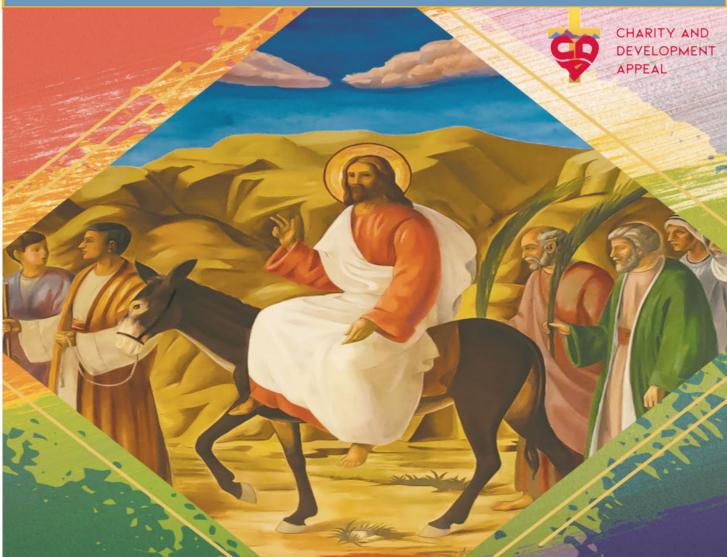
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 2nd, 2023



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass." - Mt 21:5

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 8AM, 12:Noon

Saturday: 8AM; Vigils: 4PM, 6PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

*There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass..

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 1PM-3PM

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Mass Readings

Ministries and Groups:

<u>St. Vincent de Paul Society</u> 1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room 3rd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

<u>(Will not meet from February 15th - April 12th)</u> Every Wednesday at 10AM, Dcn. Tone Room Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Parish Office, 623-972-2129

<u>Women's Seton Society</u> Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net

Healing Ministry

(Will not meet from February 15th -April 12th)

Every Wednesday following 8:00AM Daily Mass in the Library, Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions 1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562

<u>Solo Group</u> 1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club John Battoe, 623-977-7073

<u>Evening Prayer Group</u> Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Parish Office, 623-972-2129

Chalice Apostolate Ministry Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051

Mass Intentions

Living ♥ | Deceased †

Fr. Bill Fr. John

Fr. Kilian

Fr. Tom Fr. John

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Sunday, April 2nd

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<u>Wednesday, April 5th</u>	
8 AM Fr. James Turner †	
Noon Antonio Jr. & Sotera Sabarter †	
Thursday, April 6th	
7PM Mass of the Lords Supper	
Friday, April 7th	
Noon Stations of the Cross	
3 PM The Passion	
Saturday, April 8th	
7:30 PM Parishioners	
Sunday, April 9th	
7 AM Parishioners ♥	
9 AM Gina Marie DiGiovine ♥	
11 AM Rose & Anthony Infantino	

Readings for the Week

Sunday April 2nd	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23- 24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday April 3rd	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday April 4th	ls 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday April 5th	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
April 6th	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday April 7th	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday April 8th	Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1- 2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5 -6, 17-18 (1b)/ls 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
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Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Co April 9th 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Votive Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle:

Dolores Pietrzak

Requested by: Husband Ron

Tabernacle Candle:

Ed Uselmann

Requested by: Nancy Uselmann

Saint Joseph Candle:

Mark Simons

Requested by: Simons Family

To kindly and generously request a

Mass Intention or Votive Candle,

please contact Sylvia at the

Parish Office 623-972-2129.



Stewardship

Your Financial Stewardship March 26th, 2023 Plate: \$16,349.00 Online: \$5,002.75 Weekly Goal: <u>\$18,780.75</u>





Pastor's Letter:

April 2, 2023 **Palm Sunday of** The Passion of The Lord

"Hosanna, Hosanna!" St. Matthew's Passion

We remember once again the great drama of Holy Week on this final weekend of Lent.

public and rapidly-changing political situation. Faith, the Hope of Heaven and the Love of Back then, the drama surrounded the young God that will save us: Jesus' Passion, Death Rabbi who held power to heal-and, with the and Rising is our only Hope. miraculous story of Lazarus, to raise the dead!

Jesus enters Jerusalem and is hailed and feted as a King and Savior on Palm Sunday. He teaches at the Temple area and then boldly cleanses the Temple, causing outrage among the authorities during the great Pilgrimage Festival of The Passover. He celebrates the Passover, the Last Supper, and then endures His Agony. He is in turn betrayed, arrested, abandoned, mocked, beaten and although Friday: totally innocent, tried before Pontius Pilate.

Jesus is denied three times by Peter; then he is Saturday: imprisoned, tried again, brutally scourged, judged again, condemned to death and finally crucified as "the King of the Jews'.

Steve Ray explains how "St. Matthew's Sunday: Gospel presents Jesus to his people as This week, live the Passion as Messiah and King with a Royal Line if your very life depends on it. ham the patriarch of Israel. In fact, the phrases The cry of "Hosanna" means that, but in a Kingdom of God / Heaven are used almost joyful and hopeful way: "Save Me, Lord!" forty times by St. Matthew"

(Understanding St. Matthew and his Gospel).

Welcome Back, Sister! Live It! Walk With Jesus' The King **In His Passion This Week**



This Palm Sunday and all of Holy Week, it is crucial that we pray with a great hope, that we read and study the Scriptures as we are hearing them fresh and for the very first time.

Spend as much time in prayer as you can this week. Read your Bible and closely study the Scriptures: God will speak to you. God is The Passion of Our Lord was a very complex, crying out to us to get back to the Way of

Holy Week Schedule

Monday-Wednesday:

Masses at 8AM, Noon 4PM, Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 7PM, Tenebrae Service

- <u>Thursday</u>: 7PM, Mass of The Lord's Supper 8-10PM Adoration
 - 12 Noon: Stations of the Cross **3PM, THE PASSION**
 - **12 Noon Blessing of Baskets**
 - **1-3PM** Confessions
 - 7:30PM THE EASTER VIGIL

7, 9 & 11AM Easter Masses

Fr. Kilian and All of Our Staff



Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 marks the last days of Lent & the beginning of Holy Week. In today's reading from St. Paul, he emphasizes Jesus's humanity and humility. "Rather he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...he

humbled himself becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross".

As described in the Gospel Passion Reading, Jesus suffered and died as the **ultimate sacrifice** for our salvation.

During this Lenten season, He called us to come closer to Him through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

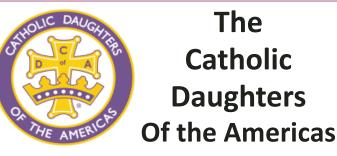
We continue to give **profound thanks** to all who responded to our requests for financial support and supplies for our pantry during these past weeks. In these challenging times, with inflation and skyrocketing rents, you have given us the necessary resources to help those suffering in our community and to share the Lord's peace and love with them.

We do have a neighbor with severe respiratory problems who needs an **Inogen** portable concentrator.

If you have one that is no longer used and you would love to donate it, if you please call (623) 583-7303.

The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness... Remember this: God, in judging us, loves us. If I embrace his love, then I am saved, if I refuse it, I am condemned, not by him, but my own self, because God never condemns. He only loves and saves. -

Pope Francis (on Holy Week)



The Catholic Ladies of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Clement of Rome and St. Joachim and Anne Parishes host our monthly meeting in the **Parish Hall from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.** We meet **every 4th Tuesday of the month.** For more information please contact: **Bernadette Labat (602) 565-6429**

April 1 (Evening Vigils) & 2 is Palm Sunday Special Holy Week Schedule 2023 Tenebrae Service:

Wednesday, April 5th At 7:00 PM Tenebrae is Latin for *Shadows*.

The purpose of the **Tenebrae Service** is to powerfully and prayerfully recreate with

Sacred Music and Scripture the emotional aspects of the Passion Story as we begin the Sacred Triduum.

The Triduum: A Friendly Reminder

No daily Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Our Triduum Schedule is as follows:

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM Followed by adoration until 10:00 PM

NB: Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting is for those who are aged from 18 to 59 years old.
So, everyone aged from 18 to 59 should abstain from eating meat on Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross: 12 PM (Noon) The Passion: 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8th Traditional *St. Joseph Blessing of the Food Baskets*: 12 PM (Noon)

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM (Sunset)

Easter Sunday, April 9th 7:00. 9:00 & 11:00 AM in the Church; Livestream Masses 9 & 11AM in the Hall



(RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation.

We meet in the **Guadalupe Room** by the parish office from **9am to 10:30am on Sunday's**.

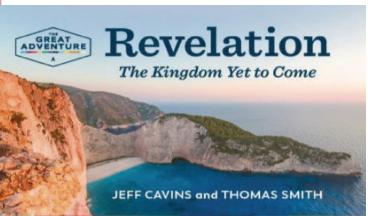
We are excited to have 12 individuals who desire to be received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist:

Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith & Israel Valadez.

Please continue to show your support by praying for each of these individuals. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please choose a name and commit to praying for them weekly. You can also send notes to these individuals by dropping your notes off at the parish office and we will get them to these amazing Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, the Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at:

jarner@sescc.org for an appointment.



New Faith Formation Program

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Relatively few people have studied the book, especially from the sacramental, eucharistic Catholic perspective.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the Kingdom established by Christ in the Church is connected with the Kingdom of Heaven.

St. Elizabeth Seton will proudly begin an eleven-week Bible study

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

on **Tuesday, February 7 from 9 am to 11 am**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register contact **Dcn. Jeffrey Arner at 623-866-5221** or email: jarner@sescc.org.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talkedabout books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

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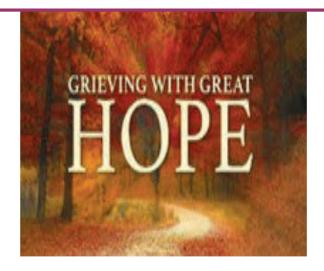
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Grieving with **Great HOPE is a SIX-WEEK grief support workshop** using a video-on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include, two priests, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Contact Dcn. Jeff Arner for registration information. <u>We will</u> <u>begin this 6-week course on each Wednesday</u> <u>beginning on April 26 through May 31 from 2</u> <u>to 4 pm in the Guadalupe meeting room.</u>

Order of Christian Initiation of Adult's (O.C.I.C)

We are going to be welcoming into our Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 8th:** Long (Jimmy) Nguyen, Kyle Barrett, Philip Boynton, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, James Smith, Israel Valadez, Julian Rosales Lopez, Daizy Sanchez, David Sanchez, and Joseph Zamora Torres. Please continue to keep each of these candidates and catechumen's in your prayers as they approach this wonderful celebration.

On Saturday, **April 1st at the 8am** mass the Catechumen's will be presented with the "Lord's Prayer". It is a beautiful rite with it's own readings for that mass. Please come and witness this rite.





Special Pastor's Message: Moving On In July

As I mentioned at all Masses last weekend, our new Bishop John Dolan, has recently asked me to become the new Pastor of **Blessed Sacrament Parish** in Scottsdale, beginning on July 1st, 2023.

This was certainly a surprise development and it came out of the blue.

Bishop Dolan has also named Fr. David Kulandaisamy (pictured on the right)

as **Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish**, also beginning on July 1st, 2023. Fr. David is a great priest and he is currently the Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. Gabriel Parish in Cave Creek.

Fr. John Slobig worked with Fr. David at St. Gabriel's for two years and has a very high regard for him. I will have much more information on Fr. David soon.

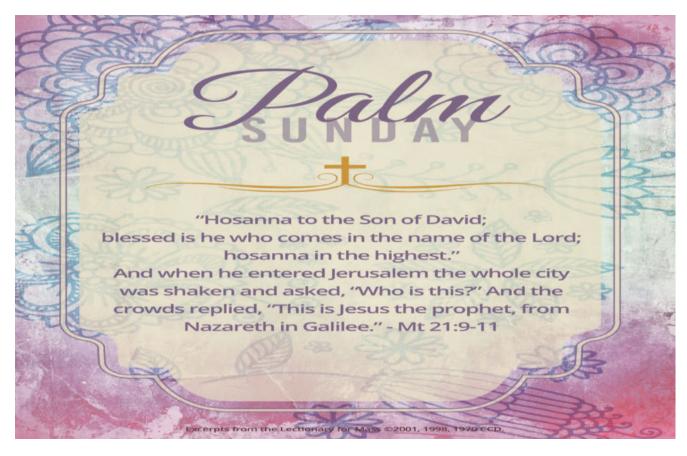


Blessed Sacrament Parish is my home parish.

I moved to Phoenix almost 25 years ago and looked up the closest parish to where I lived.

I walked into Blessed Sacrament Church on Mothers' Day, May 10th of 1998 and I was made feel welcome immediately. It became my spiritual home and also the parish is where I truly discovered my vocation to the priesthood; it was where I first spoke with the-then Pastor, Fr. Patrick Robinson, and then applied to the Diocese of Phoenix Vocations Office with the view to becoming a seminarian; and it is also where I celebrated my First Mass on June **3rd**, 2007 nearly 16 years ago. What a day that was!

It truly has been a wonderful six years serving you as your Pastor as St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and I am sad to be moving on, but I am not moving too far away. God Bless You All.





<u>Tickets will</u> <u>be available</u> <u>to purchase</u> <u>at Parish</u> <u>Front Office</u>



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