

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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and Deacon Phil Nelson



## LITURGIES

Masses have been suspended amid coronavirus out break indefinitely until further notice

Saturday  
No Masses

Evening Vigils  
NO Masses in Spanish

Sunday  
NO Mass

Weekdays  
M-F No Mass

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays  
3:30-4:30PM or  
by appointment only  
646-4338 X105

## ADORER CHAPEL

No adoration until further notice

## PRAYER LINE

805-276-3799 or  
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## WEDDINGS

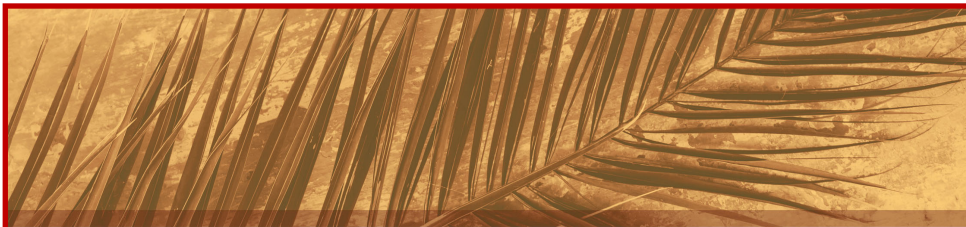
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## BAPTISMS

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Spanish-Father Fernando  
English-Deacon Phil  
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## FUNERALS

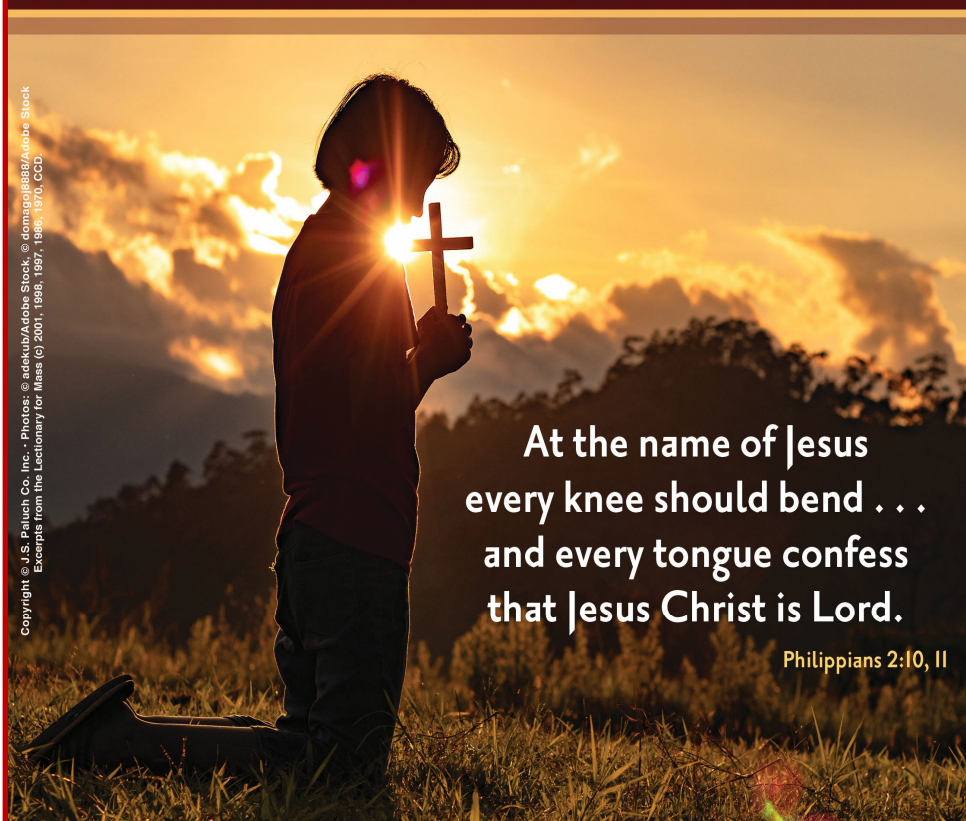
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April 5, 2020

# Palm Sunday

## OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



At the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend . . .  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:10, 11



Pastor's Message  
April 05, 2020

Perhaps the strangest Lent any of us has ever experienced is nearing an end...and the strangeness looks like it will be continuing for some time to come. This Sunday—Palm Sunday—marks the beginning of Holy Week, traditionally a time when we more intentionally enter into the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Savior. The familiar rituals of Holy Week are a time-honored part of our faith, with Easter Sunday being the holiest day on our calendar. This year, each of us is invited to dig deeply into his or her own interior spirituality, as the suspension of public gatherings continues. We are reminded of our own powerlessness, and we are invited once again to put our faith, trust and hope in Jesus... confident that brighter days are indeed ahead on the horizon.

Fr. Fernando, Fr. Michael and I will be faithfully celebrating the Holy Week liturgies to the best of our ability, and we will be sharing these with you via livestream. At the time I'm writing this we are still working out some of the technical issues surrounding our livestream capability, so please check our website for up to date information about how to access our Holy Week liturgies online.

Wishing you God's peace and presence as you embark on Holy Week,

Fr. Kirk


**St Thomas Aquinas Parish**

**Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Sundays at 9:30am on our Parish Facebook Page**

**URGENT APPEAL TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

We appreciate your continued financial support as you are able during this time. Your donations will allow our parish to support our community, pay our staff, and to continue to meet our financial obligations through these challenging times. You may mail in or drop off your contributions at the parish office or it might be the best time to consider online giving. It would take a few moments to set up. Please click on the link below this message to set up.


**Donate Now go to our on-line bulletin to sign up**



**The Religious classes and Confirmation classes, High school or Middle school youth groups** have been suspended until April, More information will follow.

For more information, contact Religious Education Director, Aina Yates at 805-646-4338 X111 or email [aina@stacojai.org](mailto:aina@stacojai.org)  
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 visit our website: [stacojai.org/confirmation](http://stacojai.org/confirmation)

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS					
Monday	Apr 06	9:00AM	Fr. Pascal Nocero †		By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Apr 07	9:00AM	Paul, Peggy O'Reilly & Family ☼		By: LeRoy & Donna Steichen
Wednesday	Apr 08	9:00AM	Gregory Lanley ☼		By: Joe Teichert
Thursday	Apr 09	9:00AM	Francis E. Skahill		By: Mr & Mrs Steichen
Friday	Apr 10	9:00AM	John Nocero †		By: Charles Coscarelli
Saturday	Apr 11	8:00AM	Assunta Nocero †		By: Charles Coscarelli
		5:30PM	Raye Boon †		By: The Levin Family



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****TODAY'S READINGS**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**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 Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**Monday:** Monday of Holy Week  
**Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week  
**Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins  
**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum  
**Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);  
 Fast and Abstinence  
**Saturday:** The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;  
 Holy Saturday

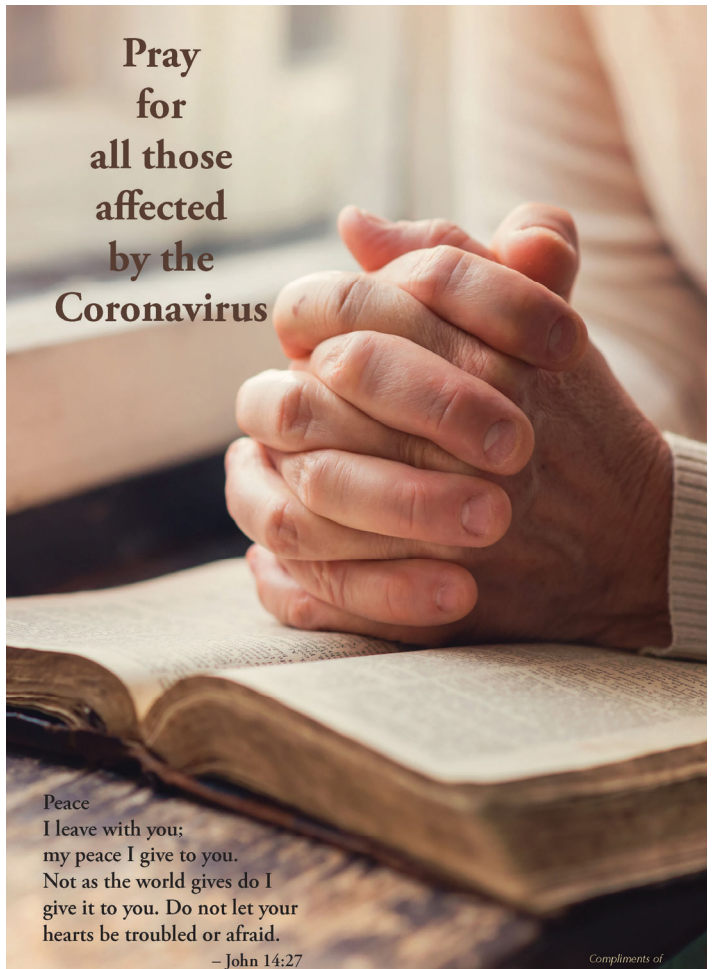
**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVAN**

**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 61:1-3a, 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, 15-17, 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;  
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;  
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;  
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or  
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
 Mt 28:1-10  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9  
 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon  
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**LOOKING AHEAD****Online Live-Stream of Mass - Sundays 9:30am**

The Archdiocese has suspended the public celebration of Mass as of March 16, 2020 until further notice. Likewise, all other parish activities are either on hold or transitioning to an online format at this time. In the meantime, Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Sundays at 9:30am on our Parish Facebook Page beginning Sunday March 29, 2020. Daily Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels and by Word on Fire.

**Pray  
 for  
 all those  
 affected  
 by the  
 Coronavirus**



Peace  
 I leave with you;  
 my peace I give to you.  
 Not as the world gives do I  
 give it to you. Do not let your  
 hearts be troubled or afraid.

— John 14:27

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**NO ADORATION WILL BE AVAILABLE  
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
 AMID THE  
 CORONAVIRUS BREAKOUT**

## MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

## INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

## Mensaje del Pastor

Mensaje del Pastor  
05 de abril de 2020

Tal vez la Cuaresma más extraña que cualquiera de nosotros haya experimentado está llegando a su fin... y la extrañeza parece que continuará durante algún tiempo. Este domingo —Domingo de Ramos— marca el comienzo de la Semana Santa, tradicionalmente una época en la que entramos más intencionalmente en la vida, la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de nuestro Salvador. Los rituales familiares de la Semana Santa son una parte de nuestra fe, con el Domingo de Resurrección siendo el día más sagrado de nuestro calendario. Este año, cada uno de nosotros está invitado a profundizar en su propia espiritualidad interior, a medida que continúa la suspensión de las reuniones públicas. Se nos recuerda nuestra propia impotencia, y se nos invita una vez más a poner nuestra fe, confianza y esperanza en Jesús... confiado en que los días más brillantes están por delante en el horizonte.

El P. Fernando, el P. Michael y yo celebraremos fielmente las liturgias de la Semana Santa lo mejor que podamos, y las compartiremos con ustedes a través de la transmisión en directo. En el momento en que estoy escribiendo esto todavía estamos resolviendo algunos de los problemas técnicos que rodean nuestra capacidad de transmisión en vivo, así que por favor visite nuestro sitio web para obtener información actualizada sobre cómo acceder a nuestras liturgias de Semana Santa en línea.

Deseándoles la paz y la presencia de Dios al embarcarse en la Semana Santa,

P. Kirk

## Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino

La misa dominical se retransmitirá en directo los domingos a las 9:30 a.m. en nuestra página de Facebook de la Parroquia

## LLAMAMIENTO URGENTE A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL

Apreciamos su apoyo financiero continuo especialmente si es posible durante este tiempo difícil. Sus donaciones permitirán a nuestra Iglesia continuar cumpliendo con nuestras obligaciones financieras para seguir apoyando a nuestra comunidad en estos tiempos difíciles. Si puede seguir apoyando con sus donaciones, por favor hágalo enviándolo por correo, dejándolo en la oficina parroquial o por nuestra nueva opción en línea. Para donar en línea de una forma segura hágalo en este sitio web. Presione aquí para obtener más información sobre esta opción.

Donar Ahora ve a nuestro boletín en línea para registrarte



Las clases religiosas y clases de confirmación, Grupos de jóvenes de secundaria o de escuela media han sido suspendidos hasta abril, Más información seguirá.

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Director de Educación Religiosa, Aina Yates al 805-646-4338 X111 o aina@stacojai.org por correo electrónico Brian Campos en (805) 646-4338 ext. 102 o brian@stacojai.org de correo electrónico. visite nuestro sitio web: stacojai.org/confirmation

Remember  
our  
prayers  
are  
powerful!



Recordar  
Nuestro  
Oraciones  
Son  
¡Poderoso!

**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA****LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas** — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Mateo 21:1-11)

**Primera lectura** — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedaré confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

**Salmo** — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

**Evangelio** — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según san Mateo (Mateo 26:14 — 27:66).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** Domingo de Ramos "De la Pasión del Señor"

**Lunes:** Lunes de la Semana Santa

**Martes:** Martes de la Semana Santa;

**Miércoles:** Miércoles de la Semana Santa

La Pascua judía comienza al atardecer

**Jueves:** Jueves Santo; Triduo Pascual

**Viernes:** Viernes Santo; Ayudar y Abstinencia;

**Sábado:** Sábado Santo; La Vigilia Pascual

**LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

**Lunes:** Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Martes:** Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Miércoles:** Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Jueves:** Misa del Crisma: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21  
Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Viernes:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Sábado:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33 (32):4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

**Domingo:** Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Mt 28:1 -10 o (en Misas de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

**MIRANDO HACIA EL FUTURO**

Transmisión en vivo en línea de misa - domingos 9:30am

La Arquidiócesis ha suspendido al público celebración de la Misa a partir del 16 de marzo de 2020 hasta nuevo aviso. Del mismo modo, todas las demás actividades parroquiales están en espera o en transición a un formato en este momento. Mientras tanto, la misa dominical se retransmitirá en directo los domingos a las 9:30 a.m. en nuestra página de Facebook de la Parroquia a partir del domingo 29 de de 2020. La misa diaria será transmitida en vivo desde la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles y por Word on Fire.

**OREMOS**

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TODAS

LAS PERSONAS

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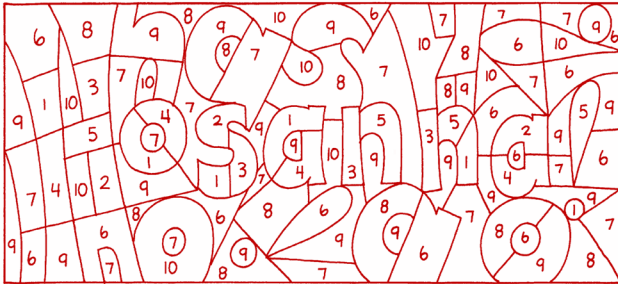
La paz  
os dejo, mi paz os doy;  
no os la doy como el mundo  
la da. No se turbe vuestro  
corazón, ni tenga miedo.

— Juan 14:27



NO HABRÁ ADORACIÓN DISPONIBLE  
HASTA NUEVO AVISO  
AMID EL  
CORONAVIRUS BREAKOUT

Read the instructions below to see what people shouted as Jesus rode through the city of Jerusalem. It meant they adored him! They even laid their coats down so Jesus would ride over them.



Color the shapes with a number from one to five **orange**.

Color the shapes with a number from six to ten **yellow**.

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

People are willing to do many things for those they love. But do you know what Jesus was willing to do? Find and use the nine hidden words in the cross to complete the "Greatest Love Story" ever!

When the \_\_\_\_\_ came, Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ and went to the cross. There he suffered and \_\_\_\_\_ to take away the \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_. He did this out of his deep \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone in the \_\_\_\_\_. Tell \_\_\_\_\_ today, what \_\_\_\_\_ did for them!



ZION GATE  
JERUSALEM

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
MATTHEW 21:9

APRIL 5  
2020

**Palm Sunday**  
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

**A NEW KINGDOM**

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Parishioners should be directed to <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> if they want online access to the parish bulletin.

Los feligreses deben ser dirigidos a <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> si quieren acceso en línea al boletín parroquial

*God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.  
— Philippians 2:9*

Dios lo exaltó [a Cristo] sobre todas las cosas y le otorgó el nombre que está sobre todo nombre.  
— Filipenses 2:9

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7  
You may make a prayer request by contacting the parish office at 805-646-4338.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

No se preocupe por nada, pero en cada situación, por oración y petición, con acción de gracias, presentar sus peticiones a Dios. Y la paz de Dios, que trasciende todo entendimiento, protegerá vuestros corazones y vuestras mentes en Cristo Jesús. • Filipenses 4:6-7  
Puede hacer una solicitud de oración poniéndose en contacto con la oficina parroquial al 805-646-4338.



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