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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 'A' – MARCH 29, 2026 *“HE ENTERED JERUSALEM. THE WHOLE CITY WAS SHAKEN AND ASKED, “WHO IS THIS?” AND THE CROWDS REPLIED, “THIS IS JESUS THE PROPHET, FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE”*

Palm Sunday holds both triumph and tension. We begin with palms raised high, echoing the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with hope and excitement. Yet within the same liturgy, we hear the story of His suffering and death. The celebration quickly gives way to the reality of the cross.

This shift invites us to reflect on the depth of our own discipleship. It is easy to praise God when life feels hopeful and good. But are we willing to remain with Christ when the path becomes difficult, uncertain, or costly? Palm Sunday reminds us that true faith is not only found in moments of joy, but also in steadfast love through trials.

Jesus enters Jerusalem in humility, fully aware of what lies ahead. He does not turn away. Instead, He embraces the cross out of love for each of us. As we begin Holy Week, we are invited to walk closely with Him—through praise, through suffering, and ultimately toward the hope of the Resurrection.



May this week be a time to deepen our faith, to stand firm in love, and to follow Christ more faithfully, wherever He leads.

DOMINGO DE RAMOS “DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR” **AL ENTRAR JESÚS EN JERUSALÉN, TODA LA CIUDAD SE CONMOVIÓ. UNOS DECÍAN: “¿QUIÉN ES ÉSTE?” Y LA GENTE RESPONDÍA: “ÉSTE ES EL PROFETA JESÚS, DE NAZARET DE GALILEA”.**

El Domingo de Ramos contiene tanto triunfo como tensión. Comenzamos con las palmas en alto, haciendo eco de la multitud que recibió a Jesús en Jerusalén con esperanza y entusiasmo. Sin embargo, dentro de la misma liturgia, escuchamos la historia de su sufrimiento y muerte. La celebración da paso rápidamente a la realidad de la cruz.

Este cambio nos invita a reflexionar sobre la profundidad de nuestro propio discipulado. Es fácil alabar a Dios cuando la vida se siente llena de esperanza y bienestar. Pero, ¿estamos dispuestos a permanecer con Cristo cuando el camino se vuelve difícil, incierto o exigente? El Domingo de Ramos nos recuerda que la fe verdadera no solo se encuentra en momentos de alegría, sino también en el amor firme a través de las pruebas.

Jesús entra en Jerusalén con humildad, plenamente consciente de lo que le espera. No se aleja. Al contrario, abraza la cruz por amor a cada uno de nosotros. Al comenzar la Semana Santa, se nos invita a caminar de cerca con Él: en la alabanza, en el sufrimiento y, finalmente, hacia la esperanza de la Resurrección.

Que esta semana sea un tiempo para profundizar nuestra fe, mantenernos firmes en el amor y seguir a Cristo con mayor fidelidad, adondequiera que Él nos lleve.

hacia la propia Resurrección de Jesús y recuerda a los creyentes—especialmente a quienes se preparan para el Bautismo—que por medio de Jesús comparten una nueva vida y la victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte.

FAITH ALIVE: CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS FROM OUR YOUTH

Written by Gail Quinnan



Daryl Lyon has spent the last year preparing twelve young women to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. They have met bi-monthly after the 11:00 Mass and, while following a set curriculum, they have shared stories and experiences as teenagers that will form their spiritual lives well into adulthood. These young ladies were asked to put into words how being a part of this process has today and will tomorrow affect both their spiritual and everyday lives.

Their answers were inspiring and indeed demonstrates that our Catholic community is alive, vibrant and will be in good hands long after many of us are gone! The following quotes were in response to questions concerning how they have changed during this process:



-“It made me realize how distant I had become from my faith”.

-“It taught me to always be more positive, even through bad experiences”.

-“I feel much closer to God”.

-“I have a better idea of who the Holy Spirit is and how the seven gifts can impact my life”.

“Being in this group helped me feel more connected to my faith”.

And in response to some specific moments that stand out during the class, the visit to the Carmelite Monastery and the cloistered sisters was a highlight:

-“I really felt God’s presence there. It was so peaceful and the sisters were so joyous”.

-“I had a sense of God being everywhere in the monastery, the gardens and the hillside. It was so peaceful”.

- “I definitely will continue my religious journey and prayer life after the class is finished”.



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...

With Palm Sunday, we enter the one and only week called 'Holy'. Let us strive to keep it Holy as it is meant to be. We begin with "Hosanna," yet we soon stand at the foot of the cross. Palm Sunday reminds us that following Christ means walking with Him not only in moments of joy, but also through sacrifice and love. This week, let us stay close to Him faithful in the small, quiet ways that shape our hearts. I hope to see you at the celebrations of this holiest time of the year, especially during the Triduum.



Fr. Jhonnatan

MASS INTENTIONS March 28th – April 5th

Sat. Mar. 28th 4:30 Vigil: People of the Parish

Palm Sunday, Mar. 29th 9:00: + John Woodward

11:00: + Jim & Dee Brannen

Wed. Apr. 1st 12:00: Health of Reyna Aburto

Holy Thursday Apr. 2nd: 6:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Good Friday Apr. 3rd : 3:45 PM: LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

6:00 PM: CACHAGUA COMMUNITY PARK SERVICE

Holy Saturday Apr. 4th :8:00 PM: BILINGUAL EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday Apr. 5th : 9:00 & 11:00 English Masses

Weekly Collection

March 21st & 22th: \$ 3,855

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

THURSDAY APRIL 2 *HOLY THURSDAY*

- 6:30 pm: Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration until 10 pm Parish Hall.

FRIDAY APRIL 3 *GOOD FRIDAY*

- 3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
- 3:45 pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- 6:00 pm: Santo Via Crucis y 7 Dolores de la Virgen (Cachagua Community Park)

SATURDAY APRIL 4 *HOLY SATURDAY*

- 8:00 pm: Bilingual Easter Vigil Blessing of Fire (Covid Memorial Garden) "Weather permitting"

SUNDAY APRIL 5 *EASTER SUNDAY*

- 9:00 am and 11:00 am: Easter English Masses.

NOTE: The office will be closed and there will be no weekday Masses the week after Easter, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 8, 9, and 10.

*Did you like the story about the Confirmation class? We invite your ideas for articles and/or submit articles that celebrate and unify the OLMC community. Please email us at Bulletin@ourladycarmelvalley.org **We welcome fresh perspectives***



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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month
1:00 PM in the Church
4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Cachagua

Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours
Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service."

— St Teresa of Avila

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