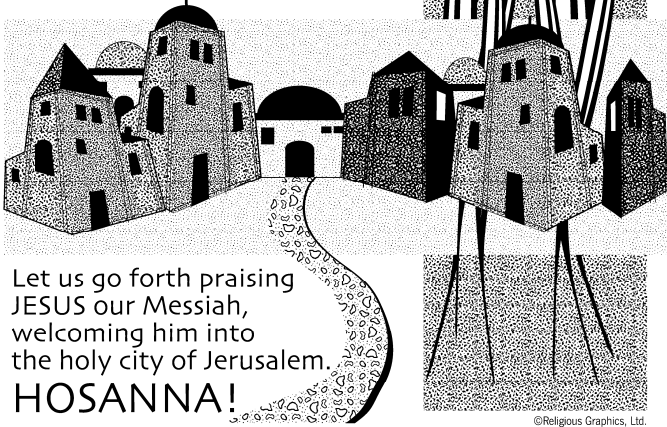


HOSANNA!
Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the **LORD**



Let us go forth praising
JESUS our Messiah,
welcoming him into
the holy city of Jerusalem.
HOSANNA!

**Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion**
March 28, 2010

The children of Jerusalem
welcomed the King!

A Great Day for Our People and Our Country

Friends,

This last Sunday was a red letter day, when our House of Representatives passed the Health Care Reform Bill. It was a nasty political fight, but I truly believe that the American people deserve a reform of our medical practices. One poll surveyed Californians and found that 25% lacked adequate health care and at the same time, we spend more on health issues than any other country in the world. ... I readily admit that there are some problems with this new reform, but these can be fixed as we go along. One very important factor for me is the moral issue. The wealthy, our legislators and most middle class people are covered with adequate health insurance. But one out of four Californians are in dire straits when we need medical coverage. That is a moral issue.

During these last few days before we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, let us keep in mind all of our sisters and brothers who are living in sub-standard conditions. The poor are suffering with Jesus during this holy season. We join them in their pain and pray for healing of body, mind and spirit.

I invite you to join us in church for these sacred days when we remember how much Jesus loved us, even to death, death on a cross.

Peace,
Fr. John

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column and all of Father John's previous columns are available on our parish Web site. Just go to www.SaintJohnTheBaptistChurch.org and click on the picture of the church.

Mass for the Intentions Week

March 27 – April 3, 2010

		Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 27	5 p.m.	Harvey Aldal †	Mary Aldal
Sunday, March 28	8 a.m.	Ruth Vietti – Birthday	Harold, Bob & Rick
	9:30 a.m.	Mike Mercer †	Mendoza & Caruso Families
	11 a.m.	Nnamdi Uche †	Uche Family
	12:30 p.m.	Moses Ricky Ruth †	Aurora Ruth & Family
	2 p.m.	St. John's Parishioners	Mandarin Mass Group
Monday, March 29	6 p.m.	St. John's Parishioners	Brazilian Community
	8 a.m.	Dioscoro Magno †	Jesus Magno
	7 p.m.	Louis & Sally Fernandez – Healing	Patricia Martinez
Tuesday, March 30	8 a.m.	St. John's Parishioners	St. John the Baptist Parish
	7 p.m.	St. John's Parishioners	St. John the Baptist Parish
Wednesday, March 31	8 a.m.	Paula Liu – Good Health	Grandma & Grandpa
	7 p.m.	Sean Robertson – Healing	Linda LeBlanc
Thursday, April 1	7:30 p.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
Saturday, April 3	9 p.m.	St. John's Parishioners	St. John the Baptist Parish



Michelle Acosta

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT (206)	\$6,852
Loose Donations	<u>1,905</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$8,757

Easter Flowers \$2,157

Next Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter

Please remember your parish in your will.

Message of Stewardship

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Maser has need of it," to give the animal gladly. O I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Altar of Repose

The Altar of Repose, in the Conference Room during the Easter Triduum, will be open for prayers until midnight on Holy Thursday, and then from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Let Us Pray for the Sick:

Josephine Abbissinio, Dorothy Alexander, Evelyn Baker, George Blair, Barbara Brendlinger, Elizabeth Brown, Jeffrey Chavez, Isabella Kristine Cruz, Deloris Davis, Lou Encalada, Louise Encalada, Narte Estrellas, Michael Fleming, Emilio Gallegos, Ann Gerletti, Teresa Grant, Domingos Gregorio, Joe Gressel, Betty Harrell, Frances Haynes, Steve Jeffre, Marsha Lightfoot, Maria Impang Lozada, Eric Lubrano, Fr. John Maxwell, Deanie McGowan, Evelyn & John Miché, Lolita Parafina, Stephen Pellingra, Evelyn Phillips, Dina Pieroni, Leola Richardson, Sr. Mary Soong, Amy Stymer and Marilyn Sutton.

Please call the rectory to add or remove names.



Proserpina Morosin

Sign Up for Foot-Washing

We are encouraging everyone to participate in the foot-washing ceremony that will be held during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1.



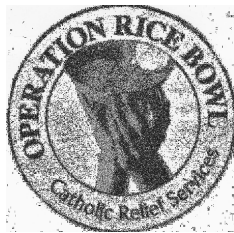
Foot Washing

This act symbolizes our service to one another. Please sign up on the sheets at the church exits.

We're Collecting Rice Bowls

Thank you for accumulating your Lenten donations to Operation Rice Bowl.

We are collecting your donations during Holy Week. Half your contributions will go to Catholic Relief Services, and other half to our Sister Parish in Haiti. Visit orb.crs.org for more info.



Mandarin Mass Change

Our monthly Mandarin Mass will now be celebrated at 2 p.m. (instead of 3 p.m.) in the church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

A potluck meal follows the Masses in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please contact Lulu Hsia at 708-7109.

Good Friday at Livermore Lab

"Why Are Haitians So Poor?" is the theme of this year's Good Friday service of worship and witness at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab.

A worship service at 7 a.m. on April 2 will be followed by a procession to the gate and acts of witness. A community gathering will follow.

For information, please call 655-1162 or 654-4983, or see www.epicala.org.

Beginning Experience

A weekend retreat for widowed, separated and divorced will be held April 16-18 at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. Call Cathy at (408) 263-3718 or see www.beginningexperience.org.

YLI Spring Salad Bar

Mother of Perpetual Help, Institute No 159, will hold its annual Spring Salad Bar Luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 8, at St. Jerome's Rohan Hall. This luncheon will benefit students of St. Jerome's and St. John's schools.

Tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations are necessary, as there will be assigned seating.

Call Annette Bishop at 526-9742, June Felker at 524-9872 or Eleanor Roure at 526-4174. There will be door and raffle prizes. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Paid reservations deadline is Monday, April 5.

Catholic Men's Conference

Join fellow Catholic men for the fifth annual Napa Valley Catholic Men's Conference.

We all know the challenges of being a Catholic man in the modern world – you need support from your brothers in faith.

The conference will be Saturday, April 17, at St. Apollinaris Church in Napa, featuring talks by some of today's top Catholic leaders.

Space is limited, so register early by going to www.ignatius.com/catholicmen or by calling (415) 387-2324 ext. 103.

Italian Federation Celebration

Richmond Branch 154 of the Italian Catholic Federation will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a 3 p.m. Mass, followed by a pasta and roast beef dinner on Saturday, April 10, at the Galileo Club, at 371 S. 23rd St.

For reservations, at \$20, call Walter Costa at (925) 370-3737. Cutoff date is April 5.

Please Park in School Lots

Please use the school parking lots on San Pablo Avenue and Kearney Street when attending services at St. John's.

The Bank of the West Plaza at the corner of Madison and San Pablo is reserved for the shopping center's customers and tenants.

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Join Us for Holy Week

Palm Sunday – March 28

Processions before 5 p.m. Saturday Mass, and 9:30, 11 and 12: 30 Sunday Masses.

Penance Service Monday, March 29

7 p.m. – Mass

7:30 p.m. – Penance Service

(Penance Services will also be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's and 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. David's.)

Holy Thursday – April 1

7:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 2

Noon – Sacred Music

12:15 p.m. – The Lord's Passion

3 p.m. – Brazilian Good Friday Service

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 3

9 p.m. Saturday

(Blessing of the Holy Fire and Pascal Candle, Prophecies: Light and Darkness, Baptisms and Confirmation, Mass of the Resurrection)

Easter Sunday – April 4

8 a.m. Mass – Cantor and Piano

9:30 a.m. Mass – Children's Choir

11 a.m. Mass – Adult Choir

12:30 p.m. Mass – International Choir

6 p.m. – Brazilian Mass & Reception

Rehearsals for Easter Triduum

Rehearsal sessions will be held in church for everyone who has a liturgical role in our Easter Triduum services:

Holy Thursday practice – 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28.

Good Friday practice – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28

Easter Vigil practice – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30.

If you will be a lector, minister of Holy Communion, intercessor, altar server or have another role in one of these services, you need to attend.

Lenten Services

8 a.m. Mass – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

8 a.m. Morning Prayers – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

7 p.m. Mass – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lenten Abstinence

As a penitential practice during Lent, all Catholics who are 14 years or older are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. Parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to abstain from meat are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

Lenten Fast

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 on Good Friday. One full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Youth Ministry Famine

St. John's Youth Ministry is participating in the 30-hour Famine, a "lock-in" fast on April 2-3 in the Community Center that will give members the opportunity to walk in the shoes of the hungry and homeless and deepen their own faith.

We strongly urge your support of our youth's efforts by sponsoring a youth member's fast and offering them your encouragement.

St. John's Seniors

St. John the Baptist Community Center
6500 Gladys St., corner of Lexington

Director: Jan Duckart 527-2850

Telephone 237-3808 on Tuesdays

Noon Tuesday, March 30:

Birthday celebration

Sing along with Ligia

April 2010

CC – Community Center

CC-2 – Community Center Upstairs

CH – Church

CR – Conference Room

DR – Dining Room

MR – Music Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Palm Sunday 9:30: Preschool-K CCD 10:45: Grades 1-8 CCD 12:30: Youth Ministry (CC-2) 2 pm: Mandarin Mass 3:30 pm: Holy Thursday rehearsal 4:30 pm: Good Friday rehearsal	29 7 pm: Mass 7:30: Penance Service	30 9 am: Seniors (CC) 7 pm: Mass 7:30: Easter Vigil practice	31 11:30: Women's Covenant (CC) 7 pm: Mass	1 Holy Thursday 8 am: Morning Prayer 7:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper	2 Good Friday 8 am: Morning Prayer Noon: Sacred music 12:15: Lord's Passion 3 pm: Brazilian Good Friday Youths: 30-hour Famine	3 Holy Saturday Youths: 30-hour Famine 8 am: Morning Prayer 9 pm: Easter Vigil
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