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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.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

# PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021

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## Church REOPENING

**25% capacity = 150 People per Mass/Service**

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE

*ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED ON OUR  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL: Catholic Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Pittsburg, CA*

*Visit our parish website to sign up for weekend  
Mass you want to attend.*

#### Monday - Friday

7:30am

#### Saturday

8:00am and 5:30pm Vigil

#### Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm, 3pm Spanish

#### Communion

Drive through communion  
after each Mass in front of the church.

#### Adoration

Fridays 8am – 9am

#### Confession

Fridays 8am-9am

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706**

## Palm Sunday

Today begins the great liturgical week that leads us to Easter, the death and resurrection of the Lord, the center of our Christian faith. Holy Week, then, is a time of deep religious experiences; the mystery of God "delivered by us" and the strength of his resurrection, as St Paul expressed himself, summoning us to the cross which is the triumph of love over hatred, hope in the face of all despair.

The gospel of the entry into Jerusalem, with the procession of the community and bouquets of palms, must serve to inaugurate the great week of Christianity. All the "tradition" and beauty of bouquets and palms, however, invites us to enter that experience of going to Jerusalem that the prophet of Galilee could not escape. Jesus certainly knew what awaited him: judgment, condemnation, and death.

All of that we have dramatized beautifully many times, but around Easter of the year 30 there was nothing theatrical, but the harsh reality of "someone" who knows what he wants. Jesus is not under any illusions about the cries of "Hosanna," because he did not feel like a Messiah, let alone as some interpreted him. These acclamations would further justify his judgment and condemnation to the powerful who were waiting for Galilee's prophet to arrive in Jerusalem. And He came...

What makes us Christians is following Jesus. Nothing else. This following of Jesus is not a theoretical or abstract thing. Following Jesus is an exciting task: it is difficult to imagine a more dignified and noble life. But it comes at a price. To follow Jesus, it is important to "do": to make a world more just and more humane; make a Church more faithful to Jesus and more consistent with the Gospel. However, it is also important to "suffer": suffering for a more dignified world; suffering for a more evangelical Church.

Following Jesus thus brings, sooner or later, conflicts, problems, and suffering. We must be willing to bear the reactions and resistances of those who, for one reason or another, do not seek a more humane world, just as what God revealed in Jesus.

The Gospels have retained a realistic call from Jesus to his followers. The scandalous image can only come from Him: "If anyone wants to come after me, carry your cross on your back and follow me." Jesus does not trick them. If we really follow him, we will have to share his destiny. We will end up like Him. That will be the best proof that you're a faithful follower.

In this Holy Week, may God lead us to make a change in our lives, walking with Jesus to make a more just and humane world.

Deacon Gustavo



## Domingo de Ramos

Hoy comienza la gran semana litúrgica que nos conduce a la Pascua, la muerte y resurrección del Señor, centro de nuestra fe cristiana. La Semana Santa, pues, es un tiempo de profundas vivencias religiosas; el misterio del Dios “entregado por nosotros” y la fuerza de su resurrección, como se expresaba San Pablo, nos convocan ante la Cruz que es el triunfo del amor sobre el odio, la esperanza frente a toda desesperación.

El evangelio de la entrada en Jerusalén, con la procesión de la comunidad y los ramos, debe servir para inaugurar la gran semana del cristianismo. Toda la “tradicción” y hermosura de los ramos y palmas, no obstante, nos invita a introducirnos en aquella experiencia de ir a Jerusalén que el profeta de Galilea no podía eludir. Jesús, sin duda, ya sabía lo que le esperaba: el juicio, la condena y la muerte.

Todo eso lo hemos dramatizado hermosamente muchas veces, pero en torno a aquella Pascua del año 30 no había nada teatral, sino la dura realidad de “alguien” que sabe lo que quiere. Jesús no se deja ilusionar por los gritos de “Hosanna”, porque no se sentía Mesías, y menos como algunos lo interpretaron. Estas aclamaciones justificarían más su juicio y su condena ante los poderosos que estaban esperando que llegara el profeta de Galilea a Jerusalén. Y llegó...

Lo que nos hace cristianos es seguir a Jesús. Nada más. Este seguimiento a Jesús no es algo teórico o abstracto. Seguir a Jesús es una tarea apasionante: es difícil imaginar una vida más digna y noble. Pero tiene un precio. Para seguir a Jesús, es importante “hacer”: hacer un mundo más justo y más humano; hacer una Iglesia más fiel a Jesús y más coherente con el evangelio. Sin embargo, es tan importante o más “padecer”: padecer por un mundo más digno; padecer por una Iglesia más evangélica.

Seguir así a Jesús trae consigo, más tarde o más temprano, conflictos, problemas y sufrimiento. Hay que estar dispuesto a cargar con las reacciones y resistencias de quienes, por una razón u otra, no buscan un mundo más humano, tal como lo quiere ese Dios revelado en Jesús.

Los evangelios han conservado una llamada realista de Jesús a sus seguidores. Lo escandaloso de la imagen sólo puede provenir de Él: “Si alguno quiere venir detrás de mí... cargue sobre la espalda su cruz y sígame”. Jesús no los engaña. Si le seguimos de verdad, tendremos que compartir su destino. Terminaremos como Él. Esa será la mejor prueba de que su seguimiento es fiel.

Que esta Semana Santa nos lleve a hacer un cambio en nuestra vida, caminando con Jesús para hacer un mundo más justo y humano.

Díacono Gustavo





**Take care and protect your family**



**Vaccinate against COVID-19!**

La Clínica is offering the Covid-19 Vaccine to **Contra Costa** residents. Eligible candidates include those under the following categories.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>People 65 years of age or older</b></li> </ul>	
<p>those the work on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IHHS Workers (Home Health Care Aid)</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teachers or Child care work (formal or informal)</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Restaurant or grocery stores</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Farm work or landscape</b></li> </ul>	

Sign-up in the interest list to be referred, La Clinica staff will contact you to schedule an appointment.

**If you prefer call (925)363-2000 to make an appointment.**

**SECURITY GATE UPDATE**

The security gates are up. We have begun securing the property daily and all of the broken windows have been replaced.

At this time, the plan is to have the gates open from 6:30 am to 7 pm. On weekends, we will open all the gates.

On the weekdays, we plan on opening the main gate for ingress and egress. We will inform you of any changes as we monitor how this plan is working out.



**“Pray the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:38)**



**If you are a young man considering a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Carl Arcosa at 510-267-8356**

**TAX DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!**

**2020 TAX  
DONATION  
LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
UPON REQUEST BY  
CALLING THE  
PARISH OFFICE  
(432-6404) OR BY EMAILING**

**yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org**

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**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal  
has officially launched!**

**Our goal this year is:  
\$35,600**

**Please help us reach our  
goal!**



**Cuídate y protege a tu familia**



**¡Vacúnate Contra el COVID-19!**

La Clínica ofrece la vacuna a la comunidad del condado de **Contra Costa**.  
Son elegibles las personas que cumplen con una de las siguientes categorías.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Personas de 65 años o mas</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>aquellos que trabajan en:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trabajadores de IHHS (Servicios de salud en casa)</b></li> <li>• <b>Maestros o Cuidado infantil (babysitting)</b></li> <li>• <b>Restaurant o tiendas de comida</b></li> <li>• <b>Trabajo del campo o jardinería</b></li> </ul>	

Inscríbese en las lista de interés para referirle, personal de La Clinica le llamara para darle una cita.

**Si prefiere, puede llamar al (925)363-2000 y hacer cita.**

# 2021 Lenten and Easter Celebrations

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

**Confessions:** Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

**Adorations:** Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 6:30 pm followed by 7pm Mass

**Stations of the Cross:** in the church and livestreamed all Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm

**Parish Lenten Study Series:** Robert Baron on the Eucharist, Thursdays at 7 pm

*On Zoom @*

<https://zoom.us/j/98302298313?pwd=azc2TFFqaDgzSDVJRUdsc2hieDY0UT09>

## HOLY WEEK

March 27-Palm Sunday Vigil 5:30 pm mass

March 28– Palm Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm & 3pm (Spanish)

## TRIDUUM

April 1-Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours  
7:00pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.*

April 2-Good Friday

8am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours  
12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross  
3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)  
7:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross



April 3-Holy Saturday

8am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours  
8:00pm Easter Vigil

## EASTER

April 4 –Easter Sunday

7 am Mass  
8:30 am Mass  
10 am Mass  
12 pm Mass  
3 pm Spanish Mass



## 12 ways to make Holy Week more meaningful

1. **THINK PRAYER.** If you have to work or go to school during Holy Week, think about how you can incorporate prayer breaks into each day.
2. **MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SACRIFICE** by fasting and abstaining from meat on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in addition to Good Friday.
3. **DON'T WATCH TELEVISION** from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning.
4. **GO** to confession.
5. **SET ASIDE** 10 minutes every day to read Passion accounts in the Gospels.
6. Make it a point to **FORGIVE** someone on Good Friday.
7. **PRAY** the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
8. **OFFER UP** any pain or difficulties you experience during Holy Week and unite your sufferings with the pain of Christ.
9. **PRAY** the Stations of the Cross.
10. **ATTEND** all of the Triduum liturgies.
11. **INVITE** family members, friends and neighbors — especially people who have strayed from the church — to come to church with you.
12. **VOLUNTEER** to help decorate your parish on Holy Saturday for Easter.

**Holy Week Quiz:** How much do you remember about the people and events of Holy Week? Here's a little quiz to test your knowledge.

1. Where did the Agony in the Garden take place?
2. Who betrayed Jesus?
3. Who denied Jesus three times?
4. Who ordered Jesus to be scourged?
5. What criminal was released instead of Jesus?
6. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
7. How many times does Jesus fall on the way to Calvary?
8. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
9. Who wiped the face of Jesus?
10. What did the sign on the cross say?
11. Who made arrangements for the burial of Jesus?
12. Who was the first to discover that Jesus had risen?



**HOLY WEEK**

See page 9 for answers

## Mass Intentions

March 29-April 4

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Capupus Family †
Tue	7:30 am	Fausto Carlos †
Wed	7:30 am	Theresa Navarro
Thu	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Thursday-For the People
Good Fri	8:00 am 12 pm 3 pm 7 pm	Morning Prayer Liturgy/Veneration Liturgy/Veneration (Spanish) Liturgy/Veneration
Sat	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
Sat	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil-For the People
Sun	7:00 am 8:30 am 10 am 12 pm 3 pm	For the People Birthday of Westley Hart Sal "Tudi" Bruno † Stephen Esposito † For the People

### HOLY WEEK QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Gethsemane or the Mount of Olives
2. Judas
3. Peter
4. Pontius Pilate
5. Barabbas
6. 14
7. three
8. Simon of Cyrene
9. Veronica
10. King of the Jews
11. Joseph of Arimathea
12. Mary Magdalene



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**ACTS 10:34A, 37-43,  
COLOSSIANS 3:1-4, JOHN 20:1-9**

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### Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.*

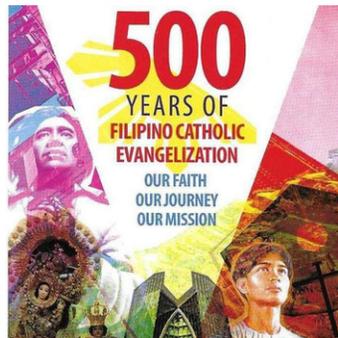
*As fear grips our country, let us choose love.*

*During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.*

*Amen.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**EASTER OFFERING**

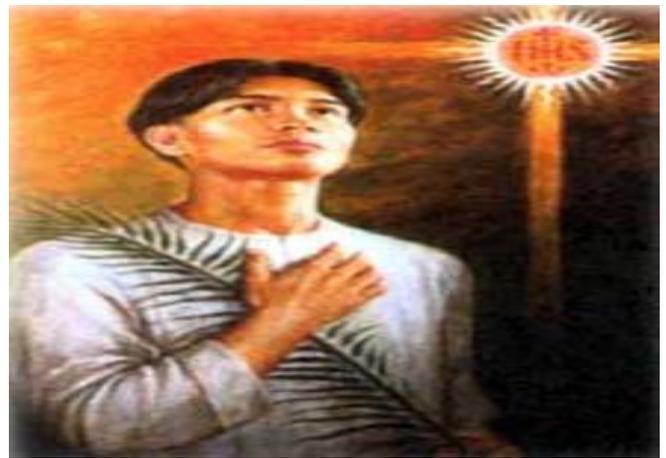


The Flock of the Good Shepherd joining the Filipino Community for the celebration of 500 Years of Evangelization at the Cathedral, March 16.

## FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD

We are going to celebrate the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod this year on March 27, 2021, Saturday, at 8 am mass in the church. There will be no food reception.

For information about mass sponsorship please contact: Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Cynthia Auza 925-597-1178, Lani Andes 925-212-8408.



**WE WERE HONORED TO HOST THE DIOCESAN WORKSHOP FOR PRIESTS STUDYING ABOUT RACISM ON MARCH 19. EVERYONE IS EQUAL IN THE EYES OF GOD. WE MUST TREAT EACH OTHER WITH DIGNITY, LOVE AND COMPASSION. We are one Flock of the Good Shepherd. Say NO to Racism!**