Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Palm Sunday April 10, 2022

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They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" John 12:13

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY) After Easter to January 1 ... 4:00 pm January 8 to April 9 ... 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:00 am January 9 through Easter Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am,10:30 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter- September 7 through June 3 Mon - Thurs 9:00 am-12:30 pm,1:00 pm-4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Summer - June 6 through September 2 Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00 am - 9:15 am Saturday 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 11 8:15 am †MARLENE WOODCROFT by Richard Woodcroft Monday of Holy Week Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7 Gospel: John 12:1-11

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

8:15 am **†GEORGE MOLLO** by Kathy Hadamik *Tuesday of Holy Week Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6 Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 8:15 am THE PACHECO FAMILY INTENTIONS OF CHARLES FIALA

Wednesday of Holy Week Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

6:30pm **†FRAN MORSCH** by Peggy, Mary Anne, and Martha *Holy Thursday Reading 1: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel: John 13:1-15*

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

3pm Service of the Lord's Passion Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord Reading 1: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Reading 2: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY) 8:30pm †DAVID MASSIMINO †KATHLEEN KOTTAR †FR. MICHAEL KOTTAR by Family The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Reading 1: Genesis 1:1-2:2 Reading 2: Exodus 14:15-15:1 Reading 3: Isaiah 55:1-11 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 Gospel Luke 24:1-12

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:30am **†GORDON CLARK** by Les and Barbie 9:00am **†GRACE SULLIVAN** by Family 10:30am **FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Reading 1: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9*



Easter Triduum

Mass of The Lord's Supper *Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm* (No Daily Mass)

Good Friday Sacred Liturgy *Friday, April 15 at 3:00 pm* (No Daily Mass)

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday, April 16 at 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Mass Sunday, April 17 at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

March 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the suffering and death of Christ followed by His resurrection. The readings remind us of our connection to the Holy Land where this remarkable salvation unfolded; a place so special to us all.

The Franciscan Friars have maintained the sacred shrines throughout the Holy Land for hundreds of years, so pilgrims can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. In addition to preserving the Holy Sites, they also provide formation and education in the communities and schools, as well as care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. This has been complicated for the last two years by the pandemic which severely struck this Catholic population that relies so much in an economic sense on the pilgrims visiting the Holy Sites.

The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be on Good Friday, April 15, 2022. Supporting the Church in the Holy Land is a special mission, and your contribution helps strengthen the work of the Franciscans Friars. May God bless you for your continued generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you, the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



Palm Sunday

Today we begin the week of weeks in the liturgical calendar: the Holy Week. Today we begin the commemoration of the high points in the history of salvation: the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus – the Paschal Mystery. Today we accompany Jesus on his solemn entry into Jerusalem where he will suffer, die,

and rise again. Yet, this day is a day of contradictions.

The King on a Donkey's Back

In the gospel of Luke Jesus is on this single, long journey that he started from the little village of Nazareth (Luke 4:42-44) to the capital of the Jewish world – Jerusalem. Now he is almost there nearing his destiny. It is going to be a solemn entry, almost as a King is about to enter to take possession of his capital. And the procession begins at the Mount of Olives – the mount that is be the stage for the ultimate Day of the Lord (according to Zechariah 14:3-4), the day of judgement. Perhaps the people have some insight into what is happening. They throw their cloaks on the road as a sign of their surrender to the king. And they sing in acclamation. The lines they sing are partly borrowed from Psalms 118:26 that celebrates the kingship of the Lord.

But here is a contradiction: the Lord rides on a donkey, and not on a horse. The horse could indicate a military, violent entry. So, he has purposefully chosen a donkey, he makes a humble entry. As the prophet Zechariah once again reminds us, "Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem! Look, your king is approaching, he is vindicated and victorious, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).

Solemn Journey to Death

This tumultuous celebration is not going to last long. We know from history what is going to happen. Perhaps Jesus knows too: after all, he has made a choice to be the suffering servant (Luke 4:1-12). Today, he makes a solemn entry into the city. Towards the end of this week, he will make a shameful exit to be hanged on a cross. Yet, that will not be his end. This week is going to quite eventful for Jesus, and for us too.

My dear friends, let us live through these paradoxes during the coming week, together with Jesus. It is in living through the paradoxes is our salvation.

Let us feel as *he* felt. Let us think as *he* thought. Let us pray as *he* prayed. It is in being united with him in his suffering, death, and resurrection is our own victory.

Fr. Sahaya G. Selvam, PhD, SDB



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tickets \$8/Person All You Can Eat Kids Eat Free Ticket Price Includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee and Orange Juice

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10 @ 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

First Holy Communion Prayer Partners

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is very important in our parish family. Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children who will receive our Lord for the first of many more Holy Communions on **Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 10am Mass**! Remember to tell Jesus how much you love him and ask Mary, his Mother, to help you love him even more. Our parish celebrates with you and your families your love of Jesus and our Catholic Faith. May our all-loving God bless you always.

We encourage all our parishioners to be prayer partners, for all the children and their families. Post this picture of our children on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray daily. It has been good for our parishioners to feel more connected to those children and families who will be receiving our Lord for the first of many more Holy Communions. The prayer partners are invited to see the children receive Holy Communion & pray for them & their families. Thank you for your willingness to participate as prayer partners. It is always inspirational to see your commitment to our Parish family.

Jim Brantner, Director of Religious Education



First Holy Communion Class of 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND SFOA OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

LENTEN FOD DRIVE FOR THE HUNGRY

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS EACH WEEK THRU LENT SEE BELOW FOR WEEK 6 LIST OF FOODS

DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE OR AFTER WEEKEND MASSES OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE FROM 9AM-2PM

> WEEK 6 DROP-OFF APRIL 12-13

FOOD LIST FOR WEEK 6: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BABY DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, COFFEE, AND CONDIMENTS



Monday, April 11 4 - 6 pm Soup 5 - 6:30 pm Stations PARISH CENTER

LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS Variety of Soups & Desserts

FREE WILL DONATION - SOUPS PROVIDED BY THE PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY(S)

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Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church			
	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon April 11	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	11:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Room 6
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina - Gospel Prayer - Church
	4:15pm	6:30pm	Parish Lenten Soup and Stations - Parish Center and Church
	5:30pm	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus/Ladies Aux. General Business Meeting - Parish Center
Tues April 12	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:45am	9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:45pm	6:45pm	Religious Education K - 8 - Parish Center
	6:00pm	6:45pm	The Last Supper/Passion Play by the 7th and 8th Grade Class - Parish Center
Wed April 13	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	11:00am	Parish Women's Guild Membership Meeting - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	1:30pm	3:00pm	Bible Study with Father Marcel
	6:00pm	8:00pm	Choir Practice - Church
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs April 14	7:00am	8:00am	TMIY - Parish Center
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks and Needles - Parish Conference Room
	6:30pm	7:30pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri April 15			Good Friday - Parish Office Closed
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	3:00pm	4:00pm	Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion
Sat April 16			Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
	8:30pm	9:30pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun April 17	7:30am	8:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:30am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church

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