



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | DOMINGO

8:00 am English
10:00 am English*
12:00 pm Español*
2:00 pm Chinese*
4:00 pm English
6:00 pm Español

*Livestream available.

Monday—Wednesday
Lunes—Jueves

12:10 pm

Holy Thursday, March 28

8:00 am

Bilingual Morning Prayer

12:10 pm

Communal Penance Service

7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual)

Good Friday, March 29

8:00 am

Bilingual Morning Prayer

12:10 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Confessions

7:00 pm

Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)

7:30 pm

La Celebración de la Pasión del Señor

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 am

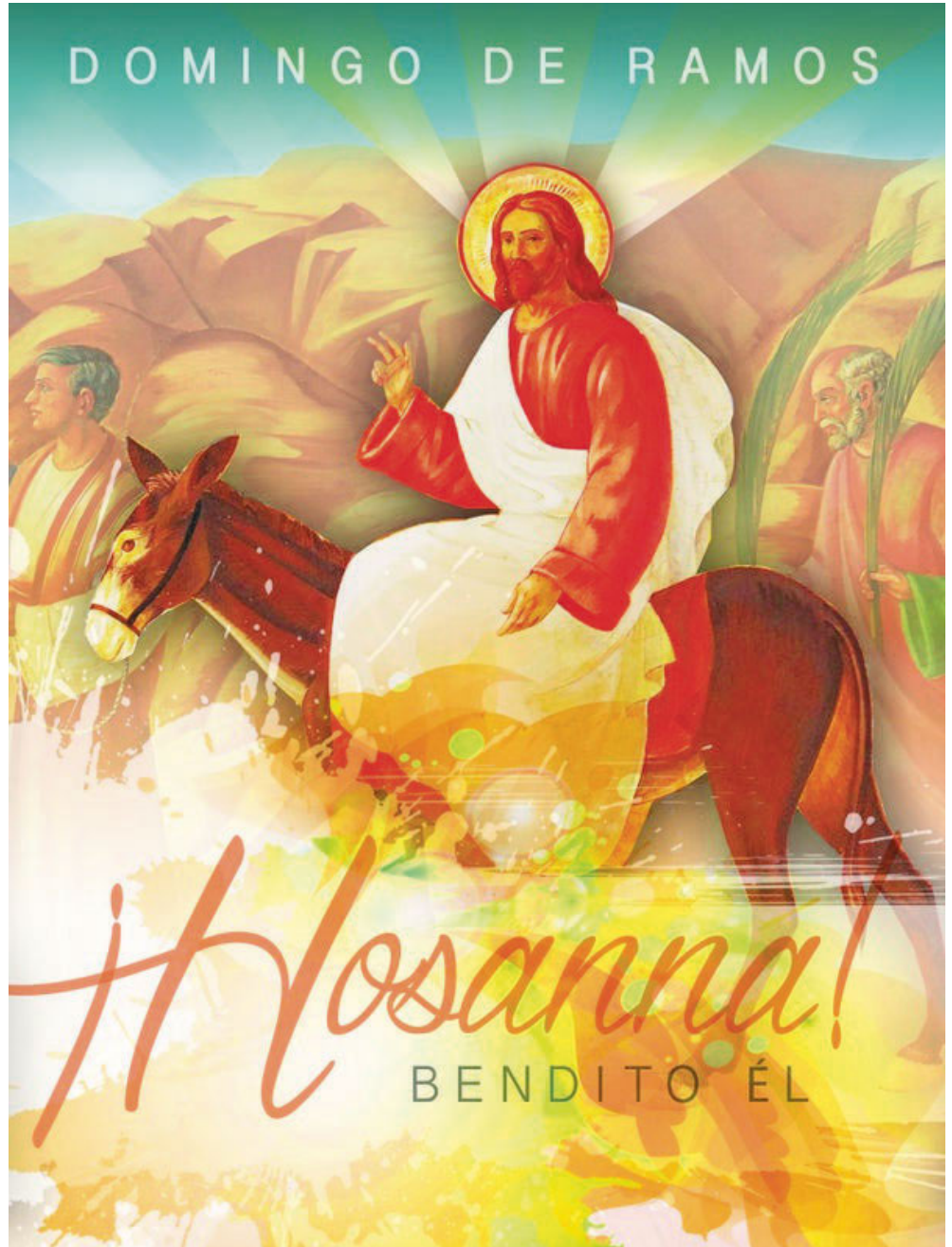
Bilingual Morning Prayer

3:00 pm—5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:30 pm

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—noon & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

CLOSED Friday, March 29

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Events and Information

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 am Bilingual
Morning Prayer/
Laudes (bilingüe)
12:10 pm Communal
Penance Service
7:00 pm Mass of the
Lord's Supper
(*Bilingual*)

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 am Bilingual
Morning Prayer/Laudes
(bilingüe)
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the Lord's Passion
2:00 pm—3:00 pm
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HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 am Bilingual
Morning Prayer/
Laudes (bilingüe)
3:00 pm—5:00 pm
Sacrament of
Reconciliation
8:30 pm Easter
Vigil in the Holy
Night



The TRIDUUM

Eventos e información

Novena a la Divina Misericordia



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March 29 - April 6

Sign up to receive daily prayers
Regístrese para recibir oraciones
bilingües

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Jesus, I trust in You

PEREGRINACION 7

PARROQUIAS

PILGRIMAGE TO 7 PARISHES

Sábado Santo 30 de marzo

7am – 2pm

Una tradicional peregrinación hispana para abrazar la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y depositar alegrías y tristezas en su Santa Cruz.

7:00 am St. Elizabeth Parish

8:10 am St. Joseph Cemetery

9:10 am Immaculate Conception

10:30 am Sacred Heart Parish

11:50 am St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1 pm CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

2 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe

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Mass Intentions & Observances

SUN 3/24

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM: JACKIE WHITTLE S.I.

10:00 AM: SYLVIA MORALES S.I.

12:00 PM: ANDRES NAVARES +

4:00 PM: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH S.I.

6:00 PM: GUADALUPE DIAZ S.I.

MON 3/25

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12:10 PM: FR. JAMES KOLLING +

TUES 3/26

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12:10 PM: MOISES RAÑA +

WED 3/27

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12:10 PM: HARVIE CASTRO

BUENAVENTURA +

THU 3/28

HOLY THURSDAY

NO MASS INTENTION

FRI 3/29

GOOD FRIDAY

NO MASS INTENTION

S.I. = for special intention

+ = for repose of the soul

FINAL SUNDAY

for FAMILY FAITH FORMATION'S
EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

\$1/ticket sold after mass in the vestibule

ÚLTIMO DOMINGO

para FORMACIÓN DE FE FAMILIAR
RIFA DE CESTA DE PASCUA

\$1/boleto vendido después de la misa en el
vestíbulo.



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Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Father O'Reilly leads a series on the Eucharist and the Roman Missal.

Join us and deepen your understanding of the Mass!

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MANTENGA VIVA LA LLAMA

Miércoles, 7:00 PM vía Zoom

Padre O'Reilly dirige una serie sobre la Eucaristía y el Misal Romano.

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CATHEDRAL TOURS.

NO TOURS ON PALM AND
EASTER SUNDAYS

VISITAS A LA CATEDRAL

NO HAY TOURS LOS DOMINGO
DE PALMAS NI DE PASCUA

Mass Intentions

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RECONCILIATION: 1st Sunday of the month before mass. Please contact Kenneth Ng or Fr. Chiu in advance.

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**Chinese Portal:
Announcements/
Sunday Readings**



**Fr. Abraham Chiu
趙必成神父**

A Glimpse of Spirituality 神修一瞥117 (Luke路 1:26-38) Fr. Abraham Chiu 趙必成神父

Potuit, Decuit, ergo Fecit. What does this Latin statement mean in English? The translation should be “God could do it, it was appropriate, therefore God did it.” That is the logic stated by Duns Scotus who defined that the immaculate conception of Mary is valid.

It is a fact that all the four special gifts of the Blessed Virgin are Christocentric, i.e. Immaculate Conception, Mother of God, Perpetual Virginity, and the Assumption. These special graces are given to serve the incarnation of the Son of God, not for the prestige of the Blessed Mother. From this aspect, we can go deeper to Duns Scotus’ logic. For Mary’s Immaculate Conception, God surely could do it because God is omnipotent. As the mother of God, it is appropriate to be conceived out of the network of sin. For the incarnation of the Son of God, God did it in a special way. That is to say, the grace of Immaculate Conception is to show that Jesus is truly God without any sins as Heb 4:15 states, “For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

However, this church’s teaching has been challenged by many voices, concluding that there is no reference in the Bible. When the angel proclaimed the good news to Mary, he said, “Hail, O favored one (full of grace)!” The Greek perfect passive participle “kecharitōmenē” means that Mary was favored by God with grace. In other words, the whole person of Mary was being graced. In her life there is only God’s grace but no original sin because in God’s grace no sin is able to find its platform. This participle voices for God’s design for the salvation of humans and Mary has been saved by God in anticipation of her being conceived because she would be entrusted with the God’s mission as the Mother of God (cf. Gen 3:15).

In a sense of spirituality, the Immaculate Conception of Mary also reminds the faithful every year that after they are baptized, they already leave the network of sin and achieve the freedom of being God’s children. Christians can be the mothers of Jesus while they, like the Blessed Mother, bring forth Jesus to the world.

“Potuit, Decuit, ergo Fecit”這句拉丁文如何解釋？直譯是“天主能夠做到，這是適合的，因此祂就做了”。這是董思高（Duns Scotus）的邏輯來定義聖母無玷始胎。

事實上，聖母瑪利亞四大特恩，都是以基督為中心的，即聖母無玷始胎、天主之母、卒世童貞和靈體升天。特恩是為了天主子降生成人是必須的，而不是為了抬舉聖母地位。從這切入點，可以更深入了解董思高的邏輯。對於聖母無玷始胎，天主當然可以做到，因為天主無所不能。身為天主之母，脫離罪惡網絡而成孕是適當的；為天主子降生成人，天主就以這特別方式落實；也就是說，無玷始胎的恩寵是要表明耶穌確實是無罪的主，正如希4:15所說：“因為我們所有的，不是一位不能同情我們弱點的大司祭，而是一位在各方面與我們相似，受過試探的，只是沒有罪過。”

然而，這條教義遭遇許多聲音質疑，因為聖經中好像找不到根據。當天使向瑪利亞報喜，他說：“萬福！充滿恩寵者，上主與你同在！”“充滿恩寵者”這希臘完成時態被動語態分詞“kecharitōmenē”意指瑪利亞被天主恩寵化，換言之，瑪利亞整個人都蒙受恩寵。她的生命裡只有天主恩寵，沒有原罪，因為在天主恩寵中沒有任何罪惡能夠找到它的平台。

這個分詞表達天主的救世工程，瑪利亞在她成孕母胎之前就被天主救贖（參創3:15），因為她將被賦予天主之母的任務。

從神修意義來說，聖母無玷始胎提醒信徒，受洗後，他們已經脫離罪惡網絡，獲得天主子女的自由；因此可以成為耶穌的母親，如聖母將耶穌帶到人間。

Eventos musicales/Musical Events

Cathedral Nights

Big Band Jazz Concert Fundraiser
to benefit the Cathedral.

Saturday, May 11 7pm-10pm

A Black Tie Event

Under the stars in Cathedral Plaza

Tickets \$100/person

Hors d'oeuvres & spirits included.

Featuring Father Michael O'Reilly, Sac State
Jazz Ensemble, Pedro Cesar, Aldo Hildago
Trio, Guadalupe & Selena Delgadillo

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or
buy in the Parish Office.



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Noches de Catedral

Concierto de recaudación de fondos de Big Band Jazz
en beneficio de la Catedral.

Sábado 11 de Mayo 7pm-10pm

Un Evento de gala

Bajo las estrellas en la Plaza de la Catedral

Entradas \$100/persona

Entremeses y bebidas incluidas.

Con Father Michael O'Reilly, Sac State Jazz
Ensemble, Pedro Cesar, Aldo Hildago Trio,
Guadalupe & Selena Delgadillo

Para adquirir entradas escanear el código QR o
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A Eucharistic Revival Concert

DAVE BRUBECK'S

PANGE LINGUA VARIATIONS

An Ode to Sacramento

Saturday, July 6 at the Cathedral

6:30 pm - Wine and Cheese reception and Cathedral tours.

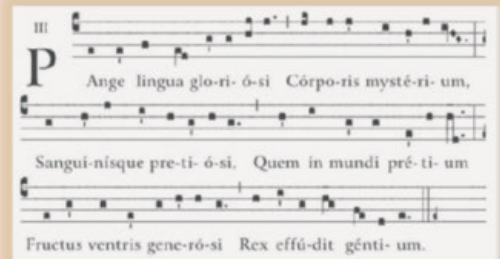
8:00 pm - Concert featuring Cathedral Choir and Orchestra.

Special Guest Performances by Chris Brubeck, Dan Brubeck, and
Joe Gilman.

For tickets, contact Richard Zacaroli at rzacaroli@gmail.com.

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We need volunteers to help manage various tasks including
brochure, program and ticket production, ticket sales,
hospitality and publicity. If you can offer your time and
expertise, please contact Rich Zacaroli at rzacaroli@gmail.com
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Chris Brubeck



Dan Brubeck



Joe Gilman



Neil Gittleman



Holy Week *Semana Santa*

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and his death on the cross. The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honor him and shouted, "Hosanna to the King!". That was Palm Sunday. On the First Holy Thursday, Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took Bread and Wine and change them into His body and blood and gave them to his Apostles to eat and drink the same thing happens at every mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering himself to God for us - the Substance is Jesus (we learned the theological term for that: Transubstantiation). Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him. Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for us. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special we can do on Good Friday to make up for our sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?

Palm Sunday
The people of Jerusalem welcomed King Jesus to their city with palm branches.
 • Put the blessed palm you get at Mass today in a place of honour in your house.

Monday
When they got to the top of the hill the soldiers roughly tore off Jesus' clothes.
 • Thank God for your clothes and put them away neatly when you go to bed. **35**

Tuesday
They laid Jesus on the cross and nailed his hands and feet to it.
 • Look at your hands and imagine nails in them. Thank Jesus for all He suffered. **36**

Wednesday
The soldiers lifted the cross so that Jesus was hanging from the nails in his hands and feet.
 • Kneel in front of a crucifix and pray an 'Our Father.' **37**

Holy Thursday
Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper, "Love one another as I have loved you."
 • Think of someone who hurt or offended you. Forgive that person. **38**

Good Friday
Jesus died on the cross.
 • Look at a crucifix for two minutes and think of how much Jesus loves you. **39**

Holy Saturday
Our Lady's day
 • Sit quietly for one minute and think how Mary felt after Jesus died. **40**

El Domingo de Ramos. *El pueblo de Jerusalem recibio al Rey Jesus en su ciudad con ramos de palma. Pon en un lugar de honor de tu casa la Palma Bendita que recibes en la misa de hoy.*

1 lunes. *cuando llegaron a la cima de la colina, los soldados le arrancaron bruscamente la ropa a Jesús. Agradece a Dios por tu ropa y guárdala ordenadamente cuando te vayas a la cama.*

Martes. *Pusieron a Jesús en la cruz y le clavaron las manos y los pies. Mira tus manos e imagina clavos y ellos agradecen a Jesús por todo lo que sufrió.*

El miércoles los soldados levantaron la cruz de manera que Jesús quedó colgando de los clavos en sus manos y pies. *Arrodillarse frente a un crucifijo y orar en padre nuestro.*

Jueves Santo Jesús les dijo a los discípulos en la Última Cena, *cite ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado. Piensa en alguien que te lastimó u ofendió. Perdona a esa persona.*

Viernes Santo Jesús murió en la cruz por nuestros pecados. *Mira un crucifijo durante 2 minutos y piensa cuánto te ama Jesús.*

Sábado Santo día de Nuestra Señora. *Siéntate en silencio durante un minuto y piensa cómo se sintió María después de la muerte de Jesús.*

Hoy es el comienzo de la Semana Santa, cuando recordamos especialmente los últimos días de Jesús y su muerte en la cruz. El domingo antes de que Jesús muriera, vino a Jerusalén montado en un burro. Todo el pueblo lo vitoreaba. Dejaron sus mantos y palmas en el camino para honrarlo y gritaron: "¡Hosanna al Rey!". Eso fue el Domingo de Ramos. El Primer Jueves Santo Jesús ofreció la primera Misa de la historia. Tomó el Pan y el Vino y los transformó en Su cuerpo y sangre y se los dio a sus Apóstoles para que comieran y bebieran. Lo mismo sucede en cada misa cuando el sacerdote dice las palabras de Jesús en la consagración. No vemos cambiar el pan o el vino, pero siguen siendo realmente Jesús, ofreciéndose a sí mismo a Dios por nosotros: la Sustancia es Jesús (aprendimos el término teológico para eso: transubstanciación). El Viernes Santo es el día en que Jesús murió en la cruz. Los líderes de los judíos lograron que la gente se volviera contra él. Después de un juicio injusto, Jesús fue azotado con dureza y obligado a llevar una cruz a una colina. Luego fue clavado en la cruz y colgado allí hasta que murió. Solo Su madre y algunos de Sus amigos estaban con Él. Jesús era Dios y pudo haber evitado que la gente lo matara, pero Él eligió morir por nos. Porque pecamos, no merecemos ir al Cielo. Jesús murió para tomar el castigo por nuestros pecados para que pudiéramos ir al Cielo. ¡Por eso se llama "Viernes Santo"! ¿Qué es algo especial que puedes hacer el Viernes Santo para compensar nos pecados y decir "gracias" a Jesús?



Plenary Indulgence* Granted from March 1—October 2, 2024

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Saint Madalene of Canossa, the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who visit the Churches (Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacramento) where Canossian Fathers and Sisters are present.

*** To obtain a Plenary Indulgence:**

- Receive Communion in state of grace
- confession within 20 days before or after your visit
- Pray for the Holy Father's intentions (For example: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

Family Faith Formation—OCIA—Sacraments of Initiation for Children and Adults

Formación de fe Familiar y OICA

Preparación para la Misa Domingo, 31 MAR 24

Preparar:

Domingo de Pascua

Hechos 10:34a, 37-43

Salmo 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colosenses 3:1-4

Juan 20:1-9

Enfoque del evangelio:

La semana pasada fue una montaña rusa de emociones, comenzando con los discípulos celebrando la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén ante los gritos de la multitud, con ramas de palma en las manos. Y cuán rápido cambió el favor del pueblo, que a medida que avanzaba la semana, incluso uno de los suyos, Judas, creció en su disposición a traicionar al que lo eligió. Comieron con Jesús y su amigo Lázaro, mientras sus pies eran ungidos con perfume costoso. Experimentaron la intimidad del Señor en la Última Cena, cuando Jesús lavó tiernamente sus pies. Oraron en el Huerto de Getsemaní y, vencidos por el sueño después de la cena de Pascua, se quedaron dormidos y se encontraron rodeados de soldados y una turba que quería arrestar a Jesús. El pánico golpeó sus corazones mientras huían en todas direcciones, y solo más tarde recordaron sus palabras en la mesa con Jesús: "¡Nunca te abandonaré, Jesús!" ¡Todo cambió tan rápido! Y ahora, Jesús yace en la tumba. Antes del amanecer del tercer día, María de Magdala irrumpió con la loca historia de que la tumba estaba vacía. ¿Podría haber resucitado de entre los muertos como dijo que lo haría?

Con tu familia

- ♦ Lea Juan 20:1-9
- ♦ Colócate como uno de los discípulos en la escena. ¿Quién eres?
- ♦ Cuando te das cuenta de que tu mejor amigo que estaba muerto ahora está vivo, ¿cómo te sientes?
- ♦ Orar juntos Salmo 118

Sign up for Mass preparation with engaging videos and activity sheets for children of all ages.

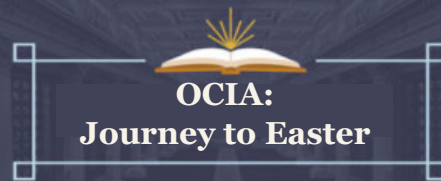
<https://is.gd/massprep2024>



Regístrese para la preparación de la Misa con videos atractivos para niños de todas las edades.

Let us help your family get ready for Sunday Mass.

#sundaymassprep



Here we stand in the final week of our Lenten Journey, making a turn toward the last acts of Jesus' earthly life (see Focus of the Gospel):

As we walk this week, those in the OCIA are making their way to the waters of baptism; be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in confirmation and receive Jesus—body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. We ask that you join us in praying for our Elect (unbaptized) and Candidates (baptized) in their final week of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. May the Lord bless them at the beginning of their Christian life as fully initiated Catholics.

Preparation for Sunday Mass Sunday, 31 MAR 24

Prepare:

Easter Sunday—He is Risen!

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Focus of the Gospel:

The past week was a rollercoaster of emotion, beginning with the disciples celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the shouting of the crowd, palm branches in their hands. And how quickly the favor of the people changed, that as the week progressed, even one of his own—Judas—grew in a willingness to betray the one who chose him. They ate with Jesus and his friend Lazarus, as his feet were anointed with costly perfume. They experienced the intimate closeness of the Lord at the Last Supper, as Jesus tenderly bathed their feet. They prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, and overcome with sleep after the Passover meal, nodded off to find themselves surrounded by soldiers and a mob to arrest Jesus. Panic struck their hearts as they fled in all directions, only later remembering their words at table with Jesus, "I will never abandon you, Jesus!" It all changed so fast! And now, Jesus lies in the tomb. Before dawn of the third day, Mary of Magdala burst in with a crazy tale that the tomb was empty! Could he have risen from the dead as he said he would?

With Your Family

- ♦ Read John 20:1-9
- ♦ Place yourself as one of the disciples in the scene. Who are you?
- ♦ When you realize your best friend who was dead is now alive, how do you feel?
- ♦ Pray together Psalm 118



ELECT

to be Baptized and fully received with Confirmation & Holy Eucharist

Noah Balderas	Athena Lopez
Jennifer Busch	Alicia Moreno
Austin Busch-Estrada	Jacqueline Paine
Jayden Cardenas	Alyssa Ritchie
Makayla Cardenas	Paloma Rodriguez-Castro
Bo Chan Ching*	Jamari Wheeler
Giancarlo Flores Rafael	Zarina Yasin
Angelina Gonzales	Wing-Yee Yee*
Izaiah Gonzales	
Xavier Gonzales	
Dylan Kingsbury	

* Will receive in Chinese Community

CANDIDATES

Baptized and to complete Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation & Holy Eucharist

Amelia A. Bond	Jamie Wake
John S. Bond	John Paul Guerrero
Jill Gardella	Emiliano Guerrero
Shante Ketchens	Carlos Gutierrez Sr.
Michelle Mangisel	Carlos Gutierrez Jr.
Ricardo Ramirez	Evelyn Gutierrez
Birdy Smith	

Please pray for our Elect and Candidates as they intensify their preparation for Easter Sacraments.

Sister Lisa Marie Doty, FDCC, Director of Faith Formation & OCIA |slmdoty@cbssac.org | 916-444-5364

Liturgy of the Word

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

GOSPEL MK 11: 1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

AT THE MASS

READING 1

IS 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READING 2

PHIL 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming 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, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL

MK 14: 1-15:47

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said, "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor." They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to

them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed."

But after I have been raised up, shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be." Then Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." But he vehemently replied, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know

what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'" Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." Once again he denied it. A

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little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean." He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull —, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the

temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joseph, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph watched where he was laid.

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PROCESIÓN DE LAS PALMAS - EVANGELIO MC 11, 1-10

Cuando Jesús y los suyos iban de camino a Jerusalén, al llegar a Betfagé y Betania, cerca del monte de los Olivos, les dijo a dos de sus discípulos: "Vayan al pueblo que ven allí enfrente; al entrar, encontrarán amarrado un burro que nadie ha montado todavía. Desátenlo y tráiganmelo. Si alguien les pregunta por qué lo hacen, contéstenle: 'El Señor lo necesita y lo devolverá pronto'".

Fueron y encontraron al burro en la calle, atado junto a una puerta, y lo desamarraron. Algunos de los que allí estaban les preguntaron: "¿Por qué sueltan al burro?" Ellos les contestaron lo que había dicho Jesús y ya nadie los molestó.

Llevaron el burro, le echaron encima los mantos y Jesús montó en él. Muchos extendían su manto en el camino, y otros lo tapizaban con ramas cortadas en el campo. Los que iban delante de Jesús y los que lo seguían, iban gritando vivas: "¡Hosanna! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Bendito el reino que llega, el reino de nuestro padre David! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!"

LA MISA - PRIMERA LECTURA IS 50, 4-7

En aquel entonces, dijo Isaías: "El Señor me ha dado una lengua experta, para que pueda confortar al abatido con palabras de aliento.

Mañana tras mañana, el Señor despierta mi oído, para que escuche yo, como discípulo. El Señor Dios me ha hecho oír sus palabras y yo no he opuesto resistencia ni me he echado para atrás.

Ofrecí la espalda a los que me golpeaban, la mejilla a los que me tiraban de la barba. No aparté mi rostro de los insultos y salivazos.

Pero el Señor me ayuda, por eso no quedaré confundido, por eso endurecí mi rostro como roca y sé que no quedaré avergonzado".

SALMO RESPONSORIAL SALMO 21, 8-9. 17-18A. 19-20. 23-24

R. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

Todos los que me ven, de mí se burlan;
me hacen gestos y dicen:

"Confiaba en el Señor, pues que él lo salve;
si de veras lo ama, que lo libre". R.

R. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

Los malvados me cercan por doquiera
como rabiosos perros.

Mis manos y mis pies han taladrado
y se puedan contar todos mis huesos. R.

R. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

Reparten entre sí mis vestiduras

y se juegan mi túnica a los dados.

Señor, auxilio mío, ven y ayudarme,
no te quedes de mí tan alejado. R.

R. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

Contaré tu fama a mis hermanos,
en medio de la asamblea te alabaré.

Fieles del Señor, alábenlo; glorificarlo,

linaje de Jacob, témelo, estirpe de Israel. R.

R. Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?

SEGUNDA LECTURA FLP 2, 6-11

Cristo, siendo Dios, no consideró que debía aferrarse a las prerrogativas de su condición divina, sino que, por el contrario, se anonadó a sí mismo, tomando la condición de siervo, y se hizo semejante a los hombres. Así, hecho uno de ellos, se humilló a sí mismo y 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, para que, al nombre de Jesús, todos doblen la rodilla en el cielo, en la tierra y en los abismos, y todos reconozcan públicamente que Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO FLP 2, 8-9

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Cristo se humilló por nosotros y 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.

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

SEGÚN SAN MARCOS YEAR B MC 14:1-15:47

PASIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO

SEGÚN SAN MARCOS

Faltaban dos días para la fiesta de Pascua y de los panes Ázimos. Los sumos sacerdotes y los escribas andaban buscando una manera de apresar a Jesús a traición y darle muerte, pero decían: "No durante las fiestas, porque el pueblo podría amotinarse".

Estando Jesús sentado a la mesa, en casa de Simón el leproso, en Betania, llegó una mujer con un frasco de perfume muy caro, de nardo puro; quebró el frasco y derramó el perfume en la cabeza de Jesús. Algunos comentaron indignados: "¿A qué viene este derroche de perfume? Podía haberse vendido por más de trescientos denarios para dárselos a los pobres". Y criticaban a la mujer; pero Jesús replicó: "Déjenla. ¿Por qué la molestan? Lo que ha hecho conmigo está bien, porque a los pobres los tienen siempre con ustedes y pueden socorrerlos cuando quieran; pero a mí no me tendrán siempre. Ella ha hecho lo que podía. Se ha adelantado a embalsamar mi cuerpo para la

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sepultura. Yo les aseguro que en cualquier parte del mundo donde se predique el Evangelio, se recordará también en su honor lo que ella ha hecho conmigo”.

Judas Iscariote, uno de los Doce, se presentó a los sumos sacerdotes para entregarles a Jesús. Al oírlo, se alegraron y le prometieron dinero; y él andaba buscando una buena ocasión para entregarlo.

El primer día de la fiesta de los panes Ázimos, cuando se sacrificaba el cordero pascual, le preguntaron a Jesús sus discípulos: “¿Dónde quieres que vayamos a prepararte la cena de Pascua?” Él les dijo a dos de ellos: “Vayan a la ciudad. Encontrarán a un hombre que lleva un cántaro de agua; síganlo y díganle al dueño de la casa en donde entre: ‘El Maestro manda preguntar: ¿Dónde está la habitación en que voy a comer la Pascua con mis discípulos?’ Él les enseñará una sala en el segundo piso, arreglada con divanes. Prepárennos allí la cena”. Los discípulos se fueron, llegaron a la ciudad, encontraron lo que Jesús les había dicho y prepararon la cena de Pascua.

Al atardecer, llegó Jesús con los Doce. Estando a la mesa, cenando, les dijo: “Yo les aseguro que uno de ustedes, uno que está comiendo conmigo, me va a entregar”. Ellos, consternados, empezaron a preguntarle uno tras otro: “¿Soy yo?” Él respondió: “Uno de los Doce; alguien que moja su pan en el mismo plato que yo. El Hijo del hombre va a morir, como está escrito; pero, ¡ay del que va a entregar al Hijo del hombre! ¡Más le valiera no haber nacido!”

Mientras cenaban, Jesús tomó un pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: “Tomen: esto es mi cuerpo”. Y tomando en sus manos una copa de vino, pronunció la acción de gracias, se la dio, todos bebieron y les dijo: “Ésta es mi sangre, sangre de la alianza, que se derrama por todos. Yo les aseguro que no volveré a beber del fruto de la vid hasta el día en que beba el vino nuevo en el Reino de Dios”.

Después de cantar el himno, salieron hacia el monte de los Olivos y Jesús les dijo: “Todos ustedes se van a escandalizar por mi causa, como está escrito: Heriré al pastor y se dispersarán las ovejas; pero cuando resucite, iré por delante de ustedes a Galilea”. Pedro replicó: “Aunque todos se escandalicen, yo no”. Jesús le contestó: “Yo te aseguro que hoy, esta misma noche, antes de que el gallo cante dos veces, tú me negarás tres”. Pero él insistía: “Aunque tenga que morir contigo, no te negaré”. Y los demás decían lo mismo.

Fueron luego a un huerto, llamado Getsemaní, y Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Siéntense aquí mientras hago oración”. Se llevó a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan; empezó a sentir terror y angustia, y les dijo: “Tengo el alma llena de una tristeza mortal. Quédense aquí, velando”. Se adelantó un poco, se postró en tierra y pedía que, si era posible, se alejara de él aquella hora. Decía: “Padre, tú lo puedes todo: aparta de mí este cáliz. Pero que no se haga lo que yo quiero, sino lo que

tú quieres”.

Volvió a donde estaban los discípulos, y al encontrarlos dormidos, dijo a Pedro: “Simón, ¿estás dormido? ¿No has podido velar ni una hora? Velen y oren, para que no caigan en la tentación. El espíritu está pronto, pero la carne es débil”. De nuevo se retiró y se puso a orar, repitiendo las mismas palabras. Volvió y otra vez los encontró dormidos, porque tenían los ojos cargados de sueño; por eso no sabían qué contestarle. Él les dijo: “Ya pueden dormir y descansar. ¡Basta! Ha llegado la hora. Miren que el Hijo del hombre va a ser entregado en manos de los pecadores. ¡Levántense! ¡Vamos! Ya está cerca el traidor”.

Todavía estaba hablando, cuando se presentó Judas, uno de los Doce, y con él, gente con espadas y palos, enviada por los sacerdotes, los escribas y los ancianos. El traidor les había dado una contraseña, diciéndoles: “Al que yo bese, ése es. Deténganlo y llévenselo bien sujeto”. Llegó, se acercó y le dijo: “Maestro”. Y lo besó. Ellos le echaron mano y lo apresaron. Pero uno de los presentes desenvainó la espada y de un golpe le cortó la oreja a un criado del sumo sacerdote. Jesús tomó la palabra y les dijo: “¿Salieron ustedes a apresarme con espadas y palos, como si se tratara de un bandido? Todos los días he estado entre ustedes, enseñando en el templo y no me han apresado. Pero así tenía que ser para que se cumplieran las Escrituras”. Todos lo abandonaron y huyeron. Lo iba siguiendo un muchacho, envuelto nada más con una sábana y lo detuvieron; pero él soltó la sábana y se les escapó desnudo.

Condujeron a Jesús a casa del sumo sacerdote y se reunieron todos los pontífices, los escribas y los ancianos. Pedro lo fue siguiendo de lejos, hasta el interior del patio del sumo sacerdote y se sentó con los criados, cerca de la lumbre, para calentarse.

Los sumos sacerdotes y el sanedrín en pleno, buscaban una acusación contra Jesús para condenarlo a muerte y no la encontraban. Pues, aunque muchos presentaban falsas acusaciones contra él, los testimonios no concordaban. Hubo unos que se pusieron de pie y dijeron: “Nosotros lo hemos oído decir: ‘Yo destruiré este templo, edificado por hombres, y en tres días construiré otro, no edificado por hombres’”. Pero ni aun en esto concordaba su testimonio. Entonces el sumo sacerdote se puso de pie y le preguntó a Jesús: “¿No tienes nada que responder a todas esas acusaciones?” Pero él no le respondió nada. El sumo sacerdote le volvió a preguntar: “¿Eres tú el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios bendito?” Jesús contestó: “Sí lo soy. Y un día verán cómo el Hijo del hombre está sentado a la derecha del Todopoderoso y cómo viene entre las nubes del cielo”. El sumo sacerdote se rasgó las vestiduras exclamando: “¿Qué falta hacen ya más testigos? Ustedes mismos han oído la blasfemia. ¿Qué les parece?” Y todos lo declararon reo de muerte. Algunos se pusieron a escupirle, y tapándole la cara, lo abofeteaban y le decían: “Adivina quién fue”, y los criados también le daban

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de bofetadas.

Mientras tanto, Pedro estaba abajo, en el patio. Llegó una criada del sumo sacerdote, y al ver a Pedro calentándose, lo miró fijamente y le dijo: "Tú también andabas con Jesús Nazareno". Él lo negó, diciendo: "Ni sé ni entiendo lo que quieres decir". Salió afuera hacia el zaguán, y un gallo cantó. La criada, al verlo, se puso de nuevo a decir a los presentes: "Ése es uno de ellos". Pero él lo volvió a negar. Al poco rato, también los presentes dijeron a Pedro: "Claro que eres uno de ellos, pues eres galileo". Pero él se puso a echar maldiciones y a jurar: "No conozco a ese hombre del que hablan". En seguida cantó el gallo por segunda vez. Pedro se acordó entonces de las palabras que le había dicho Jesús: 'Antes de que el gallo cante dos veces, tú me habrás negado tres', y rompió a llorar.

Luego que amaneció, se reunieron los sumos sacerdotes con los ancianos, los escribas y el sanedrín en pleno, para deliberar. Ataron a Jesús, se lo llevaron y lo entregaron a Pilato. Éste le preguntó: "¿Eres tú el rey de los judíos?" Él respondió: "Sí lo soy". Los sumos sacerdotes lo acusaban de muchas cosas. Pilato le preguntó de nuevo: "¿No contestas nada? Mira de cuántas cosas te acusan". Jesús ya no le contestó nada, de modo que Pilato estaba muy extrañado.

Durante la fiesta de Pascua, Pilato solía soltarles al preso que ellos pidieran. Estaba entonces en la cárcel un tal Barrabás, con los revoltosos que habían cometido un homicidio en un motín. Vino la gente y empezó a pedir el indulto de costumbre. Pilato les dijo: "¿Quiere que les suelte al rey de los judíos?" Porque sabía que los sumos sacerdotes se lo habían entregado por envidia. Pero los sumos sacerdotes incitaron a la gente para que pidieran la libertad de Barrabás. Pilato les volvió a preguntar: "¿Y qué voy a hacer con el que llaman rey de los judíos?" Ellos gritaron:

"¡Crucifícalo!" Pilato les dijo: "Pues ¿qué mal ha hecho?" Ellos gritaron más fuerte: "¡Crucifícalo!" Pilato, queriendo dar gusto a la multitud, les soltó a Barrabás; y a Jesús, después de mandarlo azotar, lo entregó para que lo crucificaran.

Los soldados se lo llevaron al interior del palacio, al pretorio, y reunieron a todo el batallón. Lo vistieron con un manto de color púrpura, le pusieron una corona de espinas que habían trenzado y comenzaron a burlarse de él, dirigiéndole este saludo: "¡Viva el rey de los judíos!" Le golpeaban la cabeza con una caña, le escupían y, doblando las rodillas, se postraban ante él. Terminadas las burlas, le quitaron aquel manto de color púrpura, le pusieron su ropa y lo sacaron para crucificarlo.

Entonces forzaron a cargar la cruz a un individuo que pasaba por ahí de regreso del campo, Simón de Cirene, padre de Alejandro y de Rufo, y llevaron a Jesús al Gólgota (que quiere decir "lugar de la Calavera"). Le ofrecieron vino con mirra, pero él no lo aceptó. Lo crucificaron y se repartieron sus ropas, echando suertes para ver qué le tocaba a cada uno.

Era media mañana cuando lo crucificaron. En el letrero de la acusación estaba escrito: "El rey de los judíos". Crucificaron con él a dos bandidos, uno a su derecha y otro a su izquierda. Así se cumplió la Escritura que dice: Fue contado entre los malhechores.

Los que pasaban por ahí lo injuriaban meneando la cabeza y gritándole: "¡Anda! Tú que destruías el templo y lo reconstruías en tres días, sálvate a ti mismo y baja de la cruz". Los sumos sacerdotes se burlaban también de él y le decían: "Ha salvado a otros, pero a sí mismo no se puede salvar. Que el Mesías, el rey de Israel, baje ahora de la cruz, para que lo veamos y creamos". Hasta los que estaban crucificados con él también lo insultaban.

Al llegar el mediodía, toda aquella tierra se quedó en tinieblas hasta las tres de la tarde. Y a las tres, Jesús gritó con voz potente: "Eloí, Eloí, ¿lemá sabactaní?" (que significa: Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?). Algunos de los presentes, al oírlo, decían: "Miren, está llamando a Elías". Uno corrió a empapar una esponja en vinagre, la sujetó a un carrizo y se la acercó para que bebiera, diciendo: "Vamos a ver si viene Elías a bajarlo". Pero Jesús, dando un fuerte grito, expiró.

Aquí todos se arrodillan y guardan silencio por unos instantes.

Entonces el velo del templo se rasgó en dos, de arriba a abajo. El oficial romano que estaba frente a Jesús, al ver cómo había expirado, dijo: "De veras este hombre era Hijo de Dios".

Había también ahí unas mujeres que estaban mirando todo desde lejos; entre ellas, María Magdalena, María (la madre de Santiago el menor y de José) y Salomé, que cuando Jesús estaba en Galilea, lo seguían para atenderlo; y además de ellas, otras muchas que habían venido con él a Jerusalén.

Al anoecer, como era el día de la preparación, víspera del sábado, vino José de Arimatea, miembro distinguido del sanedrín, que también esperaba el Reino de Dios. Se presentó con valor ante Pilato y le pidió el cuerpo de Jesús. Pilato se extrañó de que ya hubiera muerto, y llamando al oficial, le preguntó si hacía mucho tiempo que había muerto. Informado por el oficial, concedió el cadáver a José. Éste compró una sábana, bajó el cadáver, lo envolvió en la sábana y lo puso en un sepulcro excavado en una roca y tapó con una piedra la entrada del sepulcro. María Magdalena y María, la madre de José, se fijaron en dónde lo ponían.

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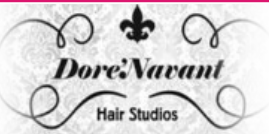
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