

# ST. KIERAN PARISH

1510 Greenfield Drive • El Cajon, CA 92021



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord."  
- Mt 21:9

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### Reverend Ben Davison, Pastor

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#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**SATURDAY:** 5:00 PM (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**DAILY MASS:** 8:30 AM Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS):

Saturday's 4:15 PM—4:45 PM

#### BAPTISMS

By appointment and meeting with the Pastor.

#### MARRIAGE

Nine months notice and preparation are required.

#### MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARISH

All Catholic adults living in the parish, and regularly participating in the Liturgy here, are asked to register in the parish. Church attendance alone does not make you and your household registered members of our parish family.

Registration is required for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and enrollment in our religious education programs. To register, please contact the parish office during regular business hours or pick up a parish registration form which can be found in the pamphlet rack near the Reconciliation Room. Please complete the form and either deposit it with your offering in the collection at Sunday Mass, or mail it to the parish office.

Welcome to our hidden jewel in the Diocese of San Diego.

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday ~ April 6th, 7PM Mass

Good Friday ~ April 7th, 3PM Liturgy

Holy Saturday, ~ April 8th, 8PM Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday ~ April 9th, 8AM & 10AM Mass

## Weekly Offering

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Number of envelopes used.....51  
Envelope Offering.....\$4,440.00  
Online Offering.....(1).....\$50.00  
Total Collection.....\$5,464.00

(weekly goal is \$7,000 to meet expenses)

Thank you so much for your contributions to our parish.  
Please pray about your contribution.

## Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

For more information about Christian in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)

## PARISH'S HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, April 3, 2023

8:30 AM Judy Beans †

### TUESDAY, April 4, 2023

8:30 AM Nadia Christian †

### WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2023

8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, April 6, 2023 ~ Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Vocations to Priesthood

### FRIDAY, April 7, 2023 ~ Good Friday

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### SATURDAY, April 8, 2023 ~ Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Newly Initiated Catholics

### SUNDAY, April 9, 2023 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Persecuted Christians

10:00 AM Pro Populo

THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD,  
*Given up for You*

## Religious Ed

There will be no classes on  
Sunday, April 9th to  
observe Easter.

Classes will be held the  
remaining Sundays in April.

For questions or attendance, please  
contact Nathalie Horning at  
[saintkyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:saintkyouthministry@gmail.com)



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### High School Bowling!

Tuesday, April 11th from 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Join other High Schoolers in our Deanery as we  
go Bowling at Viejas

Please visit [stkieran.com/You](http://stkieran.com/You) for complete details or contact  
Nathalie Horning at [saintkyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:saintkyouthministry@gmail.com)



## 'A Humble Worker'

Pope Benedict XVI was a friend of the Order whose life and teachings radiated his profound faith in Christ

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

**THE DEATH** of a truly holy and beloved person, especially when that person is a former pope, is an extraordinary thing. It is a personal loss for countless Catholics, but also a moment of historical significance. I am still reflecting on what it meant to attend the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in early January. It was certainly a sad occasion, as we said farewell to a faithful servant and spiritual father. Yet, it was also an occasion of great gratitude. I was proud to represent the Order. But I was doubly proud and grateful simply to be a Catholic — to be part of a Church that produces men of such caliber as Pope Benedict.

I was also proud of our unity as a Church — that we came together to mark the life of this great man. For three days, from early morning till night, thousands of people waited in line to enter St. Peter's Basilica to pay their last respects and to pray. Tens of thousands attended the funeral Mass, presided over by Pope Francis. They were all there to honor this man who aimed to be, as he said upon his election as pope in 2005, "a humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord."

Our late pope was a great friend to the Knights of Columbus. He knew us well and appreciated what we were about.

In 2008, during his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is affectionately called "America's parish church." He used that unique setting to talk about America's quintessential parish priest. He was speaking, of course, about Father Michael McGivney.

In his homily, Pope Benedict praised "the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

The pope knew of whom he spoke. Just one month before his visit to the United

States, he had approved the "decree of heroic virtue" for Father McGivney, opening the path to his eventual beatification in 2020.

It is fair to say that without Pope Benedict's love for the Knights and admiration for Father McGivney, who likewise lived as "a humble worker in the vineyard," our Founder would not yet be declared Blessed.

Pope Benedict was a man of profound faith, intelligence and natural kindness. He could have done anything with these gifts, but he put them at the service of Jesus Christ and his Church. Unlike so many intellectuals who are in love with ideas, he was in love with a person: Jesus Christ. And he spent his life teaching us how love for Christ can truly transform our lives.

In his first homily as pope, Benedict paraphrased the words of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II: "If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation."

In his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (*God Is Love*), he likewise affirmed, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (1).

These are challenging times for the Church and for Catholics, but Pope Benedict has taught us to have hope in the Lord. Even against strong headwinds, the only way forward, the only way to true happiness and liberation, is through an abiding friendship with Jesus Christ. We say goodbye to a great man, but his wisdom endures, and we remain strong in our hope that we will see him again in eternity.

*Vivat Jesus!*



### The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal "Living Our Faith"

Annual Catholic Appeal Goal **\$27,600.00**

Pledges to Date **\$8,450.00**

Amount still needed to attain our goal **\$19,150.00**

Please take an envelope after Mass and return your pledge or donation at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your thoughtful generosity for the needs of our diocese and parish.



### Prayer to Mary

Mother, now that the need is at its greatest and the powers of darkness seem to have free rein, we come to you with childlike trust and implore your powerful aid. We consecrate ourselves to you. Preserve us in the love of your Son, protect us from the evil of this world and lead us safe to the heart of God. Amen.





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