

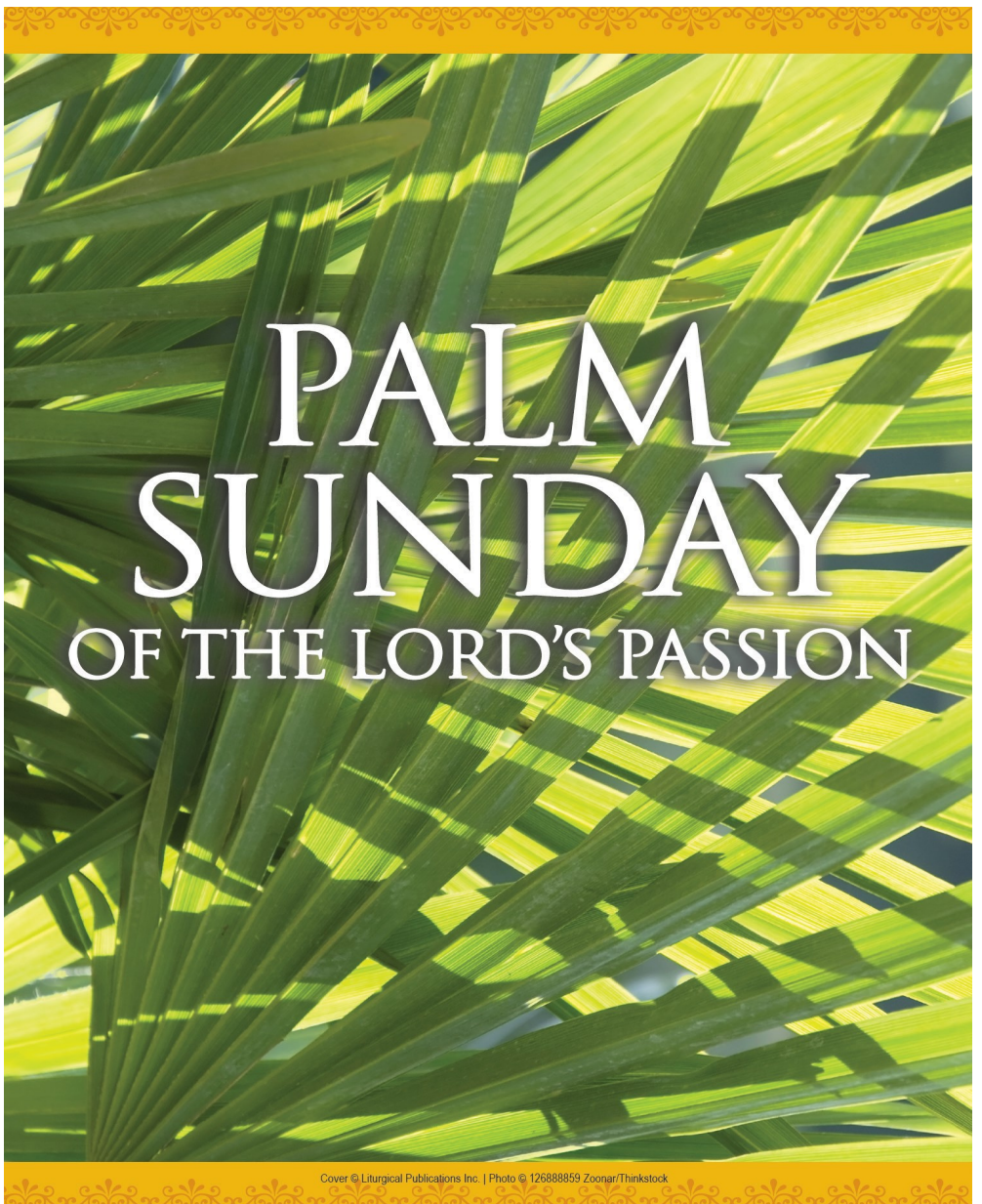


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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon.– Fri. .... 10:00am-3:00pm



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm,**  
**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00**  
**& 11:00 am,**  
**Morning Mass: 8:00 am**  
**(Monday-Friday)**  
**Confessions:**  
**Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm**

**MISSION STATEMENT** Our Divine Savior Parish, a Roman Catholic community, nourished by God's grace and the sacraments, embraces the mission of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live the gospel through our worship of God and through loving service to one another and to the greater community.

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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### PARISH MINISTRIES /ORGANIZATIONS

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#### BEREAVEMENT /FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Tamara La Rossa, 809-1782

#### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings 9-11AM  
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Everyone is welcome.  
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#### BULLETIN

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#### CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

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#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings, 6-7AM in the Knights of  
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#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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#### PRO-LIFE CATHOLIC MINISTRY

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
of the month in the ODS,  
Social Hall #4, 6-8:30 PM.  
Mary Waldorf, 345-8638

#### PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
of the month in the  
Social Hall, #4, 6-7 PM.  
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#### SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

If interested in joining one of the Small Church  
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## READINGS

March 25 2018

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday: Vigil:** Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5:00</b>	† <b>Rita Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7:30</b>	† <b>Steve Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)</b>
		<b>9:00</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of ODS</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	† <b>Patrick Ward, d, (Tom &amp; Mary Ann Ward)</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8:00</b>	† <b>Margeretta E. McDermott, d, (Don &amp; Monica Canchola)</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of ODS</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8:00</b>	† <b>Sandra Hughes, d, (Solveig Stephens)</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>The Passion of the Lord</b>

### Palm Sunday Prayer

I worship you Lord! You did not enter your holy city Jerusalem on the back of a war horse, but humbly and on a donkey. You knew that you were surrounded by murderers, yet you came in peace, and by your sacrifice you would utterly conquer death before the week had passed. You, oh Lord, are blessed and worthy of my praise. You have saved your people. I say, "You are my king!" ... I long to live in the city where you sit on the throne! Establish your Kingdom, so that your people can live in peace. Jesus, I bow before you, and I will sing your praises until your Kingdom comes and is established, and forever after.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days - even hours - Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

**There will not be a second collection next week because of Easter. Projects & Initiatives Fund will be collected on the weekend of April 7/8 .**

**Palm Sunday**

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.



Knights of Columbus

If you believe in the importance of investing your time in friendship, the Church, and helping others, the Knights of Columbus is for you. The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men and their families that derive a great sense of satisfaction from being able to develop lasting friendships with each other while helping the less fortunate.

Every day, the Knights provide its members with the opportunity to discover the importance of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to our country and the world.

I urge all men in this parish whose families are not involved, to join the Knights of Columbus. Representatives of the local Council 13765 will be available after the Masses on April 14th and 15th to answer questions and accept applications for membership. We welcome your interest and invite your participation.

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Today some of the most poignant themes of human life come into clear central focus: the feeling of being praised and honored, fear, anxiety, betrayal, despair, doubt, uncertainty, trust, hope, sadness, separation, suffering, death, determination, and courage. These are the emotions and realities that every human being wrestles with often. Jesus, the Son of God, encounters them all. As we journey through life, we have to confront the existential meaning of each of these things. How do they fit into the bigger picture? Jesus shows us most clearly that even those things we fear the most lose their power when we discover that we are being led to new life. Suffering is redemptive. Sin and death give way to grace and life and God's unconditional love conquers all. May we see in Jesus' Way of the Cross the path of truth we all must follow.

**Please Keep In Your Prayers**

Catherine Anderson	Joseph Cruz	John Hauder	Alex Sharrow
Leola McCampbell	Wayne Burkett	Elmer Silvera	Stephanine Elspins
Marie Viera	Jeff Carr	Madeline Ballew	Joanne Puritz
Esther Lund	Rueben Guerra	Rosemary Hull	Michael Kolonay
Larry & Kathy Grundmann	Jo Ann Coules	Tom Claiborne	Don Felipe
Mary Kay Bringham	Vincent Lucido	Pat Bernadett	Joseph Felipe
Ryan Watts	Melanie O'Connor	Fran England	Margaret Muravez
Bill Sheridan	Joel Rivera	Tom Fuszard	
Isabella Brazzale	Geoff Edmonds	Juanita Wilcoxon	

*Please note: in order to keep our Prayer List current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please resubmit after that time by contacting the Parish Office, 343-4248*



**ODS Music Director  
Job Position Available**

**The Director of Music Ministry** is a professional staff member who has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. This person of faith is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish and special events.

**Job Qualifications** • BA in music with emphasis on choral direction or Equivalent experience in choral direction and cantering

**Skills:** Knowledge of Catholic liturgy; Knowledge of Scripture; Familiarity with traditional sacred music, hymns, and polyphony; Ability to cantor; Experience in choral conducting; Excellent communication skills; Proficiency in keyboard or organ preferred.

**Hours:** Part-time, 15-20 hours per week

**Compensation:** Compensation to be determined based on experience and ability.

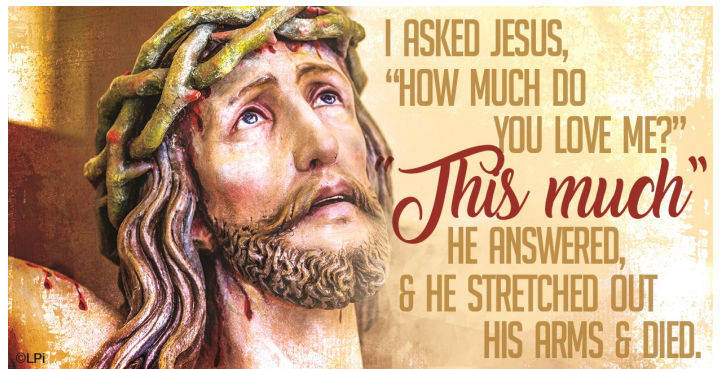
Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Father R. Francis Stevenson at [ourdivines@yahoo.com](mailto:ourdivines@yahoo.com) for consideration.

**Prayer beneath the cross**

Help us we beg you, Father, to stand beneath the Cross of Jesus as we bring our petitions unto you. As we wait beneath the cross of Jesus, we confess our sins, our complicity in the madness and injustice of the world, our easy judgment of others, and our lame excuses of ourselves. Beneath the cross of Jesus we plead for forgiveness. Under its healing shadow we ask for rest, rest from the turmoil and apprehension of the world, rest from our own tortured thoughts, rest from the ceaseless stirring of critical and unforgiving impulses. Give to each of us a great calmness of spirit, a confidence in the shadow of your protection, beneath the cross of Jesus.

*God did not come to explain suffering. He came to fill it with His presence.*

*- Paul Claudel*



**Everyday Stewardship**

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I read a story recently about a teacher who donated to one of her former students a kidney. This tremendous act of selflessness came about because the young person had lost most of the function his kidneys due to an illness. Literally, that teacher gave the gift of life to someone who wasn't her own child or another family member. This is certainly radical stewardship.

How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender. When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Religious Ed Classes

Classes meet September through April. New students are **always** welcome! To register your student call or email the Religious Education office or simply come to our next class meeting. Our K-6th grade Religious Education classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:05-10:50AM between Masses. We also have a Wednesday night option from 7-8PM for 2nd-6th graders.

## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus told Pilate he was not from the kingdom of this world. Jesus was from the kingdom of heaven. He chose to do as God, the Father asked. He died on the cross and rose from the dead. By doing this, he gave new life to those who believe in him. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you are forgiven. You can live forever in your Father's heavenly home.

### Prayer

Lord, I love you and thank you for giving me new life in baptism.

### Something to Draw

Draw Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus laying Jesus in the tomb.

### Mission for the Week

I will look at a cross and thank Jesus Christ for dying for me.

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## Are You Wounded?

When I hear the word wounded, I generally think of a physical wound. However, the type of wound I am referring to is spiritual. We have all experienced spiritual wounds. Those of you in my age group may recall the old saying "sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me." If this was true, we would not have bad memories of wounds we received during childhood. 1 Peter 2:24, 25 talks about how we can be healed by the wounds Jesus received at His crucifixion. By His sacrifice we can go to heaven upon our death and be spiritually healed now. The Diocese of Sacramento has embraced and endorsed Unbound as a model for inner healing of spiritual wounds. If you need help overcoming spiritual wounds, please call the Inner Healing Ministry at 530-588-4386 for a confidential session of *Unbound*.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

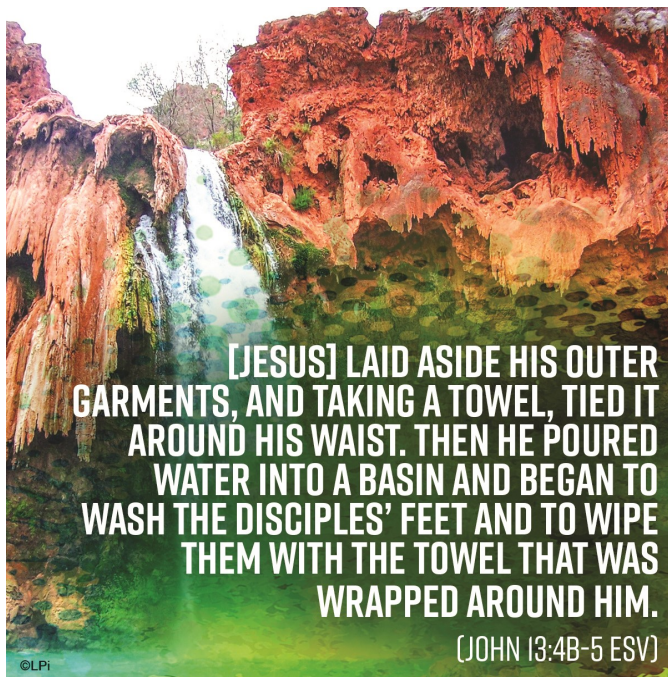
### Question:

What is the significance of foot washing on Holy Thursday?

### Answer:

Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood - "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ's sacrificial service to others.



**[JESUS] LAID ASIDE HIS OUTER GARMENTS, AND TAKING A TOWEL, TIED IT AROUND HIS WAIST. THEN HE Poured WATER INTO A BASIN AND BEGAN TO WASH THE DISCIPLES' FEET AND TO WIPE THEM WITH THE TOWEL THAT WAS WRAPPED AROUND HIM.**

(JOHN 13:4B-5 ESV)



## Holy Week

### Holy Week Schedule

**There will be no morning 8 am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.**

**Holy Thursday, The Last Supper—7 pm**

**Good Friday, The Passion—12 Noon**

**Easter Vigil—8 pm (Church)**

### Easter Sunday Masses

**All Masses will be in the Social Hall**

**7:00 am—Please note the time change**

**9:00 am**

**11:00 am**

### Prayer for Catechumens

Good and gracious God,  
giver of all that is good,  
we bring before you today our brothers and sisters  
who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of  
Initiation.

St. Paul says to the Romans,  
"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your  
heart..."

Keep safe these catechumens  
who long for your saving sacraments.  
Perfect them and make them worthy  
to be called your sons and daughters.

We pray also for ourselves  
and ask for the same gifts that you freely give to them.  
Make us all worthy to call you our Father.

We ask all this in Jesus' name,  
who is our savior and our brother.

Amen.

## Family Room

### Discipline

Lent comes to its culmination this week. What have we discovered? How have we changed? What remains to be explored in our Holy Week?

The themes of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - have a common trait: discipline, specifically, self-discipline. This final week isn't the end of our preparation for Easter (and for life), it is a time to allow Lent to change our hearts. How can we make this final week holy for us, personally?

When we think of Jesus, walking on the road to the Last Supper, the Agony In the Garden, the arrest, the way of the Cross, and the crucifixion, it is astounding that this very human God had the courage and self-discipline to walk forward on this path of agony. What an example for us! Can we, as humans, choose to accept the little and large pains in our life for the purpose of our eternal growth and our cooperation with God's plan for us?

What does self-discipline look like for us? Is it mastering our temper when we are irritated? Is it cleaning out the clutter and trash that accumulates in our home and simplifying our surroundings so that we are free to hear and act on God's will for us? Is it watching what we eat and choosing the foods that bring us life? Is it looking at our use of time and deciding, really deciding, how to use this precious gift?

These changes require effort, a conscious decision to change. It won't be easy! Like any growth, the way forward isn't likely to be a leap but a series of little steps, small choices. We must practice these little self-crucifixions daily, many times a day. We want to master our human tendency to seek the easy path, and that will require forming new habits.

Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Seek life!



Holy Week