



Wish you a Fruitful
HOLY WEEK & Happy EASTER

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. We pray your Holy Week and Easter celebrations are full of grace and joy! In

our deep gratitude for our loving God who gave His life for us and founded His Catholic Church, we are blessed to continue to labor in His vineyard, helping to invite more souls home to experience a renewed relationship with the crucified and risen Christ in His Church.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go

there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us.

My dear brothers and sisters, there are many of us who lacking passion and enthusiasm in the faith. We might go for church services, but our hearts are far from God. We do not have any real relationship with Him. Our practice of faith is reduced to fulfilling obligations. Many cannot feel the presence of God in their lives because of a secularist culture where God is absent. Many are overwhelmed with the current ideologies of relativism, materialism and individualism. But deep in their hearts, they feel empty even if they have all the coveted things in life. So it is the time to think about the real love of Christ who died for us.

I wish a fruitful Holy Week and Happy Easter to you all. May our Risen Lord bless you all.

May God Bless You All
Fr. Suni Padinjarekara

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:
Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.
Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:
First Off Weekend Friday of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

Adoration
Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.
Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass
St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass





Palm Sunday

Sunday Readings: April 2019 / St. George Koodarayogam

Easter Mass

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30AM

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:30AM

First Reading:

Gen 49: 8-12, 22-26



First Reading:

Is 60:1-7

Second Reading:

Rom 11: 13-24

Second Reading:

Rom 6:1-14

Holy Gospel:

Mt 21:1-17

Holy Gospel:

Mt 28: 1-6



BIBLE QUIZ # 15

1. Who retained part of his property purchase price at the feet of his apostles?

Answer box

2. "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because _____"

Answer box

3. Where did Jonah flee, away from God?

Answer box

4. Who broke the yoke bar off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah?

Answer box

5. "He is the messenger of the Lord of all hosts" who?

Answer box

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

6. How many days did Saul wait for Samuel?

Answer box

7. What does "Ramath-lehi" mean?

Answer box

8. In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through _____

Answer box

9. Who does the pagans sacrifice to?

Answer box

10. Why are we judged and disciplined by the Lord?

Answer box

Name of the contestant

Family Name

Phone #

Registration form box

Bible Quiz # 14 Correct Answers.

1. Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum
2. John the Baptist
3. Scribes and Pharisees
4. House of Israel
5. Jews, Greeks or church of God
6. Prophecy
7. The afflicted one, crushed in spirit, who trembles at my word
8. Religion with contentment
9. When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your father in secret
10. Preaching the gospel

Quiz # 14

Selected winner: Beenamol Maruthachickal

Winners

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April 13, Saturday St. George Koodarayogam at the residence of **Simon Ellankil** @ 5 pm
 St. Thomas Koodarayogam at the residence of **Chazhikatt Thampi** @ 7 pm

April 14, Sunday St. Michle's Koodarayogam at the residence of **Thankachan Kunnachery** @ 7 pm.

NO CCD CLASSES ON APRIL 14 & APRIL 21

CCD FEST ON APRIL 29 For the whole family
 Proceeds to build a house for a deserving family in Kerala

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 - PALM SUNDAY

April 18 Maundy Thursday

HOLY MASS @ 7 PM

APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY

5 PM WAY OF THE CROSS

7 PM LITURGICAL CEREMONY

APRIL 20 GREAT SATURDAY

9.30 am Holy Mass

7 pm Easter liturgical ceremony

APRIL 21 EASTER - 9. AM HOLY MASS

Confession Timings During Lent
Monday - Friday 6-7pm. Saturday 8:30-9:30 am



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Sunday collections	\$ 1706.00



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