

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

MARCH 29, 2009

—Jeremiah 31:33

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 5

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

April 6, 7, 8

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 p.m.-Midnight — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service and Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

COMUNIDAD MEETING

April 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall

The program for this Holy Week meeting will be a ritual Passover Seder meal designed for the lesbian and gay community. Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples. His last meal on earth became our first Eucharist. All are welcome to share in this experience.

REMINDER FOR LITURGY COMMITTEE

Please plan to attend a very important meeting this Monday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We will make final plans for Holy Week and the Easter Season.

REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD DURING LENT

The readings for next Sunday, *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout this week.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

How is Jesus a model of how to carry my daily cross? Do I remember that Jesus is with me every step of the way?

SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sometime within the upcoming Easter season, the Bishop will visit our parish to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on 60 young adults. These students (*their pictures are in the sanctuary*) have not only attended class every week for the past 8 months but have also taken an active role in several ministries within our parish, our city and our international communities! It is now our turn to help them. **Next weekend, Palm Sunday, you will have the opportunity to purchase hand-woven palm crosses** which can be hung in your home. The money you donate will help our Religious Education ministry provide the best for our students.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our final Stations of the Cross prayer service will take place this Monday at 5:30p.m inside the Church. Afterwards, we will gather in the hall for our final Lenten soup supper.

PLEASE DONATE CALLA LILIES AND EASTER LILIES

In order to decorate our altar for Holy Thursday, we once again need your generous donations of **calla lilies and leaves brought to the Rectory office by April 8th**. We are also in need of Easter lilies. Please bring them to the Rectory before Good Friday. Thank you for your help

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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