



PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus.



He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found at each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.



TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31— APRIL 8

Sunday	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]
Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

SIXTH WEEK OF LENT: PALM SUNDAY BEGINS the holiest of weeks. Listen intently to the story of Jesus' Passion — and enter into it with your entire being. When possible, join the parish community for the powerful Holy Week liturgies. Let our winter hearts melt and renew our commitment to be Easter people.

Finally a real recipe for this final week of Lent: be sure and serve the traditional **Hot Cross Buns** — a custom dating back to the 12th century, when a monk was said to have placed the sign of the cross on the buns to honor Good Friday, the Day of the Cross. (Space doesn't actually allow for a recipe, but Google for one, or, better yet, patronize one of our fine neighborhood bakeries.)

This Week At St. Frances Cabrini

Sunday April 1

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Youth Program, Rooms 6 & 7, 9:30 a.m.

Communal Reconciliation/Penance, 4:00 p.m.

Monday April 2

Small Christian Community/Evans, Rm. 3, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 3

Sew & Visit Group, Rm. 5, 10:00 a.m.

Small Christian Community/Concannon, 7:00 p.m.

Small Christian Community/Redman, 7:00 p.m.

RCIA, Rm. 3, 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Bible Study, Rm. 1, 7:30 p.m.

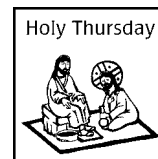
Wednesday April 4

Tucson Quilters' Board, Rm. 5, 9:00 a.m.

Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday April 5

**Holy Thursday; Evening Mass
at 7:00 p.m.**



Friday April 6

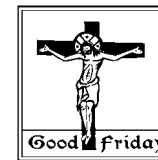
**Good Friday; Services at
3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

The Parish Office will be closed today.

Overeaters Anonymous, Rm. 3, 7:30 a.m.

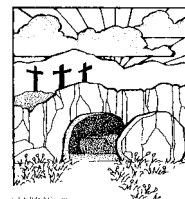
Saturday April 7

**Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil Mass
at 7:00 p.m. (no 4:00 p.m. Confessions
or 5:00 p.m. Mass today)**



Sunday April 8

**Easter Sunday: the Resurrection of the Lord;
Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**



MARCH 31—APR. 8

Sat.	5:00 PM	- Salvador Lopez† - George Brinsko†
Sun.	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	- People of the Parish - Bill Page† - Charles Hartung†
Mon.	8:00 AM	- Sue Johnson†
Tues.	8:00 AM	- Lois Tenbieg Godolle†
Thurs.	7:00 PM	- Christopher Burns, Special Intention
Fri.	Good Friday — no Mass	— services at 3:00 & 7:00 PM
Sat.	7:00 PM	- Bette Von Der Ahe† - Lowell Mandly†
Sun.	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	- People of the Parish - Bertha & Florencio Corella†† - Nancy C. Sinclair†



2006-2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to special holiday Bulletin deadlines, no financial update is available this week.



FAMILY PROGRAM:

This Sunday, April 1, the Family Program will begin in the Parish Hall at 9:30 with snack and Bible lesson. In classrooms at 10:00, children will study Ch. 21. Parents will explore the essentials of our Catholic faith.



FIRST EUCHARIST:

On Easter Sunday, at the 8:30 Mass, the children you have been praying for will receive First Eucharist. Their pictures are still posted in the vestibule. If you signed up to be a child's prayer partner and would like to give the child a card, please give these cards to Sr. Karen this week or give them directly to the children at the 8:30 Mass. Thank you for supporting them.

GRADES 6-12:

Today: Class will be from 3:00—6:00 p.m.

We will attend the Communal Penance/Reconciliation Service and then join together to eat!



Next week: Easter Sunday — praise God!

Need any homework help? Jim Mueller is available on Wed. evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 in Room 7.

The remaining dates in 2007 that he will be there: April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16.



CALLING ALL PICK-UP OWNERS:

A request from St. Vincent de Paul:

Due to health problems of many of our members, we are in dire need of a healthy person with an open-bed truck which could be used to pick up cases of food from our warehouse and bring them back to our food pantry. This is only done once a month, on the 3rd Mon. or Tues., leaving at 8:30 and finishing by 11:00 a.m. One or two SVDP members would always accompany you. Please call Marylyn at 529-0022 if you can help. We would appreciate it so much!



PARISH PICNIC

**Volunteers needed to help on day
(April 15) of picnic.
Sign-up sheets in vestibule.**

**We will also need to know
how many parishioners will be
attending, so please fill out
forms found in the vestibule.
These will be there the next 2 weeks.**

Liturgy Notes

OUR COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) will be held today, Sun., Apr. 1 at 4:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Thank you to all who signed up for our Holy Week liturgies. Your schedules for Holy Thursday or Good Friday are available on the credenza in the vestibule. Please pick it up today.

SERVERS, LECTOR/COMMENTATORS AND HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:

Instructions and/or scripts are available for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday on the credenza in the vestibule. They have your name on them. Please pick up yours after Mass.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

We will prepare the church for Holy Thursday on Wed., April 4 at 9:00 a.m. If you could help for 1 hour, please come. On Good Friday, April 6, we will prepare the church at 9:00 a.m. We only need 2 people on Friday. On Saturday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m., we will prepare the church for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you like to arrange flowers, this is your chance to help. We have several tasks that need to be done. If you could give an hour of your time, we would appreciate it.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER:

We would appreciate donations of Spring flowers for our Easter sanctuary April 7-8. Please bring them to the church on Friday, April 6 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. or Sat., April 7 between 9 and 11.

If you would like to give a plant or bouquet of Spring flowers in honor of or in remembrance of someone, we will have memorial cards available for you to sign and put on the plants. If you bring fresh flowers, please bring them in a vase. We have a limited supply of vases. We will place all the flowers in the sanctuary.



JUST COFFEE FIESTA ON APRIL 21:

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All the Tucson parishes and organizations involved in the support of the Just Coffee Cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico will be celebrating at a Café Justo Fiesta April 21 at 6:00 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Church, 1375 S. Camino Seco. This will mark 4 years of success in Chiapas and be a fundraiser to help start two more such cooperatives. An authentic Chiapan dinner, Ballet Folklorico dancers, a showing of a documentary film on Just Coffee, a silent auction and a chance to meet members of the Café Justo Cooperative are on the party schedule.

Saint Frances Cabrini parishioners are invited to join our parish Just Coffee team at special tables reserved for us. The cost is \$25.00. Our team is also collecting "treasures" for the silent auction. Consider donating a gift you've never used, or hand-made items such as art work, crafts, etc., or gift certificates from a restaurant or store. **If you have a treasure to donate or want to make a reservation for the April 21 fiesta, please call Mary Jo Stouffer (615-9254) or Judy Tully (323-3042).**