

Hosanna!

Blessed is He Who Comes
in the Name of the LORD

MARK 11:9



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MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday/Sabado

7:00p.m. Vigil Mass (Spanish)

Sunday/Domingo

9:00a.m. English Mass
11:30a.m. Spanish Mass

Weekday Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00a.m. English Mass

Wednesday, Thursday
6:00p.m. Spanish Mass

First Saturday

9:30a.m. English Mass

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sabado: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

EUCARÍSTICA

Thursday/ Jueves: 8:30am—6:00pm

17 HRS. EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Thursday at 7:00pm to First Friday at 12pm.
Primer Jueves de 7:00pm a Primer
Viernes a las 12pm.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

Baptismal Class Preparation in English

Every last Saturday of the month
9:00am—12:00pm
Rose Pasillas

Preparación Bautismal en Español

Terceros Sábados del mes
9:00am—12:00pm
Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA

Faith Formation/Formación de la Fe

Sunday/Domingo
10:15am—11:15am

Sacramental Formation/Formación Sacramental

Every Wednesday/Todos los Miércoles
6:00pm—7:30pm

Anointing of the Sick/Unción de los enfermos

First Friday of the Month/Primer Viernes de cada mes
12:00noon

Marriage Preparation/Preparación Matrimonial

Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior
of intended Marriage date.

Comuníquese con el Sacerdote al menos
6 meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio.

Office Hours (Horario de Oficina)

Tuesday through Friday (Martes a Viernes)

9:30am to 5:00pm

Monday / Closed

Secretary: Sister Georgina Sierra, mgsa

Adoration Chapel Code Number (Código Capilla de Adoración)

2-4-6-8

**Palm
Sunday**

March 24, 2024

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Palm Sunday With Friends Like These...

This year, we hear the Passion from the gospel of Mark. One thing unique about this reading is the emphasis on Jesus being abandoned by his disciples. First, the leaders of the disciples cannot even support Jesus in his agony in the garden: They fall asleep, three times. Then there is Judas, who seeks out the chief priests to make a deal with them, Peter, who denies Jesus three times, and the crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for him to be crucified.

What does this tell us? With friends like these, who needs enemies? No, the point is that Jesus died specifically for these people, not because they were once friends, but because they were sinners, who needed Jesus. When we find ourselves in sin, when we think that everything we do is wrong, or when we think we can't possibly deserve to be loved by God—that is when God can help us, if we just stop hating ourselves and start loving and trusting the Lord. It is not the time to pretend we have avoided the big sins, or to brag about some of the good we may have done. Instead simply agree that you need his help. God loves sinners who know they need his forgiveness and don't deserve it.

But maybe you have already been forgiven and wonder what's next. Remember the ones you would not expect to support Jesus: the centurion proclaiming him Son of God, Joseph giving him a burial place, the women who followed Jesus. These were people who did not claim to be worthy, just did what they could to show their love. Ask Jesus each morning when you wake up, "What can I do for you today?" and do what you can. Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	<i>Chrism Mass:</i> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 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; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: The Catholic Church in the United States and Holy Cross Catholic Church, Diocese of Tyler, are committed to providing an environment that is safe for children and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned that a child or adult is suffering physical or sexual abuse, please contact Fr. Gomez, the Diocesan Promoter of Justice at (903) 266-2159. Or to Presidium Number: 1-877-415-6423.

AMBIENTE SEGURO: La Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos y la iglesia La Santa Cruz Diócesis de Tyler, se han comprometido a proporcionar un ambiente seguro para los niños y adultos vulnerables. Si le preocupa que un niño o un adulto esté sufriendo abuso físico o sexual por favor contacte al Padre Gómez, el Promotor Diocesano de Justicia de la Diócesis de Tyler (903)266-2159 o a Praesidium Number (Presidio) al 1-877-415-6423.



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<p>Financial Council / Consejo de Finanzas Alton Werth (Chair Person)</p> <p>Pastoral Council / Consejo Pastoral Manny Pasillas (Chair Person)</p> <p>Faith Formation / Formación en la Fe Sister Georgina Sierra MGSA</p> <p>RCIA-English/RICA-Spanish Rose Pasillas/Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA</p> <p>Spanish Choir Rosario Abrego</p>	<p>Baptism Preparation / Prep. Bautismal Manny & Rose Pasillas (English)</p> <p>Sister Ma.Carmen Sierra MGSA (Spanish)</p> <p>Ethics & Integrity (ACS)/Ética & Integridad Rose Pasillas</p> <p>Lector / Lector Mary Cole (English) /Salvador Ávila (Spanish)</p> <p>Altar Servers / Monaguillos Manny Pasillas / Alma Ugalde</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Manny Pasillas & Juan Osornio</p>	<p>Legion of Mary / Legión de María Socorro Figueroa</p> <p>Pro-Life Group / Grupo Pro-Vida María Álvarez</p> <p>Maintenance / Mantenimiento Fernando Ornelas / Rene Sierra</p> <p>Church Cleaning / Limpieza de la Iglesia Sara Mandujano</p> <p>Ujieres/Ushers Antonio Mandujano</p>
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Domingo de Ramos Con amigos como estos...

Este año escuchamos la Pasión del evangelio de Marcos. Algo único de esta lectura es el énfasis en el abandono de Jesús por sus discípulos. Primero, los líderes de los discípulos ni siquiera pueden apoyar a Jesús en su agonía en el huerto: Se quedan dormidos tres veces. Luego, Judas busca a los sumos sacerdotes para hacer un trato con ellos, Pedro niega a Jesús tres veces, y las multitudes que gritaban "¡Hosanna!" unos días antes, ahora piden que lo crucifiquen.

¿Qué nos dice esto? Que con amigos como éstos, ¿quién necesita enemigos? No, el punto es que Jesús murió específicamente por estas personas, no porque alguna vez fueran amigos, sino porque eran pecadores y necesitaban a Jesús. Cuando nos encontramos en pecado, cuando pensamos que todo lo que hacemos está mal, o cuando pensamos que no podemos merecer ser amados por Dios, ahí es cuando Dios puede ayudarnos, si simplemente dejamos de odiarnos a nosotros mismos y comenzamos a amar y confiar en el Señor. No es el momento de fingir que hemos evitado los grandes pecados ni de presumir de algo bueno que hayamos hecho. En lugar de eso, simplemente acepta que necesitas su ayuda. Dios ama a los pecadores que saben que necesitan su perdón y no lo merecen.

Pero tal vez ya hayas sido perdonado y te preguntes qué sigue. Acuérdate de los menos esperados de apoyar a Jesús: el centurión que lo proclamó Hijo de Dios, José dándole un lugar de sepultura, las mujeres que siguieron a Jesús. Eran personas que no decían ser dignas, simplemente hacían lo que podían para mostrar su amor. Pregúntale a Jesús cada mañana al despertar: "¿Qué puedo hacer por ti hoy?" y haz lo que puedas. Tom Schmidt

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

Lunes	Is 42, 1-7; Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14; Jn 12, 1-11
Martes	Is 49, 1-6; Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4a. 5-6ab. 15 y 17; Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38
Miércoles	Is 50, 4-9; Sal 68, 8-10. 21bcd-22. 31 y 33-34; Mt 26, 14-25
Jueves	<i>Misa del Santo Crisma:</i> Is 61, 1-3a. 6a. 8b-9; Sal 88, 21-22. 25 y 27; Apoc 1, 5-8; Lc 4, 16-21 <i>Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor:</i> Éx 12, 1-8. 11-14; Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18; 1 Cor 11, 23-26; Jn 13, 1-15
Viernes	Is 52, 13—53, 12; Sal 30, 2 y 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17 y 25; Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9; Jn 18, 1—19, 42
Sábado	Gn 1, 1—2, 2 o Gn 1, 1. 26-31a; Sal 103, 1-2a. 5-6. 10 y 12. 13-14. 24 y 35c o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20 y 22; Gn 22, 1-18 o Gn 22, 1-2, 9a. 10-13. 15-18; Sal 15, 5 y 8. 9-10. 11; Ex 14, 15—15, 1; Éx 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18; Is 54, 5-14; Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11 y 12a y 13b; Is 55, 1-11; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Bar 3, 9-15. 32—4, 4; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Ez 36, 16-17a. 18-28; Sal 41, 3. 5bcd; Sal 42, 3-4 o Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 o Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19; Rom 6, 3-11; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Mc 16, 1-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **This week's second collection** will be for the Building Fund. **Next Friday's second collection** will be for the Holy Land. **Next week's second collection** will be for Caring for Priests.
- ◆ **For Holy Week** the Parish Office will only be open on Tuesday March 26th, 2024.
- ◆ **Para Semana Santa**, la Oficina Parroquial solo estará abierta el Martes 26 de Marzo del 2024.
- ◆ The raffle of the Paschal Candle collected a total of (\$1,724.00) In the sale of candles for Holy Thursday (\$1,045.00) was collected.
Total—\$2,769.00
-**\$1,388.11**(Flowers and Palms)
Balance \$1,380.89 (will be used for altar flowers through the year)
- ◆ **Se recolecto** (\$1,724.00) en la rifa del Cirio Pascual. En la venta de las velas para el Jueves Santo se recolecto (\$1,045.00)
Total—\$2,769.00
-**\$1,388.11**(Flores y Palmas)
Saldo \$1,388.11 (Se usara para flores del altar durante el año.

Gracias a todos por sus donaciones!!

Thank you all for your donations!!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Class Preparation in English
Every last Saturday of the month
Next Class : March 30, 2024
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

To Register, please call the office prior to the class.

Clases Pre-Bautismales en Español
Tercer Sábado de Cada Mes
Próxima Clase: Abril 20, 2024
9:00am — 12:00pm

Venir a la Oficina para registrarse y recoger el libro para la clase.

Weekly collection/ Colecta Semanal **March 17, 2024**

Regular Collection **\$ 3,573.06**

Thank You!



GOD'S CLOSET CAMP COUNTY CARES

HOLY CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

- 1st Monday of Each Month
- 3rd Monday of Each Month
- **4th Monday of Each Month**
(Except June, July, August)

LOCATION :

God's Closet

TIME:

8:30-11:00 AM



BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Every day, rain or shine, there are those in our camp county community in need. You can help them. How? By giving of your time. Our time is the greatest gift we can give. Come and spend a few hours a month helping by showing your kindness and support to those in need. Bring your smile, your muscle, and your love for God's creations. You will be rewarded much more than you will ever know.

Let's Join Us!



**Holy Cross Catholic Church
Holy Week Program
416 Hill Ave
Pittsburg, Tx 75686
March 24, 2024—March 31, 2024**



Saturday March 23rd :

7:00 pm Saturday Mass on the eve of Palm Sunday (Spanish)

March 24th : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am English Mass

11:30 am Spanish Mass

Tuesday March 26th :

8:00 am English Mass

Wednesday March 27th:

8:00 am English Mass

March 28th: Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 pm Holy Hour in Spanish

10:00 pm Silent adoration until Midnight

March 29th: Good Friday

3:00 pm The Liturgical Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

(The most important liturgy of the day)

6:00 pm Outdoors Satiations of the Cross (If weather allows)

7:00 pm Service of the Seven last Words of Christ,
his deposition from the cross and laying of his body in
the Sepulcher

March 30th: Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass

March 31st: Easter Sunday of the

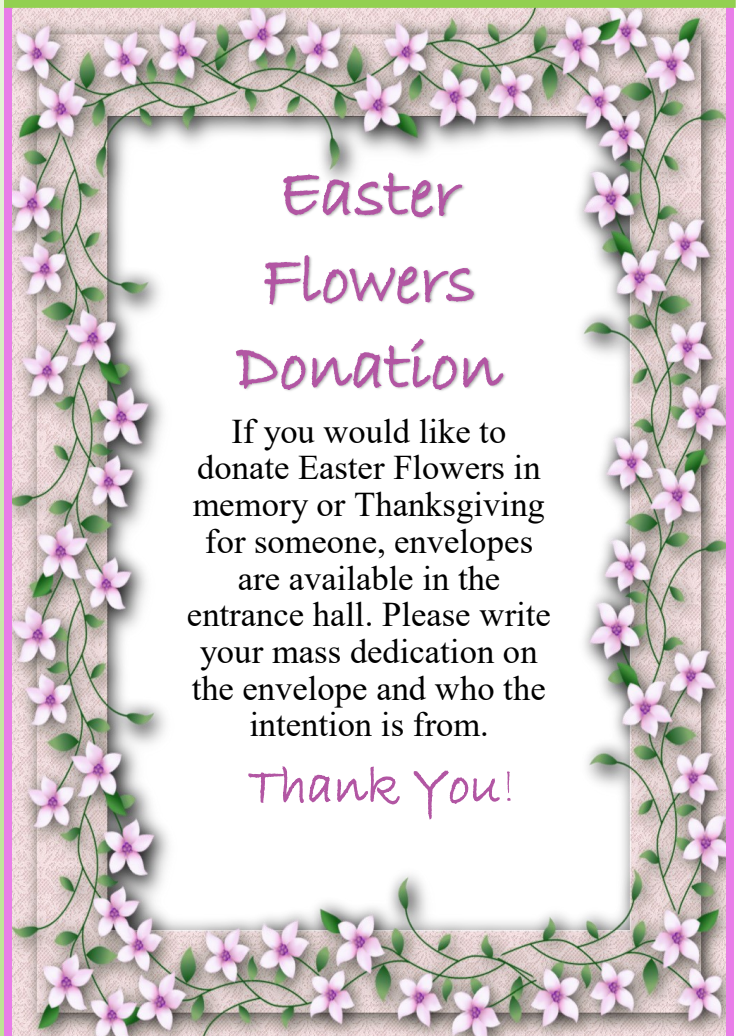
Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am English Mass

11:30 am Spanish Mass



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



**Easter
Flowers
Donation**

If you would like to donate Easter Flowers in memory or Thanksgiving for someone, envelopes are available in the entrance hall. Please write your mass dedication on the envelope and who the intention is from.

Thank You!