

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH

SUNDAY MASSES:

07:30 (in English) 09:30 (in Vernacular)
(CONFESSION - before each Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 17:00hrs
SATURDAY: MASS: 08:30 (+ catechism classes)
FRIDAY : Adoration/Benediction: 16:00-17:00
(CONFESSION)

USHERING - APRIL (2025)—ST. ANNA & ST. JOACHIM ORGANISATIONS.

PRAYERS BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES (APRIL) 2025 :

07:30HRS—ST. ANNA & ST. JOACHIM ORGANISATIONS. 09:30 HRS—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

HOLY MONDAY 14TH APRIL : ST. JOSEPH SCC

17:00HRS : MASS

HOLY TUESDAY 15TH APRIL : ST. KIZITO SCC

17:00HRS : MASS

HOLY WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL : ST. MARTIN
SCC

17:00HRS : MASS

HOLY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

CHOIR : ENGLISH MAIN

19:00HRS : MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY (DAY 1)

04:00HRS-13:00HRS : ADORATION

14:00HRS : STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(AROUND THE CHURCH)

CHOIR : NYANJA MAIN

1ST STATION : CHRIST THE KING SCC (EN)

2ND STATION : ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCC (NY)

3RD STATION : ST. AUGUSTINE SCC (BE)

4TH STATION : ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCC (EN)

5TH STATION : ST. JOSEPH SCC (NY)

6TH STATION : ST. KIZITO SCC (BE)

7TH STATION : ST. MARTIN SCC (EN)

8TH STATION : ST. MONICA SCC (NY)

9TH STATION : ST. PAUL SCC (BE)

10TH STATION : YOUTH (EN)

11TH STATION : FRANCISCAN NOVICES (NY)

12TH STATION : FRANCISCAN SISTERS (BE)

13TH STATION : HOLY CHILDHOOD (EN)

14TH STATION : MARIST BROTHERS (NY)

15:00HRS : LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY (DAY 2)

(BAPTISM OF CATECHUMENS)

19:00HRS : EASTER VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

ONE MASS

(INFANT BAPTISM)

DUTY : ST. AUGUSTINE SCC

08:00HRS : MASS

CHOIR : YOUTH

READERS: MR. HUMPHREY LUMBWE (EN)

MRS. MERVIS ZIWA BANDA (NY)

(STANDBY—MS. SHAMBASE CHINYONGA)

(OFFERTORY : ST. AUGUSTINE SCC, CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S LEAGUE & THIRD ORDER)

MONDAY 21ST APRIL

EASTER MONDAY

ONE MASS

DUTY : YOUTH

08:00HRS : MASS

CHOIR : YOUTH & TOMs

READERS: MISS CAROLINE NKOWANE (EN)

MISS MATILDAH TEMBO (NY)

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL

PRAYER INTENTION:

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

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PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. Sunday 13th April, 2025.

READINGS : PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (YEAR 'C').

1ST READING : ISAIAH 50:4-7. I HID NOT MY FACE FROM SHAME, AND I KNOW I SHALL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22 : MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

2ND READING : PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11. HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF, AND GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM.

GOSPEL : LUKE 22:14—23:56. THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.

TODAY'S REFLECTION / INSPIRATION

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows

that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. (Continued on Page 2....)



Next Sunday : ACTS 10:34. 37-43. I CORINTHIANS 5:6-8. JOHN 20:1-9.

POPE'S INTENTION (APRIL 2025) - FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES.

(Today's Reflection/Inspiration continued from Page 1.....)

Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed

to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

FAMILY CONNECTION!!!

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. *(Continued on Page 3...)*

The passion as found in Luke's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

- Sunday: Luke 19:28-40 (Gospel at Palm Procession)
- Monday: Luke 22:14-23 (The Lord's Supper)
- Tuesday: Luke 22:24-38 (Humility in Darkness)
- Wednesday: Luke 22:39-71 (The Betrayal of the King)
- Thursday: Luke 23:1-25 (Jesus on Trial)
- Friday: Luke 23:26-49 (The Passion)
- Saturday: Luke 23:50-56 (The Burial of Jesus)

After reading from the Gospel each day, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, e.g., "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS : A LENTEN REFLECTION

Why, then, do you fear to take up the cross when through it you can win a kingdom? In the

cross is salvation, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection from enemies, in the cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness, in the cross is strength of mind, in the cross is joy of spirit, in the cross is highest virtue, in the cross is perfect holiness. There is no salvation of soul nor hope of everlasting life but in the cross.

Take up your cross, therefore, and follow Jesus, and you shall enter eternal life. If you carry the cross willingly, it will carry and lead you to the desired goal where indeed there shall be no more suffering, but here there shall be. If you carry it unwillingly, you create a burden for yourself and increase the load, though still you have to bear it. If you cast away one cross, you will find another and perhaps a heavier one.

Do you expect to escape what no mortal man can ever avoid? Which of the saints was without a cross or trial on this earth? Not even Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose every hour on earth knew the pain of His passion. The whole life of Christ was a cross and a martyrdom, and do you seek rest and enjoyment for yourself? Indeed, the more spiritual progress a person makes, so much heavier will he frequently find the cross, because as his love increases, the pain of his exile also increases.

Drink the chalice of the Lord with affection if you wish to be His friend and to have part with Him. Leave consolation to God; let Him do as most pleases Him. On your part, be ready to bear sufferings and consider them the greatest consolation, for even though you alone were to undergo them all, the sufferings of this life are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come.

If, indeed, there were anything better or more useful for man's salvation than suffering, Christ would have shown it by word and example. But He clearly exhorts the disciples who follow Him and all who wish to follow Him to carry the cross, saying: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

*By Thomas a Kempis
(c.1379-1471)*

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:
NO SCC MEETINGS TODAY!!!**

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