



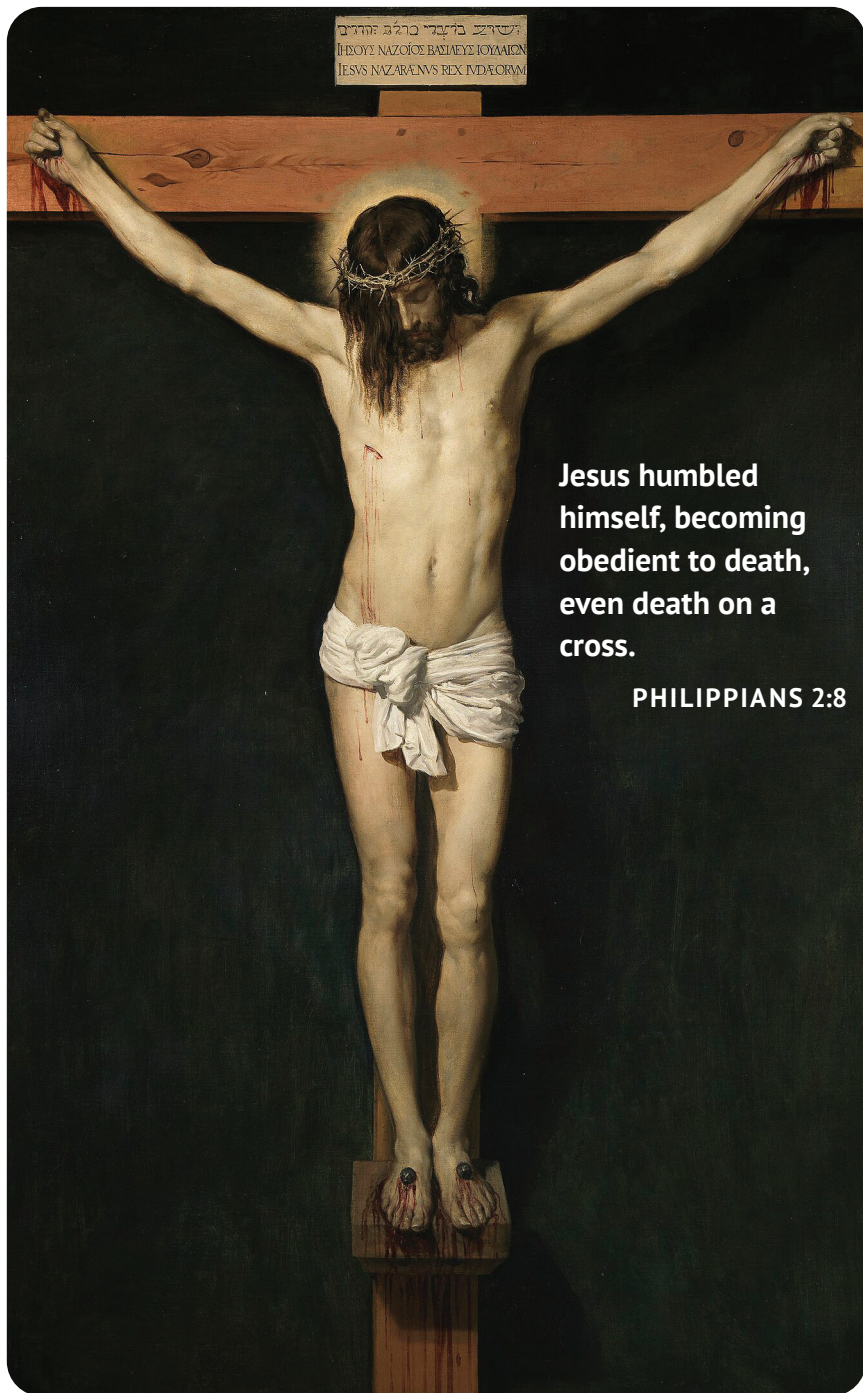
The Hungers with Which We Live

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Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live the life of my dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?

Monday March 18	Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20	Thursday March 21	Friday March 22	Saturday March 23	Sunday March 24
NO MASS	MASS 12:15 P.M. Chapel	MASS 12:15 P.M. Parish Hall	NO MASS	MASS 12:15 P.M. OLM	MASS 5:30 P.M. Church	MASS 9:30 A.M. Church

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 Regina Collins
 Jacob Collins
 Lorraine Doderer
 Bob Felty
 Dr. Mark Caruso
 Garland Arnett
 Steve Faust
 June Lane
 John & Charles Ratliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS: Wedding date & arrangements must be made six (6) months ahead of proposed wedding date with the Pastor.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor to schedule an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register with the pastor.

STEWARDSHIP

Amount needed each weekend \$ 2612.60
 Collection March 10, 2024 \$ 2155.00
 Special Collections (CRS) \$ 162.00
 Online Giving – YTD \$ 27.02
 OLM Roof - YTD \$ 2700.00
 FYTD deficit \$ (37694.10)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 9, 2024	Sunday, March 10, 2024
Sacristan: John Gannon	Sacristan: Vickie Wright
Greeter: Bernie Merlo	Greeter: Volunteer
Servers: n/a	Servers: n/a
Lector: Tina Starkey	Lector: Margo Riggs
EM's: Volunteer	EM's: Angela Doderer & Volunteer

P.S. If anyone has passed on from our prayer list, please let us know.

5th Sunday of Lent

This is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being “lifted up” to describe his crucifixion. Earlier, Jesus compared Moses lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being “lifted up.” Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that ”I AM.”

Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus's crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exultation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.

This is the paradox of the Cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified and brought glory to his Father's name. It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce much fruit.

Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.

Reflection from *The Word Among Us*

HYMNS FOR MASSES (MARCH 16-17)

What Wondrous Love Is This #485

Only This I Want #505

We Walk By Faith #515

Christ, Be Our Light #599

LENT

During Lent, we prepare ourselves in a special way for Easter, which this year is March 31. On the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent we celebrate the Scrutinies at Sunday Mass praying especially for Rigel Preston and Joshua Reed as they make final preparations to join our Church. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the start of the Church's holiest liturgical week of the year.

SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLED

We had a new digital Sound System installed by Newtech Systems in Church this past week. Dewey and Lance were very professional, answered our questions, and provided an excellent sound system, for which we are grateful.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday – March 23-24 regular Saturday & Sunday Mass times.

Chrism Mass at Cathedral – Tuesday, March 26- 10:30 a.m.

Ecumenical Service – Wednesday, March 27- noon at 1st Methodist

Holy Thursday – Thursday, March 28- 5:30p.m.

Good Friday – Friday, March 29- 5:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 30- 9 p.m.

Easter – Sunday, March 31- 9:30 a.m. (Easter egg hunt, reception after Mass)

RCIA

RCIA next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will be Wednesday March 20 after the 12:15 Mass in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 9 a.m. before the 9:30 Mass. Please join us!

HOLY WEEK ECUMENICAL SERVICE – MARCH 27

St Michael's will lead the Ecumenical Service on Wednesday, March 27 at the First Methodist Church from noon to 1 p.m. Our Ladies Guild will be hosting the food and are asked to be there around 11 a.m. to prepare the food. There are sign up sheets in the

Gathering Area; we encourage you to sign up to help provide needed food. Many of our OLM students will be attending.

TEST STM WEBSITE – ONLINE GIVING

We invite you to use Fr Michael's test website. It has all the bulletins since last July, the latest Liturgical Ministers schedule, and a Donate tab for those who wish to donate electronically to our Offertory, OLM Roof Replacement Fund, Tuition Assistance for Students, or Outreach to the Poor.

Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.frmichaelflanagan.org>

You can also donate using the QR Code below. The default way to give is to our Church Offertory, but you can select the other options listed above from the drop-down menu. Use your smart phone camera to access Online Giving. Here is the QR code:



Copies of the QR Code are available in the Gathering Area in Church.

We welcome any feedback/suggestions.

DAY OF PRAYER – EVERY THURSDAY

Fr. Michael invites all parishioners to pray every Thursday that God would send us more people to join our parish, celebrate Mass with us, and evangelize others.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



MARCO TOMICIC/SHUTTERSTOCK

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself... he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME,
MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Christ Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
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

SUNDAY

March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7

