

P A L M S U N D A Y

## CONFESSION

*We encourage everyone to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Week. Confessions will not be heard on Good Friday & Holy Saturday.*

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 pm  
All Fridays of Lent 6:00 to 7:00 pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays of Lent 7:00 pm

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm  
Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 am,  
9:30 am (bi-lingual), 11:30 am  
and 5:00 pm

## HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm  
followed by Reposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament until 12pm on Good Friday

## GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

Service of the Passion at 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

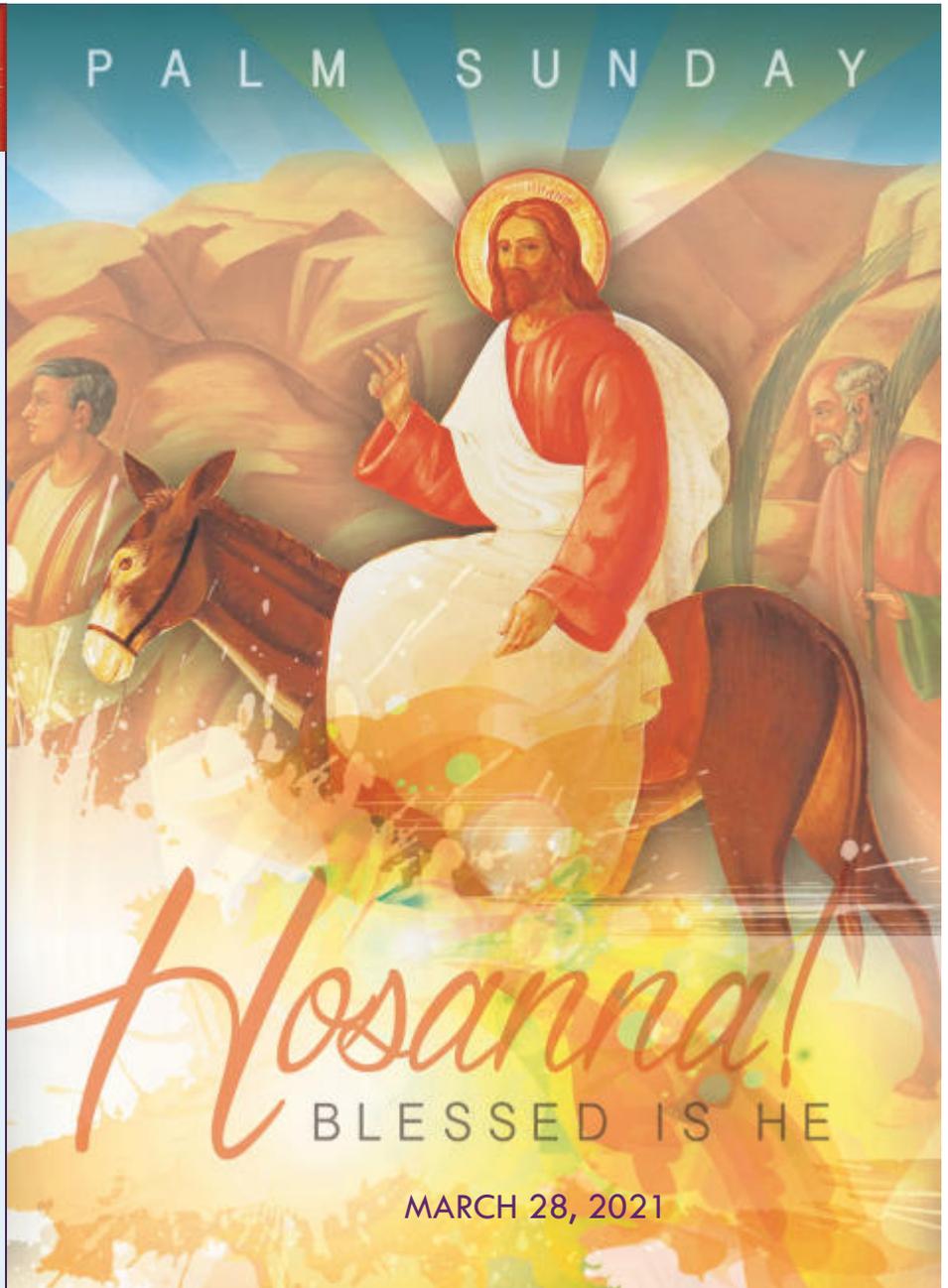
## HOLY SATURDAY, April 3

Easter Vigil / Mass of the  
Resurrection at 8:00 pm

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### April 4

Mass at 7:30 am, 9:30 am (bi-lingual),  
11:30 am and 5:00 pm



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE WEEK

†Anthony 'TJ' Luna r/b Allen Riley

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 pm Christina Wille r/b Philip Coniglio

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30am Gerald, Irene, Baby Jerry & Jerry, Jr. LoProto  
r/b James LoProto

9:30am Carmelo Vartalone r/b Maria Maggiore & son

11:30am Anthony Treopaldo r/b Antonia & Arcellie

5:00pm Danny & John Sassano r/b family

### MONDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

7:00am For the parishioners

12:00pm Mario Sadsad r/b Grace

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

7:00am For the souls enrolled in St. Michael's Pious Union

12:00pm Anthony 'TJ' Luna r/b Allen Riley

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

7:00am Mary Grenci & Josephine Uszynski r/b Bob, Madline  
and Christopher Seppentino

12:00pm Betty Dabal r/b Rosemary Smith

7:00pm †Salvatore Maggiore r/b Mom and Brothers

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>; Thursday of Holy Week

7:00pm Holy Thursday

Pinckney, Baldino & Perri families r/b Pinckney family

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>; Friday of the Passion of the Lord

3:00pm Service of the Passion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>; Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil;

Anthony, Mae & Sebastian Amato, Angela & Manuel Garcia  
and Rosina, Salvatore & Frank Avitable r/b Amato family

Dr. Jessie Serreras r/b wife & children

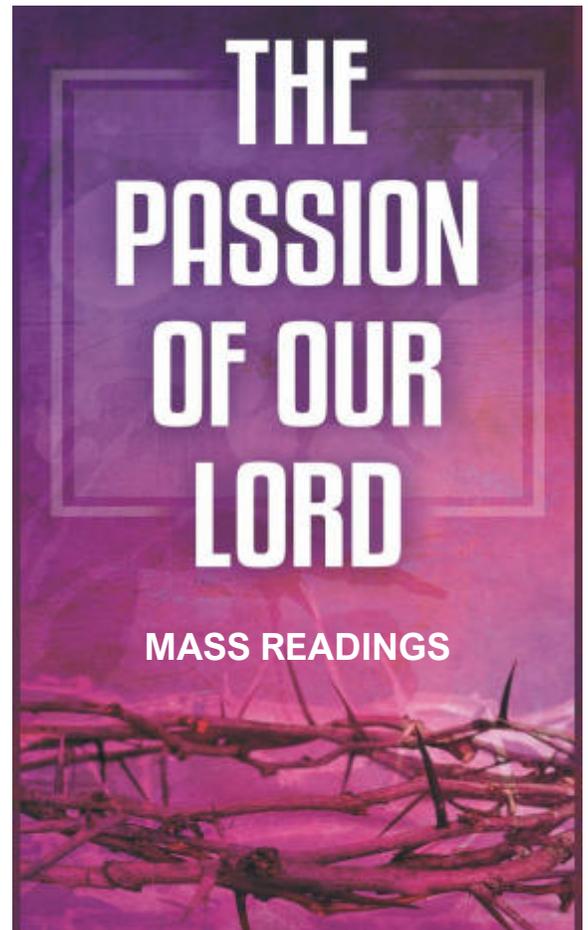
### SUNDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30am Salvatore LoPinto r/b Carole & Joe D'Amico

9:30am †Raldy L. Goco r/b Crizette Castillo

11:30am Anita Russo, Lucille Orlando, Sarah & Charles Pacella  
r/b Sandy

5:00pm Francesca Sergi r/b Joe Russo



### PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS Jn 12:12-16

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: *Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.* His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.

### READING I Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**READING II** Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL** Mk 15:1-39

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had

Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull — They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*[Here all kneel and pause for a short time.]*

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"



## 5:00 PM: Saturday & Sunday Mass

### ENTRANCE:

#### **HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID**

\*Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David

Hosanna Hosanna to the King of Kings (2x)

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord

O Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Lift up your heads O gates

Be lifted up ancient doors

So, King may enter in,

the King of Glory

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord is mighty and strong

The Lord of hosts the mighty one,

the King of Glory. Repeat Refrain

Who may go up on the mountain,

standing in His holy place

The clean of hand and pure of heart

those who have not lived in vain

They will receive from the Lord

blessings and justice from God

Such are those who seek the Lord

who seek the face of God.

### OFFERTORY: **WERE YOU THERE**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2x)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2x)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to

tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (2x)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

### COMMUNION: **ABOVE ALL**

Above all powers, above all kings

Above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man

You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones

Above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth

There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified, laid behind a stone

You lived to die, rejected and alone

Like a rose, trampled on the ground

You took the fall and thought of me

Above all

### RECESSIONAL: **WE REMEMBER**

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.

Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

Now we recreate your love, we

bring the bread and wine to share a meal.

Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

## 11:30 AM: Sunday Mass

ENTRANCE: [SAME]

### OFFERTORY: **SAY THE WORD**

In You my God I am purified

Your cross has set me free

For You have shown me how to love like You

By the love You have for me

\*O Lord I am not worthy

Of the gift before me

O Lord I am not worthy

To receive Your Body

But say the word

And my soul shall be healed

Once bread and wine now sacrifice

By grace has been transformed

Led to communion as one body

You are worthy to adore

O Lord I let go of all I am

So that You may dwell in me (repeat)

### RECESSIONAL: **GRATEFUL**

\*Grateful for the life you give us

Thankful for Your Holy Son

Joyful in your Spirit flowing

Overall O God of Love

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven

Thankful for Your Holy Word

Joyful in your mercy flowing we will

praise you.

You are more than we imagine

Ancient Holy Living Lord

Even when we doubt Your presence

You are faithful to Your word . \*

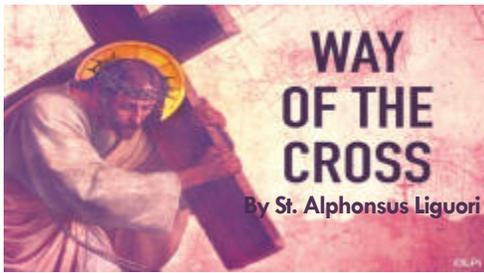
May our lives proclaim your justice

May our voices sing your praise

May our hands work in your service

to the Glory of Your word. \*

**REMINDER: AFTER MASS, BRING THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU. DO NOT RETURN & DO NOT LEAVE IN PEW.**



**OPENING PRAYER:** My Lord Jesus Christ, you have made this journey to die for me with infinite love. So many times I have sinned, but I repent sincerely because I love you. Pardon me, my God. I will love you all my life.

**I: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH**

**V.** We adore you, Christ, and we praise you. **R.** Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

**Meditation:** Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

**Prayer:** Jesus, it is because of my sins that You are going to die. Through the merits of Your sorrowful journey, help me in my journey to Heaven. I love You, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love You always and to do Your will.

**II: JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS CROSS.**

Jesus, in making this journey with the Cross on His shoulders, thought of us, and offered for us, to His Father, the death that He was about to undergo. Jesus, I embrace all the suffering that you send to me. Through the merits of your pain in carrying Your Cross, help me to carry my cross with patience and resignation. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**III: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME.**

Jesus fell for the first time under His Cross. He had been scourged and had a crown of thorns on His head, and the soldiers hit Him. He was in so much pain He could barely walk, but He had to carry the heavy Cross.

Jesus, the weight of my sins adds to your suffering and makes it infinitely worse. Through the merits of your first fall, deliver me from falling into mortal sin. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**IV: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER.** Jesus met His Mother Mary along His journey. They loved each other so deeply.

Jesus, through the sorrow and joy you had in meeting your Mother Mary, help me to be truly devoted to her. Mary, help me to remember in my heart the

suffering your Son underwent for me. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**V: SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS**

**CROSS.** When the Jews saw how weak Jesus was, they feared He might die on the way, before He was crucified, so they forced a man named Simon the Cyrenian to carry the Cross behind our Lord.

Jesus, I accept the cross you give to me, and I accept how you want me to die. I offer all my sufferings and troubles to you. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**VI: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS.**

A woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus suffering so much, and sweat and blood dripping down His face, gave Him a towel to wipe His face. By a miracle, He left an image of His face on the towel.

Jesus, your face was once clean and good to look upon, but blood and sweat disfigured it, and Veronica wiped Your face clean. My soul was once clean and beautiful when I was baptized, but sin disfigured it. Through your suffering, wipe my soul clean. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love You always and to do Your will.

**VII: JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME.**

Jesus fell the second time under the Cross. The fall renews all the pain in His body and makes His head throb.

Jesus, so many times you have forgiven me, and so many times I have sinned again. Through the merits of your second fall, help me and preserve me in your grace until I die. Help me to call on you every time I am tempted. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**VIII: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM.**

These women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus walking to His death. But Jesus said to them, "Weep not for me but for your children."

Jesus, I am sorry for all my sins, because of the pain and sadness they cause you, who loves me so much. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**IX: JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME.**

Jesus fell for the third time. He was so weak and the soldiers pushed Him to walk faster, but He could barely move.

Jesus, by my weakness in temptation,

you are going to Calvary. Give me strength to conquer temptation. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**X: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

The soldiers snatched Jesus' robe off Him. Jesus, help me to strip my soul of bad habits so I can give all my love to you, who are so worthy of all my love. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**XI: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.**

Jesus was thrown down onto the Cross. He stretched out His arms and offered His life to the Father for our salvation. The soldiers nailed Him to the Cross and pushed the Cross to stand up.

Jesus, keep my heart. Keep me always close to you. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love You always and to do Your will.

**XII: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.**

After suffering for three hours on the Cross, Jesus gave up His life to the Father and died.

Jesus, through my sins, I deserve to be punished, but your death is my hope. Through the merits of your death, give me the grace that when I die, I will die as you want me to. I entrust my soul into your hands. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**XIII: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.**

Two of Jesus' disciples took Jesus down from the Cross and Mary His Mother held Him close to her heart. Mary, sorrowful Mother, pray to your Son for me. Jesus, you have died because you love me. Help me to love you always. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**XIV: JESUS IS LAID IN HIS TOMB.**

The two disciples and Mary laid Jesus in a tomb. Jesus, You rose on the third day.

Through your Resurrection, make me rise glorious on the last day, to be always with you in Heaven, praising and loving you. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Jesus, I kneel before you and ask you: fill my heart with faith, hope, & charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment.

**CLOSING MEDITATION:** God has loved us from all eternity. Before we existed, before He created us, before He created the world, He loved each of us already. From all eternity, God loves us.

**RECENT HAPPENINGS:**

March 11 to 19: Patronal Feast of St. Joseph

- Novena with Mass celebrated by guest priests
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- In His Space: A Praise & Worship led by Sr. Marilyn Minter and Sr. Maria Magdalena



Day 1: MSGR. PAUL BOCHICCHIO  
"God called Joseph to be the foster father of His Son and to use his humble gifts to serve God."



Day 2: FR. MANOLO PUNZALAN  
"The silence of St. Joseph was loudly heard by looking at the life of his son, Jesus, which reflects every single characteristic that Joseph borne him to be."



Day 3: FR. GIO BELANICH  
"Joseph was faithful to God and even answered the call... and received the calling to be Holy."



Day 4: FR. DENNIS BERRY, ST  
"The Holy Family lived in the time of great violence. Joseph's vocation is to deal with that darkness... As we face the darkness of our lives, we ask the Holy Spirit to show us the way as He did with Joseph."



Day 5: FR. NONY VILLALUZ, CRM  
"St. Joseph put that complete trust in God by the dream itself and he follows without questioning."



Day 6: FR. STEPHEN PRISK  
"Joseph is a constant abiding presence in Jesus' life."



Day 7: FR. PAUL HOULIS  
"Joseph prepared the son of Man to be the best son of God...we must not forget that everything Joseph did was also a participation in the work of salvation."



Day 8: MSGR. WILLIAM REILLY  
"Joseph was the patron of a happy death and we ask that he intercede for us as we pray for one another."



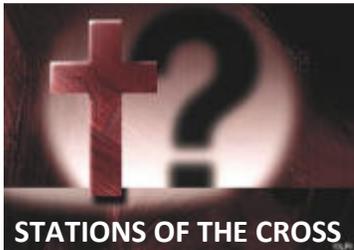
Day 9: MOST REV. MICHEL SAPORITO  
"All of Joseph was available to God. He was incredibly loyal and faithful to the promptings of the Lord to his life. That makes him just and righteous."

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Whatever you do, you should do ALL for the glory of God

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Question:** *Who intended the Stations of the Cross?*

**Answer:** The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via

Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us. ©LPI

### LECTOR SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, March 27, 5:00 PM:** Villegas & Aranez;  
**Sunday, March 28, 7:30 am:** Maniago & Vintaloro,  
 9:00am: Riccobono & Pitocco, 11:30am: Ruby &  
 Pedone, 5:00 pm: DeGuzman & Marcelo

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