



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord."  
- Mt 21:9

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# Saint Athanasius Church

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### Parish Office Hours

**Horario de la Oficina Parroquial**

**Mondays/Lunes:** Closed/Cerrado

**Tuesday – Friday / Martes a Viernes:** 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

"Athanasius was undoubtedly one of the most important and revered early Church Fathers. But this great Saint was above all the impassioned theologian of the Incarnation of the Logos, the Word of God who - as the Prologue of the fourth Gospel says - "became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1: 14)."

**BENEDICT XVI , 20 June 2007**

### MASS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE MISAS

Weekdays | Entre Semana  
9:00 A.M English

Saturday | Sábado  
5:00 P.M. English  
6:30 P.M. Español

Sunday | Domingo  
8:00 A.M. English  
\*\*9:30 A.M. Español \*\*  
\*\*11:00 A.M. English \*\*  
1:00 P.M. Español  
\*\*Livestreamed / Transmitida\*\*

Bilingual Mass | Misa Bilingüe  
**9:00 A.M.**

First Saturday of the Month  
*Cada Primer Sábado del Mes*

Novena and Mass  
To Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. (English)

Reconciliation/ Confesiones  
Wednesdays/ Miércoles  
after 9:00 A.M. Mass

Saturdays/Sábados (Bilingual/ Bilingüe)  
4:30 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

St. Athanasius Church's mission is to build disciples of Jesus Christ and assist them in responding to God's call to love and to serve.

La Misión de la Iglesia de San Atanasio es construir discípulos de Jesucristo y ayudarles a responder el llamado de Dios a amar y servir.

## Scripture Readings

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "**The master has need of it,**" they let them take it. Of course, Jesus *knew* they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "**The master has need of it.**" And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

#### Question:

**What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?**

#### Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far. ©LPI



# Parish Life at Saint Athanasius



## **FAMILY PRAYER HOUR (Tuesdays: 7:00 P.M.)**

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There's little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in church, 7-8 PM for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

## **ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

If you have missed connecting and praying with your fellow parishioners, we invite you to visit the St. Paul Discipleship Group virtual meeting Tuesday nights from 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM. The meetings consist of prayer, reflection on our faith journeys in general and on evangelization, and the daily readings. Email us at [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net) for the Zoom meeting details.

## **NOVENA AND MASS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

In this novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Mother of Perpetual Help) we pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary in asking for her assistance. Join us every Wednesday for the novena and mass at 6:30 P.M. All are welcome.

## **ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Athanasius Bereavement, Comfort, and Support Ministry meets every 4th Friday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. We hope that you will be able to attend. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us as we share our losses, and develop coping strategies.

## **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass in the church. Benediction will be at 11:00 AM.

## **SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our Mountain View area through our Emergency Assistance program. The Food Pantry is closed due to COVID-19 because the room is too small for safe distancing. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our virtual board meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM to see how we carry out our mission. Please leave your contact information on our Helpline (650) 562-1000 or at the Parish Office (650) 961-8600.

## **EXPOSICION AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO**

El primer viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM dentro de la Iglesia.

## **JOVENES Y ADULTOS PARA CRISTO**

Nos reunimos todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia, compartimos temas para profundizar nuestra fe, alabanzas y adoración al Santísimo.

## **MISIONEROS DE MARIA INMACULADA**

Somos un grupo de oración familiar, nos reunimos los jueves de 7 - 9 PM en la Iglesia para compartir temas, rezar el rosario, y adoración al Santísimo.

## **JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS**

Los invitamos a venir los lunes de las 7 a las 9 PM en la Iglesia para alabar al Señor, y escuchar testimonio y temas para profundizar nuestro conocimiento en nuestra fe.



# MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

## ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Hoy empezamos la Semana Santa o Semana Mayor. Las lecturas de la liturgia de hoy nos presentan la entrada solemne de Jesús a Jerusalén y el relato de su Pasión. Las lecturas invitan realmente a entrar con Jesús a la ciudad y hacer de estos importantes días verdaderamente santos. Su entrada triunfal es de júbilo y paz, no de guerra y violencia. Montado en un burrito, no sobre un caballo de ejército. “Los discípulos se fueron e hicieron como Jesús les había mandado. Le trajeron la burra con su cría, le colocaron sus mantos sobre el lomo y él se sentó encima” (Mateo 21,6-7). La

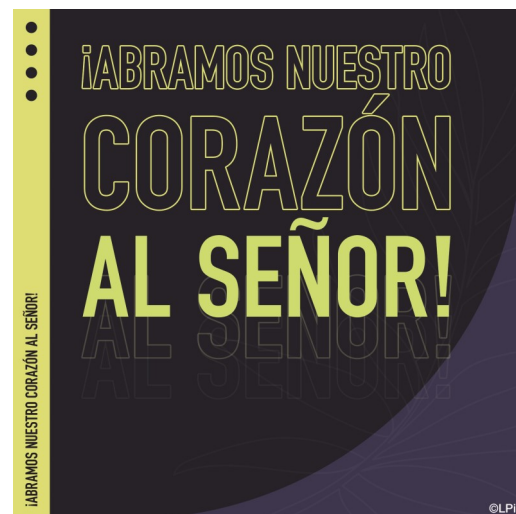


gente gritaba y se apretujaba por seguirlo. “¡Hosana al hijo de David! ¡Bendito sea el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosana en lo más alto de los cielos!” (Mateo 21,9).

¿Quiénes de todos los que ahora lo alaban, gritarán en

su contra el Viernes Santo? ¿Cuántos en la actualidad se avergüenzan de seguir y pertenecer a Jesús? La fe es para manifestarse en público y en privado. Se está con Jesús en momentos de júbilo y en momentos de su Pasión. Así es el ejemplo de este Domingo de Ramos, al principio de la Eucaristía se proclama el Evangelio de la entrada triunfante de Jesús a la ciudad y enseguida se proclama la Pasión del Señor. Triunfo y sufrimiento, júbilo y dolor, así es la existencia humana. Nuestra tarea en esta Semana Santa, es reflexionar en cuantas personas crucificadas están a nuestro alrededor. Y a la vez llevar a ellas la esperanza de la Pascua que ya viene.

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### (PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Abriendo Camino a Dios

Mientras Cristo se reclinaba en la cena de Pascua y su traición inminente, tengo que imaginar que al menos uno de los discípulos pensó para sí mismo, con incredulidad y tal vez incluso con indignación: ¿Y no vas a hacer nada al respecto?

Muy a menudo esperamos que Dios se comporte como el padre frenético de un adolescente, golpeando la puerta cerrada de un dormitorio lleno de música a todo volumen. Esperamos que sea dominante, husmeando en nuestro diario y esperando castigarnos en el momento en que rompamos nuestro horario límite, desesperado por mantenernos dentro del redil familiar, listo y dispuesto a usar el juicio y la fuerza para hacerlo.

Es cierto que Dios desea mucho que permanezcamos en amistad con él. Pero para lograrlo, no viene a nosotros como un entrometido o un señor supremo. Viene de la misma manera que lo hace el Domingo de Ramos. Él espera que le abramos paso.

Puede que no sea dominante, pero sigue siendo devoto e indefectiblemente paciente. Mientras los Domingos de Ramos de nuestra vida, los momentos de nuestra devoción y piedad, dan paso a los Jueves Santos, cuando inevitablemente lo negamos, Dios no nos abandona. El sacrificio en la cruz todavía está ahí, esperando que lo aceptemos.

Díganle a la hija de Sión, “He aquí que tu rey viene a ti, apacible y montado en un burro, en un burrito, hijo de animal de yugo.” — Mateo 21:5 | © LPI



# ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

## SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TOGETHER



### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Supporting Our Mission Together

Our Parish Goal: \$176,937.00

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date we have raised \$120,697.41 toward our goal through the support of 118 households. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift to this year's Appeal.

Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at [www.dsj.org/ADA](http://www.dsj.org/ADA).

*"We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out...those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap...the love of money is the root of all evil." - 1 Timothy 6:7-9*

### Stewardship Corner | Rincón Financiero Weekend March 18 & 19

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| <b>Friday Mass 9:00 A.M.</b>               | \$100.00          |
| Saturday Mass   Misas de Sábado            |                   |
| <b>9:00 A.M.</b>                           | N/A               |
| <b>5:00 P.M.</b>                           | \$602.00          |
| <b>6:30 P.M.</b>                           | \$832.00          |
| Sunday Mass   Misas de Domingo             |                   |
| <b>8:00 A.M.</b>                           | \$432.00          |
| <b>9:30 A.M.</b>                           | \$865.00          |
| <b>11:00 A.M.</b>                          | \$930.00          |
| <b>1:00 P.M.</b>                           | \$1,042.00        |
| Mailed In   Por Correo                     | \$154.00          |
| <b>Online Giving   Por Internet</b>        | \$540.00**        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>\$5,497.00</b> |
| Goal   Meta                                | \$6,000.00        |
| Variance   Diferencia                      | \$(503.00)        |
| <b>Second Collection   Segunda Colecta</b> | \$1,064.00 (CRS)  |
| Catholic Relief Services (English Masses)  | \$1,329.00 (ADA)  |
| ADA (Spanish Masses/Misas en Español)      |                   |

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| <b>Online Giving Detail</b>                            |                 |
| <b>Detalles de Donaciones en línea</b>                 |                 |
| <b>Sunday Collections</b><br><b>Ofrenda de Domingo</b> | \$540.00**      |
| Maintenance Fund<br>Fondo de Mantenimiento             | \$40.00         |
| St. Vincent de Paul                                    | \$105.00        |
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| <b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>                                    | <b>\$685.00</b> |

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EN LÍNEA

# Weekly Prayer

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday April 1

Alejandro Fernandez, Sr. – Deceased †

### Sunday April 2

Charlotte Papa – Deceased †

### Wednesday April 5

Soledad Reyes – Deceased †

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our relationship with Christ should leave us mesmerized — “shaken,” like Biblical Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should leave our jaws hanging. If it does not, we should ask ourselves: what needs to change?

## Observances for the week of April 2, 2023

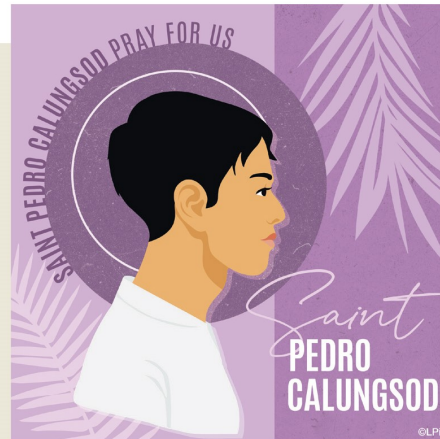
**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,  
Holy Week begins

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday

**Friday:** Good Friday

**Saturday:** Holy Saturday

**Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



## Saint of the week

Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Filipino missionary to Guam, was murdered by the chief of Tumon after baptizing his children at the request of his Christian wife. He remains an inspiration of unwavering faith and loyal friendship to young Catholics everywhere.

## Prayer

*Prayer for St. Pedro Calungsod's intercession*

Saint Pedro Calungsod, student, catechist, young migrant, missionary, faithful friend, martyr, you inspire us by your fidelity in time of adversity; by your courage in teaching the Faith in the midst of hostility; and by your love in shedding your blood for the sake of the Gospel.

We beg you, make our cares and troubles your own [here mention the special intention you are asking him to bring to the Lord] and intercede for us before the throne of Mercy and Grace, so that as we experience the help of Heaven, we may be encouraged and strengthened to proclaim and live the Gospel here on earth.  
AMEN.





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# Parish Calendar

**Sunday April 2nd** Annual Hispanic Community Kermes (Food Festival) after every Mass. Hot beverages and pastries are available after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and the full menu all other times.

Today's Second Collection is for the Maintenance Fund.



**Holy Thursday April 6th** 7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper, (Bilingual), Livestream  
**Jueves Santo** *Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall until Midnight*

7:00 P.M. Misa de la Cena del Señor con transmisión en vivo  
*Altar de Reposo en el Salón Parroquial hasta la Medianoche*

**Good Friday April 7th** 12:00 P.M. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (English)  
**Viernes Santo** 1:00 P.M. Way of the Cross (English)  
2:00 P.M. Reflection on the Empty Tomb (English)  
5:00 P.M. Way of the Cross / Vía Crucis (Bilingual/Bilingüe)  
7:00 P.M. Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor (en español)

**Easter Vigil April 8th** 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil (Bilingual), Livestream  
**Vigilia Pascual**

8:00 P.M. Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa - transmisión en vivo

First Communicants in the 4th to 8th grade receive the most Holy Eucharist.  
*Los grados 4º a 8º reciben la Santísima Eucaristía en su Primera Comunión.*

**Easter Sunday April 9th** 8:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass (English)  
**Domingo de Pascua** 9:30 A.M. La Resurrección del Señor(en español), transmisión en vivo  
11:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass (English), Livestream  
1:00 P.M. La Resurrección del Señor(en español)

## Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15 P.M. concluding before 1:00 P.M.

Traditional account speaks of Mary Magdalene as having gone to the tomb of our Saviour early with a basket of eggs to stay and mourn. She was instead the first witness of the resurrection and the eggs she carried in her basket turned a deep red color reflecting the miracle before her. Later she gained entrance to the court of the Emperor Tiberius Caesar and held an egg in her hand to announce the well-known words "Christ is risen!"

The eggs are also viewed as symbols of a new beginning and resurrection. During Lent, Christians fasted and abstained from eating eggs. Hence, during Easter Sunday, the eggs symbolize joy and celebration.

Easter tradition involves children going on Easter egg hunts. They look for brightly painted hard boiled eggs hidden around the home or garden and collect them in baskets. Families also hide decorated plastic eggs filled with candy or a little money.