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April 13, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

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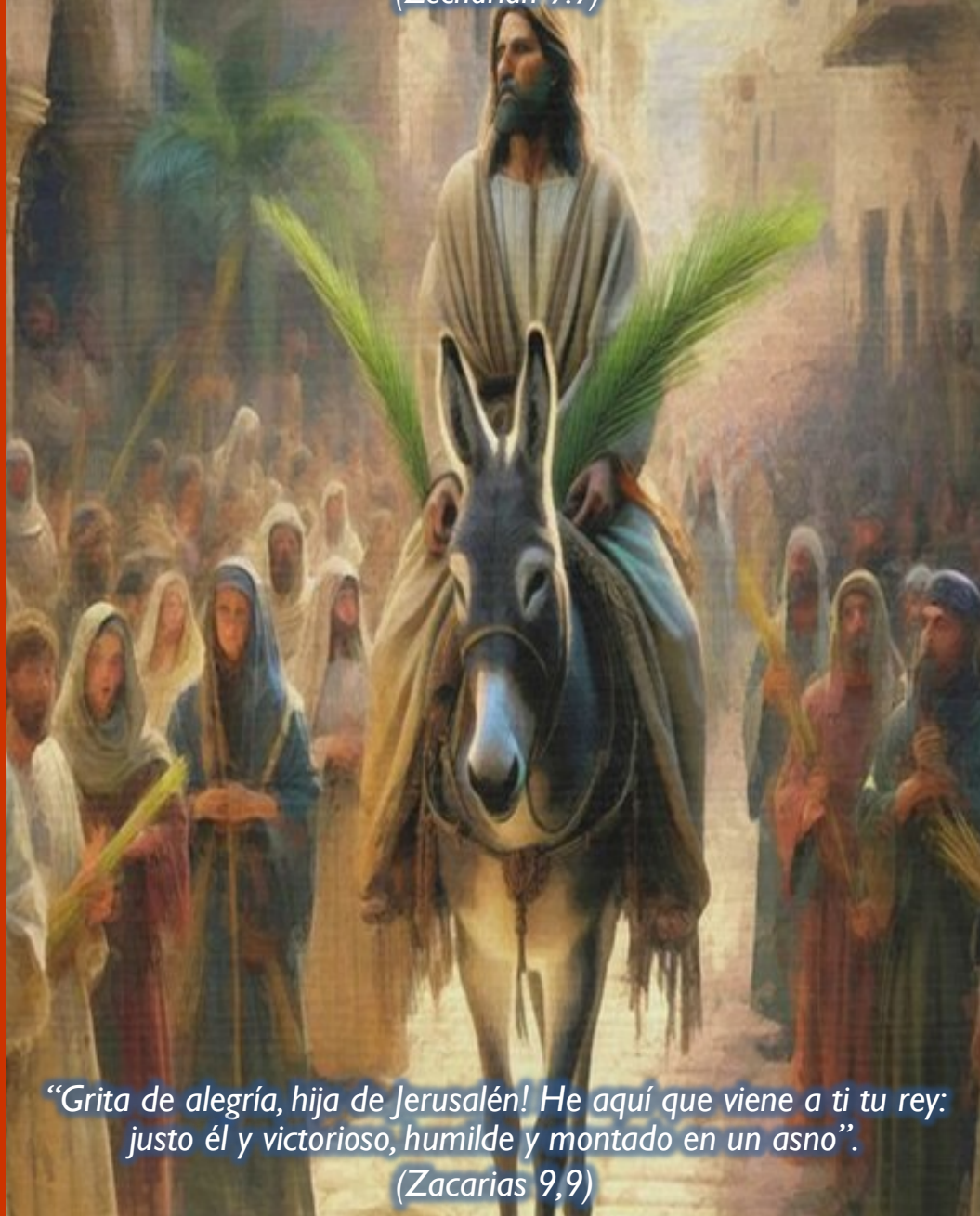
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Thank you for joining us today!
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

“Shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem! Look, your king is approaching, he is vindicated and victorious, humble, and riding on a donkey.”

(Zechariah 9:9)



“Grita de alegría, hija de Jerusalén! He aquí que viene a ti tu rey: justo él y victorioso, humilde y montado en un asno”.

(Zacarías 9,9)

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MASS SCHEDULE



Parishioners are invited to come celebrate with us the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - Eng.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 4:00 PM - Eng.
Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 6:00 PM - Sp.
Sunday 8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 AM - Eng.
12:00 PM - Sp. 6:00 PM - Sp.

Confessions:

Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, English & Spanish, or by appointment.

Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 PM † Ronald Cadenas
 6:00 PM (Sp.) Maria Dolores Vasquez Banda

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00 AM † Destry B. Pardico
 10:00 AM † Dafney Valmir
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Manuel Perez Martinez (Inside)
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Yube Arroyo (Outside)
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Cesar Omar Acevedo

Monday, April 14, 2025

9:00 AM † Robert Hyland

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9:00 AM † Ana Maria Robles Alicia

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 PM † Carl Amato

Saturday, April 19, 2025

8:00 PM † Rosa Maria Calderon

Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:30 AM †
 8:00 AM † Hipolito Arredondo
 10:00 AM † Pat Essing
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Tatiana Quintero (Inside)
 12:00 PM (Sp.) † Alicia Acosta (Outside)
 6:00 PM (Sp.) † Isaura Salazar

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 5 & 6, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$15,726
 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3,992
 50/50: Winner has been notified - \$310
 Faith Direct March 16-30: \$5,481.37
 Miscellaneous: \$5,670



OCA 2025 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$191,737.10
 Pledged to Date: \$98,348.96
 Cash received to Date: \$37,891.16
 Still needed in Pledges: \$93,388.14

While we have made a lot of progress in pledges, there is an amount in pledges that needs to be covered.

Thank you for helping to spread the good news of salvation!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place all day on **Fridays** in the church from 9:30 AM-6:30 PM.

***Every first Friday of the month, the reposition will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.**



Ministerio San Jose se reunirá el mes de Marzo en el hogar de la familia de:

Sra. Paola Lucio Ordonez
2045 Slocumb Rd.
Haines City, FL 33844

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank **Ovation Bistro and Bar** for their generous food donation for last Sunday's "BBQ Sundae Sunday" event. With their support and the help of the BBQ team, we were able to raise \$1,019. Money raised will be put towards the "Making the Old Legacy New" campaign.

We are planning on two more BBQ Sundae events. So, circle your calendars for May 4 and May 18.

Come back and see us!



RAISE YOUR PALMS



With the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we have arrived at the last Sunday of Lent. On this day, the Catholic Church celebrates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

At Jesus' time, Israel was governed by the Romans. Jesus' disciples were convinced that Jesus was a political messiah who would lead a rebellion against the Roman colonial rule and drive out the Romans. Therefore, on arriving in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, he was welcomed as a king: "The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest'" (Matthew 21:8-9). In Hebrew, 'hosanna' means 'save us now.' So, the people were crying, "Save us now, Son of David; you are sent by the Lord; it's high time you save us." Like the crowds, we cry to Jesus to save us from our afflictions.

Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a colt (a young donkey). Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey, which was, at that time, the means of transportation for the poor, instead of a horse, which was the means of transportation for the rich, the high, and the mighty. By riding a donkey, Jesus made himself our 'beast of burden,' fulfilling Isaiah 53:54, "He took up our pain and bore our suffering." Like the donkey, Jesus carries our pains and sufferings. By riding a donkey, Jesus identified himself with the poor and the lowly and taught us to do the same. He wants us to identify with the burdened, the needy, the sick, and the suffering. And by riding a donkey, Jesus teaches us the importance of detachment and humility. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus says, "Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart."

Today's celebration becomes even more meaningful if Jesus makes a triumphal entry into our lives, granting us peace, victory over evil, salvation, and eternal life. Let us not stop Jesus' entry into our lives by our sins. Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Revelations 3:20).

In some cultures, carrying or presenting palm leaves is a gesture of peace and reconciliation in times of crisis or misunderstanding. Today, the Church gives us palm leaves, a symbol of peace and reconciliation, to take to our homes and places. Let us share the message of peace and reconciliation while Jesus passes in our midst.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord—peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Saturday, April 5, over 200 students of our Religious Education program received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Many of those preparing through the OCIA program to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil also took advantage of the opportunity.

Deacon Frank and I thank the Catechists and Claudia Schnell, my Religious Education Program Assistant, for their assistance inside the church on Saturday. Their help ensured that the day's activities ran smoothly.

We are grateful to the parents of Religious Education program students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday and to the students.

Last, but certainly not least, we also thank Fr. Alfonso and Fr. Jose Luis, along with six of their Brother Priests who took time out of their busy schedules to assist. None of this would have been possible without them.

Rita Morano
Coordinator of Religious Education



RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS



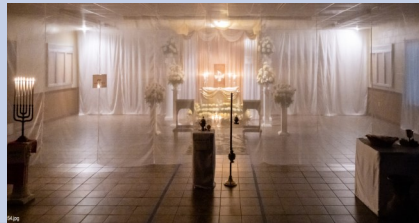
The reception of the Holy Oils: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism, which Bishop John Noonan blesses during the Chrism Mass, will be presented by our Deacons to Fr. Alfonso and our congregation before the Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord.

The oils will be reserved in a suitable repository in the presbyterium or near the baptismal font.

THE PLACE OF REPOSE (HOLY THURSDAY)

A procession is formed in which the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by torches and incense, is carried through the church to a place of repose prepared in a part of the church or chapel suitably decorated.

The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to local circumstances. After Midnight, the adoration should take place without solemnity.



April 17
8:30 PM - Midnight
Social Hall

EASTER VIGIL MASS

The rubrics of the Roman Missal remind us that this "mother of all vigils" is the "greatest and most noble of all solemnities, and it is to be unique in every single Church." On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life.

We invite everyone to join us for this special celebration. As a reminder, there will be:

no 4:00 PM Mass on
Holy Saturday (April 19).

Instead, we will celebrate the
Easter Vigil Mass (April 19) at
8:00 PM (Bilingual).



WASHING OF THE FEET (HOLY THURSDAY)



In this sacred celebration of the Last Supper of the Lord, the principal mysteries commemorated in this Mass are the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the Priestly Order, and the commandment of Love.

As a reminder, according to the ancient tradition of the Catholic Church, the only Mass that can be celebrated on this day is "The Lord's Supper."

Thursday, April 17
7:00 PM
Bilingual

JOIN US FOR MORNING PRAYER



Join us for Morning Prayer during Holy Week. There will be **no 9:00 AM Mass** on Holy Thursday & Good Friday. (Please refer to the **Holy Week Schedule** available in the Narthex or our website.) Instead, there will be:

Morning Prayer

Holy Thursday, April 17
9:00 AM (in Church)

Good Friday, April 18
9:00 AM (in Social Hall)

"The figure [the Mass] ceases on the advent of the reality. But this sacrament is a figure and a representation of our Lord's Passion, as stated above. And therefore on the day on which our Lord's Passion is recalled as it was really accomplished, this sacrament is not consecrated."

—St. Thomas Aquinas

SUNRISE MASS

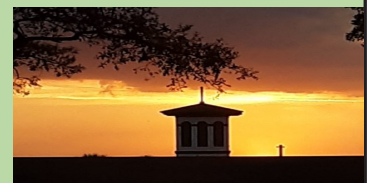
In the Gospel narrative, **Jesus rises from the dead early on Sunday morning**. There is no mention of the exact time when Jesus rose, but he had already left the tomb by the time some of his disciples came there.

St. John narrates: "On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, and she saw the stone rolled away from the tomb. Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two ran together, but the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down and saw the bandages on the ground" (John 20).

The symbolism of this tradition is very clear, as it **celebrates the rising of the Son**, the true **Light of the World**, at the moment when the rays of the sun begin to shatter the darkness of night.

Join us:

Sunrise Mass - April 20
6:30 AM
(Outside Altar)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Way of the Cross will be held on Good Friday. Passion, death, and resurrection is the new Passover, from the death of Sin to the life of freedom in love.

A plenary indulgence may be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross.

“Falling prostrate, he prayed, saying, ‘Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will but as you will’ (Mt 26:39).

April 18, 2025

12:00 PM - Way of the Cross (English)
3:00 PM - Passion of the Lord (English)
3:00 PM - Procession starting at Haines City High School (Spanish)
6:00 PM - Passion of the Lord (Spanish)

EASTER EGG HUNT



We are excited to announce that our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will return this year! We kindly encourage our parishioners to donate bags of candy, baskets, and plastic eggs for this fun event.

Sunday, April 20
(after the 12:00 PM Mass)

There will be a collection box in the Narthex where you can drop off your donations.

Thank you in advance for your generous support in making our Easter Egg Hunt a success!

WHY IS THERE NO MASS & ONLY A “SERVICE” ON GOOD FRIDAY?



One of the most fascinating days in the liturgical calendar is Good Friday. On the day that honors the Passion and death of Jesus, the Church abstains from offering a Mass.

No Mass

Instead, the Church instructs its believers to host a “Celebration of the Lord’s Passion,” which includes a special reading of the Gospel, the veneration of the cross, and the distribution of Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

St. Thomas Aquinas offers in his *Summa Theologica* one explanation as to why the Mass is not offered. He states, “The figure [the Mass] ceases on the advent of the reality. But this sacrament is a figure and a representation of our Lord’s Passion, as stated above. And therefore, on the day our Lord’s Passion is recalled as it was really accomplished, this sacrament is not consecrated.”

In this way, **we remember the reality of Jesus’ Passion, without celebrating the “figure” or “representation.”**

Furthermore, the absence of the consecration of the bread and wine highlight the sorrow of Good Friday, as the *Catholic News Agency* points out.

The omission of the prayer of consecration deepens our sense of loss because Mass throughout the year reminds us of the Lord’s triumph over death, the source of our joy and blessing. The desolate quality of the rites of this day reminds us of Christ’s humiliation and suffering during his Passion.

The *St. Andrew Daily Missal* echoes what has already been written, explaining how “Good Friday is the anniversary of our Lord’s death. On this day, when on Calvary the bloodstained throne of the cross stands out before the world, the Church, bowed low in adoration before Him who reigns from the Cross, does not celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass; following an ancient practice, once widespread, she contents herself with receiving the sacred species consecrated yesterday.”

Jewish Synagogue Service

Alternatively, some historians claim that the Good Friday liturgy “represents, according to Duchesne (234), ‘the exact order of the ancient synaxes without a liturgy,’ i.e., the order of the earliest Christian prayer meetings, at which, however, the liturgy proper, i.e., the Mass, was not celebrated. **This kind of meeting for worship was derived from the Jewish Synagogue service**, and consisted of lessons, chants, and prayers.” In this way, we participate in a liturgy that **resembles a prayer service that was celebrated by the early Christians.**

Above all things, Good Friday is meant to be a day of mourning and sadness, feeling the weight of our sins that were placed on the back of Jesus Christ. **The absence of a Mass highlights this feeling and better prepares us for the glories that await us on Easter.**

It is a strange day in the calendar of the Church, but one that is designed to prepare our hearts

LEVANTEN LAS PALMAS



Con la celebración del Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, llegamos al último domingo de Cuaresma. En este día, la Iglesia Católica celebra la entrada triunfal de Jesús a Jerusalén.

En tiempos de Jesús, Israel estaba gobernado por los romanos. Sus discípulos estaban convencidos de que Jesús era un mesías político que lideraría una rebelión contra el dominio colonial romano y expulsaría a los romanos. Por lo tanto, al llegar a Jerusalén para celebrar la Pascua, fue recibido como un rey: «La multitud, muy numerosa, tendía sus mantos en el camino; otros cortaban ramas de los árboles y las esparcían por el camino. La multitud que lo precedía y la que

lo seguía gritaban: «¡Hosanna al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en las alturas!» (Mateo 21:8-9). En hebreo, «hosanna» significa «sálvanos ahora». Así que la gente clamaba: «¡Sálvanos ahora, Hijo de David! Eres enviado por el Señor; ya es hora de que nos salves». Al igual que las multitudes, clamamos a Jesús para que nos salve de nuestras aflicciones.

Jesús entró en Jerusalén montado en un burrito. Jesús eligió entrar en Jerusalén montado en un burro, que en aquel entonces era el medio de transporte de los pobres, en lugar de un caballo, que era el medio de transporte de los ricos, los encumbrados y los poderosos. Al montar un burro, Jesús se convirtió en nuestra «bestia de carga», cumpliendo Isaías 53:54: «Él cargó con nuestros dolores y soportó nuestros sufrimientos». Al igual que el burro, Jesús carga con nuestros dolores y sufrimientos. Al montar un burro, Jesús se identificó con los pobres y los humildes y nos enseñó a hacer lo mismo. Quiere que nos identifiquemos con los agobiados, los necesitados, los enfermos y los que sufren. Y al montar un burro, Jesús nos enseña la importancia del desprendimiento y la humildad. En Mateo 11:29, Jesús dice: «Aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón».

La celebración de hoy cobra aún más significado si Jesús entra triunfalmente en nuestras vidas, concediéndonos paz, victoria sobre el mal, salvación y vida eterna. No impidamos que Jesús entre en nuestras vidas por nuestros pecados. Jesús dice: «He aquí, yo estoy a la puerta y llamo. Si alguno oye mi voz y abre la puerta, entraré en su casa y cenaré con él, y él conmigo» (Apocalipsis 3:20).

En algunas culturas, llevar o presentar hojas de palma es un gesto de paz y reconciliación en tiempos de crisis o malentendidos. Hoy, la Iglesia nos regala hojas de palma, símbolo de paz y reconciliación, para llevar a nuestros hogares y lugares. Compartamos el mensaje de paz y reconciliación mientras Jesús pasa entre nosotros.

Bendito el Rey que viene en el nombre del Señor. Paz en el cielo y gloria en las alturas.

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

El sábado 5 de abril, más de 200 estudiantes de nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa recibieron el Sacramento de la Reconciliación por primera vez. Muchos de los que se preparan a través del programa OCIA para recibir los Sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual también aprovecharon la oportunidad.

El diácono Frank y yo agradecemos a los catequistas y a Claudia Schnell, mi asistente del Programa de Educación Religiosa, por su ayuda dentro de la iglesia el sábado. Su ayuda garantizó que las actividades del día se desarrollaran sin problemas.

Agradecemos a los padres de los estudiantes del programa de Educación Religiosa que recibieron el Sacramento de la Reconciliación el sábado y a los estudiantes.

Por último, pero no menos importante, también agradecemos al P. Alfonso y al P. José Luis, junto con seis de sus Hermanos Sacerdotes que se tomaron un tiempo de sus apretadas agendas para ayudar. Nada de esto hubiera sido posible sin ellos.

Rita Morano
Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa



LAVATORIO DE LOS PIES



En esta sagrada celebración de la Última Cena del Señor, los principales misterios conmemorados en esta Misa son la institución de la Sagrada Eucaristía, el Orden Sacerdotal y el mandamiento del Amor.

Como recordatorio en este día la única Misa que puede ser celebrada es la "Última Cena" de acuerdo con la Antigua tradición de la Santa Iglesia Católica.

**Jueves 17 de abril
7:00 PM
Bilingüe**

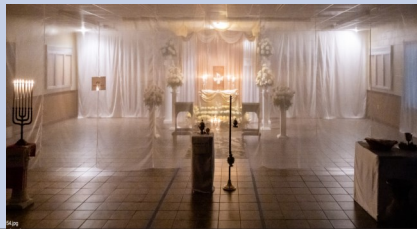
EL LUGAR DE REPOSO (JUEVES SANTO)

Se forma una procesión en la que el Santísimo Sacramento, acompañado de antorchas e incienso, se lleva por la iglesia hasta un lugar de reposo preparado en una parte de la iglesia o capilla debidamente decorada.

Se invita a los fieles a continuar la adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento durante un tiempo adecuado durante la noche, según las circunstancias locales. Después de la medianoche, la adoración debe realizarse sin solemnidad.

**17 de abril
8:30 PM**

**Medianoche
Salón Social**



VIGILIA PASCUAL (SABADO SANTO)

Las rúbricas del Misal Romano nos recuerdan que esta "madre de todas las viglias" es la "más grande y noble de todas las solemnidades, y debe ser única en cada Iglesia". En esta noche santa, la Iglesia vigila, celebrando la resurrección de Cristo en los sacramentos y esperando su regreso en gloria. Es el punto de inflexión del Triduo, la Pascua de la nueva alianza, que marca el paso de Cristo de la muerte a la vida.

Invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros para esta celebración especial. Como recordatorio, **no habrá misa a las 6:00 PM el Sábado Santo (19 de Abril).**

En cambio, celebraremos la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual (19 de Abril) a las 8:00 PM (bilingüe).



ORACIÓN DE LA MAÑANA (LAUDES)



Únase a nosotros para la oración de la mañana durante la Semana Santa. **No habrá misa a las 9:00 AM** el Jueves Santo y el Viernes Santo. **(Por favor, consulte el Horario de Semana Santa, disponible en el Narthex o en nuestro sitio web.)**
En su lugar, habrá:

Oración de la mañana

**Jueves Santo - 8:00 AM
En la iglesia**

**Viernes Santo - 8:00 AM
En el Salón Social**

"La figura [la Misa] cesa con el advenimiento de la realidad. Pero este sacramento es una figura y una representación de la Pasión de nuestro Señor, como se dijo anteriormente. Y por lo tanto, en el día en que se recuerda la Pasión de nuestro Señor como realmente se cumplió, este sacramento no está consagrado".
—Santo Tomás de Aquino

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

El Viacrucis se realizará el Viernes Santo. Pasión, muerte y resurrección es la nueva Pascua, de la muerte del pecado a la vida de libertad en el amor. Se puede obtener una indulgencia plenaria rezando el Vía Crucis.

"Postrado, oró, diciendo: Padre, si es posible, pase de mí esta copa; pero no como yo quiero sino como tú"
(Mt 26,39).

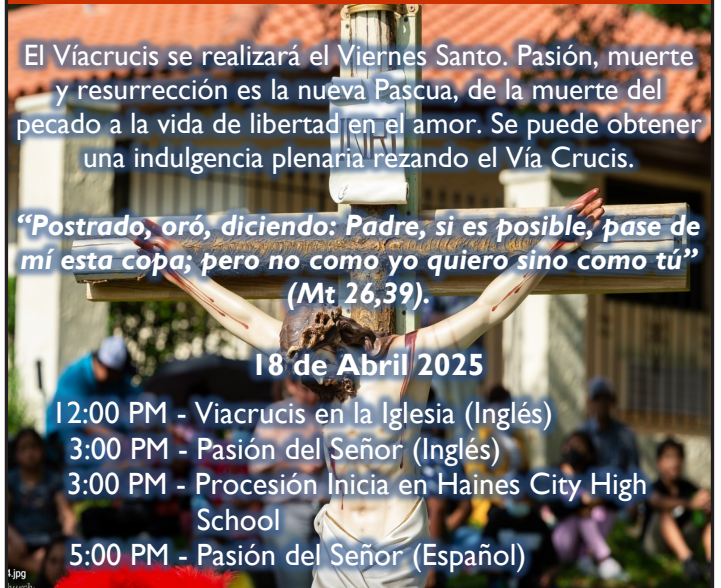
18 de Abril 2025

12:00 PM - Viacrucis en la Iglesia (Inglés)

3:00 PM - Pasión del Señor (Inglés)

3:00 PM - Procesión Inicia en Haines City High School

5:00 PM - Pasión del Señor (Español)



MISA DEL ALBA

En la narración del Evangelio, Jesús resucita de entre los muertos el domingo por la mañana temprano. No se menciona la hora exacta en que Jesús resucitó, pero ya había salido de la tumba cuando algunos de sus discípulos llegaron allí.

San Juan narra: "El primer día de la semana va María Magdalena de madrugada al sepulcro cuando todavía estaba oscuro, y ve la piedra quitada del sepulcro. Pedro y el otro discípulo, se encaminaron al sepulcro. Corrían los dos juntos, pero el otro discípulo corrió por delante más rápido que Pedro, y llegó primero al sepulcro. Se inclinó y vio las vendas en el suelo" (Juan, 20).

El simbolismo de esta tradición es muy claro, ya que celebra la resurrección del Hijo de Dios, la verdadera Luz del Mundo, en el momento en que los rayos del sol comienzan romper la oscuridad de la noche.

Únase a nosotros para
la Misa del amanecer
20 de Abril de 2025
6:30 AM (Inglés) - Altar Exterior

