

# Church of the Infant Saviour

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



*Hosanna*  
*to the Son of David*

*Blessed  
is he  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!*

*Matthew 21:7-9*

*Hosanna  
in the  
highest!*



**March 29, 2015**  
**Palm Sunday of the**  
**Passion of the Lord**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat: March 28, 2015**

8:00AM: Rosalina & Domingo Rodriguez (Daughter,  
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)  
5:00PM: Marie Vasseur (Grieco Family)

**Week of March 29, 2015**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: John Kiselak, Sr. (Joseph Delenek)  
9:30AM: Patricia Farrell (LaCovara Family)  
11:15AM: Paul Pohlman (Roselle Brock & Family)  
**Mon:** 8:00AM: Leroy Palmer (Happy Birthday In Heaven)  
(His Wife Anne and Family)

**Tues:** 8:00AM:

**Wed:** 8:00AM: Dorothy Stubing (Her Family)

**Holy Thursday:**

8:00AM: Tenebrae  
7:00PM: Mass of the Lord's upper

**Good Friday:**

8:00AM: Tenebrae  
3:00PM: Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday:**

8:00AM: Tenebrae  
8:00PM: Easter Vigil

**Week of April 5, 2015, Easter Sunday**

**Sun:** 8:00AM: Anthony Gasparovic (Kiselak Family)  
9:30AM: Sam Napolitano (His Family)  
11:15AM: Harriet Richards (Annette Tuthill)  
2:00PM: Hermian Rivera (Her Daughter Marie & Family)

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:40 and by appointment.**

Spanish Masses will be held on the first and third Sunday of every

**Sanctuary Lamp:**

*In Loving Memory of Vincent Rispoli*  
*Requested by : His Family*

**Readings: April 5, 2015, Easter Sunday**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43 (42ABC)  
Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9

**Cenacle for Life:** Please join the Healing Hands for Life Ministry  
**4:00PM** every Friday in the Mother's Chapel to pray for the end of  
Abortion and the Sanctity of Life

**Mass Intentions:** If you wish to have a Mass said you can call or  
stop by the Parish Office to schedule Mass(es) needed – Phone #  
744-2391. You may also reserve an unannounced Mass for \$5.00

**Prayers for the Sick and Deceased:**

Please contact the Parish Office with names of anyone who need  
prayers for healing or have recently died in which you would like to  
have included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and/or in the  
bulletin. The names of those who are sick are to be submitted only  
with the named person's permission.

**Please pray for the sick:** Darlene Schulz, Steven Pondi,  
Ellie Carter, Ashley Barco, Baby Sean, Michael Thompson, Michelle  
Condenzio, John Araneo, Roland Mora, Helen Denedy, George  
Burrow, Joan Moschetto, Michael Martino, Annie Napolitano, Herbert  
Black, Theresa Madigan, Harry Brown, Pat Matteo, Jeffrey Selear,  
Bob Carlson, Colleen Minik, Jack Botta, George Rescigno, Matthew  
Schaffner, William Meyers, Richard Tanagretta, Diane DeGatano,  
Doris Bennett, Jeanie Kane, Alexander Elia, Bob Broughal, Ed  
Gatzen, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Edward Staff, Mary A. Thomas,  
Jordan Bumgartner John McPhillips, Nicolina Riggi, Rose Marie  
Cahill, Kathy Ross-Collins, Rose Marie Wilkins, John Giuliano  
Joseph Manfredi, Regina Schelin, Jill Westerfield Davis, Thomas  
Nendze, Dorothy Klauss, Terrence Mahoney, Anthony Gordon and  
John Araneo

**RELIGIOUS ED 744-9944:**

**Easter Egg Hunt March 28th at 10AM**

Substitute teachers are needed especially for Monday and Tuesday  
evenings levels 6, 7 and 8. If you are able to help please call the  
Religious Ed Office at 744-9944 ext. 11.

***For information or club dates on events for young adults please  
look on Infant Saviour's website at [infantsaviour.org](http://infantsaviour.org)***

**WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY NEWS:**

**Palm Sunday:** Make Easter Baskets after 8 AM Mass  
Walker Valley Catholic Society meetings will now be held on  
Tuesdays at 6 PM. Revised calendars have been mailed to all  
members. Any questions, please call Nancy Miller 744-3782.

April 12: Meeting: Tricky Tray Social, Follow up on Business  
Donations

April 14: Tricky Tray Basket Workshop: 4-6 PM

April 19: Spring Coffee Hour/Tricky Tray Baskets due

**THE WALKER VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIETY** Our successful  
Tricky Tray Socials in 2014 had much to do with the generosity  
of donations from the parish. We hope we can count on your  
continued support in 2015. We already have our donations  
boxes out as our first Tricky Tray event will be on April 25. We  
will be collecting NEW items until the end of March. Thank you  
in advance for your help and support!

**Have you seen it?** 10" Tall White Ceramic Angel is Missing  
from Vestibule of Church, it was given to the Church as a gift in  
memory of the children killed in Northfork, CT. If you have  
seen it please return it.  
Thank you.

**From the Administrator,**

## **Why Did Jesus Have to Die as He did?**

Easter is fast approaching. As we are getting ready for this season of experiencing New Life in the resurrection of Christ, Lent becomes a special time of turning to God for healing and strength. On Good Friday, people seemed drawn to the crucifix to touch it lightly or kiss the feet of Jesus. What is special in this way of experiencing death that was used by Romans over 2000 years as the form of punishing the criminals sentenced by their authorities?

According to some, it is not for the cross that we venerate, but, the corpus. I.e., Christ on the Cross. I think Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, in his work, *Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent* describes the significance of corpus as an icon of utter divine solidarity with us and with our problems.

Jesus' body is a standing icon of what humanity is doing and what God suffers 'with,' 'in,' and 'through,' us.

Over the years, I have been asked, "Why did Jesus have to die being God incarnate?" He would have been raised up directly into heaven for being the Son of God and being divine? Well, in order to answer this question, we need to remember the humanity or the human nature of Jesus. Basic Christology teaches that He was fully divine and fully human. Generally, after age five, every human person comes to a realization that she/he is going to die one day. So the awareness that everyone is going to die one day is not an unusual form of knowledge.

In that sense, the question should really mean did Jesus know the exact way or the time that He was going to die? As we know He did not simply die. He was cruelly executed as a victim who was sentenced by the established authorities. As I know, Christianity supposed to be the only major religion whose founder was executed cruelly by established authorities. This may lead one to ask, "Then, why was He killed?" or "Why was He given almost a death sentence?"

I think, the question can be more meaningful if we put it this way; "**Why did Jesus have to die as He did?**" What if He had not died as He did? Thinking of the founders in other religions, we still can raise the same question, "Why wouldn't it have been possible for Jesus to spread His message and gain support and followers like prophet Mohamed, Moses, and Lord Buddha (the Enlightened)? Then again, the same question can be raised, "Does Christianity only make sense by God deciding that Jesus had to be crucified?"

These questions have remained mysteries and will also remain mysteries forever. Great theologians have struggled with these questions for centuries and they have come up with many different answers. Though all Catholic priests have a basic and fairly sufficient knowledge on Theology and Philosophy (as most of them study at least six years in major seminaries) and yet some priests go forward with their higher education, specializing in theological, educational or any other fields of study, still many of them haven't discovered convincing explanations or adequate reasons to answer these questions effectively. We consider them as open questions that many Christians often find difficult to understand adequately.

For the first generation of Christians, the faith in a crucified Lord who should be worshiped as God (John 20:28) was a whole new experience of paradox. It was because Jews and even gentiles had never thought of imagining a "Crucified God." St. Paul was one of the faithful Jews who came to see the face of the God of Moses, the Holy One of Israel, or the "Creator of the universe" in the "Crucified Christ." "Saul, Saul why do you persecute Me?" was a question that Paul was posed on him when he went through his conversion experience at Damascus. From being a devout Jew and a persecutor of Christians, he became a deeply committed and a zealous Christian as He experienced in "Jesus crucified" all what God is and all what God has given us.

It is important to understand that Jesus may have had a clear understanding of His mission on earth, and how to accomplish such a hard mission. Also, He knew what it would involve laying down His life as a sacrifice. As Jesus encountered increasing hostility on the part of the religious authorities, He would surely have been sensitive to the possibility of a violent death. He knew the examples of prophets who had been persecuted and even put to death by the established religious and political authorities, as well as living in Palestine and knowing the customs and laws of the Roman prefecture that ruled the land. So that He could have anticipated a standardized Roman punishment, which can be a violent Crucifixion. Therefore, to have some knowledge of the way in which He was facing His own death was not necessarily supposed to be a supernatural knowledge. In other words, Jesus knew that if He was going to accomplish His mission of proclaiming the reign of God, sometimes even going to the extent of challenging the religious and political authorities, He would definitely have to experience some kind of a standardized punishment, probably a violent crucifixion.

Although these questions may remain mysteries, they are incredibly important to our faith since they involve matters that are central to Christianity. My faith in the death of Jesus on the Cross tells me about an unconditional love of God who died for His people. And so death of Christ reveals to us the depth of the love of God for us. I strongly believe that if Jesus did not die as He did and rise again, a billion people in the world today who are supposed to be Christians would not be living, praying, thinking, and then acting differently the way they are now. If Jesus did not die as He did, would that gain Him a great following? If Jesus did not die as He did, would we probably have known about Him as God incarnate and who was so unique in His nature? The question, "**Why did Jesus have to die as He did?**" calls all believers to reflect prayerfully over and over again on this mystery, especially during Lent. This open question may invite us for a greater understanding of the love of God.

*Fr. Niranjana Rodrigo, Ph.D.*

**Celebrating Holy Week at Infant Savior** Holy week begins with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. During these days of Holy Week, we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples, His crucifixion, His time in the tomb, and His resurrection to new life. Holy Week ends with the glorious celebration of Easter. Let us come and worship together as a parish family and follow Jesus through the last days and event of His life.

**Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup> 2015** Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was a moment of triumph. People welcomed Him as a king. On this day, we celebrate the glimpse of the glory of Jesus although we read the passion of Jesus for the first time.

**Holy Triduum** These are the most important days of the year in the life of our parish. The Paschal Triduum is the most solemn event of the church year. It encompasses three days during which we commemorate the essential part of our redemption: the suffering death and resurrection of Christ. On these three days, that are to be experienced as one, we celebrate the passage of Christ from death to life.

**Holy Thursday - April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 (No 8:00 am Mass)** The Triduum observance begins at Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of the Feet of the Liturgy recalls the commandment of Christ to "love one another" even by going into the extreme of humbling ourselves to become a servant as our Lord. As a whole, the liturgy celebrates the love of Christ for us that is being manifest in the Eucharist and in the sacrifice of Calvary.

**Tenebrae – 8:00 am**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** The church gathers in silence to read and listen to Holy Scriptures and offer prayers for the whole world. Good Friday features the Adoration of the Cross in a solemn liturgy focused on the death and burial of Christ. In venerating the cross, we acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus we are led to glory.

**Tenebrae – 8:00 am**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross for Children – 9:00 am**

**Confessions - 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Good Friday Liturgy – 3 pm**

**Easter Vigil – April 4<sup>th</sup> (No 8 am Mass)** Easter Vigil is the high point of the entire church liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in celebration of Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Sacred Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ is Risen. Those who have been prepared for baptism enter the church. The night commemorates our sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

**Tenebrae – 8:00 am**

**Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** Sunday morning 8:00 Our Lady of the Valley, Walker Valley and 9:30 am, and 11:15 am at Infant Saviour Church.

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## **INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH**

**April 12, 2015**

**2:30PM**



**We are called to gather together for the Hour of Mercy. Please join us on April 12th:**  
**2:30PM: Rosary**  
**3:00PM Chaplet of Mercy**

