



St. Peter Claver Parish

Corner of Cochran & Stow Streets



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PARISH SCHEDULE

MASSSES:

Saturday: 5pm Vigil; 7pm (Español)

Sunday: 8am; 10am; 12noon & 5pm

Holy Day of Obligation: 5pm Eve before;

Day-7:30am; 12noon & 7pm

Weekdays: 7:30am (Monday - Friday)

DEVOTIONS: Perpetual Help Novena, Wednesdays, 7pm, Mass on first Wednesdays, 7pm;

Adoration every Friday, 7pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays,

3 - 4:30pm (or by appointment); Eve of Holy Day & Thursday before first Friday, 4 - 4:45pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sundays, 1:30 pm;

4th Sunday - Spanish Baptism

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:

Second Monday of each month, 7pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: 6 months prior notification needed

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Peter Claver, are a Catholic faith community within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Universal Church. Firm in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired by the example of our patron, we proclaim the kingdom of God to embrace everyone in love without discrimination of any kind. We are devoted to worship, to witness, and joyful service in the Spirit.

PARISH INFORMATION

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BINGO: Thursday, 6:30pm BINGO hotline: 526-2781

Pastor's Corner

My dear Parishioners,

We now enter the Holy Week observances that should lead us to the joyous celebration of Easter Glory!

The following eighteen questions address the most commonly received questions concerning the Sacred Paschal Triduum, to promote the effective celebration of these most sacred days.

1. When does the Triduum begin and end?

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

2. May another Mass besides the Mass of the Lord's Supper be celebrated on Holy Thursday?

Ordinarily, no other Mass may be celebrated on Holy Thursday. However, by way of exception, the local Ordinary may permit another Mass in churches and oratories to be celebrated in the evening, and, in the case of genuine necessity, even in the morning. Such Masses are provided for those who in no way are able to participate in the evening Mass.

3. How are the Holy Oils, consecrated and blessed at the Chrism Mass, to be received in the parish?

A reception of the oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The oils, in suitable vessels, can be carried in procession by members of the assembly.

4. Is the *Mandatum*, the washing of feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, required?

No. The *Roman Missal* only indicates, "After the Homily, where

a pastoral reason suggests it [*for some pastoral reason*], the Washing of Feet follows."

5. When should the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion take place?

Normally it should take place in the afternoon, at about 3:00 PM, to enable people to assemble more easily. However, pastoral discretion may indicate a time shortly after midday, or in the late evening, though never later than 9:00 PM. Depending on the size or nature of a parish or other community, the local Ordinary may permit the service to be repeated.

6. May a deacon officiate at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion?

Although the Celebration of the Lord's Passion appears to be a service of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion, the *Roman Missal* does not permit a deacon to officiate at the celebration. Historically, even though the Eucharist is not celebrated on this day, the liturgy of Good Friday bears resemblance to a Mass. At one time it was called the "Mass of the Presanctified" (referring to the pre-consecrated hosts used at Communion, even when only the priest received Communion). This is also reflected in the prescribed vesture for the priest: stole and chasuble. The liturgy of Good Friday, as an integral part of the Triduum, is linked to the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. While there may be cases where a parish with multiple churches or chapels (e.g., mission churches or a cluster of parishes under one pastor) might rotate the liturgies

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among the various locations, it would not be appropriate for a community to celebrate only part of the Triduum.

7. May any of the readings at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion be omitted?

The *Lectionary for Mass* does not indicate that any readings may be omitted at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. All three readings (Isaiah, Hebrews, and the Passion according to John) are required. It should be noted, however, for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the *Lectionary* indicates that while all three readings provided *should* be used, there may be circumstances in which one or more of the readings at Mass could be omitted: "Given, however, the importance of the account of the Lord's Passion, the priest, having in mind the character of each individual congregation, is authorized to choose only one of the two readings prescribed before the Gospel, or if necessary, he may read only the account of the Passion, even in the shorter form. This permission applies, however, only to Masses celebrated with a congregation."

Thus, the account of the Passion is never omitted.

8. Does the Church encourage any other liturgical celebrations on Good Friday?

On this day the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer could appropriately be celebrated with the participation of the people in the churches. Note that Evening Prayer is only prayed by those who do not participate in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

9. Do devotions have a particular importance on Good Friday?

The *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* (2002) provides the proper perspective in paragraphs 142-145. Clearly the central celebration of this day is the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion. In no way should manifestations of popular piety, either by the time or manner in which they are convoked, substitute for this solemn liturgical action. Nor should aspects of the various acts of piety be mixed with the Good Friday celebration, creating a hybrid. In recent times, Passion processions, celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, and Passion Plays have become more common. In such representations, actors and spectators can be involved in a moment of faith and genuine piety. Care should be taken, however, to point out to the faithful that a Passion Play is a representation which is commemorative and they are very different from "liturgical actions" which are *anamnesis*, or the mysterious presence of the redemptive event of the Passion.

10. How does the Adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday begin?

The Adoration of the Holy Cross begins with one of two forms of the Showing of the Holy Cross. The First Form begins as the deacon or another suitable minister goes to the sacristy and obtains the veiled Cross. Accompanied by two ministers

with lighted candles, the veiled Cross is brought to the center of the sanctuary in procession. The priest accepts the Cross and then, standing in front of the altar and facing the people, uncovers the upper part of the Cross, the right arm, and then the entire Cross. Each time he unveils a part of the Cross, he sings the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*. In the Second Form of the Showing of the Holy Cross, the priest or deacon goes to the church door, where he takes up the uncovered Cross. Accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, he processes to the sanctuary, stopping at the door of the church, in the middle of the church, and before entering the sanctuary, to sing the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*.

11. How is the cross venerated by members of the congregation on Good Friday?

After the showing of the Cross, the priest or deacon may carry the Cross to the entrance of the sanctuary or another suitable place. The first person to adore the Cross is the priest celebrant. If circumstances suggest, he takes off his chasuble and his shoes. The clergy, lay ministers and the faithful then approach the Cross. The personal adoration of the Cross is an important feature in this celebration and every effort should be made to achieve it. The rubrics remind us that "only one Cross" should be used for adoration. If the numbers are so great that all cannot come forward, the priest, after some of the clergy and faithful have adored the Cross, can take it and stand in the center before the altar. In a few words he invites the people to adore the Cross. He then elevates the Cross higher for a brief period of time while the faithful adore it in silence. It should also be kept in mind that when a sufficiently large Cross is used even a large community can reverence it in due time. The foot of the Cross as well as the right and left arm can be approached and venerated. Coordination with ushers and planning the flow of people beforehand can allow for this part of the liturgy to be celebrated with decorum and devotion.

12. When should the Easter Vigil take place?

The Vigil, by its very nature, must take place at night. It is not begun before nightfall and should end before daybreak on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Easter Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings of Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil begins and ends in darkness. It is a *nocturnal vigil*, retaining its ancient character of vigilance and expectation, as the Christian people await the Resurrection of the Lord during the night. Fire is blessed and the paschal candle is lighted to illumine the night so that all may hear the Easter proclamation and listen to the word of God proclaimed in the Scriptures. For this reason the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil (*Lucernarium*) takes place before the Liturgy of the Word. Since sunset varies at different locations throughout the country, local weather stations can be consulted as to the time of sunset in

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Offer this day to the Lord
Parish Activities This Week

Monday, April 10th

7:00 pm Baptism Class (C)

Tuesday, April 11th

7:00 pm Adult Music Ministry (C)

Wednesday, April 12th

5:00 pm Easter Vigil Rehearsal (C)

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service (C)

Thursday, April 13th - Holy Thursday

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours (C)

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (C)

Friday, April 14th - Good Friday

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours (C)

12(noon) Celebration of the Lord's Passion (C)

1:45 pm Reflection on the Seven Last Words (C)

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (C)

5:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Español) (C)

7:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (C)

Saturday, April 15th - Holy Saturday

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours (C)

9:00 am Easter Choir Rehearsal (C)

12(noon) Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (P)

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (C)

7:30 pm Easter Vigil (C)

9:00 pm RCIA Reception (H)

On This Sunday We Celebrate...

Ministry Fair - Service Organizations and Communities -
 after all Masses

Parish Lending Library after 8:00am,
 10:00am and 12(noon) Masses

Coffee and donut hospitality after 8:00am
 and 10:00am Masses

RCIA, 12(noon)

Youth Choir, 4:00pm

Misioneros Women's Retreat Volunteers Prep, 6:00pm



Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, April 8th**

5:00 pm Sotera Galinato (RIP)

Jo King (RIP)

Sunday, April 9th

10:00 am Shannon Beach (RIP)

Ramona Mora (RIP)

12(noon) Josephine Keithley (RIP)

Salvador Castillo (INT)

5:00 pm Lionel Suarez (RIP)

Carlos F. Molina (INT)

Monday, April 10th

7:30 am Ray Wargo Jr. (RIP)

Richard E. Reilly (RIP)

Tom and Barry Susens (RIP)

Tuesday, April 11th

7:30 am Raul Cruz (INT)

Perez-Ortiz Family (INT)

Lesley Henney (RIP)

Wednesday, April 12th

7:30 am Greg Mott (RIP)

Ed Donnelly (RIP)

Clara and Joseph G. Messing (RIP)

Thursday, April 13th - Holy Thursday

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours

Friday, April 14th - Good Friday

7:30 am Liturgy of the Hours

**Blessed is He
 who comes
 in the name
 of the Lord**

Office of Faith Formation - "Building Households of Faith"

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The Office of Faith Formation is open Monday - Thursday, 1-5pm and 6-8pm.

Gospel Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 The last Sunday in Lent is called Palm Sunday, when we hear the events of Jesus' Passion - the last three days of His life - and His death proclaimed in the Gospel readings. As we pray together let us ask that God will open our hearts and minds to the love that Jesus showed for us.

- † **SEEDS (0-36 mos), Sprouts (3, 4 & 5 year olds) and 3-5 CLUB (3rd, 4th and 5th grades)** have open enrollment all year. The registration forms are on our website or in the Office of Faith Formation.

Faith Formation Sessions will reopen Sunday April 23rd!

June Missions of Mercy/Together We Serve! June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2017



Middle School Youth Ministry

- † Our next session is a family sunset hike to the cross on Mt. McCoy! This will be on Monday, April 10th. Parents please check your emails for details, or call the Youth Ministry office for details!
- † The Middle School Youth Rally is on Saturday, May 6th at Crespi High School in Encino from 10am-4pm. Details will be sent out by email and a flyer will be given at the next session!



High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation

(805) 526-7975 • youthministry@saintpeterclaver.org • spcym.org

The Youth Ministry Office is located at the Youth Center and is open Monday - Thursday from 1 - 8pm.

Youth Ministry wishes you and your family a most sacred Holy Week.

We encourage you to participate in as many of the following services as possible:

- † **Wednesday, April 12th:** Tenebrae Service (7:30pm, Church)
- † **Holy Thursday, April 13th:** Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:30pm, Church)
- † **Good Friday, April 14th:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion (12noon, 5 pm *Spanish*, 7:30pm); Reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus (1:45pm)
- † **Holy Saturday, April 15th:** Blessing of Food Baskets (12noon, Plaza); Easter Vigil Mass (7:30pm, Church)
- † **Easter Sunday, April 16th:** Easter Mass (Church: 8am, 10am, 12noon ; Hall: 10:10am, 12:10pm *Bilingual*)

April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him
the name which is above every name. ~ Philippians 2:9*

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday — April 13, 2017

Liturgy of the Hours — 7:30am

(No morning Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:30pm

(Washing of Feet, Transfer of Holy Eucharist
and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament until midnight)

Good Friday — April 14, 2017

Liturgy of the Hours — 7:30am

(No morning Mass)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion — 12(noon)

(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross
and Holy Communion)

Reflection on the Seven Last Words — 1:45pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish) — 5:00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion — 7:30pm

Holy Saturday — April 15, 2017

Liturgy of the Hours — 7:30am

(No morning Mass)

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets — 12(noon)

The Easter Vigil Mass — 7:30pm

(Service of the Light, Liturgy of the Word,
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)

Easter Sunday — April 16, 2017

Masses — 8:00am/Church

10:00am/Church; 10:10am/Parish Hall

12:00(noon)/Church; 12:10pm/Parish Hall (Bi-lingual)

(No evening Mass)

Please pray for the health of...

Lolita Santos; Rene Espinoza; Gliceria Evangelista;
David Lehr; Bridget and Irwin Wakcher; Priscila delas
Alas-Uy; Raymund Sabay; Barbara Lawrie; Barbara
Scroggins; Roy Bustamante; Arsenia Tenoso; Carly
Smith; Marge Chamberlain; Gilbert Possick; Frank
Cesario; Dana Freund; Kathryn Fairchild; Jim Womack;
Justin Warn; Sherri Egan; Kurt von Osinski; Beverly
Grimes; Heidi Frie; Linda Lynch; Bradley Sharp; Erick M.,
Jacob A., and Cecilia Frances; Diane Hazlewood; Marie
Fardig; Bud Upper; Carla Maria Molina; Dave Morley;
Kenny Bond; Gary Savas; Arlen Handberg; (child) Hazel
Hammersley; (infant) John-Gabriel Bergeron; Marilyn
Binggeli; Mary Jane Wickman; LaVonne Emerson;
James Yncera; Charles Leo; Sheana Green; Deann
Glynn; Dan Lang; Jack Scroggins; Joe Ortega; Dan
Boland; Catherine Capaldi; Gregg Cassity; Virginia
Dalcoe; Vera Barker; Chris Bordeleau; Bruce
Vandelinder; Susan Womack; Helene Parlms-Jackson;
Maria Lozano; Carolyn Currie; Chelsea White; Mary
Smart; Mimi McGilvray; Rick Schuler; Elaine Swieca; Bill
Waters; Marge Porterfield; Aaron Byron; Bob Bower;
Jacqueline Sylvestre; Kittie Fidermutz; Martina Peters;
Dillon Tunney; Barbara Pogorzelski; Sherry Estrella;
Chase Dobson; Loretta Payne; Barbara Knight; Suzanne
Shaefer.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA Team welcomes your inquiry
to answer any questions you may have on
"How to Become a Catholic..." Please contact the
Office of Faith Formation at (805) 526-0680 or
faithformation@saintpeterclaver.org.

Please pray for the souls of...

Hubert Dubrick, 3/29/17; Ronald Velarde, 4/12/15;
Catherine McGuire, 4/12/14; Linda Fayard, 4/13/13;
Catherine Wright, 4/14/12; Dick Nighswander, 4/15/11;
Elizabeth Perillo, 4/14/11; John Alicata, 4/13/09; Sharon
Henney, 4/13/09; Albert Bracamonte, 4/12/09; Karyn
Schmitz, 4/11/07; Richard Reilly, 4/9/07; John Boomhower,
4/13/05; Thomas Susens, 4/10/05; Vicenta Moro, 4/9/05;
James Suber, Jr., 4/9/05; Travis Lemmer, 4/12/04; Amy
Chebrez, 4/12/04; Agnes Becker, 4/15/03; Tyler Nguyen,
4/11/03; George Roston, 4/14/02; Caroline Kisylia, 4/13/01;
John Wood, 4/10/00; Florence Catherall, 4/14/99; Arthur
Duenas, 4/10/98; Mary Roberts, 4/11/97; Kari Lorenza,
4/11/96; Haley LaFontaine, 4/14/94; Glen McVey, Jr.,
4/14/94; Maria Mera, 4/14/90; Louis Sosa, 4/9/90; Arthur
Escalante, 4/10/82; Jennifer Haacke, 4/10/82; Raoul
Carrillo, 4/12/81; Lawrence Condon, 4/15/80; Robert
Parker, 4/15/78.

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the area, keeping in mind that twilight concludes (*i.e.*, nightfall occurs) somewhat later.

13. What considerations should be given for the paschal candle used at the Easter Vigil?

This candle should be made of wax, never be artificial, be replaced each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world. The paschal candle is the symbol of the *light of Christ, rising in glory*, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds. Above all, the paschal candle should be a genuine candle, the pre-eminent symbol of the light of Christ. Choice of size, design, and color should be made in relationship to the sanctuary in which it will be placed.

14. In the case of mission churches and cluster parishes, can multiple paschal candles be used for the Service of Light?

The *Roman Missal*, not envisioning the pastoral situation of mission churches or cluster parishes, specifies that only one paschal candle is used. To accommodate the particular circumstances, the Secretariat of Divine Worship might suggest that the candles from the mission churches or other parish churches could be present at the Easter Vigil, having been prepared in advance, and blessed alongside the main candle (perhaps having deacons or other representatives holding them). In keeping with the rubrics, for the lighting and procession only one candle should be lit (the principal one, or the one which will remain in that particular church). As the other candles in the congregation are lit, the other paschal candles could be lit and held (but not high, in order to maintain the prominence of the one principal candle) by someone at their place in the assembly. Once all the candles are extinguished after the singing of the *Exsultet*, the other paschal candles are put aside. On Easter Sunday morning, those candles could be taken to each of the missions and carried, lit, in the entrance procession at the first Mass at each church and put in place in the sanctuary.

15. How many readings should be proclaimed at the Easter Vigil?

One of the unique aspects of the Easter Vigil is the recounting of the outstanding deeds of the history of salvation. These deeds are related in seven readings from the Old Testament chosen from the law and the prophets and two readings from the New Testament, namely from the Apostle Paul and from the Gospel. Thus, the Lord meets us once again on our journey and, "beginning with Moses and all the prophets" (Lk 24:27) opens up our minds and hearts, preparing us to share in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup. The faithful are encouraged to meditate on these readings by the singing of a responsorial psalm, followed by a silent pause, and then by the celebrant's prayer. Meditation on these readings is so significant for this night that we are strongly urged to use all the readings whenever it can be done.

Only in the case of grave pastoral circumstances can the number of readings be reduced. In such cases, at least three readings from the Old Testament should be read, always including Exodus 14.

16. How is the First Communion of the neophytes to be emphasized during the Easter Vigil?

The celebrant, before he says, *Behold the Lamb of God*, may make a brief remark to the neophytes about their first Communion and about the importance of so great a mystery, which is the climax of initiation and the center of the Christian life. This is a night when all should be able to receive Holy Communion under both forms.

17. What directions are given for the celebration of Masses on Easter Sunday?

Mass is to be celebrated on Easter Day with great solemnity. A full complement of ministers and the use of liturgical music should be evident in all celebrations. On Easter Sunday in the dioceses of the United States, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the homily, followed by the sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil, during which the antiphon *Vidi aquam*, or some other song of baptismal character should be sung. (If the renewal of baptismal promises does not occur, then the Creed is said. The *Roman Missal* notes that the Apostles' Creed, "the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church," might be appropriately used during Easter Time.) The holy water fonts at the entrance to the church should also be filled with the same water. On the subsequent Sundays of Easter, it is appropriate that the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water take the place of the Penitential Act.

18. Where is the paschal candle placed during Easter Time?

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After Easter Time the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate Christ's undying presence, his victory over sin and death, and the promise of sharing in Christ's victory by virtue of being part of the Body of Christ (see *Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 35). The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside Easter Time.

Having read this timely information I hope that you can now have a better understanding of it's meaning and with that begin to appreciate our liturgical celebrations during the Sacred Triduum.

Peace,
Fr. Riz



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

A PONTIFICAL COLLECTION



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

Easter food baskets will be blessed on Holy Saturday,
April 15th, 12(noon) at the oak tree on the plaza.



The tradition of blessing Easter baskets celebrates the passion of Christ and the joy of the Resurrection.

The Easter meal breaks the six weeks of Lenten fasting with the sharing of blessed food on Easter morning. The foods represent fare abstained from during Lent: meat, butter, rich breads and more. The family gathers on Easter morning after Mass around a festive table decorated with spring flowers, linen and candles. In the center of the table, a Paschal Lamb, made of butter or cake, representing the Risen Christ, rests on a bed of lettuce, beets and horseradish next to a bowl of colored eggs, symbols of the passion, rebirth and renewal. Participants share a blessed egg and exchange Easter wishes. In many East European countries and ethnic parishes in the United States, families bring colorful baskets filled with Easter foods and covered with lovely embroidered linens to the church on Holy Saturday to be blessed.

St. Peter Claver Bingo - "The Friendliest Bingo In Town!"

Thursday Nights In the Parish Center

Doors open at 4:30pm - Games begin at 6:30pm - All games pay \$250

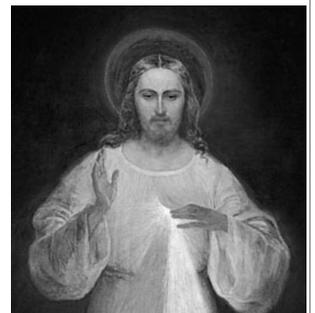
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Divine Mercy Awareness

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23rd this year.

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy, which would begin on **Good Friday**. We will recite the Novena of Chaplets, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **3pm** each day beginning on Good Friday, April 14th, through Saturday, April 22nd. This will be followed up with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited before the 12(noon) Mass, at 11:45am, on April 23rd, Divine Mercy Sunday. We hope you can participate in this event!



Ladies' Retreat at Mater Dolorosa, May 19th - 21st

Mother's Day is coming. Want the perfect gift for your wives, mothers, daughters, sisters or another special woman? The St. Peter Claver Retreat for Women will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of May 19th-21st. This is a peaceful weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth that begins Friday afternoon with tea and goodies and ends Sunday after Mass. The theme for this year is "The Crucified One Is No Stranger".

The Passionist retreat team offers inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confession, and Stations of the Cross. Please call Linda Cravens at (805) 522-0981 or Lisa Svoboda at (805) 304-1160 for information or to make your reservation.

Save the Date!

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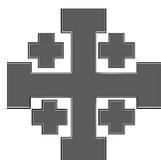
celebration on Saturday, May 13th! There will be food, entertainment, dancing!

Join us for this festive occasion as we honor our Blessed Mother!

More details to come in future bulletins.

LIVE THE LITURGY - Our liturgy, with its very dramatic and poignant readings, immerses into all of the raw emotions life can often bring. We hear of betrayal, fear, anger, disappointment, confusion, suffering, and even death. The veil of injustice is pulled over the life of the innocent Lamb and God, who walked with us, is called to face His death on the cross. Yet Jesus remains faithful and accepts the fate that is before Him. In all of this, He never wavers from the truth and continues to speak of mercy, forgiveness, and a God who loves. When life gets the best of us and brings us to our knees, can we remain faithful to the truth and accept what we cannot control?

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¿SABÍA USTED?

Usted puede apoyar la campaña “Mantenga a los niños seguros” - Abril es el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil y la Arquidiócesis está proporcionando a todas las parroquias y escuelas el Paquete de Recursos para Prevención del Abuso Infantil 2017. Incluido este año está la calcomanía en forma de molino “Keeping Kids Safe” (Manteniendo a los Niños Seguros), decoraciones y actividades infantiles, como “símbolos” de la infancia que representan el derecho de todos los niños a una vida llena de esperanza, salud y felicidad. A través de esta campaña, ofrecemos otra oportunidad para transformar la conciencia en acción. Para obtener más información sobre cómo hacer que su parroquia, escuela o familia sea parte de esta importante campaña, visite <http://www.laarchdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

Did You Know?

You can support the Archdiocese Keep Kids Safe Campaign - April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Archdiocese is providing all parishes and schools with the 2017 Prevent Child Abuse Resource Packet. Included this year is the “Keeping Kids Safe” pinwheel stickers, decorations and children’s activities, which are a “symbols” of childhood and represents every child’s right for a life filled with hope, health and happiness. Through this campaign, we provide another opportunity to transform awareness into action. For more information on how to have your parish, school or family be a part of this important campaign, visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

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Following the opening prayer, the service is divided into three sections, called “Nocturns.” Each Nocturn begins with the singing of a Psalm, preceded and concluded by an appropriate antiphon. After the singing of the Psalm, The Lord’s Prayer is whispered by the congregation. Then follows the reading of Three Lessons, each followed by versicles and congregation responses.

After the Third Nocturn, the service concludes with the offering of Psalm 51.

Then the Christ Candle is removed for a time, symbolizing our Lord’s death and burial. The strepitus is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb.

Then the Christ Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord’s resurrection.

At the completion of the service, people are asked to leave silently, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting this solemn evening.

**All are invited to our Tenebrae Service
at St. Peter Claver
on Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30pm.
Please join us.**