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Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

As next Thursday is Holy Thursday, let me give you some reflections on that venerable day. Have you ever noticed that in Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper everybody is on one side of the table? The other side is empty. "Why's that?" someone asked the great artist. His answer was simple. "So that there may be plenty of room for us to join them." -- Want to let Jesus do his thing on earth through you? Then pull up a chair and receive Him into your heart, especially in Holy Week.

We celebrate three anniversaries on Holy Thursday: 1) the anniversary of the first Holy Mass; 2) the anniversary of the institution of ministerial priesthood in order to perpetuate the Holy Mass, to convey God's forgiveness of repentant sinners, and to preach the Good News of salvation; 3) the anniversary of Jesus' promulgation of his new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34). First, we remember how Jesus transformed the Jewish Passover into the New Testament Passover. The Jewish Passover was, in fact, a joint celebration of two ancient thanksgiving celebrations. The descendants of Abel, who were shepherds, used to lead their sheep from the winter pastures to the summer pastures after the sacrificial offering of a lamb to God. They called this celebration the "Pass over." The descendants of Cain, who were farmers, held a harvest festival, called the *Massoth*, in which they offered unleavened bread to God as an act of thanksgiving. The Passover feast of the Israelites (Ex 12:26-37) harmoniously combined these two feasts in a ritual meal instituted by God, to be celebrated yearly, thanking Him for His miraculous liberation of their ancestors from Egyptian slavery, their Exodus from Egypt, and their final arrival in the Promised Land.

Reflections on Thursday's Scripture readings (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15): In the first reading, God gives the Hebrews two instructions: prepare for the moment of liberation by a **ritual meal** and make a **symbolic mark** on your homes to exempt yourselves from the coming slaughter. In the second reading, Paul teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper has been an **unbroken tradition** from the very beginning of the Church. The Holy Thursday liturgy enables Christians to remind themselves of the death and Resurrection of Jesus. The Gospel reading describes how Jesus **transformed** the Jewish Passover into the Eucharistic celebration. After washing the feet of his apostles and commanding them to do humble service for each other, Jesus concluded the Seder meal with its roasted Paschal lamb by giving his apostles his own body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine as spiritual food and drink.

Life Messages: 1) A challenge for humble service. Our celebration of the Eucharist requires that we wash one another's feet, *i.e.*, serve one another, and revere Christ's presence in other persons. In practical terms, that means we are to consider others' needs to be as important as (and sometimes, more than) our own, and to serve their needs, without expecting any reward. 2) A loving invitation for sacrificial sharing and self-giving love. Let us imitate the self-giving model of Jesus who shares with us his own Body and Blood and who enriches us with his *Real Presence* in the Holy Eucharist. It is by sharing our blessings – our talents, time, health, and wealth -- with others, that we become true disciples of Christ, obeying his new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." 3) An invitation to become Christ-bearers and Christ-conveyers: "Go forth, the Mass is ended," really means, "Go in peace to love and serve one another." We are to carry Jesus to our homes, our places of work, our schools, and our communities, conveying to others around us the love, mercy, forgiveness, and spirit of humble service of Christ whom we carry with us.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Children's Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Mar 28	5:00 p.m.	Felix Wong+
Sun	Mar 29	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Mar 29	12:30 p.m.	Domitila Rios+
Tue	Mar 31	12:30 p.m.	Pierre Bader+
Thu	April 2	6:00 p.m.	James Plumb, Jr.+
Fri	April 3	Good Friday	No Mass
Sat	April 4	8:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+

Parish Giving

March 22, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,772.11
2nd Collection	\$ 463.00
Children's Collection	\$ 48.00

2nd Collection	Mar 29	Mission Fund
2nd Collection	Apr 5	Caring for Priests
3rd Collection	Apr 5	Lawn Care Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 61
10:00 a.m. 157 and 12:30 p.m. 141

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset .

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 2

Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper with foot washing at 6:00 p.m. There will be Adoration after Mass until 10:00 p.m. and the "Breaking of the Bread" gathering immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Good Friday - April 3

Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. followed by a bilingual Passion Service at 3:00 p.m.
Stations at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish

Holy Saturday - April 4

Easter Egg Hunt for all Children - 11:00 a.m.
Toddlers through school age - Bring an empty basket. - Don't be late!

Bilingual Easter Vigil Service - 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 5

Masses 10 a.m. in English and 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

Church Office Holiday Closures

The church office will be closed April 2nd and 3rd during Holy Week and Easter Monday, April 6.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12

Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Easter House Blessings

A sign-up sheet with Fr. Luke's available dates and times for Easter House Blessing is placed at the church foyer. It's a special blessing with the water blessed at Easter Vigil. Those who wish their house blessed please sign up, selecting the available slot as early as possible.

Lay Ministers

Lay Ministers are needed for all Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Training will be provided.

Knights of Columbus - Donations for Newborn Babies

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of baby bottles in March, diapers in April and baby wipes in May. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution to mothers and babies in need. Collection boxes are in the church foyer and inside the north entrance to the Church. All donations are very much appreciated.

Spring Fest 2026 - May 2

Volunteers are Needed

Contact Paul Bibeau at bibeau3636@yahoo.com or use the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Silent Auction Items are Needed

Our Spring Festival will include a Silent Auction in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Needed are donations of any special items or treasures that will help make the Silent Auction a successful event. Bring your items to the church office or the Parish Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday-Friday until Wednesday, April 15. There will be a sheet there for your name, the item you are donating, and your telephone number. Please pick up a Silent Auction flyer located in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, contact Mimi Plumb 903-316-3744.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for March 15

Kids: a. For 7 days
b. Death

Answered by Emily Briones, Ismael Briones, Amy Isabella Briones, Steven Rocha, Victoria Gutierrez, David Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Adults: a. She shall be burned to death.
b. On the fourteenth day

Answered by Bacilia Velazquez, Theresa Cheatham, Andrea Gustafson, Glenda Means, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, Carolyn Barrett and Mimi Plumb.

Questions for March 29 (Numbers 1-5)

Kids: a. When all the males of twenty years or more who were fit for military service were poled, how many were enrolled in the tribe of Manasseh?
b. Who was the chief prince of the Levites?

Adults: a. Who were given the charge of the Dwelling of the commandments with all its equipment and all that belongs to it, and would be its ministers?
b. Why did Nadab and Abihu die in the presence of the Lord and left no children?