



# PALM SUNDAY

## DOMINGO DE RAMOS

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**March 25 - April 1, 2018**

<b>Sunday, March 25</b> (Eng.) 9:30 AM - VET (Sp.) 11:00 AM - VET (Sp.) 1:00 AM - VET	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> † Joseph & Gerardo Cabrera † Manuel Perez & Aristides Pradera † Berta Iravedra
<b>Monday, March 26</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM - SHC (Sp.) 7:00 PM - SHC	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> † James Mussi, Jr. Nany Manaois - <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM - SHC (Sp.) 7:00 PM - SHC	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> For the Intentions of Father Aro Nathan † Teofila Martinez
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM - SHC (Sp.) 7:00 PM - SHC	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> Lourdes Manaois † Felix Estevez
<b>Thursday, March 29</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM - SHC (Bil) 7:00 PM - VET	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Morning Prayer † Deceased of the Bedoya and Flora Families
<b>Friday, March 30</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM - SHC (Eng.) 1:00 PM - VET (Eng.) 2:00 PM - VET (Sp.) 4:00 PM - VET (Sp.) 5:00 PM - VET	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Morning Prayer Station of the Cross Liturgical Service Station of the Cross (Spanish) Liturgical Service (Spanish)
<b>Saturday, March 31</b> (Eng.) 8:30 AM - SHC (Bil) 4:00 PM - BV (Bil) 8:00 PM - VET	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Morning Prayer Balsamo Family <b>EASTER VIGIL / VIGILIA DE PASCUA</b> † Rosemarie Parilla
<b>Sunday, April</b> (Eng.) 9:30 AM - VET (Sp.) 11:30 AM - VET	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> † Rose Scardigno † Berta Iravedra † Roberto Velasco

VET - Veteran's Memorial School - 1401 Central Avenue  
SHC - Sacred Heart Chapel - 1309 Central Avenue (Parking Lot)

## 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, 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, 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

## Gifts

### Altar Bread



For Rufino Mendez and  
Aurelia Lopez

### Altar Wine



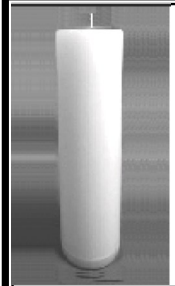
For the Vazquez and Arias Families

### Sanctuary Lamp



For the repose of the soul of  
Gerry Weis  
From Kathy Weis and Family

### Mass Candle



For the Deceased Members of  
The Catholic Club  
Req. by The Members

### Mass Candle II

For the Martina Rubio

## FOR THE SICK

Rosario Reyes, Alicia King, Emma Aruca, Maria Di Poli,  
Ida Picone, Yvonne Peralta, Anna Aversa,  
Remy Ottevaere, Elsa Sigurd, Jennie Bitetto, Anna Salmeron,  
Ola Cousar, Alejandro Murcia, Victor Murcia,  
Maria Massa, Maria Ortega, Maria Rosario, Mercedes Rivera,  
Barbara Kennedy, James Leung



## Weekly Collection Report

**March 10-11, 2018** **\$2,157.00**

**Peter's Pence Collection** **\$944.00**

**March 17-18, 2018** **\$2,336.00**

We thank you for your continued generosity. Any additional contributions that can be made at this time is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference.

Le agradecemos su continua generosidad. Cualquier contribución adicional que se pueda hacer en este momento esta marca la diferencia.

## Second Collection / Segunda Colección

**April 14-15, 2018: Fuel / Combustible**

MARCH 25 - APRIL 1, 2018

## SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

2018



Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Our goal this year is \$21, 522. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Sacred Heart Chapel or the Parish Office. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.

It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal.

<http://www.rcan.org/sharing>

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que han hecho su regalo al Llamado Annual Compartiendo las Bendiciones de Dios 2018. Nuestro objetivo este año es de \$21,522. Si aún no ha hecho su regalo o promesa, complete una tarjeta de compromiso ubicada en la Capilla del Sagrado Corazón o en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Por favor ayude a apoyar los muchos programas y ministerios que ayudan a muchos de nuestra comunidad.



Es importante que todos participemos. Por favor, considere hacer un regalo a la Campaña Anual 2018 Sharing God's Blessing.

<http://www.rcan.org/información-en-español>

A kindly reminder as we enter the third year of the 4-year campaign **"We Are Living Stones"**. We appreciate and thank all of you who have made pledges monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually and consistently send your payments. We still have 2 years for the completion of the campaign. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Un recordatorio amable ahora que entramos en el tercer año de la campaña de 4 años **"Somos Piedras Vivas"**. Agradecemos a todos los que hicieron promesas de contribuciones mensuales, semestrales, anuales y envían regularmente sus pagos. Todavía tenemos 2 años para completar la campaña. Gracias por su continua generosidad.

### EASTER FLOWERS

We will be decorating the altar for Easter Masses this year with a moderate amount of Easter plants. Parishioners that receive envelopes at home will have one in their packets and envelopes will be made available at the masses this weekend. Thank you to all who have so lovingly donated in the past for flowers in memory of loved ones.

### FLORES DE PASCUA

Estaremos decorando el altar para las Misas de Pascua este año con una cantidad moderada de plantas de Pascua. Los parroquianos que reciben sobres en su casa tendrán uno en sus paquetes y sobres estarán disponibles en las misas este fin de semana. Gracias a todos los que tan amorosamente han donado en el pasado para las flores en memoria de sus seres queridos.



**MARCH 25 - APRIL 1, 2018**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday**

In today's Gospel passages we see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days - even hours - Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

Today some of the most poignant themes of human life come into clear central focus: the feeling of being praised and honored, fear, anxiety, betrayal, despair, doubt, uncertainty, trust, hope, sadness, separation, suffering, death, determination, and courage. These are the emotions and realities that every human being wrestles with often. Jesus, the Son of God, encounters them all. As we journey through life, we have to confront the existential meaning of each of these things. How do they fit into the bigger picture? Jesus shows us most clearly that even those things we fear the most lose their power when we discover that we are being led to new life. Suffering is redemptive. Sin and death give way to grace and life and God's unconditional love conquers all. May we see in Jesus' Way of the Cross the path of truth we all must follow.

**MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO  
ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA  
25 de marzo de 2018 Domingo de Ramos**

En los pasajes del Evangelio de hoy vemos el júbilo y la caída, la esperanza en medio de los lados más oscuros de nuestra naturaleza. Si lo permitimos, estos Evangelios son un espejo de nuestros propios corazones inconstantes. Las multitudes lloran "Hosanna" y los Apóstoles profesan lealtad hasta la muerte. En una cantidad de días, incluso horas, Jesús es traicionado, abandonado, negado, condenado, torturado y ejecutado. Cómo Dios, podría haber evitado que esta narración horrorosa se desarrolle, pero no lo hace. Él permite que el libre albedrío actúe solo.

Hay casi dos milenios entre este espectáculo y nosotros. La Cuaresma nos invita a regresar a esta historia, nos invita a encontrarnos en las personas que estaban allí. ¿Somos la mujer arrepentida en Betania? ¿Somos adversarios de tanta piedad generosa? ¿Hemos actuado de una manera que traicione a aquellos a quienes amamos o negamos lo que sabemos que es bueno y verdadero? ¿Nos hemos dormido en nuestra fe? ¿Hemos acusado injustamente a otros de un crimen o inmoralidad que imaginamos, aunque tal vez ellos no se comprometieron? ¿Ayudamos a otros a llevar sus cargas? ¿Nos solidarizamos con los que sufren? ¿Nos preocupamos por los moribundos?

Esta semana, retoma el Evangelio de hoy. Mira cuidadosamente la narrativa de la Pasión y siéntese con ella en silencio. Encuéntrase en la historia y reflexione sobre el significado de su propia vida. Viaje con Jesús al pie de la Cruz para que usted también pueda decir, junto con el fiel centurión, "¡verdaderamente este hombre era el Hijo de Dios!"

Hoy en día, algunos de los temas más conmovedores están en nuestro enfoque central: el sentir alabanza y honor, el miedo, la ansiedad, la traición, la desesperación, la duda, la confianza, la esperanza, la tristeza, la separación, el sufrimiento, la muerte, la determinación y la valentía. Estos son unos de los sentimientos y realidades con los que lucha el ser humano. Jesús, Hijo de Dios, los experimentó todos. En el camino de la vida, tenemos que considerar el significado de estos sentimientos. ¿Cómo caben dentro de toda mi vida? Jesús nos demuestra claramente que hasta las cosas que nos dan miedo pierden su poder cuando descubrimos que estamos siendo guiados hacia una nueva vida. El sufrimiento es redentor. El pecado y la muerte permiten que la gracia y la vida del amor incondicional de Dios lo vence todo. Que veamos en el camino de la Cruz de Jesús el camino hacia la verdad que debemos seguir.



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## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

**4:00PM** - Bella Vista Bilingual Mass  
**5:30PM** - English Mass - Veteran's Memorial School  
**7:00PM** - Spanish Mass - Veteran's Memorial School  
**8:00PM** - Neocatechumenal Mass - Mother Seton School

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018 - PALM SUNDAY**

**9:30AM** - English Mass - Veteran's Memorial School  
**11:00AM** - Spanish Mass - Veteran's Memorial School  
**1:00PM** - Spanish Mass - Veteran's Memorial School

### **MARCH 29, 2018 - HOLY THURSDAY**

**8:30AM** - Bilingual Morning Prayer - Sacred Heart Chapel

**7:00PM BILINGUAL SOLEMN EVENING MASS OF THE  
LORD'S SUPPER & WASHING OF THE FEET  
At Veteran's Memorial School**

**Procession / Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
immediately after Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel**

- Recitation of the Rosary in English  
- Adoration (Spanish Groups) **Until 10:00PM at Sacred Heart Chapel**

### **MARCH 30, 2018 - GOOD FRIDAY**

**8:30AM** - Bilingual Morning Prayer - Sacred Heart Chapel

**1:00PM - ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
2:00PM ENGLISH LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
VENERATION OF THE CROSS / HOLY COMMUNION  
at Veteran's Memorial School**

**4:00PM SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE STREET  
FOLLOWED BY THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
at Veteran's Memorial School**

### **MARCH 31, 2018 - HOLY SATURDAY**

**8:30AM** - Bilingual Morning Prayer - Sacred Heart Chapel

**4:00PM - BELLA VISTA MASS**

**8:00PM - BILINGUAL EASTER VIGIL and BAPTISMS  
At Veteran's Memorial School**

### **APRIL 1, 2018 - EASTER SUNDAY**

**9:30AM** - English Mass - Veteran's Memorial School  
**11:30AM** - Spanish Mass - Veteran's Memorial School  
(Only One Spanish Mass)

**HAPPY EASTER!  
FELIZ PASCUA!**