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# Corpus Christi Catholic Church Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 29, 2026 Month of Saint Joseph

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“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year,

the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes, and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering.

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will.

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God.

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday. See the Triduum Mass schedule. No Mass on Tuesday this week.

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Sunday* 8:00 a.m. Doug Staudmeister

10:00 a.m Daniel Sciacca

*Monday* Ellen Joan Peixoto †

*Wednesday* Martin and Ethel Ganzfried † and Edith Terharr †

*Thursday* 6:00pm Priests of the Sacramento Diocese

*Friday* 12:00 Noon service

*Saturday* 7:30 p.m. Vigil All Parishioners

*Sunday* 8:00 a.m. Paige Staudmeister

10:00 a.m. Alan Baily

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Daily Mass April 6-10.

For Prayer and Mass requests, please call the Parish Office at **530-583-4409** or bring it by the parish office. (Customary offering for a Mass request is \$10.<sup>00</sup>)

**FIRST SATURDAY Mass** is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi.

### Weekend Lectors

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Dan Collin	Betsy Lieginger	Dalton Boutte
Anita Ormsby		

### ~ Finance Committee News ~



### Collection for March 21-22

Offertory	\$2834.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$501.00

**April 3** will be for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

### ~Religious Education ~



The Confirmation and First Communion classes are now in full swing. Please pray for them.



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### Easter Triduum Mass Schedule - Holy Thursday

The Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 6:00 p.m.,

**Good Friday** Friday of the Passion of the Lord 12 noon,

**Saturday Easter Vigil** 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday** 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., the blessing of Easter baskets after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



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**Easter Flower donation-** If you would like to make a monetary donation to help us decorate the church with flowers for Easter, please use the envelopes at the entrances to the Church and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your donation.

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**Activity of the Week** Take time to evaluate your Lenten observance and to plan for the celebration of the Triduum. Have family members reflect on what they need to let go of in order to fully rise with Christ.

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~Pray For The Sick~

Francine Fulton	Roman Gamblin	David Gonzalez	Susan Greene	Elizabeth Jimenez	Bill Madigan
Judy McMunigal	Mary Ellen Perkins	Skip Shank	Thaddeus Tellers	Lorretta Tripp	StacyWesler
Jerry Weidner					

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is offering a great weekend experience for couples and religious. Our next weekend is April 10-12, 2026, at Zephyr Point Conference Center in South Lake Tahoe. The weekend is presented by three couples and a priest. This is a time to Restore, Rekindle and Renew your relationship with your spouse. As we say, "not everyone needs a weekend, they DESERVE a weekend". To register, go to [sacramentowwme.org](http://sacramentowwme.org) or [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) if you would like more information. If you have any questions, please contact Janet and Terry Doane at 916-489-3464.



**PEAK Women's Care** – The philosophy of PEAK.... What can you do? "Facing an unplanned pregnancy can feel overwhelming, but you aren't alone. You have options. At Peak Women's Care, we're here to give you the support and clarity you need to make an informed decision. Whether you're looking for pregnancy, or you want to learn more about your free pregnancy testing or an ultrasound to confirm your options, our caring team is here." Corpus Christi Parish will be supporting PEAK Women's Care, again this year. Baby bottles will be available in both vestibules of the church. Please take a baby bottle home and place your donation in the bottle throughout Lent and return it by Easter in the baskets in both vestibules marked "Peak Baby Bottles".



Since there is a need for this program, a second center will be opening in Truckee in an office close to the hospital! Our donations help with the ongoing expenses of serving our communities. Your help is very appreciated. For more information, please go to their website <https://peakwomens.org/contact/>

**Questions of the Week Theme:** Holy Week — the mystery of our faith.

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways. <https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

**Sunday Readings and Backgrounds Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Reading I : Matthew 21:1-11 (Procession with palms) | Isaiah 50:4-7

This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth. (Procession with palms) | The Lord God is my help.

- The reading from Isaiah is part of the third Servant Song.
- The song communicates the servant's belief that, no matter how cruel or indifferent people are, God's justice will prevail.
- Suffering is never an end in itself.

Reading II : Philippians 2:6-11 Your attitude must be Christ's.

- Paul's letter to the Philippians was written while Paul was in prison in Rome.
- Despite being imprisoned, Paul expresses confidence and joy in the Lord.
- Paul stresses that our salvation is Jesus' kenosis, the Greek word for Jesus' "emptying" of himself from glory.

Gospel : Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The Passion Narrative is among the earliest traditions to be handed down in written form.
- In Matthew's passion account, all the events proceed according to God's will as revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Jesus, the servant and Son of God, has poured himself out to overcome humanity's separation from God.

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**The Journey Nears Its End** On any long journey it is only natural to tire as we progress; we often need, as we near our destination, a bit of a "boost" to help us make it through the last leg of the trip. The triumphant beginning of Passion Sunday serves that purpose. It energizes our Lenten pilgrimage so we have the stamina to walk the last few—and by far most difficult—days with Jesus in Jerusalem. As our blessed palms stir the air around us in triumph, we should ask ourselves how committed we truly are to taking these last steps with him. Perhaps we might choose a "traveling companion" with whom we can identify. Would it be Judas or disloyal Peter? Perhaps one of those who waved palm fronds with enthusiastic sincerity, but who later mocked Jesus when his fortunes seemed to turn? Maybe we would choose Simon, to help carry his cross; perhaps the brave, faithful women who went to Calvary, who waited with linen and myrrh to honor his dead body. Or we might identify with the pagan Roman centurion, who made his profession of faith at the foot of the cross.

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<https://www.scd.org/bishops-office/diocesan-weekly-news>



**Diocese of Sacramento Lenten Regulations** <https://www.scd.org/news/lenten-regulations-2026>