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We often say that Lent is a journey, and so it is. It is like traveling through various lands before we reach the Holy Land. On Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, we finally arrive and enter Jerusalem with Our Lord. The next few days, in the services of Holy Week, we experience the Gospel account of our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection.

**Palm Sunday: Our Lord enters Jerusalem**

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week with the remembrance of the Lord Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as the crowds hailed Him with acclamations. “Hosanna to the Son of David.” On Palm Sunday, like those who witnessed the Lord resolutely enter Jerusalem, we praise God, who has given us our Savior, who intentionally entered Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery for us. In emulation of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday’s procession celebrates God’s determination to save humanity from sin. At the conclusion of Mass, we take palm branches as a reminder that we are a people whom God has saved by the death and resurrection of the Lord. By faith, we walk with Christ, who goes into Jerusalem to battle for us.

**The Sacred Triduum**

On the Thursday of Holy Week, we enter into the sacred Triduum. The Sacred Triduum, a three-day liturgy, takes place on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Three days that celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ, the culmination of what makes us Christians.

**Holy Thursday: The Institution of the Holy Eucharist & Sacred Priesthood**

With the Mass of the Supper of the Lord on Holy Thursday, we remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He gave Himself, His Body and Blood, His Real Presence as an everlasting covenant, and He gave an example to His followers, to us, by washing the feet of His disciples. As part of this celebration, we also commemorate the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood. Holy Thursday concludes with a procession carrying the Blessed Sacrament to an **Altar of Repose** for **Adoration**.

**Good Friday**

Good Friday celebrates the passion and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. This is not a Mass (it is a one-day Mass that is not celebrated). The ancient prophecies from the Jewish Bible that refer to a suffering servant Savior are proclaimed, as is the passion according to Saint John. The assembled faithful adore the Wood of the Cross – the cherished sign of salvation, and Holy Communion is received. On this day, we pause at the suffering and death of the Lord on the Cross and His burial in the tomb.

**Holy Saturday**

Holy Saturday is a day of silent waiting and accompanying the Lord, who lies in death. Mass is not offered until the Easter Vigil, which begins after sundown in the darkness. The Easter fire is lit; from its flame, a Paschal Candle is kindled. Scriptures from the Jewish Bible are proclaimed, as is the Gospel account of the first Easter. Catechumens are fully initiated into Christ and His Church through the

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism and Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist; the renewal of the baptismal promises for all is celebrated. Candidates complete their reception of the Sacraments, and the Holy Eucharist is offered. This most holy night remembers that Christ rose to life after His Death and burial, and that He shares with us His victory over death and the passage to life. This is the night when the song of that victory of Christ over sin, Alleluia, is sung after a 40-day pause. It should joyfully ring out with the greatest of enthusiasm by those present.

Holy Week opens us to intense spiritual experiences and opportunities for grace. When we miss Holy Week services, we lose many spiritual benefits. Make sure you don’t miss out on this year’s holy week, and be sure not to deprive your children or grandchildren as well.

May our participation in the powerful liturgies of Holy Week draw us into deeper union with the Lord, who gave His life for us so that we might share in the glory of His divine life. Let the worship of God at each Holy Week celebration intimately connect you to the Lord.

Via Christi Society priest **Raymond Tyohemba** serves as the pastor of St. Finn Barr Parish in San Francisco.

**ST. PAUL NEWS:**

**Angelus K of C Meeting** on Monday, April 6, at 7 pm


**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Kindergarten Visitation** for the 2026-2027 Kindergarten Students at St. Joseph School is on Thursday, April 2, from 1:00-3:30. Please contact the school at 785-671-4451 to RSVP.

**St. Joseph School Carnival is Sunday, April 12.** Raffle tickets are available at the entrances of the church and at the school. We would appreciate your donation of Bingo prizes (\$7-\$10 value, new items for all ages), cakes for the cake walk, and 2-liter bottles of pop for the Pop Bottle Ring Toss game. Thank you for your continued support!

**Our Tithes from Last Week**

**Oakley: \$2,221.00 Angelus: \$783.00**



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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

**Sat 28 – 4- 4:45pm Confessions**  
**5 pm Mass + Jack Ostmeyer**  
**Sun 29 – 8:00 am Mass (Angelus) + Deceased members of the Frank & Ann Huelsman Family**  
**10:30 am Mass - Parishioners**  
**Mon 30 – NO MASS**  
**Tues 31 – 8:30am Mass + Ron Kuhlman**  
 7:30-8am Confessions  
 9:30am Bible Study  
**Wed 01 - 7:30am Mass (Angelus) + Dorothy Ann Schroeder**  
**5 – 7pm Penance Service in Oakley with three confessors.**  
 7pm CCD Classes  
**Thur 02 – 5pm Holy Thursday Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners**  
**7pm Holy Thursday Mass + Msgr. Francis J. Senecal**  
**Fri 03 – 3pm Good Friday Service (Angelus)**  
**5pm Good Friday Service**  
**Sat 04 – 9 pm Holy Saturday Mass + Pat Moeder**  
**Sun 05 – 8:00 am Easter Mass (Angelus) - Parishioners**  
**10:30 am Easter Mass + Charles Anderson**

**Confessions are available in Oakley: Tues., Thurs, & Fri. 7:30-8am. Saturday: 4-4:45pm. Sunday: 7:30am in Angelus and 10am in Oakley.**

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| Saturday<br>Apr 4 <sup>th</sup><br>9pm | Servers     | Delana Munk & 2 Volunteers | Sunday<br>Apr 5 <sup>th</sup><br>10:30 am | Servers     | Brynn Halbleib & Volunteers |
|  | Lector      | Volunteer                  |   | Lector      | Mary Lou Van Eaton          |
|  | Gifts       | Pat Ryan & 1 Volunteers    |   | Gifts       | Volunteers                  |
|  | Hospitality | Pat Ryan & 1 Volunteers    |   | Hospitality | Volunteers                  |

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| Sunday,<br>Apr 5 <sup>th</sup><br>8 am | Servers | Lawson, Lettie & LaRynn Rumback                 |
|  | Lectors | Millie Baalman & Nick Robben                    |
|  | Gifts   | Jeff & Amanda Ostmeyer                          |
|  | Ushers  | Jeff Ostmeyer, Ron & Jay Rietcheck, Doug Robben |