Palm Sunday April 2, 2023



# HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

#### **Mission Statement**

We at Holy Family-Holy Rosary parish with the guidance of the Holy Spirit are committed to nurture the spiritual growth of our members, to welcome strangers, to be good stewards of God-given gifts, to provide a safe environment for our youth, to treat everyone with dignity and respect, to provide for the needy and to foster a Christ-centered community.

#### **Sunday Readings**

First Reading: : Isaiah 50:4-7

#### Responsorial Psalm:

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

#### **Second Reading:**

Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Matt:26:14-27:66 The Passion of the Lord



Penance Service Monday, April 3 at 5:30 in Portola



### Palm Sunday

Today, we participate in the reading of the Gospel - we are the Crowd. We remember that Judas, one of the chosen twelve, betrays Jesus; we remember that Peter, also one of the chosen twelve, denies Jesus, no once, but three times; we cry out with the crowd "Let him be crucified!"; we say, as the centurion said: "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The spiritual key to the difference between Judas and Peter, as Bishop Robert Barron points out, is to **walk the path of the repentant Peter**, not follow Judas into despair.

**About this centurion,** Pope Francis has this to say: "He was amazed by love. How did he see Jesus die? He saw him die in love, and this amazed him. Jesus suffered immensely, but he never stopped loving. This is what it is to **be amazed before God, who can fill even death with love**....God has revealed himself and reigns only with the disarmed and disarming power of love."



## Good Friday

I was asked once why it was called Good Friday. The person asking me thought that if someone died, it couldn't be "good". I told her that it was a very "good" day for everyone else, dead or alive, because the gates of heaven were opened to us all! God loves us so much.

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#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 1:

Paula Crichlow+ Josie Tejeda+

Sunday, April 2:

8:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

Tuesday, April 4: Fr. Burns

Wednesday, April 5:

8:30 a.m. - Lawrence and

Hazel Martini+

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday:

7:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Murray+

Friday, April 7 Good Friday

No Mass

Service at 2:00 p.m. in

Loyalton

#### **Sunday Collection**

March 19, 2023

**Regular:** \$2,083.01

Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Consider Online Giving**

You can register and set up One-time or Recurring Giving. You can also give in different categories of:

- Sunday Collection
- Flower
- Building Fund

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy108254

or Text (530) 414-7616

# Thoughts on Holy Thursday's Mass

Holy Thursday is the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist. We are about to embark on parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival, which has the theme **Real Presence**, **Real Life**.



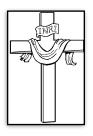
Father Sebastian White, O.P. has this thought on how we are loved through the Eucharist. Of all the possible ways our Lord could have chosen to remain with we and fill us with his

love, **he chose food** - an inescapable human need. No one is "not good enough" to eat. Though it is possible to pay someone to cook for us, **no one**, no matter how rich or powerful, **can hire someone to eat for him.** It's a human activity that can't be outsourced, but **must be done personally.** In the Eucharist, Jesus shows that he loves us and will satisfy all who hunger and thirst for salvation.

Holy Thursday Mass is the only one that doesn't end in the traditional manner. The priest repositions the Eucharist from the central altar to another place [in our church to the side altar]. Why? This is to symbolize what Christ did after the Last Supper—He left and went to the garden to pray. After Mass this evening, plan to spend a few minutes with Jesus in the Garden before leaving.

Holy Thursday is when we wash each other's feet. Father mights need volunteers!





# Why are the Statues and Crucifixes Veiled during Lent?

The Catholic Church recommends this practice to **heighten our senses** and build within us a **longing for Easter Sunday.** 

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the **beauty of everything in our lives**. - aleteia.org

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#### **Holy Family Church**

108 Taylor Ave. Portola, CA 96122

Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Adoration: Friday 7:30 a.m. Confession: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

or by appointment

#### **Holy Rosary Mission** Church

614 4th St.

Loyalton, CA 96118

Masses: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 12:10 p.m.

Adoration: 1st Saturday 10:00 -

10:00 Sunday

Confession: After Mass or by

appointment

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#### Bulletin

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#### **New Website**

Check the new parish website! It is being updated regularly, and you will find mass times, special feast days, and all information about Holy Family and Holy Rosary. www.holyrosaryportola.org

Send submissions to:

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# Holy Week Schedule @



#### Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper, April 6

Mass: 7:00 p.m. Portola

#### Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 7

Services: 2:00 p.m. Loyalton (Church will be opened at noon for prayer)

#### Easter Vigil, April 8

8:30 p.m. Portola

#### Easter Sunday, April 9

Mass: 8:30 a.m. Portola 10:30 a.m. Loyalton

#### Saturday Vigil, April 15

Mass: 4:30 p.m.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

Mass: 8:30 a.m. Portola 10:30 a.m. Loyalton

## Plenary Indulgence for Oivine Mercy Sunday Conditions:



- sacramental confession within 20 days before or after
- Eucharistic communion on the day, or the days before or after
- prayer for the intentions of the Pope

Time to Order Easter Lilies for Church on Easter Sunday

Easter lilies must be ordered by Tuesday, April 4th. to be delivered to the church on Saturday, April 8th.

Local options:

Addies Floral Cottage 530-832-9933 Magnolia Mums 530-354-5510

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## Join in the Divine Mercy Novena

Join your brother and sisters at Holy Rosary in Loyalton in praying the **Divine Mercy Novena** beginning on Good Friday, April 7, and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16. You can pray along with them at home.

**St. Faustina** received this **message from Jesus**: "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death." (Diary, 1209)

There are pamphlets with instructions available for everyone in the vestibules at both churches.

## What is a Novena?

The word "novena" comes from the Latin meaning "nine each." It is a prayer or Holy Mass that is offered for nine consecutive days.

Scripturally, novenas take their origin from the **nine days of prayer before Pentecost.** After the Ascension, the apostles and disciples, in obedience to the Lord, gathered in the upper room and devoted themselves to constant prayer, together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus (Acts 1:4-5).

#### BEWARE OF E-MAIL SCAM FROM FR. INNOCENT



Someone has hacked Fr. Innocent's email and harvested email addresses. The email will say it's from "Father Innocent Subiza" in the address bar - but when you right-click on the address you will see the actual email address that's generating it. The scam recently reported was of someone asking for the person to go to Walmart and buy a large amount of gift cards for him to give out to "staff members". It's important to know that anyone who requests you to **purchase** something for them, *is most probably a scam!* 



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# Saint's Corner We should read our Lord's Passion constantly; what great benefit we will gain by doing so. Even if you are as hard as stone, when you contemplate that He was sarcastically adorned, then ridiculed, beaten, and subjected to the final agonies, you will be moved to cast all pride from your soul. ~ St. John Chrysostom