

March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Mass Readings: Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47
Resp.: My God, my God, Why have you abandoned me?

Events for this week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
in the Adoration Chapel

- Sun. 10 am: Mass
11 am: Coffee and Donuts
5 pm: Hispanic Ministry Meeting
- Mon. 7:35 am: Rosary
8 am: Mass for Gere McCarthy ROS
- Tue. 7:35 am: Rosary
8 am: Mass
9 am: Book Study — *Rediscovering Jesus*
- Wed. 7:35 am: Rosary
8 am: Mass
- Thur. 7 pm: Holy Thursday Mass
9 am: Bible Study — Gospel of John
- Fr. 7 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Sat. 4 pm: Confessions
8 pm: Easter Vigil Mass
- Sun. 10 am: Easter Sunday Mass
11 am: Easter Egg Hunt

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS:

Rita DuBernay, Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Rod Durham, Mary Fiorillo, Gayle Knight, Debbie Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Rita Ellison, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

Help Keep Donuts Available

Thank you, Lonnie and Jacquie Myers, for hosting donuts this weekend. Please help keep donuts available Sunday mornings by signing up to host a week. **Please sign up at the back of Church.**

Office Hours

The Office will close at noon through the end of the month.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis asks us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. This aids Christians in the Holy Land in parishes, schools, and religious education as well as preserving sacred shrines. It also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please plan to donate to this important cause. Checks may be made payable to Our Lady of the Valley.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Gover 963-3042
or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541-963-7341.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

FORMED

Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at FORMED.ORG and enter parish code: **MAMWFF**

Easter Flower Donations in Memory of:



Lottie and Steve Piekarz, Anna Dutto, David Tishmack, Sandy Cantor, Nadine Henry, Allen Leonard, Jerry Clark, Norbert McGee, Stefan Demczynski, Adela Demczynska, Feliciano Lim Sr. Salvacion Lim, Ronald Jaramillo, Arnold Jaramillo, Aileen Souza, Glennetta Laux, James Jones, Randolph McRoy, King J. Fothergill. Thank you for Easter Flower Donations.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation is on Saturday, April 7th at 3 pm. Please pray for those preparing to receive this special sacrament of forgiveness, healing, and mercy for the first time.

Hispanic Ministry Meeting

There is a Hispanic Ministry Meeting this Sunday, March 25 starting at 5 pm in the Parish Hall. We will continue our Bible study of the Gospel of John and have a potluck.

Easter Egg Hunt

Following the Easter Sunday Mass, we will be having the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All children 1 to 10 should remember to bring a Easter basket to collect eggs and other goodies.



ADORATION FLOWER DONATIONS

We are in need of flower donations for the Adoration Chapel. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table of the chapel.

Get FORMED

In the audio, **“Three Days that Changed the World,”** Fr. Hector Perez brings us alongside Jesus in the final hours of His public ministry as He brings to fulfillment the very purpose His Incarnation, the salvation of all mankind. Fr. Perez's detailed insights of those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of the Messiah and detailed descriptions of his intense emotional and physical sufferings. With this knowledge, our hearts can only love him more.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will sing on April 1 (Easter). All youth are encouraged to sing in the choir. Those singing should meet in the conference room at 9:15 to warm up their voices before Mass.

Prayer Requests for Youth

Sacraments of Initiation: We have 26 people from the our Lady of the Valley and St. Mary parish communities preparing for Confirmation on Monday, April 2 and 7 Our Lady of the Valley youth preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion this spring. Please pray for our youth, their families, sponsors, and catechists as they continue to prepare for these special sacraments.

Confirmation Date

Please mark your calendars for Monday, April 2, at 7 pm for Confirmation. We hope to see many parishioners attend to celebrate this special moment for our parish community and to pray for the candidates. There will be a reception in the hall following Confirmation.

Youth Sessions – Spring Break

We will not have youth sessions on Sunday, March 25 or Sunday, April 1. Please prioritize participation in the Holy Week services and have family discussions throughout the week about this important part of the liturgical year.

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

To donate household items, linens, clothing, lamps & microwaves please call Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.

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Some Easter Meditations by Fr. John J. Lombardi

Christ's Victory over the "Three Enemies": Sin, Hell and Death. These are the worst things in life. They corrupt us, make us inhuman. Actually, they are the opposite of life! Sin is the grip of Adam and Eve upon us, evil, wrongdoing—we are all sinners falling short of the Lord's Glory (Rm 3:23). With Christ's Resurrection, sin no longer has absolute power over us although we may choose to sin. Jesus' Resurrection & Grace give us freedom to want, choose and know goodness, and avoid evil and darkness of sin. Hell is everlasting separation from God. Heaven's gates were closed up until the Resurrection but now, with His New Life, Bliss, Paradise is possible—victory over Satan's Kingdom.

Jesus assures us: "The just shall shine as the sun in kingdom of their Father" (Mt. 13:41). Though Christ seemed dead New Life manifested from His Body. Though you may seem dead in sin or depression or sickness, allow New Life to come forth from your body, mind & soul. It is there: allow God to unlock it.

"To behold the resurrection, the stone must be rolled away from our own hearts. The women at the tomb were the first to honor the Risen Christ. The Apostles were the first to suffer for Him (Peter Chrysologus). The daily transformation of the early morning from darkness to dawn is forever hallowed by the Resurrection.

The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by His Resurrection. He had said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am His." The Resurrection of the crucified One shows that He is truly "I Am," the Son of God and God Himself. So St. Paul could declare to the Jews: What God promised to the fathers, this He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second Psalm, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten You'."

COLLECTION

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400

Last Sunday's collection: \$1,860



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm. Mass of the Last Supper

Lector: Amanda Villagomez
Altar Servers: Cecilia Villagomez, Atziri Roman, Marisol Villagomez
Acolyte: Dan Gonzalez
Eucharist Ministers: Kris Ann McDonald, Chuck Bieker

Good Friday: Passion on the Lord 7:00 pm

Lector: Lyle Schwarz
Altar Servers: Elphirine Yiftheg, Michael Yiftheg
Acolyte: TJ Yiftheg

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Lector: John Herman, Nancy Allen
Altar Servers: Elphirine Yiftheg, Michael Yiftheg
Acolyte: TJ Yiftheg
Eucharistic Ministers: Walt Beery, Amanda Villagomez

Easter Sunday: 10:00 am

Lector: Meldy Lim
Altar Servers: Celeste Villagomez, Cecilia Villagomez, Gabriel Zamora
Acolyte: TJ Yiftheg/Jimmy Zamora
Eucharistic Ministers: Efrain Villagomez, Lupe Villagomez, Angie Lakey-Campbell, Delia Jaramillo

All Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers please meet in the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins.

The Liturgical Year -- Easter Triduum

From the Wednesday General Audience Address of Pope Benedict XVI, March 31, 2010

Holy Week

We are living the holy days that invite us to meditate on the central events of our Redemption...I therefore urge you to live these days intensely, so that they may decisively direct the life of each one to generous and convinced adherence to Christ, who died and rose for us.

Holy Thursday: ...we shall celebrate the institution of the Eucharist...Christ makes himself really present with his Body given and his Blood poured out as a sacrifice of the New Covenant. At the same time, he constitutes the Apostles and their successors ministers of this Sacrament, which he entrusts to his Church as a supreme proof of his love. We also commemorate...the gesture of Jesus who washes the Apostles' feet (Jn 13: 1-25). ...and reveals his love to the end, an infinite love that is capable of preparing man for communion with God and of setting him free. At the end of the Holy Thursday Liturgy the Church puts the Blessed Sacrament in a specially prepared place that represents Jesus' loneliness and mortal anguish in Gethsemane.

This... is an invitation to seek the intimate encounter with the Lord in prayer, to recognize Jesus among those who are lonely, to watch with him and to proclaim him with the light of one's own life.

Good Friday: we shall commemorate the Passion and death of the Lord. ...as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of humanity's sins... There is an inseparable connection between the Last Supper and Jesus' death. At the Last Supper Jesus gives his Body and his Blood...anticipating his death and transforming it into an act of love. Thus he makes death...an act of the communication of himself, a means of salvation and of the proclamation of the victory of love. In this way, Jesus becomes the key to understanding the Last Supper, which is an anticipation of the transformation of violent death into a voluntary sacrifice; into an act of love that redeems and saves the world.

Holy Saturday: The Churches are bare and no special Liturgies are planned. In this time of waiting and hope, believers are invited to prayer, reflection and conversion, also by means of the sacrament of Reconciliation, in order to take part, intimately renewed, in the celebration of Easter.

Easter Vigil, "mother of all vigils": this silence will be broken by the singing of the Alleluia which announces Christ's Resurrection and proclaims the victory of light over darkness, of life over death. The Church will rejoice in the encounter with her Lord, entering Easter Day which the Lord will inaugurate by rising from the dead.