

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Jesus sent disciples to a nearby village to bring him a colt whose owner simply accepted the mysterious explanation that "the master" had need of it. The disciples set Jesus on a borrowed beast as if on a pauper's throne, and Jesus entered the holy city to the chanting of people acclaiming him as the king coming in the name of God. Their singing echoes that of the angels at his birth ([Luke 2:14](#)).

Luke's narrative draws us into a liturgical drama. Preplanned and carried through with obvious references to ancient prophecies, Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem signaled the beginning of the final act of his earthly ministry, the baptism he said he had to undergo ([Luke 12:50](#)).

Luke's depiction of Jesus' Passover supper adds to those of Matthew and Mark and even reflects John's. In Luke, Jesus tells the disciples, "Do this in memory of me," a phrase only he and Paul put on Jesus' lips ([1 Corinthians 11:23-25](#)). By emphasizing that phrase, Luke teaches that all who share the "supper of the Lord" are called to do what Jesus did: consecrate their lives for one another and for the salvation of the world.

This week invites us to embark on a retreat with the whole church. Today, we process into Jerusalem and preview the Passion story. Monday, we remember how Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus as messiah before he suffered. Tuesday, we witness Jesus' anguish about being betrayed and abandoned by his disciples. On Wednesday, we watch as Judas conspires with those who reject Jesus words and deeds. On Thursday, we begin the three-day liturgy that begins with the invitation to communion, passes through despair and ends with the mystery of living in God's invincible love.

Join Us For The Holy Triduum

Join us for the three days that changed the world. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are one Liturgy in three parts. These are the most sacred days of the year as we enter into that eternal moment when Jesus offered himself to save humanity for God. Take these days for prayer and join us each day to enter into the mystery of our salvation as we join the Blessed Mother and stay near Jesus.

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) on April 14th at 7:30PM

Good Friday on April 15th: Stations of the Cross at Noon and 7:30PM and Celebration of the Passion at 1:30PM, 6:00PM, & 8:30PM (Spanish)

Easter Vigil on April 16th at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday

Come celebrate Easter with all your heart! God has loved us so much that he came to be with us and showed us the way of love through His Passion to the Resurrection. *"A single act of love makes the soul return to life."* (St. Maximilian Kolbe OFM, Conv.) We renew our souls in worship, giving thanks to God for the love that has saved us in Jesus Christ. We have been so blessed this last year to gather again as a community of faith in our church. As we celebrate the Resurrection we are overjoyed to gather in faith and share the real presence of Jesus. He is alive and with us through our trials, giving us hope. We give thanks for the love which we participate in every time we gather as a community of faith and partake in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Church has been gathered on the day of the Resurrection ever since Jesus rose.

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30AM Simple Celebration

9:00AM Celebrate with the Folk Group at our family Mass

11:00AM Join with our Choir for a traditional Celebration

1:00PM Join with our Spanish community for a festive Celebration

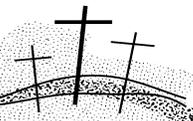
We Franciscans and the entire parish and school staff invite you to gather and worship with us this Easter. In worship we move from death to life as we celebrate the dying and rising of Christ and are nourished in word and sacrament. May every blessing of this sacred time be yours—and at Easter let us gather together and Rejoice! *"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, co-penetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!"* St. Maximilian Kolbe OFM, Conv.

Peace be with you this Easter!

Thank you for your generosity that has supported us over the years.
Our Lady of Grace Church celebrating 75 years in Castro valley.

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom

WE WALK THE ROAD TO EASTER



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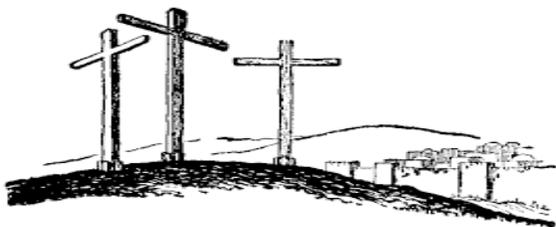
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Last Opportunity For Reconciliation
 Wednesday, April 13th, 5:00-6:00pm

Masses of Holy Week
 Mon-Wed, April 11th-13th at 8:15am
 Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00pm
 No morning Masses Thursday-Saturday

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The Sacred Triduum is one liturgy in 3 parts celebrating the great event of the glorious triumph of Jesus over sin and death. We invite you to enter into the mystery of our redemption over 3 days.



SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

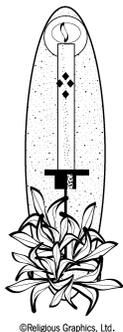
Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
 April 14th at 7:30pm
 Altar of Repose will be in Stack Center after the Mass, 9:00pm-Midnight

Good Friday
 April 15th
 Stations of the Cross
 12 Noon in English & 7:30pm Bilingual

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 1:30pm & 6:00pm in English
 8:30pm in Spanish

Holy Saturday
The Great Easter Vigil
 April 16th at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses
 April 17th
 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm in Spanish



***CELEBRATE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
 YOU ARE INVITED TO:***

Celebrate the Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation of Our Elect for 2022.

***Robert Halsey, Bryan Diaz Barriga
 Hernandez, Chris Rinaldi, Richard Shaver,
 Anthony Ben Torres and Dorian Vazquez***

*The Solemn Easter Vigil
 Saturday, April 16th, 2022 at 8:00pm
 Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church*

HELP US DECORATE FOR EASTER

We will be readying the church for our Easter Services beginning at 10:00am on Saturday, **April 16th**. If you are available to help place flowers, dust and spruce up the church, we would be most appreciative. No need to RSVP, just looking forward to see you then!



**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS
 OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION**

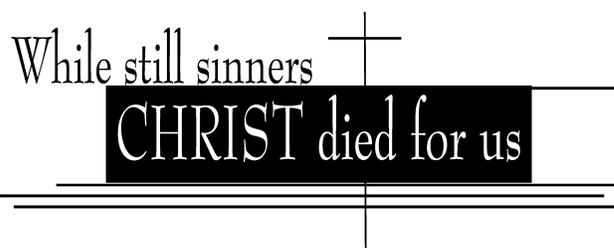
Once again, this year we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase the plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special Easter Flower Offering envelopes available in the pews. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

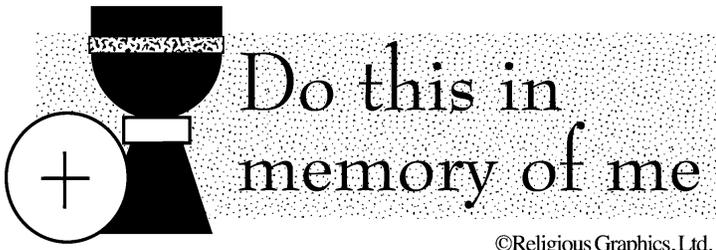
GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Pope Francis asks us to support this important collection. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace. Please be generous! You may make your check out to "Our Lady of Grace" and please write "Holy Land" on the memo line and on your envelope. God Bless!

EASTER OFFERING

Please know our gratitude for the ongoing and faithful financial support to our Parish. Your special Easter and Sunday offering help us meet our operating expenses. Our Easter Offering Budget this year is \$23,000. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing this goal. May God Bless you for your generosity!





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REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence and Fasting:

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

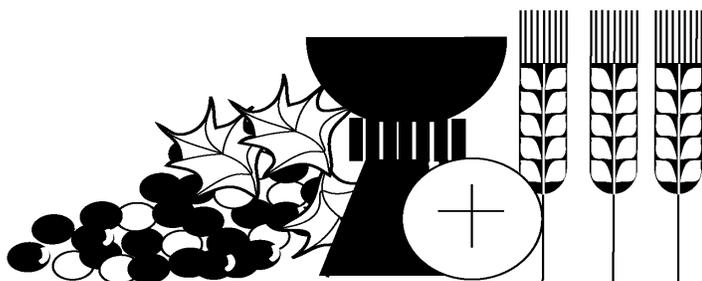
Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

Lenten Observance:

Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

Easter Duty:

All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.



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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of for the Month of MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,155.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 40,579.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,424.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [5004.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

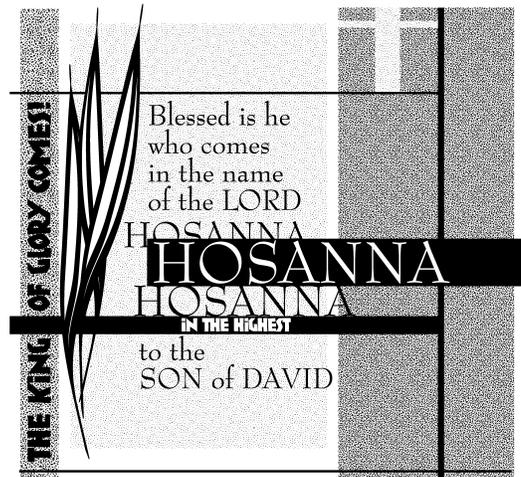


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Peter Bodas
 Peggy Burton
 James Czeck
 Peggy Deadder
 Trish Ferrari
 Elena Harder
 Grace Letteer
 Brian Linney
 Arcadio Morfin
 Diana Riley

Angela Schaaphok
 Peggy Silva
 Howard Songey
 Jim Taylor
 Alyssia Tortora
 Concepcion Velasco
 Mary Lou Vincent
 Arthur Williams
 Peggy Winkenbach



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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

ANGELINA GRAHAM

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



**BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

2022 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Why are pledges encouraged, instead of one-time donations? Pledges provide parishioners with the opportunity to make a more significant and planned gift to the mission of the Church as opposed to reactionary giving. A contribution is easier to pay off over a period of time rather than immediately, out of pocket. It is important to note that pledges are not legally binding but rather a statement of what the parishioner intends to do. Each parishioner is asked to make a planned, prayerful and sacrificial pledge to the Appeal.

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion Rehearsal

April 30th
10:45am—Church

Whole Family

Next Class: April 10th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Next Class: April 10th
12:15pm—Stack Center

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION Conventual Franciscans In Castro Valley

The Business Manager for the Province is a position that supports the Provincial Treasurer and the Friary Operations and is responsible for accounting, office management, and the tracking and management of assets and insurance (both automotive and medical). The ideal Catholic candidate will be adept in QuickBooks, Excel, Word, Google Docs and Calendars and able to work independently as well as in conjunction with the Treasurer and other offices. This is an hourly, exempt position, 30 hours per week. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact: Rev. John Heinz, O.F.M., Conv. at friarjohnhz@hotmail.com.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Trusting the Immaculata, the soul fears nothing, does not retreat in the face of any duty, even if it were arduous.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10th:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

Whole Family Class
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Monday, April 11th:

Bible Study w/ Fr. Francisco—Spanish
7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, April 12th:

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, April 13th:

Reconciliation
5:00pm—Church

Lenten Mass
6:00pm—Church

RCIA
7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, April 14th:

Holy Thursday Mass
7:30pm—Church

Altar of Repose—following the 7:30pm Mass
Stack Center, until Midnight

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, April 15th:

Stations of the Cross—English
12 Noon—Church

Communion & Veneration of the Cross—English
1:30pm & 6:00pm—Church

Stations of the Cross—Bilingual
7:30pm—Church

Communion & Veneration of the Cross—Spanish
8:30pm—Church



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 10th

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am Gloria Smith – L

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Franciscan Friars

1:00pm Rafael Ibarra – L

MONDAY, April 11th

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

TUESDAY, April 12th

8:15am Gonzalez & Ochoa Families – L

WEDNESDAY, April 13th

8:15am Fernando Flores Martinez – D

THURSDAY, April 14th

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm *Evening Mass of the Lord's Passion*

FRIDAY, April 15th

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Stations of the Cross – English

1:30pm Communion Service & Veneration of
& 6:00pm the Cross – English

7:30pm Stations of the Cross – Bilingual

8:30pm Communion Service & Veneration of
the Cross – Spanish

SATURDAY, April 16th

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm The Great Easter Vigil

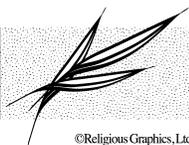
SUNDAY, April 17th

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30am – 9:00am – 11:00am – 1:00pm (Spanish)

HOSANNA
Hosanna
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*Enter into the
Passion and Glory
of the Lord*



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 11th through April 17th

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

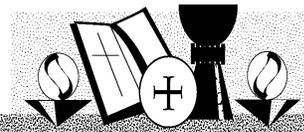
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21

Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12;
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18;
Exodus 14:15—15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14;
Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4;
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9



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THIS WEEK--Continued

Saturday, April 16th:

Easter Vigil

8:00pm—Church

Sunday, April 17th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm--Church

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"All the good that you will do will come not from you but from the fact that you have allowed yourself, in the obedience of faith, to be used by God's love."

—Thomas Merton, 1966

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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

- April 21st Carl Buntion Texas
- April 21st Oscar Smith Tennessee
- April 27th Melissa Lucio Texas

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.