# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST Catholic Community

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021



"[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." — Philippians 2:8

### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is a Roman Catholic Community dedicated to carrying out the Gospel message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our mission is to - welcome, evangelize and educate; provide spiritual nourishment; promote Christian values; foster peace and justice; encourage service to others.

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#### PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm (Currently closed to the public.)

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND MASSES** 

#### Sunday Mass (In-person)

6:30 am • 8:30 am • 10:30 am

#### **Virtual Sunday Mass**

10:30 am Mass is live streamed. www.stluketemplecity.org

WEEKDAY MASSES
9:00 am (In-person)

# Content Submission Deadline

April 4 Bulletin:

Due Monday, March 29

Please deliver submissions to the Pastoral Office or send to bulletineditor@stluketemplecity.org.

Please submit information by the Monday before the publication date; printed as space allows.

# Father Mark's Corner

We begin our journey into Holy Week with the celebration of the Passion. Jesus is entering Jerusalem for the final days of his life. He is moving toward suffering and death. He is obedient to the will of the Father. He shares with us his fear as he will ask the Father if it is possible to let this cup pass from him. He accepts the will of God trusting in the divine plan.

We are on our pilgrimage of life and faith and we encounter our spiritual, emotional, and physical cross along the way. Do we allow the plan of God to unfold in our lives or do we fight against it unceasingly? We enter the cruelty of this week from our own place along this pilgrim way. May the Spirit of Love empower us to accept our sufferings, encounter the certainty of death, and embrace the promise of the empty tomb.

**Spiritual Reflection:** "How may I seed the pilgrimage of life with small kindnesses to testify against the darkness?"

# Holy Week & Easter Services

HOLY THURSDAY (April 1)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00 pm



**GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)** 

Stations of the Cross ~ Noon

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Communion** ~ 1:00 pm

#### **EASTER SUNDAY (April 4)**

Mass: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am\*

Drive-thru Communion Reception
~ 12:00-12:30 pm ~

\*Live streamed. | See p. 3 for Mass Protocols/Reminders.

Confessions will not be held on Holy Saturday, April 3, or April 10.
No morning Masses on Holy Thursday & Good Friday.

#### **Reservation Information**

- Reservations for registered parishioners will be required for all services and will be taken by phone Monday, March 29, through Thursday, April 1 (9:00 am-5:00 pm).
- First come, first served. Once the reservation list is full a waitlist of 10 spaces will be taken. **Please do not call the Pastoral Office prior to March 29.** DO NOT leave a message.
- Registered parishioners of St. Luke Church will be given priority. A separate reservation should be made for each service you wish to attend.
- Reservations cannot be made for a non-family member.
- Please cancel if you decide NOT to attend any service to allow for those on the waitlist.
- Check in will be at the church front doors. See p. 3 for other COVID safety reminders.
- All services will be conducted following the latest liturgical guidelines published by the Archdiocese. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will NOT have the procession of oils, foot washing or adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Good Friday service will be concise and will NOT have the usual veneration of the Cross. Holy Saturday Vigil will be closed to parishioners for safety reasons and reserved for those who are receiving the sacraments and their guests.

### **COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING STATUS**

- 9:00 am Daily Mass indoors has resumed. No reservations needed. Mandatory facial covering and social distancing.
- Sunday 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses have resumed indoors. No reservations needed. Mandatory facial covering and social distancing. Only families or single households should sit together. Please be prompt in arriving; Doors will be closed when safe capacity is reached.

The **10:30** am Sunday Mass is now live streamed. The Mass is available to view on the St. Luke Church website (www.stluketemplecity.org), on the St. Luke Church Vimeo webpage (https://vimeo.com/stluketemplecity), and the St. Luke Catholic School Facebook page (St. Luke Catholic School Temple City). If you are unable to join us live at 10:30 am on Sundays, the live stream can be replayed.

• A Drive-thru Communion Reception is offered 12:00-12:30 pm on Sundays. Please do not pull into lot early until mass participants have departed. Line up going south on Cloverly Avenue by car and turn into the church parking lot. PLEASE DO NOT PARK. We will stand and distribute communion to people in the car in the hand. Please wear a mask as we approach your car. Drive off safely through exit on Broadway.

#### Ongoing:

- Drive-thru Confessions are held on Saturdays at 1:00 pm, weather permitting. Please wear a mask and drive through the church parking lot where you will be directed through the back alley to approach one of the priests who will hear your brief confession from outside the passenger side of the car. If there are multiple people in the car, the passenger/s may exit and stand at a safe distance and we will come to them after hearing the driver's confession. Drive out safely the rear gate onto Live Oak Avenue.

  Reminder: Confessions will not be held on April 3 or 10.
- For anointing of the sick, please call the Pastoral Office. Priests are NOT allowed into hospitals, convalescent hospitals, etc.
- Gravesides only for the near future. Memorials may be planned later. Mortuaries/cemeteries are backed up for at least two months.
- Pastoral Office remains open for business, phone and e-mail, or arranged drop-off or pick-up only. Items can left in office mailbox.
- School remains open through waiver for approved attendance.
- For other sacramental arrangements, please call the Pastoral Office.
- Eucharistic Ministers should not visit the sick.
- Groups or ministry meetings are not permitted to meet on campus until at least late Summer or early Fall. Please do not meet off campus.

The Archbishop continues to give dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.

Please do not attend in-person Mass if you are sick or otherwise uncomfortable coming indoors.

Subject to change at any time. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

### WATCH MASS FROM HOME

#### Sunday Mass from St. Luke

Visit www.stluketemplecity.org

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www.lacatholics.org/emergency

Daily: 8:00 am | Sunday: 10:00 am

#### 9:00 am Sunday Mass

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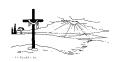
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As we navigate through these unprecedented times we appreciate your continued support with your weekly offering for our parish operations. Please know your contribution is vital to our mission as a church.

We have a small budget and need to continue paying our bills. Contributions can be mailed to the Pastoral Office, dropped in the office mailbox, or contributed through our online giving program. Visit www.stluketemplecity. org for details.

You can call Vanco at 1-800-675-7430 Monday-Friday between 6:00 am and 4:00 pm to make your contribution as well (Our parish client ID is ES11182).

Thank you for your generous support!



# **Sunday Readings**

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

# Reading I Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Response: Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Response: (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

**Response:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

# Reading II Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Response: Thanks be to God.

# Verse before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

# Gospel

Text not included this week.

Gathering: "All Glory Laud and Honor" Missalette: 40
Preparation of the Gifts: "Glory in the Cross" Missalette: 58
Communion Meditation: "How Great the Father's Love for Us"

by Peter Townsend

Mass Ordinary: Belmont Mass

As we are live streaming the Liturgy over a few different platforms, we still would like to ensure the "full, active and conscious participation...." of those worshipping from home in every way, including the singing of the Mass parts and hymns of the Liturgy where it is possible to do so safely.

To that end we will begin listing the hymn numbers in the bulletin. As St. Augustine of Hippo famously said, "To Pray is to sing twice" and it is a most conducive way to enter into the spirit of this Holy Week going into the Glorious season of Easter!

For those worshipping in person, we would still like to encourage you to "sing in your Heart" as we continue to work together to ensure the safety of our neighbors and community members at Mass. Thank you!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### St. Luke Food Pantry Temporarily Closing

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Luke Conference, will be closing the Pantry beginning March 27, 2021. For the past year during the Covid shutdown, we have given grocery gift cards to families at our monthly distribution.

Our final Gift Card Distribution took place March 26 and all food in the Pantry has been given to other local organizations to prevent our food supplies from becoming outdated.

We look forward to reopening the Pantry in the next few months and begin food distributions to needy families. In keeping with our Vincentian mission to assist those in need in our local community, our conference continues to provide financial assistance for rent, utilities and household items.

If you have questions or concerns, please call our St. Vincent de Paul line at (626) 684-2914. Thank you to all our generous parishioners for your support!

### **Lightshine Choir Hosts Zoom Easter Party** – All Invited!

The Lightshine Choir invites "anyone and everyone" in the Parish to a Zoom Easter Party on **Thursday, April 8,** at 7:00 pm!

A great way to join in community in a social way to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and as we look forward to the rest of the Easter season. Please e-mail Choir Director Justin Senneff at senneffj@yahoo.com for more information.

#### **Mass Intention Requests**

Mass Intention requests can be made for the in-person weekday and Sunday Masses. Names will be acknowledged during the Prayer of the Faithful and included in the Parish Bulletin. Offerings greatly appreciated. Please call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 to make a request.

#### **Light a Devotional Prayer Candle Virtually**

Parishioners are invited to have a candle lit in our church for someone for whom they would like to pray.

The candles will be on during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass that is live streamed so you may pray and reflect, just as you would do when you come to church.

Offerings greatly appreciated. Candle requests by Wednesday will be lit for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Visit www.stluketemplecity.org to submit a request.





### MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 28, 2021

#### Sunday, March 28

6:30 am St. Luke Parishioners

8:30 am Gladys Sinnott

Laureana Caguioa Martin Kuna

10:30 am Eliseo D. Zuniga

Lou Cambiaso
Jennifer Gassner-SI

#### Monday, March 29

9:00 am Catherine Willey

Dolores Torres Jennifer Short-SI

#### Tuesday, March 30

9:00 am Nicanor S. Cruz

Robert (Bob) Trout Nelly Viernes

#### Wednesday, March 31

9:00 am Luz Marrero

Sally Milano-SI Jerry Mc Clellan-SI

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

#### Sunday, April 3

6:30 am St. Luke Parishioners 8:30 am St. Luke Parishioners

10:30 am St. Luke Parishioners



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# **Lenten Prayer**

God of Compassion, You alone know the depth of my pain. You are aware of the people I have loved, but who refused to love me in return.

You were with me when those I trusted betrayed my faith in them.
Only you can understand how words and actions
have left me wounded and alone. Heal me of my hurt.

Allow me to break those chains of pain that bind me to my offenders.

Through your strength, show me how to forgive,
how to move forward, how to live. Amen.

-100 Prayers for Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons Reflections by Leo Piguet

# LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE SPOTLIGHT



We thank our St. Luke parishioners who have been praying and fasting for an end to abortion during this 40 Days for Life campaign, which ends today, March 28. We especially thank those of you who came to the vigil site outside Planned Parenthood El Monte to pray and to be a witness for life.

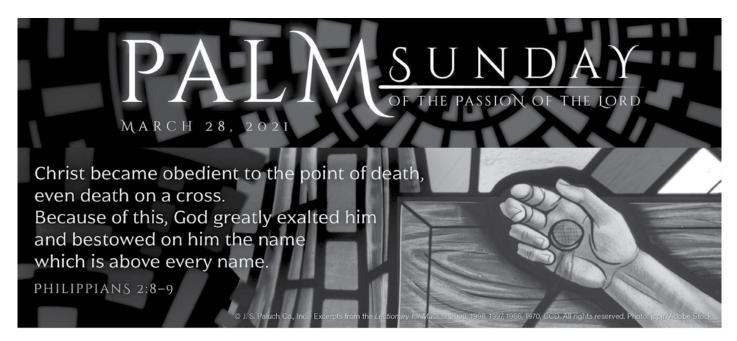
Twice a year, 40 Days for Life (https://40daysforlife.com/) uses a peaceful approach of prayer, fasting, vigils and community outreach to change hearts and minds to choose life. Our next campaign will be in the fall, at the end of September. Until then, please continue to pray for an end to abortion!



# Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition BUILD DAY Saturday, April 17, 2021

St. Luke is looking for 8 volunteers (ages 16 and up) to help Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition build an Accessory Dwelling Unit in West Pasadena. No experience is necessary, nor do you need any special skills! Habitat will teach us everything we need to know on the build site and will provide all tools and equipment. Face masks are required, and we will follow all CDC safety protocols. Volunteers can choose a half day shift, 7:45 am to 11:30 am, or 11:45 am to 3:30 pm., or even work a full day, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm.

Here is the link to sign up: http://vhub.at/1L30U9A. If you have questions, please call Veronica Romero West at (626) 437-1014 or e-mail her at veronica@design1west.com.



It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

#### **INTIMACY**

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed

woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Today's Readings: Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16; ls 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]

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