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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9

PRAY & WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass (Saturday) | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday thru Saturday | 8:30am

CONFESSION

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Other | By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 3:00 pm - 4:00pm

DAILY DEVOTIONS

9:00am after Mass

Mon - Sat | Holy Rosary
Mon | Holy Spirit
Tues | Saint Joseph
Wed | Mother of Perpetual Help
Thurs | St. Therese of Lisieux
Fri | Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat | Our Lady of Assumption

SACRAMENTS

Call the office for Baptism, Marriage
and Faith Formation Classes

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Assumption's Mission Statement: Love and follow Jesus. Be a disciple like Mary.

Vision: Through our Blessed Mother, we seek to be a welcoming community united in faith, love and service, where each of us encounters the transformative power of God's grace. We gather in prayer and fellowship, connecting people and making disciples.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

The sacred events of Holy Week beg the question: Why did Jesus, the Son of God, have to suffer a cruel, unjust death on a cross? Was Jesus's suffering the only means by which humanity could be reconciled to friendship with God?

Jesus was obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. With these words, St. Paul focuses on the ultimate reason that Jesus's embraced his passion and crucifixion. Obedience to the will of God that opened the way for an outpouring of divine love on the world led Jesus to his suffering and death on the cross. Obedience was the foundation of Jesus's life. In Jesus's obedience we come to understand who God really is and who we really are, made in the image of God who loves us to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In the Gospel account of the Lord's Passion, we follow in the footsteps of the way of the cross. Soon after Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples, he arrives in Gethsemane to pray. During a time of deep, anguished prayer, Jesus speaks to his heavenly Father with words of obedient love: **"take this cup away from me but not what I will but what you will."** Obedience to the will of God becomes the fullest expression of divine love.

After Jesus expressed his obedience to God, the startling event of his betrayal follows. Judas arrives in Gethsemane with a crowd armed with swords and clubs. With a traitorous kiss, Judas betrays Jesus into the hands of those who seek to kill him in exchange for silver. Betrayal takes center stage in the final encounter of Jesus and his disciples.

Jesus's obedience and Judas' betrayal present opposite poles of the divine-human relationship. For Jesus's obedience reveals the fullness of divine love, while Judas's betrayal reveals the corrupting depths of humanity's sinfulness and self-love. Human sinfulness, weakness and pride are forms of betrayal as humanity turns away from friendship with God to lesser things or self-love.

Thanks be to God that betrayal is not the final word on the human condition. God's love and mercy is the final word that speaks louder than every small or great human infidelity and betrayal. This is the good news of these holy days we prepare to enter.

This Holy Week may we find in Jesus's passion, death and resurrection the victory of God's love turned to us personally as we bring our weaknesses and betrayals before the redeeming cross of Jesus Christ, and say with gratitude and faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Question: How will Jesus's passion, death and resurrection transform me this Holy Week? (source: <https://cathstan.org/voices/jem-sullivan/scripture-reflection>)

THANK YOU

Sunday Collection, March 17, 2024 \$4,857.00

Weekly Collection Goal \$7,000.00

Maintenance Fund \$1,271.00

Sign up for **ON-LINE GIVING** through **VANCO**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23rd
8:30am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
4:30pm People of Assumption Parish
Ruben De Anda (Health)

Sunday, March 24th
8:00am Godfrey Fernandes+
Dionisia Bagayan+
10:00am Rodrigo M. Laureta+
Diocelina Santoyo Pineda+
12:00 Fernanda Eiras+
Teresa Rutkowska (Birthday)

Monday, March 25th
8:30am Jerry Accardo+
Casey Ramirez+

Tuesday, March 26th
8:30am Fernanda Eiras+
Christopher Hernandez—
Mendoza (Health)

Wednesday, March 27th
8:30am Vaseo T. Gomes+
Patrick Corder+

Thursday, March 28th
8:30am No Morning Mass
Morning Prayer
6:30pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, March 29th
8:30am No Morning Mass
Morning Prayer
4:30pm Lord's Passion &
Veneration of the Cross
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Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th
8:30am No Morning Mass
Morning Prayer
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Please Pray for Healing

Butch Ferreria
Julie Richardson,
Sister Polly Torrino,
Elizabeth Jang,
J R Villanueva
&
Sharon Casey

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS REQUESTS

Let your Assumption Community offer prayers for your special intentions for a family member, a friend, a deceased love one or a special occasion. Email or visit the Rectory Office. Forms are also available on the back table in the church.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

BROWN BAG PROJECT FOR MARCH



SVDP EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Bring your filled bag with you to mass
on Easter Sunday morning.



St. Vincent de Paul

Assumption Parishioners are most generous and caring to our brothers and sisters in need and who have less than most of us. This coming Sunday, Palm Sunday, we begin the holiest week in the Christian calendar. We remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, his last meal with his friends and disciples, his suffering and death on the cross, and his glorious Resurrection. We are all moving towards the greatest feast of all, EASTER. If we are fully open to the risen Lord, we will see and experience him in peace, love, and joy. For many of our sisters and brothers this may not be the case. They are suffering from the lack of necessities, these include all the material goods that we so often take for granted and the much deeper realities of peace and joy. Vincentians are committed to go out and meet the risen Lord in the poor.

ST VINCENT de PAUL MEMBERS DO NOT BRING THE RISEN LORD TO THE POOR AND NEEDY. NO, THEY MEET AND SEE THE RISEN LORD IN THE POOR AND NEEDY.

We need all the Assumption parishioners to assist us. Easter Sunday weekend, **the 5th Sunday of the month**, is the SVDP special collection. We thank you for your generosity.

Vincentians pray that Assumption parishioners be filled with Easter joy, love, and peace.

Faith Formation: Elementary to Fifth Grade - March 24

at 11:15am in the Ministry Center. The upper grade students are preparing for their First Holy Communion which will be on April 28

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Boxes — March 28

Please return and place your CRS box in the History room or the rectory office by Holy Thursday

Assumption University - April 7

Join the Assumption University Fun, Fellowship Lunch, and Learn Series. Enjoy the delightful company of fellow parishioners who are 55 & Older. No need to RSVP. Come over to **Ministry Center** at 11:30am for a wonderful time.

Confirmation Preparation - April 7

At 11am in the small hall

Young Adult Book Study— April 9

Join Love and responsibility for their Spring Break Study on “Be Healed”. **Ministry Center** at 7pm. Contact Jim Brady with any questions.

Alpha for Adults: Join the Conversation - April 10

An opportunity for adults to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting. It's low-key, friendly, and fun! We don't assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity. Got Questions? Let Alpha Answer Them on **Wednesday** evenings 7pm. Join us at the **Ministry Center**. No need to RSVP Contact Deacon

saddle up for fun!

ASSUMPTION PARISH

HOEDOWN

boot scoot and boogie!

SATURDAY
MAY 4TH

ASSUMPTION GYM CORRAL
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

SCAN ME

BBQ
DINNER

KIDS
GAMES

CRAFT
COCKTAILS

Mass of the Lord's Supper

This mass commemorates the last supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples, when the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist took place. Holy Thursday Mass marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum.

What Happens at the Mass of the Lord's Supper?

Holy Thursday is not a holy day of obligation, but attending as a family can be a significant spiritual experience for Catholics. This mass is marked by several significant differences from usual celebrations of Mass:

1. The tabernacle is empty.
2. Unlike during the rest of Lent, the Gloria is sung.
3. There is a washing of the feet after the homily, to remember how Jesus washed the feet of the apostles.
4. Additional hosts are consecrated, to provide enough for the Holy Thursday mass and for Good Friday services, when no consecration takes place.
5. At the end of mass, there is a procession to a place of repose for the consecrated hosts for Good Friday.
6. The altar is stripped of altar-cloths and other ornaments.
7. Eucharistic adoration is held at many churches, for some period of time. This is to commemorate keeping watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Triduum is one event, so also plan to attend Good Friday services and the Easter Vigil. This is our faith. It is so important that we pass it on to our youth in all of its fullness. <https://young-catholics.com/840/mass-of-the-lords-supper-lent/>



Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Triduum

As we prayerfully participate in the Liturgical Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, know that this day itself is endowed with grace and power. The grace does not come through the sacramental "Memorial" of the Lord's Passion but from the reality encountered in this once-a-year Commemoration. This day itself is a real and sanctifying participation in the fruit of Jesus' saving Sacrifice.

To better understand this, look into your own soul and consider any ways that you have experienced God's grace powerfully and uniquely on Good Friday. Perhaps, in years past, you entered into the Triduum in a prayerful and recollected way. Call that experience to mind, and understand that this deep encounter with our Lord was especially made possible because those days are holy.

As you celebrate Good Friday, understand that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to you in a way unlike any other day of the year. Seize this moment in time. Seize this once-a-year opportunity to enter into our Lord's suffering and death. Do so prayerfully, meditatively, truly, and intentionally. Especially honor the hours between noon and three o'clock. Try to set that time aside for nothing other than prayer and recollection. This day is sanctified. Time is sanctified. By entering into prayer during these hours of sanctified time, you will discover that God is especially present to you.

Read the Passion. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Recite the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Gaze at a crucifix. Fast, keep vigil, be attentive, and be open to the abundance of grace our Lord wishes to bestow upon you this Good Friday, especially by participating in the liturgical Commemoration of the Lord's Passion during the sacred hours when our Lord hung on the Cross. This coming Friday, "the figure ceases on the advent of the reality." The reality is here, captured in time, made present to you. Stand before His sacred Cross, and allow His mercy to pour forth upon you from His wounded side. Jesus, I trust in You. <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/good-friday/>

Holy Week & Triduum

Palm Sunday, March 24

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Holy Monday, March 25

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Reconciliation

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Tuesday, March 26

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Reconciliation

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Wednesday, March 27

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Reconciliation

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday, March 28

8:30am Morning Prayer

11:00am Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Mass of the Last Supper

**8:00pm Procession to the Altar of Repose
& Adoration**

11:30pm Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 29

8:30am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena (Day 1)

4:30pm Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

6:30pm Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil, March 30

8:30am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena (Day 2)

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Divine Mercy Novena (Day 3)

