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Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday : 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Parish Office is located at:
St. Patrick Church
1046 E. 34th St.
Los Angeles, CA 9001

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday – The traditional Palm Sunday lunch at St. Stephen's, lángos and gulyás soup, will be served by the St. Stephen Society at 11:00AM. Please come and enjoy this once in a year specialty.

Stations of the Cross in Hungarian (Keresztúti ájtatosság) will take place in the Church at 1:00PM every Sunday during Lent.

Good Friday is April 10

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

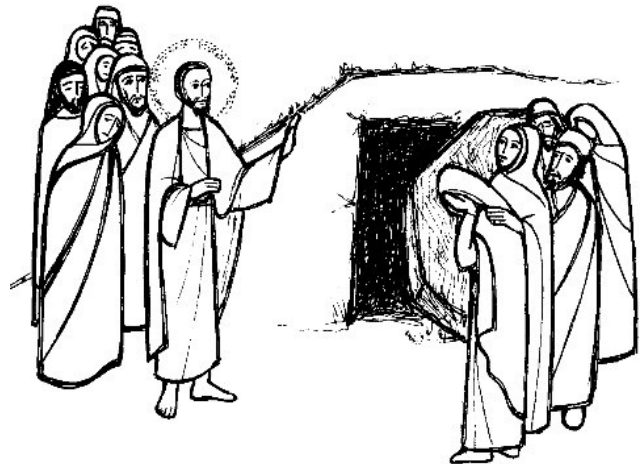
If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

Please bring your old blessed palms and place them in the basket in the vestibule of the church so that they may be properly burned.

Easter Sunday – April 12

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" ...



...Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord,"

Please contact Monika Mohos before or after Sunday Mass for any Mass intentions you would like to request.

You may also contact her by phone at:

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The bulletins are sent to the printing company at least one month in advance. Mass intentions received after the printing deadline may not appear in the bulletin, but are offered all the same.

Daily Mass readings and prayers may be found online at:
in German - <http://erzabtei-beuron.de/schott>
in Hungarian - <https://igenaptar.katolikus.hu/>

Parish Calendar for April 2020

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise

April 5, Sunday – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – red

Palmsonntag

[Mein Gott, mein Gott, warum hast du mich verlassen?]

Georg Haberstroh (deceased) – The Burmeister Family

Thomas Schreiner (deceased) – Family and Friends

For the Faithful

Virágvasárnap

[Istenem, Istenem, miért hagytál el engem?]

Imre Zelizi (deceased) – The Faithful

Antal and Magda Szik (deceased) – The Szik Family

Károly Binger (deceased) and Mária Binger (living)

– Géza Binger

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April 12, Sunday – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – white

Ostersonntag

[Das ist der Tag, den der Herr gemacht; laßt uns jubeln und seiner uns freuen.]

Pro populo – for the Faithful

Húsvét vasárnap

[Ezt a napot az Úristen adta: örvendjünk és vigadjunk rajta.]

Pro populo – for the Faithful

April 19, Sunday – Sunday of Divine Mercy – white

Sonntag der Barmherzigkeit

[Danket dem Herrn, denn er ist gültig, denn seine Huld währt ewig.]

Theresia and Anna Seitz (deceased) – The Seitz Family

Az isteni irgalmasság vasárnapja

[Adjatok hálát az Úrnak, mert jó, mivel irgalma örökké megmarad.]

László Hámos (deceased) – Emese Latkoczy

Piroska Mohos (deceased) – The Mohos Family

For the Faithful

April 26, Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter – white

Dritter Sonntag der Osterzeit

[Du zeigst mir, Herr, den Pfad zum Leben.]

Theresia Gutmann (deceased) – Frank & Gerda Trutzl

For the Faithful

Húsvét Harmadik Vasárnapja

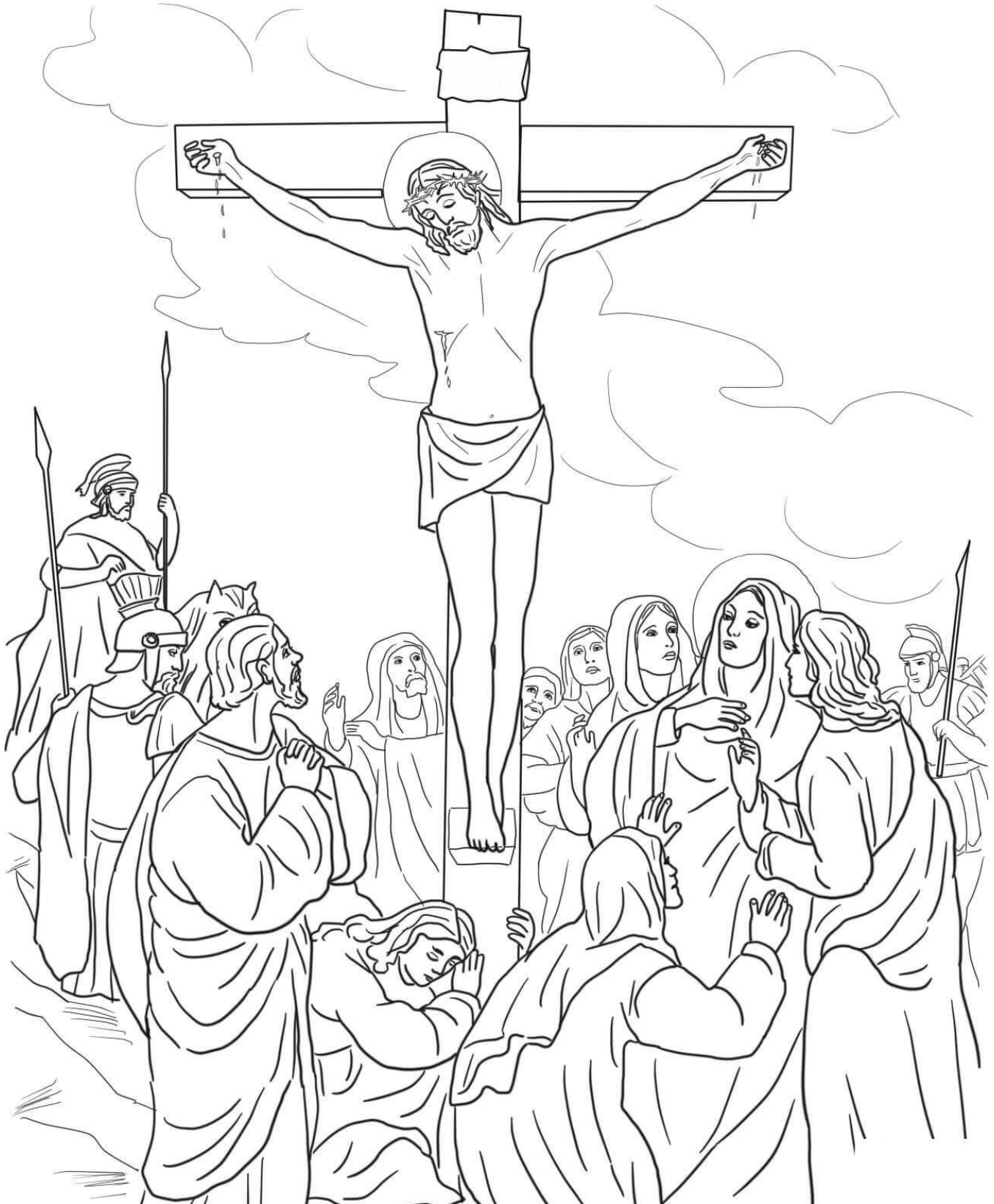
[Az élet útját mutatod, Uram, nékem.]

Ellen Toth (deceased) – Xénia Nagy

Jenő Nagy (deceased) and the deceased members of the Herner Family

Viktor Lantos (living) – The Lantos Family

Good Friday



Good Friday - Friday before Easter

Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Catholics are joined by almost all other Christians in solemn commemoration on this day. It is also a legal holiday around much of the world.

According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper, commemorated on Holy Thursday. The morning following Christ's arrest, he was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric. Annas condemned Jesus for blasphemy for refusing to repudiate Annas' words that He was the Son of God. From there, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the province.

Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus but found no reason to condemn Him. Instead, he suggested Jewish leaders deal with Jesus according to their own law. But under Roman law, they could not execute Jesus, so they appealed to Pilate to issue the order to kill Jesus.

Pilate appealed to King Herod, who found no guilt in Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate once again. Pilate declared Jesus to be innocent, and washed his hands to show that he wanted nothing to do with Jesus, but the crowds were enraged. To prevent a riot and to protect his station, Pilate reluctantly agreed to execute Jesus and sentenced him to crucifixion. Jesus was convicted of proclaiming himself to be the King of the Jews.

Before his execution, Jesus was flogged, which was a customary practice intended to weaken a victim before crucifixion. Crucifixion was an especially painful method of execution and was perfected by the Romans as such. It was reserved for the worst criminals, and generally Roman citizens, women, and soldiers were exempt in most cases.

During his flogging, the soldiers tormented Jesus, crowning Him with thorns and ridicule.

Following his flogging, Jesus was compelled to carry his cross to the place of His execution, at Calvary. During his walk to the site of His execution, Jesus fell three times and the Roman guards randomly selected Simon, a Cyrene, to help Jesus.

After arrival at Calvary, Jesus was nailed to the cross and crucified between two thieves. One of the thieves repented of his sins and accepted Christ while on the cross beside Him. A titulus, or sign, was posted above Christ to indicate His supposed crime. The titulus read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." It is commonly abbreviated in Latin as "INRI" (Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum).

During Christ's last few hours on the cross, darkness fell over the whole land. Jesus was given a sponge with sour wine mixed with gall, a weak, bitter painkiller often given to crucified victims.

Prior to death, Jesus spoke His last words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This line is the opening of Psalm 22, and it may have been common practice to recite lines of songs to deliver a greater message. Properly understood, the last words of Christ were triumphant. Guards then lanced Jesus' side to ensure He was dead.

At the moment of Christ's death, an earthquake occurred, powerful enough to open tombs. The long, thick curtain at the Temple was said to have torn from top to bottom.

Following the incredible events of the day, the body of Christ was removed from the cross and laid in a donated tomb, buried according to custom.

The events of Good Friday are commemorated in the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step devotion often performed by Catholics during Lent and especially on Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross are commonly recited on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. Another devotional, the Acts of Reparation, may also be prayed.

Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church. Traditionally, there is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. A liturgy may still be performed and communion, if taken, comes from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Baptism, penance, and anointing of the sick may be performed, but only in unusual circumstances. Church bells are silent. Altars are left bare.

Stations of the Cross

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death

2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross

3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time

4th Station: Jesus meets his mother

5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7th Station: Jesus falls the second time

8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9th Station: Jesus falls a third time

10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away

11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross

13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb