



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

***Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord***

March 24, 2024

***Domingo de Ramos
de la Pasión de Cristo***



MANY PEOPLE SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD,
AND OTHERS SPREAD LEAFY BRANCHES THAT THEY
HAD CUT FROM THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8

MUCHOS EXTENDÍAN SU MANTO EN EL CAMINO, Y
OTROS LO TAPIZABAN CON RAMAS CORTADAS EN
EL CAMPO. - MC 11, 8

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil

5:00 p.m. (English)

Livestreamed

Sunday

7:30 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)

10:30 a.m. (English)

12:00 p.m. (Español)

Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children during*

10:30 a.m. Mass (English)

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños*

durante Misa de

12:00 p.m. (Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(In the church)

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

The message of Palm Sunday and the days that follow is found in the second reading, from Saint Paul to the Philippians:

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 (Phil. 2:8-9).

It is this obedience that we commemorate, the “emptying” of Himself, to the point of death. And the Resurrection that followed.

The liturgies of Holy Week invite us to enter more deeply into the life-death-resurrection of the Lord Jesus, to make ourselves present to those saving events, events that continue to live in our lives. United with Him in Baptism, we die to our “old” selves and rise with the Lord to newness of life.

Please join us for as many of our celebrations as you are able.

HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION LITURGY & CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 26 – 7:00 pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:30 pm (Tri-lingual)

Including Washing of the Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Tent

Good Friday, March 29

Time for Communal and Personal Prayer

12:00 Noon until 3:00 pm

12:00 Opening Prayer

12:30 Spanish Way of the Cross

1:00 Meditative Music/Guided Meditation in church and in the tent

2:00 English Way of the Cross

2:30 Concluding Prayer and Quiet Time

Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (English) – 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (Spanish) – 7:30 pm

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm (Tri-lingual)

(Gather in small parking lot)

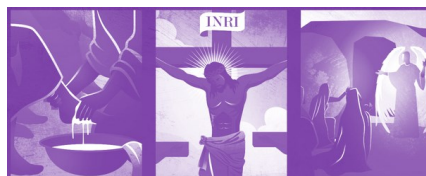
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word,

Liturgy of Baptism and Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday, March 31

*Including Renewal of Baptismal Promises
and Sprinkling with Easter Water*

7:30 Mass (English), 9:00 Mass (Portuguese),
10:30 Mass (English), and 12:00 Mass (Spanish)



Special Collection During Holy Week

There is a tradition of special care for the poor on Holy Thursday. In keeping with this, we will take up an offering for the work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which offers outreach to those in need in our name.

On Good Friday, the collection benefits the upkeep of the holy places in the Holy Land, a work that is entrusted to Franciscan brothers and priests.

Thank you for your support of both of these worthy causes.

Holy Land Olivewood Art

On the weekend of April 20/21, we will welcome Bethlehem Artworks with offerings of religious works carved from olivewood. You can read about the works that these sales support here: <https://bethlehemartworks.com>. Please take advantage of this yearly visit.

Youth Ministry

Join us this **Easter, March 31, for an Easter Egg Hunt** right after the 10:30am and 12:00pm Masses. Win candy and many other prizes!

DYR Registrations are OPEN! You can register by using the QR code in the image, to the right. Diocesan Youth Retreat is a weeklong retreat in Lake Tahoe with hundreds of other young people, from June 10-14. If you have a question, would like to help fundraise, or would like to sponsor a young person, please contact Ryan at ryan.bao@dsj.org

The Youth Center hours and Bible Study are canceled this coming week due to Holy Week.



Saint Clare School



COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

When: Sunday, April 21
Time: 10 A.M. to 3 P.M

Saint Clare School will be participating in Viva CalleSJ on April 21. This is a fun family event, so get on your bikes, scooters, skateboards or whatever your favorite form of car-free transportation, and cruise the streets of San Jose! BUT! Don't forget to stop by our booth to say "hi"! Location details will be coming soon.

NOW ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE FOR 2023-2024

Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders. Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE: Schedule a tour: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>. You may also call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manager at: 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org

Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus>



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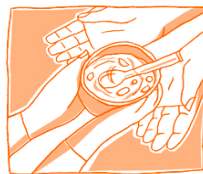
Creation Care Tips

“Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” –Mark 11:8-9. Poor people in Jesus’ time made do with the simple things available to them to celebrate and honor their teacher and Messiah. Why do we need to spend money or buy single-use and disposable items to celebrate or honor someone? Think about the next time you’re throwing a party or honoring someone; plan to celebrate without purchasing disposable items.



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Weekly Justice Challenges



March The First Reading for Palm Sunday is from Isaiah (50:4 -7) and contains one of several powerful images of the Suffering Servant found in this book of the Bible. While the author was describing the nation of Israel when he wrote, the passages about the suffering servant took on new meaning after the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is easy to see how Jesus embodied the traits of Isaiah’s suffering servant, one of which was his peaceful approach to conflict. Jesus exemplified non-violence, even when he was attacked, spat upon, mocked, and scourged. He met violence by turning the other cheek. And he asks us to do the same. Your challenge this week is to examine your conscience for any signs of violence in your life—in your actions, but also in your words. Make a commitment to responding to violence against your person, be it bullying or being yelled at or being physically attacked, with a strong but peaceful response.

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**Saint Clare Parish -
Portuguese Council
FUNDRAISER**

Dinner: Goat Stew or Cod Fish
with side dishes & dessert
Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Time: 6:30 PM
Take out/Pick up: 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Music DJ: Deodato Constantino
Donation: \$40.00

Sanit Clare Parish Hall
(Next to the church)
Tickets Available at the Parish Office
725 Washington Street | Santa Clara, CA 95050
For more information: 650-420-9908 or 408-406-8676





Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
March 16th & 17th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$8,334.60**

Thank you

Daily Readings



Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1—15:47

Monday

Isaiah 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1-6

John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday

(Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

Saturday (Easter Vigil)

Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)

Isaiah 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)

Romans 6:3-11

Mark 16:1-7

Next Sunday (Easter)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

Mass Intentions March 23rd - 30th, 2024

Sat	5:00 pm	Edith & Frank Marinuci †
Sun	7:30 am	Susan Rumhor Foreman - Brithday
	9:00 am	Constantina Silva † Jose C. Barcelos † Jose Rogero Barcelos † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Dora de Oliveira † Ernesto Gonsalves † Maria G. Amaral † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Vidalia Gaspar Silva † Joao Luis Gaspar † Alberto Sanches † Mary Arias † Jose Mendonça † Michelle Miguel † Jose Euclides & Raquel Rodrigues Thanksgiving - Saint Joseph
	10:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	12:00 pm	Salvador Silva † The Alejos Acevedo Family The España Family Alicia Suárez Ida López - Health
Mon	9:00 am	Fr. Robert Moran - Birthday
Tues	8:00 am	Jones Prospero B. Alabanza †
Wed	8:00 am	Ruberta Aparece †
Thu	7:30 pm	Saint Clare Parishioners
Sat	8:30 pm	Saint Clare Parishioners

PALM SUNDAY



Promise of Life

Lord God,
you entered Jerusalem in triumph,
and we shouted, “Hosanna!”
As the Lenten journey closes,
may I continue to remember
your sacrifice and love.

Give me the strength
to follow your cross.
May my heart find serenity
and joy in your promise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Never Alone



Today's readings: Gospel at the procession Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1–15:47. Today's readings leave us much to ponder. During the Gospel at the procession, a crowd welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” At the end of the Gospel from Mark, Jesus was not hailed but reviled as passersby taunted, “You who would destroy the temple in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”

In the last verses from Mark's Gospel, we witness the faith of the steadfast disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of younger James and Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Jesus in Galilee,

stood by until his death, and watched where he was laid in a tomb. Apparent, too, is the faith of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped Jesus in linen and laid him in the tomb.

Also obvious in the Gospel is the wavering faith of those who had followed Jesus for three years. Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but Peter could not stay awake with him as he prayed in the garden, and later Peter denied him three times. The Gospel proclaimed today does not record the apostles' presence at the crucifixion.

During Holy Week, Christians have the opportunity to be with Christ as his last days are recalled. Take to heart Jesus' words to the apostles in Gethsemane: “Remain here and keep watch.”



This Week at Home

Monday, March 25

A Precious Offering

In today's Gospel we see how Mary, Lazarus' sister, takes what may have been her most precious possession and used it to anoint Jesus' feet. We are also given opportunities to give the very best of ourselves. Today, examine whether you have gifts within you that you hold back. Who would benefit from those gifts? Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.

Tuesday, March 26

Judas Is Humanity

Imagine how Jesus would have felt knowing that Judas was about to betray him. He surely was troubled but also hurt. Let us also imagine what may have been in the mind and heart of Judas. In Judas we can see all of humanity reflected: the emptiness of greed and envy, the alienation and loneliness of sin. However much we strive to be like Jesus, we will always meet our flaws and shortcomings. In Christ, however, we are strengthened to do good in the world despite our failings. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection and prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises, resolve to let the new life that Christ gives to well up within you. Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 7:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.

Wednesday, March 27

Second Chances

Much can be learned from Judas' betrayal. Perhaps by examining Judas' actions, we can right our failings. Consider how you can explore and acknowledge what keeps you from God. This week reflect on the times you preferred a path other than God's. How did following another way disturb your relationship with God and others? Trust in God's promise of forgiveness for all who truly repent. Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 31, 33-34;

Thursday, March 28

Serving Others

Tonight, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. Humbling himself, Jesus washed and dried the feet of the disciples. Just as he washed their feet, by his resurrection, he washed away our sins. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, neighbor, or relative with impaired movement. How can you humble yourself and be of service to another? Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.

Friday, March 29

Symbol of Love

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross in today's liturgy, the faithful are invited to process to the cross and offer a sign of reverence. Even when you are unable to attend this service, spend time in quiet contemplating Jesus' surrender of himself on the cross. How are you asked to surrender yourself to the crosses in your life? Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.

Saturday, March 30

Beacon of Light in the Darkness

Jesus has died and descended into hell but the darkness surrounding us is only temporary. The light of the world will shine brightly once more, and soon enough it will defeat the darkness. Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 3:6-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7.





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Boletim Paroquial Português

24 de Março de 2024 – Domingo de Ramos

Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

A liturgia deste Domingo de Ramos retrata-nos a vida real dum cristão e o comportamento de Jesus nas duas faces que as leituras nos dão. Iniciamos esta missa no exterior da igreja com os ramos levantados e ouvimos a entrada de Jesus em Jerusalém, com a multidão a gritar; “Hosana ao Filho de David....Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor....Hosana! No meio da multidão estava Aquele que vinha salvar israel do opróbrio, vinha eliminar o povo de Israel do poder do Império Romano, A liturgia da palavra com Jesus a ser julgado, condenado a morte de cruz pela mesma multidão que gritava hosanas o que depois gritavam; “crucificam-O! Crucificam-O! Ou ; se é Filho de Deus desça da cruz e salva-nos. Assim é o comportamento humano, tão oposto ao que Deus que sejamos. É o comportamento humano que se ilude com o falso, o oco, vazio e sem valor de vida que o mundo oferece. É a preguiça que o homem tem de fazer decisões pensadas, justas em função do bem ao irmão. Vamos poder observar Pilatos a lavar as mãos e no processo cometer uma injustiça ao condenar Jesus para satisfazer a multidão e a política dos sacerdotes, dos escribas, e dos poderosos que todos estavam lá para destruir Jesus, que não era mais que um estorvo revelando as suas hipocrisias e injustiças por eles cometidas contra os fracos, as viúvas e os orfãos. Os Pilatos ainda existem no nosso tempo e em toda a parte os juizes e os advogados fazem injustiças vendendo-se aqueles que mais pagam, servindo os ricos e poderosos e destruindo os fracos. Enquanto tudo isso também podemos escutar a ajuda em levar a cruz de Jesus pelo Cirineo, a intervenção de José de Arimateia em pedir o corpo de Jesus a Pilatos e lhe oferecer um túmulo, a coragem da Verónica que metendo-se por entre a multidão limpou o rosto ensanguentado de Jesus. Vamos escutar Dimas a pedir perdão e pedir a Jesus que o levasse para o Paraíso. Vamos perceber a impotência dos Apostolos em defender Jesus, negar-Lo por Pedro, vender-Lo por Judas. Tudo iremos viver numa das liturgias mais ricas e intensas na História da nossa salvação. Meditemos! Que parte tenho eu nesta História? Maria de coração dilacerado no sofrimento e morte do Filho? No Judas que vendeu Jesus? No Pedro que negou Jesus?Todos estamos na multidão porque a nossa fraqueza tanto louva os ídolos do cinema, da música e do futebol; como lhes insulta e lhes condenam quando estes deixam de satisfazer os nossos desejos ou gostos. Que fazer? Ponhamos as nossas almas, os nossos espíritos na Ressurreição do mesmo Jesus que venceu a morte e nos salvou.

Convite à solidariedade da Páscoa

Nesta época Pascal, gostaríamos de recordar a todos a caridade e partilha como fruto da nossa vida cristã. Assim pedia-mos a todos os que puderem e quizerem, que não se esqueçam de colaborar com o projecto da enfermaria em Lisboa sob a responsabilidade do nosso Padre Francisco Rodrigues. Este projecto vai demorar anos a concretizar. Por isso, pouco a poucomas todos juntos, podemos ir longe na partilha e solidariedade com a benção e graça de Deus. Para mais informações, queirem contactar Claudia Madruga ou Manuel Madruga. Rezemos também pelo Padre Francisco, pela missão que ele está a desenvolver na grande paróquia do Lumiar da cidade de Lisboa. Ainda assim, continua a dar do seu tempo á nossa comunidade, através da oração, amisade, ajuda e guia. Que nesta época do Tempo Pascal, possamos celebrar com alegria a Ressurreição de Jesus nos nossos corações, através da caridade, paz e respeito pelos nossos irmãos. Muito obrigado a todos pela vossa receptividade e generosidade.

Tríduo Pascal: Os horários para as cerimónias de Quinta Feira Santa (inglês, português e espanhol), Sexta Feira Santa (inglês, português e espanhol) e (Sábado de Aleluia (inglês, português, espanhol) encontram-se na secção em inglês do Boletim Paroquial. Para as pessoas que colaboraram no programa tigela de arroz podem deixar as suas contribuições num dos sextos em frente ao altar.

Um Santo e Bom Domingo de Ramos para todos!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

El mensaje del Domingo de Ramos y los días siguientes se encuentra en la segunda lectura, de San Pablo a los Filipenses:

Cristo por obediencia aceptó incluso la muerte,
y una muerte de cruz.
Por eso Dios lo exaltó sobre todas las cosas
y le otorgó el nombre que está sobre todo nombre (Fil. 2:8-9).

Es esta obediencia la que conmemoramos, el “despojamiento” de Sí mismo, hasta la muerte. Y la resurrección que siguió.

Las liturgias de Semana Santa nos invitan a entrar más profundamente en la vida-muerte-resurrección del Señor Jesús, a hacernos presentes en aquellos acontecimientos salvadores, acontecimientos que siguen viviendo en nuestras vidas. Unidos a El en el Bautismo, morimos a nuestro “viejo” mismos y resucitamos con el Señor a una vida nueva.

Acompáñenos para tantas de nuestras celebraciones como pueda.

LITURGIA Y CONFESIONES DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE SEMANA SANTA

Martes 26 de marzo – 7:00 p.m.

EL TRIDUO PASCUAL

Jueves Santo, 28 de marzo

Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor – 7:30 pm (trilingüe)
Incluyendo Lavado de Pies y Procesión al Altar de Reposo en la Tienda

Viernes Santo, 29 de marzo

Tiempo de oración comunitaria y personal
12:00 del mediodía hasta las 3:00 p.m.

12:00 Oración de apertura

12:30 Vía Crucis Español

1:00 Música Meditativa/Meditación Guiada en la iglesia y en la carpa

2:00 Vía Crucis Inglés

2:30 Oración final y tiempo de tranquilidad

Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor (inglés) – 5:30 pm

Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor (español) – 7:30 pm

Liturgia de la Palabra, Veneración de la Cruz y Sagrada Comunión

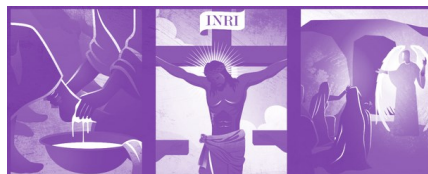
Sábado Santo, 30 de marzo

Vigilia Pascual - 8:30 pm (Trilingüe)
(Reúnase en un pequeño estacionamiento)
Servicio de Luz, Liturgia de la Palabra,
Liturgia del Bautismo y Liturgia de la Eucaristía

Domingo de Pascua, 31 de marzo

*Incluyendo la renovación de las promesas bautismales
y rociar con agua de Pascua*

Misa de las 7:30 (inglés), Misa de las 9:00 (portugués),
Misa de 10:30 (inglés) y Misa de 12:00 (español)



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Colecciones Especiales Durante Semana Santa

Existe una tradición de atención especial a los pobres el Jueves Santo. De acuerdo con esto, aceptaremos una ofrenda para el trabajo de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, que ofrece ayuda a los necesitados en nuestro nombre.

El Viernes Santo, la colecta beneficia la conservación de los lugares santos de Tierra Santa, tarea que está encomendada a los hermanos y sacerdotes franciscanos.

Gracias por su apoyo a estas dos valiosas causas.

Arte de Tierra Santa Olivewood

El fin de semana del 20/21 de abril, daremos la bienvenida a Bethlehem Artworks con ofrendas de obras religiosas talladas en madera de olivo. Puedes leer sobre las obras que respaldan estas ventas aquí: <https://bethlehemartworks.com>. Aproveche esta visita anual.

Esta semana en casa

Lunes, 25 de marzo

Un don precioso

En el evangelio de hoy, María, hermana de Lázaro, utiliza lo que tal vez haya sido su más preciada posesión para ungir los pies de Jesús. A uno también se le dan oportunidades para dar lo mejor de sí. Hoy pregúntese si dentro de usted habrá dones que usted ha retenido. ¿Quién se beneficiaría con estos dones? Lecturas del día: Isaías 42:1–7; Salmo 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; Juan 12:1–11.

Martes, 26 de marzo

Judas es humanidad

Piense qué hubiera sentido Jesús de haber sabido que Judas iba a traicionarlo. Se hubiera sentido atribulado y también lastimado. Pensamos ahora qué pasaba por la mente y el corazón de Judas. En Judas vemos reflejada a la humanidad entera: lo vacío de la codicia y la envidia, la enajenación y la desolación del pecado. No importa cuánto nos esforcemos para ser como Jesús, siempre nos toparemos con nuestros defectos y flaquezas. Al acercarse la resurrección y al prepararnos para la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales, que la vida nueva que Cristo nos da surge en el interior nuestro. Lecturas del día: Isaías 49:1–6; Salmo 7:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15, 17; Juan 13:21–33, 36–38.

Miércoles, 27 de marzo

Segundas oportunidades

Podemos aprender demasiado de la traición de Judas. Quizá si uno analizara el accionar de Judas, uno corrigiera las fallas propias. Piense cómo podría usted explorar y reconocer lo que lo distancia de Dios. Esta semana piense en las ocasiones en las que usted eligió un camino ajeno al de Dios. ¿De qué modo el haber seguido otro rumbo alteró su relación con Dios y con los demás? Confíe en la promesa de Dios de perdonar a todos los que se arrepienten. Lecturas del día: Isaías 50:4–9a; Salmo 69:8–10; 21–22, 31, 33–34; Mateo 26:14–25.

Jueves, 28 de marzo

Servir a los demás

Esta noche empieza el Triduo Pascual empieza con la Última Cena del Señor. En un acto de humildad, Jesús lava y seca los pies de los discípulos. Del mismo modo en que les lavó los pies, él al resucitar nos limpia de pecado. Quizá usted tenga un padre anciano, un pariente o un vecino con dificultad para moverse. ¿De qué forma usted puede realizar un acto de humildad y servir a los demás? Misa de la Cena del Señor: Éxodo 12:1–8, 11–14; Salmo 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corintios 11:23–26; Juan 13:1–15.

Viernes, 29 de marzo

Símbolo de amor

En la liturgia de hoy durante la Adoración de la Santa Cruz, se invita a los fieles a ir en procesión a la cruz y ofrecer una señal de reverencia. Aun cuando usted no pueda asistir a esta celebración, haga tiempo para reflexionar sobre la rendición de Jesús en la cruz. ¿De qué forma se le pide rendirse a las cruces de su vida? Celebración de la Pasión del Señor: Isaías 52:13–53:12; Salmo 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebreos 4:14–16, 5:7–9; Juan 18:1–19:42.

Sábado, 30 de marzo

Faro de luz en la oscuridad

Jesús ha muerto y descendido a donde habitan las ánimas, pero la oscuridad que nos rodea es temporal, la luz del mundo brillará otra vez; pronto vencerá a la oscuridad. Lecturas del día: Génesis 1:1–2:2; Salmo 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 o Salmo 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22; Génesis 22:1–18; Salmo 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Éxodo 14:15–15:1; Éxodo 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaías 54:5–14; Salmo 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaías 55:1–11; Isaías 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruc 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Salmo 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Esdras 3:6–17a, 18–28; Salmo 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 o Isaías 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 o Salmo 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romanos 6:3–11; Salmo 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Marcos 16:1–7.



DOMINGO de RAMOS



Promesa de vida

Señor nuestro,
entraste triunfante a Jerusalén,
y gritamos ¡hosanna!
Al terminar la Cuaresma,
que no me olvide
ni de tu sacrificio ni de tu amor.

Dame la fuerza para
seguir tu cruz.
Que en mi corazón haya serenidad
y dicha por tu promesa.
Tú que vives y reinas por los siglos
de los siglos. Amén.

Domingo, 24 de marzo de 2024
Jamás solo



Lecturas del día: Evangelio de la procesión Marcos 11:1–10 o Juan 12:12–16; Isaías 50:4–7; Salmo 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Filipenses 2:6–11; Marcos 14:1–15:47. Las lecturas de hoy abonan una reflexión abundante. En el evangelio de la procesión, Jesús es recibido por una multitud que le canta, “¡Hosana, bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor...!”. Al final del Evangelio según Marcos, Jesús no es aclamado sino repudiado por la muchedumbre que le grita, “El que derriba el santuario y lo reconstruye en tres días, que se salve, bajando de la cruz”.

En los últimos versículos del Evangelio según Marcos, somos testigos de la fe de las discípulas fieles, María Magdalena, María de Santiago y Salomé. Esas mujeres habían seguido a Jesús por Galilea, lo acompa-

ñaron hasta su muerte y vieron en qué tumba lo colocaron. También evidente es la fe de José de Arimatea, que se encargó de envolver en sábanas el cuerpo de Jesús y de colocarlo en la tumba.

Igual de obvio resulta en el evangelio la fe vacilante de quienes habían seguido a Jesús desde años atrás. Lo traicionó Judas, se le quedó dormido Pedro durante la oración del huerto y tres veces lo negó Pedro. El evangelio que hoy se proclama no registra la presencia de los apóstoles al momento de la crucifixión.

Durante Semana Santa, los cristianos tenemos la oportunidad de estar con Cristo al recordar sus últimos días. Tómese a pecho las palabras que dijo Jesús a los apóstoles en Getsemaní: “Quédense aquí, y permanezcan despiertos conmigo”.

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