



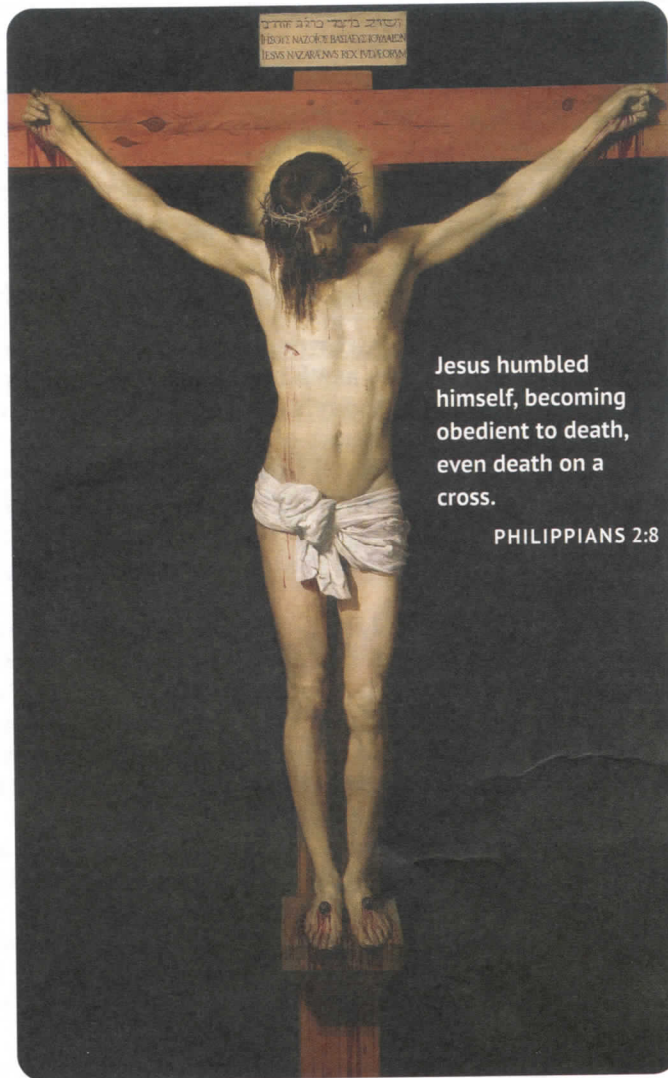
The Hungers with Which We Live

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Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live the life of my dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAk

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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

March 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us. He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see [Psalm 22:1](#)).

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him. Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormenters? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God.

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for March 28, 2024—Holy Thursday
 Eucharistic Minister: Kelly Laurence
 Lector: Henry Hilscher
 Offertory: Greg & Mary Hoelscher
 Ushers: Joe Mayer & Johnny Dohnalik
 Servers: Pat, Kate, Garrison, Annalee



Ministries for March 29, 2024—Good Friday
 Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Prcin
 Lector: Jill Stermer & Suzanne Duskocil
 Offertory: Brian Kopriva Family
 Ushers: Garrey Prcin & Garrett Prcin
 Servers: Cade & Cutter



MINISTRIES FOR MARCH 31, 2024—EASTER SUNDAY

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek
Lector: Ronald Kaufus
Ushers: Adolph Vansa & Robert Vansa



Eucharistic Minister: Rick Rhoades
Offertory: Richard & Janice Johnson
Servers: Brady, Hampton, Camryn, Julianna

Sanctuary Light: March 25th—March 31st: Alma Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, Joseph Ribar, Kay & Ed Moraw and Paulette Foster and those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:
Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—March 24— March 31, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—3/24 Palm Sunday	10:15am	+ John Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Jennifer Pelzel by Rebecca Barton + Marilyn Kemp by Rebecca Barton + Eugene Marak by Richard & Janice Johnson
3/27—Wednesday Stations of The Cross	5:30pm	+ Joe & Stefina Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Stanley Hubnik by Cecelia Marak
3/28—Holy Thursday	7:00pm	+ David Klepac by Merlene Slavik + Jerry Tomek by Clem Tomek
3/29—Good Friday	7:00pm	Passion of The Lord—Veneration of The Cross
3/31—Easter Sunday	10:15am	+ Reba Loretta Winkler by Randy & Mary Faust + Jerry Wade by Adolph & Dorothy Vansa + Jerry Sipula by George & Veronica Tomek

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- TODAY:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cyclone is having their Springfest—Home Fried Chicken & Sausage with all the trimmings —\$15/plate
- MARCH 31ST:** The Knights of Columbus #10186 and KJZT Jrs. will sponsor an Easter Hunt after Mass on Easter Sunday. Please bring your Easter Baskets.
- ARLAN'S RECEIPTS:** Arlan's is no longer accepting grocery receipts for their Receipt Refund Program.
- APRIL 19TH:** 12th Anniversary Hope Night Celebrating "High Rollers & Baby Strollers" at Milam County Cowboy Church @ 6 pm. Live Auction, Card games, Silent Auction, Catered Dinner/Dessert Bar. Tickets \$50/person. See Patsy Gaines for tickets. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

3-17: Sunday Offering: \$1,609.00 Children's Offering: \$1.00
 World Mission: \$5.00 Building Fund: \$55.00 Catholic Relief: \$20.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—“emptied himself... he humbled himself” (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME,
MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7

SUNDAY

March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7

