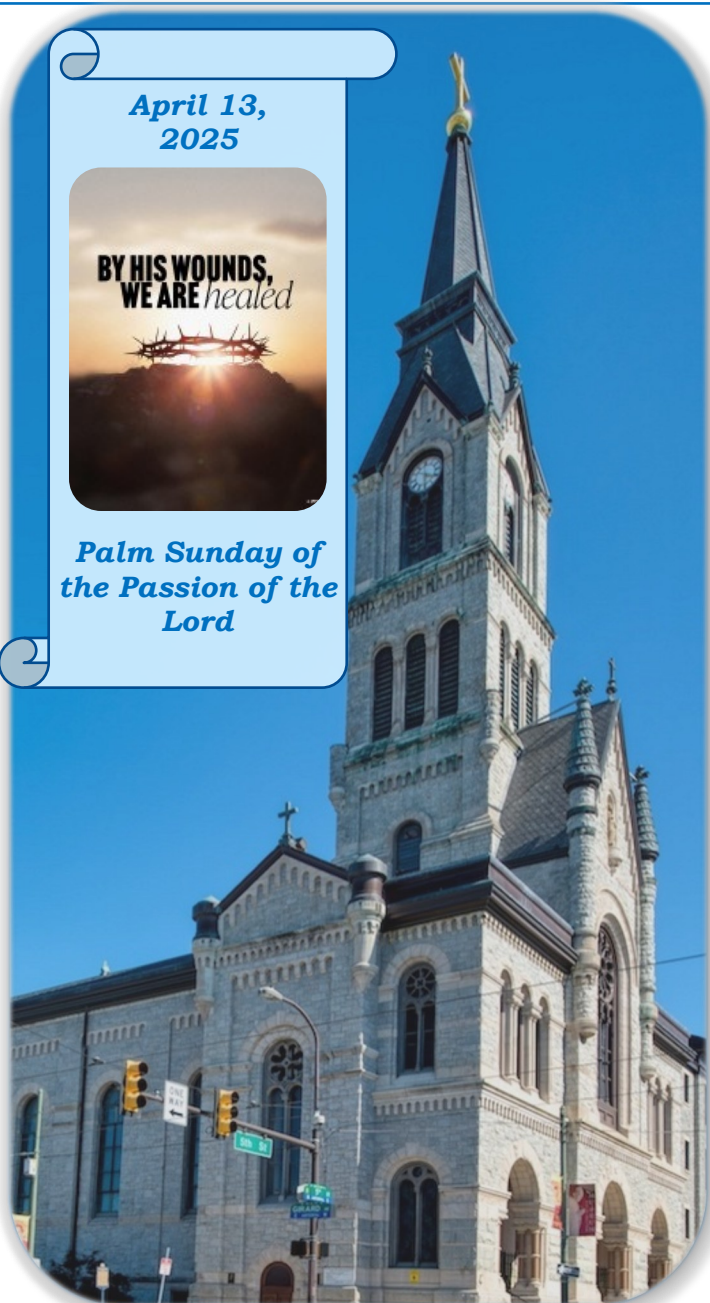


**April 13,
2025**



***Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the
Lord***



St. Peter the Apostle National Shrine of St. John Neumann

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 pm
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
O.L.P.H. Novena: 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat: 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Monday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

5:30 PM † J. Todd Miller - rb: Karl Buchert

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM The Kernan Family - rb: Family

11:00 AM Parish Family and Daniel & Gilda Rodriguez –
rb: Eneida & Pedro Graulau

12:30 PM † Jerry Fedorowycz - rb: Christine Bottomer

MONDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Father Joseph Dionne – rb: Carol Burgos

5:30 PM Darek Ryczkowski - rb: Teresa Szymula

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Chris Slattery – rb: Bob McDonald

5:30 PM † Giuse Vu Quy The - rb: Mrs. Tran Dinh

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

5:30 PM Dominic Ryczkowski - rb: Teresa Szymula

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - Holy Thursday

** Please refer to our Holy Week Schedule for
Holy Thursday services **

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - Good Friday

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Good Friday services **

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 PM John Fairey - rb: Kimberly Piedra

REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Estela Bugg., Tanya Rapone, and Jane Kernan. Please call the rectory office to add a name.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This day could be thought of as a day of contradiction. The Mass begins with the reading of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His joyous reception by the crowds who strewed palm branches before Him, crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Today, this inspiring scene is commemorated by processions of the faithful carrying palm branches into their churches. The contradiction, however, is experienced as the full narrative of the Passion of Christ is read, culminating with Jesus' death on the Cross.

But is it a contradiction? Is His glorious entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week in any way opposed to His crucifixion? Certainly not. From a worldly perspective, for someone who lacks the ability to penetrate this mystery with the eyes of faith, the week ends in tragedy. But from the perspective of the Eternal Father, the welcome Jesus receives as He enters Jerusalem is the welcome given to the Savior of the World. His Cross would become the culmination of that act of salvation. For that reason, His entrance into that holy city was rightly celebrated with great joy, even though the people did not yet understand that the throne their new King would mount was the Cross.

As early as the fourth century, the diary of one traveler to Jerusalem records how the faithful reenacted Jesus' triumphal entry:

And as the eleventh hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, where the children, carrying branches and palms, met the Lord, saying: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, and the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives, and

thus the bishop is escorted in the same manner as the Lord was of old (*The Pilgrimage of Etherea*).

Though very few Christians are able to celebrate Passion Sunday in Jerusalem, walking from the Mount of Olives to the city gate, we are all invited to do so spiritually, meditatively, and interiorly. Our participation is not just the recalling of a historic event; it's a real participation in that event. Our hearts must begin outside of Jerusalem's gate today, and we must courageously and joyfully accompany our Lord into that holy city. During that first Holy Week, the people's joy arose from their belief that Jesus would be an earthly ruler Who would free them from Roman oppression. Today, we are privileged to express our joyous acclamations as we spiritually accompany our Lord to the city of His crucifixion, because we know that Jesus' Kingship is so much more than an earthly triumph. His triumph is an eternal one that invites us to share in His Eternity. His triumph is a sacrificial one that invites us to share in His Sacrificial Love. His triumph is a glorious one that invites us to share in the Glory of His Resurrection.

Walk with our Lord today into that holy city of Jerusalem. As you do, know that the earthly city of Jerusalem is also now a spiritual one. The events that took place there two millennia ago transcend and permeate all time. As a result, the events of Holy Week today are just as significant as they were long ago. Through the Mass, we are there. We walk with our Lord, witness all He accomplished, receive His Body and Blood sacrificed on the Cross and memorialized in the Eucharist, and are resurrected with Him on the third day. Commit yourself to this journey today, an eternal pilgrimage with our Lord to the Eternal City of Heaven.

(mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion)

Blessings,
Fr Mike



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Way of the Cross for peace. Please come and pray with us.



WEEKEND COLLECTION - 4/06/2025

Masses	\$4,428.22
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$440.00
Electronic Giving -	\$2,248.00

Total.....	\$7,116.22
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$1,238.22

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen
Jose D. Miranda - rb: Jose A. Miranda

OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)

Little Family - rb: Nora Little
 † Carmen Miranda - rb: Jose A. Miranda

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen
 † Lorraine Hyon - rb: Jose A. Miranda

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

Departed souls of Villanueva and Creachen Families
 - rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

Redemptorist Chapel

† Lorraine Kingsbury Miner

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH

EASTER
• EGG HUNT •

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 9:30 AM AND 11 AM MASS

CHILDREN WILL PROCESS TO THE RECTORY LAWN
FROM THE UPPER CHURCH FRONT ENTRANCE
1019 N. 5TH STREET

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM Familia Parroquial & Daniel & Gilda
Rodriguez – sp: Eneida & Pedro Graulau

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)

Familia Nguyen

- sp: *Le Nguyen*

Jose D. Miranda

- sp: *Jose A. Miranda*

Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)

Familia Little

- sp: *Nora Little*

† *Carmen Miranda*

- sp: *Jose A. Miranda*

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen

- sp: *Le Nguyen*

† *Lorraine Hyon*

- sp: *Jose A. Miranda*

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Almas difuntas de las familias Villanueva y Creachen

- sp: *Patricia y Raymond Villanueva*

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Lorraine Kingsbury Miner

RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinallee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Estela Bugg, Tanya Rapone, Y Jane Kernan. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Este día podría considerarse un día de contradicciones. La misa comienza con la lectura de la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén y su gozosa recepción por parte de la multitud, que extendió palmas ante él, gritando: «¡Hosanna al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en las alturas!». Hoy, esta inspiradora escena se conmemora con procesiones de fieles que llevan palmas a sus iglesias. Sin embargo, la contradicción se experimenta al leer la narración completa de la Pasión de Cristo, que culmina con la muerte de Jesús en la cruz.

Pero ¿es una contradicción? ¿Se opone de algún modo su gloriosa entrada en Jerusalén a principios de semana a su crucifixión? Desde luego que no. Desde una perspectiva mundana, para quien carece de la capacidad de penetrar este misterio con los ojos de la fe, la semana termina en tragedia. Pero desde la perspectiva del Padre Eterno, la bienvenida que Jesús recibe al entrar en Jerusalén es la bienvenida que se le da al Salvador del mundo. Su cruz se convertiría en la culminación de ese acto de salvación. Por esa razón, su entrada en aquella santa ciudad se celebró con gran alegría, aunque el pueblo aún no comprendía que el trono que ocuparía su nuevo Rey era la Cruz.

Ya en el siglo IV, el diario de un viajero a Jerusalén registra cómo los fieles recrearon la entrada triunfal de Jesús:

Y al acercarse la hora undécima, se lee el pasaje del Evangelio donde los niños, portando ramos y palmas, salieron al encuentro del Señor diciendo: «Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor». El obispo se levanta inmediatamente, y todo el pueblo con él, y todos bajan a pie de la cima del Monte de los Olivos, procediendo todo el pueblo con himnos y antifonas, respondiéndose unos a otros: «Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor». Y todos los niños del vecindario, incluso aquellos demasiado pequeños para caminar, son llevados por sus padres sobre sus hombros, todos con ramas, algunas de palma y otras de olivo, y así el obispo es escoltado de la misma manera que el Señor lo fue en la antigüedad (La Peregrinación de Etearea).

Aunque muy pocos cristianos pueden celebrar el Domingo de Pasión en Jerusalén, caminando desde el Monte de los Olivos hasta la puerta de la ciudad, todos estamos invitados a hacerlo espiritualmente,

~ Noticias de la Parroquia ~

meditativamente e interiormente. Nuestra participación no es solo recordar un evento histórico; es una verdadera participación en ese evento. Nuestros corazones deben comenzar hoy fuera de la puerta de Jerusalén, y debemos acompañar con valentía y alegría a nuestro Señor a esa ciudad santa. Durante esa primera Semana Santa, la alegría del pueblo surgió de su creencia en que Jesús sería un gobernante terrenal que los liberaría de la opresión romana. Hoy tenemos el privilegio de expresar nuestras gozosas aclamaciones al acompañar espiritualmente a nuestro Señor a la ciudad de su crucifixión, porque sabemos que el reinado de Jesús es mucho más que un triunfo terrenal. Su triunfo es eterno y nos invita a compartir su eternidad. Su triunfo es sacrificial y nos invita a compartir su amor sacrificial. Su triunfo es glorioso y nos invita a compartir la gloria de su resurrección.

Acompañen hoy a nuestro Señor a la santa ciudad de Jerusalén. Al hacerlo, sepan que la ciudad terrenal de Jerusalén es ahora también espiritual. Los acontecimientos que tuvieron lugar allí hace dos milenios trascienden y permea todos los tiempos. Por ello, los acontecimientos de la Semana Santa de hoy son tan significativos como lo fueron hace mucho tiempo. A través de la Misa, estamos allí. Caminamos con nuestro Señor, presenciamos todo lo que Él logró, recibimos su Cuerpo y su Sangre sacrificados en la Cruz y conmemorados en la Eucaristía, y resucitamos con Él al tercer día. Comprométete hoy con este viaje, una peregrinación eterna con nuestro Señor a la Ciudad Eterna del Cielo.

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike



VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Considere encender una vela por sus intenciones, o en memoria de un ser querido. Estas velas se encuentran en el Altar del Santísimo Sacramento, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, el Altar de San Juan Neumann, el Altar Principal de la Iglesia de Arriba, y la Capilla de los Sacerdotes. Si usted está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.

Donación: \$20.00 por 2 semanas; \$10 por una semana.



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EL VIACRUCIS

Durante la Cuaresma, les invitamos a unirse a nosotros cada día a las 11:55 a.m. en el Santuario para rezar el Camino a la Cruz por la paz. Por favor vengan a rezar con nosotros



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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 at 2:30PM



EASTER BLESSINGS



PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR MUSEUM,
GIFT SHOP, RECTORY AND
SHRINE OFFICES
WILL CLOSE EARLY AT 1PM ON
4/18 GOOD FRIDAY

OUR MUSEUM, GIFT SHOP, RECTORY
AND SHRINE OFFICES WILL ALSO BE
CLOSED ON 4/20 EASTER SUNDAY
AND 4/21 EASTER MONDAY

NO CONFESSIONS
AND 9:30 AM MASS ONLY
IN THE SHRINE
ON EASTER MONDAY, 4/21

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE 2025

AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE
7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

Good Friday, April 18

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Confessions - SHRINE
1:00 pm El Via Crucis/ Siete Últimas Palabras (Spanish) - SHRINE
1:00 pm The Stations of the Cross/ Seven Last Words (English) - UPPER CHURCH
3:00 pm Passion Liturgy with Adoration of the Cross (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19

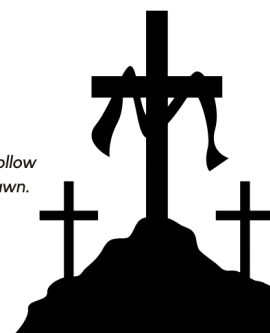
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Confessions - SHRINE
8:00 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:30 am Mass (English) - UPPER CHURCH
11:00 am Mass (Spanish) - UPPER CHURCH
12:30 pm Mass (English) - UPPER CHURCH

*The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow
the 9:30 am and 11:00 am masses on the rectory lawn.*

**Please note: No confessions or
7:30 am services on Easter Sunday**



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