

ST. LEONARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



Palm SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	8:30 am (Spanish)
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am (Spanish)
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am (Spanish)
	11:00 am
	7:00 pm (Spanish)

ADORATION

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 am - 10:00am

HOLY HOUR

Thursday | Jueves
5:00 pm - 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Thursday | Jueves
5:00 pm

DIVINE MERCY

1st & 3rd Friday | Viernes
7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS | HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday: 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. -12 NOON
Closed Daily for Lunch 1pm - 2 p.m.
Lunes: 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Martes- Jueves: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Viernes: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Our mission of St. Leonard is to spread the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To hear the Good News from the Gospel and therefore invite the Community to be part of the Holy Church.

Nuestra misión en San Leonardo es difundir el mensaje de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Escuchar la Buena Nueva del Evangelio y por lo tanto invitar a la Comunidad a ser parte de la Santa Iglesia.

Bienvenido a nuestra parroquia



Welcome to our Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

†Benita C. Oyerbides

†Brian De Leon

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Benita Leija

†Maria de Jesus Villalobos

†Florentino Zurita

†Raymond Stout

†Anna Sylvia Rodriguez

†Roberto Sepulveda

11:00 a.m.

†Maria C. Martinez

†Jose & †Juanita Duran

†Clara G. Ortiz

†Leonardo & †Jovita Villarreal

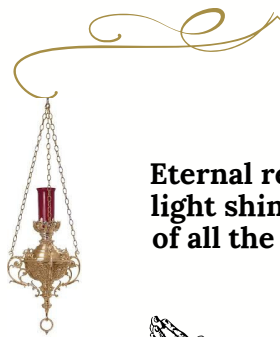
Azrael Rey Espinoza

7:00 p.m.

en acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Víctor Silva Niño

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

†Genoveva C. Leija



This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the eternal rest of

Jose & Juanita Duran

Eternal rest grant unto her/him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her/him. May her/his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Pray For...

Frederick Acosta, Amanda Alvarez, Brittany Anne, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Carey App, Devyn Casias, Irma Castro, Richard & Carmen Cervantes, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, David & Maria Garcia, Melody Garcia, Blanca Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez, Ruben Hernandez, Blanca S. Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Candelaria Herrera, Jose and Rosa Huerta, Roxanne Longoria, Maria Loreda, Michael Mendoza, Anna Montoya, Juan Nava, Elvia & George (Tio) Orta, Susie Owens, Isaiah Pacheco, Adolfo Patterson, Rosario Perez, Gloria Perusquia, Frank Rodriguez, Jose Salinas, Nancy Vallejo, Maria Valdez, Stephanie Zamago & family, Mary Ferry

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hands rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

Masses	Attendance	Total Offering
Saturday	133	\$1,950.00
Sunday		
8:30 a.m.	250	\$1,549.45
11:00 a.m.	311	\$2,632.27
7:00 p.m.	265	\$1,236.00
Total	959	\$7,367.72
Online	22	\$970.00
Grand Total Offering 3/11-3/17/2024		\$8,337.72

*Thank You!
¡Gracias!*

To all the donors who helped the parish the week of March 17, 2024. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 17 de marzo de 2024. ¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!

For special blessings such as wedding anniversary or birthday blessings please notify the parish office in advance.

Para bendiciones especiales tales como aniversario de bodas o bendiciones de cumpleaños, por favor notifique a la oficina parroquial con anticipación.

Second Collection Notice:

Good Friday, 3/29 for the Shrines of the Holy Land & Easter Sunday, 3/31 for the Rice Bowl
Please be generous / Favor sea generoso

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK AT A- GLANCE

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday
Faith Formation Classes

Monday, March 25

Baptism Class 6:30pm Hall

Tuesday, March 26

Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, March 27

Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
Adoration 8-10pm Chapel

Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross 3pm
Lord's Passion Mass - 6pm
Pesame de la Virgen - 7pm

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt 12pm
Easter Vigil 7pm

Question of the Week

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers, but meaningful to them and for me?

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¿De qué maneras puedo demostrar mi amor por los demás de una forma que parezca extravagante para los queespectadores, pero significativo para los destinatarios de mi acción y para mí?



## Bulletin Announcements

Have an announcement request for the bulletin?

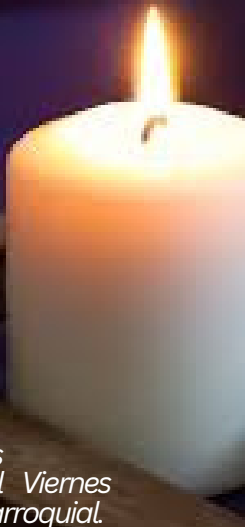
Send in the announcement one *week in advance* to be published in the bulletin!

**Damaris Ybarra, LPC-Associate**, is offering FREE counseling services for individuals, couples, groups in both English & Spanish from 4:30-7:30pm. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

## HOLY THURSDAY CANDLES

Holy Thursday Candles will be available for purchase until March 28th. The candle you pre-order for \$6 will be lit after Mass on Holy Thursday during Eucharistic Adoration from 8pm to 10pm. Pre-ordered candles can be picked up on Good Friday from 11am - 5pm at the Parish Center.

*Las velas del Jueves Santo estarán disponibles para su compra hasta el 28 de marzo. La vela que pre-ordene por \$6 se encenderá después de la Misa del Jueves Santo durante la Adoración Eucarística de 8 p.m. a 10 p.m. Las velas preordenadas se pueden recoger el Viernes Santo de 11 a.m. a 5 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial.*



# HOLY week



## Schedule Sacred Triduum 2024

### Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7 p.m. Mass  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
Chapel

### Good Friday, March 29


3 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
6 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7 p.m. Pesame a la Virgen

### Holy Saturday, March 30

12 p.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
Meditation Garden  
7 p.m. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

### Easter Sunday, March 31

Regular Mass Times  
8:30 a.m. ~ 11 a.m. ~ 7 p.m.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 29th, in observance of Good Friday. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, April 1st.

*La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el viernes 29 de marzo, en conmemoración del Viernes Santo. El horario normal de oficina se reanudará el lunes 1 de abril.*



**Easter Lily Offering**

Easter lilies are traditional symbols of hope during the Easter Season. Consider sponsoring a lily for \$20 to adorn the altar. Dedicate your lily in memory of a loved one. Limited quantity available. Please pick-up an envelope in the church lobby or the Parish Office. Lilies may be taken home, when announced, after Easter.

**ST. LEONARD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# FISH FRY



**\$10.00 per plate**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th**  
**11am to 6pm**

Tickets available from any Ministry Leader and at the Parish Office



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- Quinceaneras
- Birthday Parties
- Baby Showers
- Funeral Receptions



*In Loving Memory of*

**MARIA MARTINEZ**

December 24 1931 - January 8, 2023  
*Beloved Mother & Grandmother*




COME JOIN US FOR A


## CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY**  
**30 | MARCH | 12 PM**

ST. LEONARD'S MEDITATION GARDEN



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# Paschal Triduum

The **Easter Triduum** or **Holy Triduum** is the three-day celebration of the **Paschal Mystery**: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

**PASCHAL**: associated with the Hebrew **Passover**; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God

**TRIDUUM**: derived from the Latin for **three days**

The Paschal mystery has two aspects: **by his death**, Christ liberates us from sin; **by his Resurrection**, he opens for us the way to a new life.

The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of **Lent** to **Easter**.

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.

The Roman Missal

**DAY 1:**  
sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday



**DAY 2:**  
sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday



**DAY 3:**  
sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday



## HOLY THURSDAY:

“Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others.”

## GOOD FRIDAY:

“In the mystery of Christ’s death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit.”

## HOLY SATURDAY:

“The day of God’s silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life.”

# Palm Sunday

The palms symbolize peace and victory! It was custom during Jesus’ time for people to pay homage by laying palm branches - or even clothes - in front of people who were owed a great amount of respect. the Gospel of John tells of how Jesus was welcomed into the city mere days before his death.

St. Joseph’s principal feast day is celebrated on March 19. Additionally, there is a Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. Dec. 8, 2020, marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX proclaiming St. Joseph as “Patron of the Universal Church.”

St. Joseph’s life is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.



St. Patrick, apostle of Ireland Patrick was born Maewyn Succat in England, near the Scottish border, in about 389 AD. His father was a Roman magistrate in Britain. When he was 16, Irish raiders kidnapped him. They sailed back to Ireland, where Patrick became the slave of a Druid priest and worked as a shepherd.

# Lent 2024

CALENDAR

## Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

### MARCH

#### PALM SUNDAY 24

"Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out, 'Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Mk 11:9

Place palm branches in a place where they will remind you to give praise to Jesus Christ each day this week.

#### MON 25

"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" Lk 1:38

Today is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Offer a Hail Mary together and look to Mary as a model of faith.

#### TUE 26

"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."  
Jn 13:21

Reflect today on those times when you have betrayed Jesus by turning away from his call to love and forgive others. Ask for his help in being faithful disciples.

#### WED 27

"For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not." Ps 69:34

Lend your ear to someone who is poor in spirit today. Show your care and concern by listening with love and attentiveness.

#### HOLY THURSDAY 28

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist." Jn 13:5

Perform an act of service today for someone in your home or neighborhood. Do so with a generous and loving heart.

#### GOOD FRIDAY 29

"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit." Jn 19:30

Place a crucifix or cross in the place where your family gathers for prayer. Take turns holding it and offering a prayer for all of those who are suffering today.

#### HOLY SATURDAY 30

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." Rom 6:8

Offer a prayer for all of those who will find new life in Christ as they are baptized at the Easter Vigil tonight.

#### EASTER SUNDAY 31

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Jn 20:9

While our Lenten journey has come to an end, the Easter season has just begun! Look ahead to the next seven weeks and how you will continue to reflect and rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection.

# Gospel

# Reflection

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 blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember 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.

Este domingo, llamado Domingo de Ramos o de Pasión, es el primer día de la Semana Santa. El Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual del Sábado Santo se llaman Triduo, tres días que son el punto culminante del año eclesial. Hay dos Evangelios proclamados en la Misa de hoy. El primer Evangelio, proclamado antes de la procesión con palmas, habla de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén. Montado en un pollino prestado, Jesús fue aclamado por la multitud mientras bendecían a Dios y gritaban "¡Hosanna!" Este evento se relata en cada uno de los cuatro evangelios.

En la Liturgia de la Palabra del Domingo de Ramos se proclaman íntegramente los acontecimientos de la pasión de Jesús. En el Ciclo B del Leccionario, leemos la pasión de Jesús tal como se encuentra en el Evangelio de Marcos. Escucharemos estos eventos proclamados nuevamente cuando celebremos el Triduo más adelante en la semana. El Viernes Santo leeremos la pasión de Jesús en el Evangelio de Juan.

En el Evangelio de Marcos, la pasión y muerte de Jesús se presentan como consecuencia de la tensión entre las autoridades judías y Jesús que se había ido acumulando a lo largo de su ministerio público. Esta tensión llegó a su punto de ruptura cuando Jesús expulsó a los mercaderes y cambistas del templo. Después de este evento, los principales sacerdotes y los escribas comenzaron a buscar una manera de matar a Jesús y, sin embargo, esta es solo la explicación superficial de su muerte.

Cuando Jesús fue arrestado y llevado ante el Sanedrín (el consejo de sacerdotes, escribas y ancianos judíos), fue acusado de blasfemia, citando su amenaza al Templo. Sin embargo, cuando lo llevaron ante Pilato, las autoridades religiosas presentaron su crimen como político, acusando a Jesús de afirmar ser rey de los judíos. En continuidad con un tema del Evangelio de Marcos, la afirmación mesiánica de Jesús es ampliamente malinterpretada.

En el Evangelio de Marcos, los discípulos de Jesús rara vez son modelos de fe y hacen poco para invocar confianza en su capacidad para continuar su ministerio después de su muerte. No les va mejor en la narración de Marcos sobre la pasión y muerte de Jesús. En la Última Cena, los discípulos insistieron en que ninguno de ellos traicionaría a Jesús. Cuando Jesús predijo que su fe se vería sacudida por los acontecimientos que se avecinaban, Pedro y los demás discípulos protestaron con vehemencia. Sin embargo, en el huerto de Getsemaní, Jesús regresó tres veces y los encontró durmiendo. Jesús oró en agonía por su destino inminente mientras sus discípulos dormían toda la noche. Tal como Jesús lo predijo, Pedro negó a Jesús y los discípulos estuvieron ausentes durante la pasión y muerte de Jesús. Se dice que sólo las mujeres que habían sido seguidoras de Jesús en Galilea estuvieron presentes en la crucifixión, pero permanecieron a distancia.

A lo largo de este Evangelio, Marcos desafía al lector a considerar la afirmación con la que comienza el Evangelio: Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Cuando leemos el relato de Marcos sobre la pasión, comenzamos a comprender la declaración teológica más profunda que se hace sobre la muerte de Jesús. En el relato de Marcos sobre la narración de la pasión, Jesús entendió que su muerte había sido predeterminada y aceptó esta muerte en obediencia a la voluntad de Dios. Las Escrituras judías se citan sólo una vez, pero hay varias referencias al cumplimiento de las Escrituras. Jesús entendió su unción en Betania como una anticipación de su sepultura y anunció que esta historia sería contada junto con el Evangelio en todo el mundo. Jesús predijo su traición por parte de Judas así como la negación de Pedro. En su arresto, Jesús reconoció que había llegado el tiempo predeterminado. Jesús se mostró confiado y silencioso ante sus acusadores. Después de ser sentenciado a muerte, Jesús no volvió a hablar hasta su último grito desde la cruz. Los presentes entendieron mal y creyeron que estaba llamando a Elías. El centurión romano, sin embargo, afirmó lo que Marcos ha presentado a lo largo de este evangelio: Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. En ninguna parte esto se reveló más plenamente que en su muerte en la cruz.

Durante la Semana Santa, recordamos en oración los acontecimientos de la pasión y muerte de Jesús. Al meditar en la cruz, preguntamos una y otra vez qué significa hacer la declaración de fe de que Jesús, en su obediente sufrimiento y muerte, se nos reveló como el Hijo de Dios.

## *Readings for the week*

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1–15:47

**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:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13–53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42

**Saturday:** Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15–

15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,

18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7