Jack is packing light, so **cash only** (no checks as they are too expensive to cash in Ghana). Drop off donations with small note from you (no cards please) to parish office, or place in envelope and put in collection baskets before April 10, 2010.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT  
April 9-11, 2010**

**JESUS CALLS..  
ARE WE TOO BUSY TO HEAR HIS  
VOICE?**

*Come spend a restful weekend at beautiful Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. For more info, please call Marie Baker (818) 790-0767, or Marie Lou (818) 353-1015. We can carpool!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sun., Mar. 21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**8:00 a.m. People's Mass**  
**10:00 a.m. Krystine Amurao (d) Mom & Dad**  
**Seaton Francis De Zell (d)**  
 The Morreale Family  
**Luciano Maturan (d)**  
**5:30 p.m. Jim Rought (I) The Ebert Family**  
**Teresa & Humberto Araujo (d)**  
 The Araujo Family  
**Theresa Glynn (d) The Glynn Family**  
**Clarence Leslein (d) The McLiam Family**

**Mon., Mar. 22 Lenten Weekday**  
**8:00 a.m. Aida Gando (I) Jeff, Kate & Sammi**  
**Julia Liganor (I) The Gaetos Family**  
**Austin Lacy (I) Luz Barbosa**

**Tues., Mar. 23 Lenten Weekday**  
**8:00 a.m. Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop**  
 (Mass at St. James the Less)

**Wed., Mar. 24 Lenten Weekday**  
**8:00 a.m. John Cote (d) The Cote Family**  
**Jose Ceron (d) Ceron & Bribeaux Families**

**Thurs., Mar. 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**  
**8:00 a.m. (Mass at St. James the Less)**

**Fri., Mar. 26 Lenten Weekday**  
**8:00 a.m. Neil John Talaro (I) Pelina Varilla**  
**Frank David Strunk Jr. (d) Mom**  
**Eric Barin (d) The Family**

**Sat., Mar. 27 Lenten Weekday**  
**5:30 p.m. Simon Chang (d) The Chang Family**  
**Cecil Wiggins (d) The Chang Family**  
**Elena Balocating (d) Lulu Maturan**  
**Luciano Maturan (d) Tito & Lulu Maturan**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Grief shared is grief diminished**

We offer comfort and hope to those suffering a loss. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of Healy Hall. Please contact Ed Diaz (818) 667-1184, or Marie Baker (818) 790-0767.

**FINAL LENTEN SOUP NIGHT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. JAMES**

Please join us at St. James the Less for the last Friday in Lent to enjoy a simple **Lenten Meal 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the parish hall, followed by the **Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.**

*We thank St. James the Less parish for sharing Stations of the Cross with us this year, and for the opportunity for us all to pray and enjoy one another's company.*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat., Mar. 27 5:30 p.m. C. De Gyurky #1, T. Robert #2, I. & J. Venckus # 3/4, B. Sullivan #5, M. Blackmun #6, M. Robman #7  
 Sun., Mar. 28 8:00 a.m. J. Espe #1, T. Lousen #2, A. Calabrese #3, F. Silva #4, L. Walsh #5, K. Judson #6, L. Dubria #7  
 10:00 a.m. J. Nelson #1, J. & K. Morreale #2/3, J. Harrow #4, F. & S. Cantos #5/6, J. Morey #7  
 5:30 p.m. R. Harris-Jung #1, J. Polito #2, M.L. & M. Barnes #3/4, K. Halford #5, L. Chua #6, E. Martin #7

**LECTORS**

Sat., Mar. 27 5:30 p.m. S. Chirino, L. Madden  
 Sun., Mar 28 8:00 a.m. D. Sims, J. Strebnack  
 10:00 a.m. L. Mendoza, A. Mitchell  
 5:30 p.m. B. Franklin, J. Macias

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat., Mar. 27 5:30 p.m. C. McCreary, E. Ramirez, M. Burcher, K. Taix  
 Sun., Mar. 28 8:00 a.m. L. Cascelli, G. & M. Dulcich, N. Norkus  
 10:00 a.m. C. Bustillos, G. & I. Wright, M. Musso  
 5:30 p.m. S. & M. Guzman, A. & A. Sy

**NEXT SUNDAY IS**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Palms will be blessed in the Courtyard before all the Masses. If you are physically unable to gather with us in the Courtyard to process in with the palms, please let an usher know and he/she will make sure you receive your blessed palm leaves.

**EASTER DECORATIONS**

Would you like to help us prepare the church for our Easter Masses? Please plan to join us on Holy Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m. Dress comfortably (bring a sweater just in case). Refreshments provided, and service hours can be earned.



**Living Stewardship Now**

Get acquainted with difference. Volunteer to teach English as a second language; sign up to help build a Habitat for Humanity house for a poor working family; write letters through Amnesty International on behalf of the unjustly imprisoned; make friends with a parish family who comes from another country.

**IS YOUR OPERATION RICE BOWL ALMOST FILLED?**

Bring your Rice Bowl with you Easter Mass place it in the marked containers in the church. Not in town for Easter? Drop it off to the parish office before you depart, or as soon as you return. The need is great, so thank you in advance!