

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "*Kali Anastasi*" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the Resurrection. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CCD - Catholic Christian Disciples

Spread the Good News-Jesus died and He rose from the dead! Calling all parents and parishioners to spread this Good News seriously. We are called to evangelize, to reach out to others. One way to do this is to join our **Religious Education Committee**. We call on parents and parishioners to share their dreams, their desires and their ways of promoting a wonderful religious education program for our children, youth and adults as we plan for the coming year. Will you share your expertise in recruiting teachers? In keeping our children Catholic? In writing a budget? In fundraising to carry out the budget? In keeping our children and youth safe? Please consider being a member of the Religious Education Committee, we are in need of volunteers today.

+ **Children are needed** to hold a picture of one of the 14 Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30th at 8:00 a.m.

+ There are no CCD classes on Wednesday, March 28th of Holy Week. **Classes will resume on April 4th.**

+ Remember to have your **Easter Basket** blessed on Saturday, March 31st by Fr. Lourdu.

May we all receive many blessings from our Risen Savior this Holy Week and Easter. **Happy Holy Week!**

~ Sr. Marianna

Easter Basket Blessing - Saturday, March 31st



9:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus
10:00 a.m. - St. John
11:00 a.m. - Ss. Peter & Paul

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,393.00
Loose	1 11.00
Total	1,504.00
Total from March 19, 2017	1,496.00
Building Fund	1 80.00
Easter Flowers	1 29.00
World Concern	9 6.00
Black & Indian Missions	1 0.00
Easter	2 5.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 465.00
Loose	2 53.00
Total	7 18.00
Total from March 19, 2017	6 64.00
Building Fund	1 5.50
Easter Flowers	3 0.00
World Concern	6 40.00
Black & Indian Missions	1 0.00
Energy	1 00.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 617.00
Loose	2 7.01
Total	6 44.01
Total from March 19, 2017	9 57.24
Easter Flowers	1 0.00
World Concern	4 0.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 230.00
Loose	2 3.00
Total	2 53.00
Total from March 19, 2017	2 42.00
Easter Flowers	5 0.00
World Concern	1 05.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 2/28/18

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 8,225.00	\$ 2,954.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 3,981.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 2,790.00	\$ 2,459.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 2,282.00	\$ 227.00

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