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Happy Easter!

California ~ April 2018

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The Eucharist



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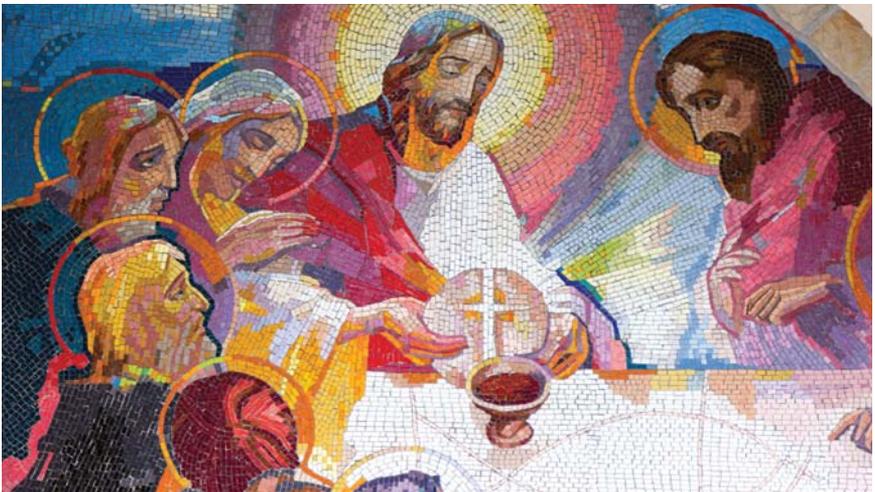
In SAN DIEGO our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 31st. of March at 4:00pm., in the St John Evangelist Hall, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln, San Diego. Refreshments will be available.

In LOS ANGELES our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 1st of April at 1:15pm, in the St John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda 92886. After Mass we will have our traditional egg hunt for children. More details on page 8.

In SAN FRANCISCO our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8th of April at 11 am in the auditorium of Star of the Sea parish, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Mark your calendars for next Mass:

SD May 12th - LA May 20th - SF June 10th



Holy Week is almost here!

Here's what you need to know



A short guide to the most important week of the Church's calendar.

Every year Catholics (and many Christians) commemorate the week before Easter Sunday with special traditions and devotions that help them enter into the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a special time of the year, culminating in the biggest feast of the Church's calendar.

However, it can be a bit confusing as each celebration during this "Great Week" has its own focus and liturgical practices.

Here are the basics of what to look forward to during the week that precedes Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday

This day inaugurates Holy Week with the triumphal entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem. In the Gospels Jesus comes to the city riding upon a donkey with the people placing palm branches in front of him. At Mass on this day the congregation relives this event with a procession into the church and a solemn blessing of palm branches. The Passion narrative is also read on this day.

Holy Monday

Usually there are no special liturgies on this day, but in the narrative of Holy Week Jesus visits his friends at Bethany and Mary anoints him with precious oil, preparing him for his burial. Some time during Holy Week,

at a Mass called the Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese gather and the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Anointing, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives its annual supply of these oils at the Chrism Mass, which in some dioceses is celebrated on the Monday of Holy Week.

Holy Tuesday

The week continues closer to Jesus' Passion and on this day the liturgy focuses on Jesus announcing Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial.

Spy Wednesday

The day before Jesus is betrayed, Judas visits the chief priests of the Temple and promises to give them Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver. This day is traditionally called "Spy Wednesday" in reference to the "spy" or "traitor," Judas. Many parishes and religious communities celebrate a special service of evening prayer known as Tenebrae (from the Latin for growing darkness) on this night, during which Scripture passages on the Passion are read and a candle extinguished after each reading, until the church or chapel is in darkness.

Holy Thursday

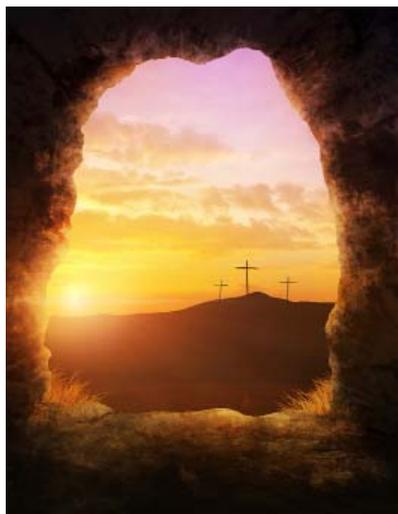
Jesus makes his final preparations and celebrates the Last Supper with his apostles. The theme for today is the institution of the Eucharist and the sacrament of the priesthood. It is also called "Maundy Thursday" in reference to the "mandatum," Jesus' commandment to love one another, symbolized by his washing of the feet of the apostles; this gesture is often reenacted by the celebrant. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Eucharist is processed in the through the church and placed on a separate altar, called the "altar of repose," for private adoration until midnight in memory of Jesus' agony in the Garden on that night.

Good Friday

Jesus is brought before Pontius Pilate and condemned to death. He takes up his cross and is crucified on Mount Calvary. There is no celebration of Mass on this day, the most sober day in the Church's calendar. A commemoration of Christ's Passion is usually celebrated between 12:00 and 3:00, with the recitation of the Passion narrative, veneration of the cross, and the reception of communion in the form of hosts that were consecrated on Holy Thursday and reserved. A special collection taken up on Good Friday goes to support the Church in the Holy Land. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics subject to these requirements.

Holy Saturday

This day is a holy day of "waiting," when Jesus is said to have



“descended into the dead” to bring the just souls who died before his sacrifice on the cross to the glories of heaven. There is no celebration until the Easter Vigil in the evening, which begins in the dark and ends in the light of Christ’s resurrection. It is a beautiful liturgy when those coming into the Catholic faith are baptized and confirmed. The Alleluia and the singing of the Gloria return to the liturgy, and church bells that have been silent through Lent ring joyfully.

Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! The joyous day of Easter is here and the liturgy reflects it with beautiful music, flowers and decorations. There is often a renewal of baptismal promises at this Mass and a sprinkling of holy water upon all those present. Easter Sunday begins the 50-day season of Easter, during which Catholics have a duty to receive communion at least once.

Source: www.aleteia.org

Pope Francis’ Intention of the Month



MONTH OF APRIL



Theme:

For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Mass and Discussion with Father Dušan Hladík

April 5th at 4pm



Fr. Dušan will serve a home Mass at Velehrad, followed by a discussion and would love you to join. Everyone is welcome!

Velehrad - Bishop Peter Esterka's residence
344 Koch Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870

March 9th Lenten discussion at the home of Petr Peterka





THE CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS

The *Czechoslovak Talks* project was created in 2016 under the title of the Dotek Foundation. Since 2008, the endowment fund has contributed financially to the realization of a wide range of activities of Czechs and Slovaks living abroad. It financially supported, for example, study programs in the czech language, or regularly contributes to the activities of compatriots and associations. Through the close contact with the expatriate community, we had the opportunity to get acquainted with many inspirational life stories of Czechoslovak compatriots, thanks to which the idea of the *Czechoslovak Talks* project came into being.

The main activity of the *Czechoslovak Talks* project is the collection, processing and publication of the true stories of Czech and Slovak compatriots around the world - stories of personal ups and downs, opportunities and obstacles, whose life experiences should not be forgotten but preserved for future generation. The stories are published on our website where you can get more information about the project.

In October this year, we are preparing a comic book featuring seven stories by Czech and Slovak compatriots, which we would like to enrich in the coming years with other stories.

If you want to be part of the *Czechoslovak Talks* or you know someone in your neighborhood whose life story should be kept for the next generation, please contact us at

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Easter Egg Hunt For Children

Children, don't forget about the Easter Egg Hunt as part of our Czech Easter celebrations!



Parents, please bring colored eggs and candy which will be blessed after Mass and taken to the back lawn for the children to collect them.

We can always use more pastries and desserts for our Easter meal!

Los Angeles Mass with Fr. Hladík on March 18th



St. Joseph's Party

This year's St. Joseph's party was a huge success with approximately 100 guests in attendance and the absolutely amazing performance by VV Band. A huge thanks to all the people who helped with the setup, clean up, table decoration, the tireless crew in the kitchen as well as the event organizers. We hope to see you all again at our next event.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS: April 2018



1. + Jaroslav Gajdos - wife Charline
4. +Ivanka Prochazkova (+26/2/16) – manžel Mila Prochazka
6. +Miloslav Mářík – manželka Edith
7. +Yolanda Srsen – dcera Marta Jonec
8. +Agnes & Stanley Brozek - Peter and Paul Brozek and families
10. +Robert a Kveta Dvoracek – Genie Berberian, dcera
11. + Estela Barcarcel - John Krato
13. +Michael and Anna - John Krato, father and husband
15. +Rasla Family - Evelyn Holicky Puhala
16. + Monika & Ferdinand Stachura
17. za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
18. + Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
23. + Jiřinu Jordánovou - manžel Pavel Jordán
24. +Karel Novak - dcera Irene

March 2018

We will publish, according to the practice of Catholic parishes, the amount of the collections, not distinguishing between the separate Masses, and also the amount received by mail that month. There will no longer be a monthly report of expenses. The balance sheet is published annually in our February Vestnik. If anyone has questions please call Bishop Esterka at 714 524 0092 and leave a message.

Mass collections + Meals: \$3,367.00; Mail: \$445.00

May God reward you for your generosity.

Please take care to make out your checks so that they will match the names on our accounts: 1. Velehrad California Czech Catholic Mission or VCCCM. Our bank will no longer accept checks without the legal title Velehrad or VCCCM on the payable-to line. 2. If you wish your donation to go to the North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics: Make it out to NAPCCC.

OUR MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST ONLY AS LONG AS WE SUPPORT IT FINANCIALLY.

YOUR TRUST OR WILL: Please remember Czech ministry in your trust or will. Our legal title is: North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics, 344 Koch Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. For information call Bishop Esterka, 714 524 0092.

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