

Weekly Scripture

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11 Procession; 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

Monday, April 6

Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 In 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7

*Tuesday of Holy Week*Is 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Life Entrusted to the Father

Gospel Reflection based on Matthew 26:14-27:66

In 1997, Hector Mendez was with his daughter visiting the top of the Empire State Building when a gunman began shooting randomly. When the shots began, Hector saw that his daughter was about to run to him, a normal thing for a nine-year-old to do at a terrifying moment. But running to her father would put her in the line of fire. Hector yelled to her to go through a nearby exit door. He firmly and passionately commanded his daughter to do the opposite of what every fiber of her being wanted to do, i.e., rush into her father's protecting arms.

She paused for what must have seemed like an eternity to Hector and, ultimately, turned and went through the exit. She and her father lived.

What enabled her to stop in her tracks and go through a door where she would find panicking strangers instead of the face of her father? She so trusted her father's love that she obeyed his voice at a most difficult moment. She trusted her father more than her immediate instinct.

That loving father and his terrified daughter help us understand Jesus' obedience to his Father, from the garden to the cross... to the Resurrection.

Psalm 22 which begins *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?* leads to the exultant affirmation, *I will live for the Lord.*

Veras, Fr. R. (2020). "Life Entrusted to the Father" in S. White, O.P. (Ed.), Magnificat* Lenten Companion Lent 2020, New York: Magnificat* Inc. | https://us.magnificat.net

The Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 9 - Sunday, April 12

Holy Thursday, April 9

Chrism Mass Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 10

Jn 18:1—19:42

Friday of the Passion of the Lord Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Holy Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil
Gn 1:1-2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Mt 28:1-10

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

Pope Francis, Message for Lent, 2020

Access The New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at http://cms.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm

My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

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

R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



Two Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord

by Mother Teresa

When we meditate on the passion of our Lord, we should examine our conscience to see what sin of ours caused that special pain to Jesus. We can make reparation and share that pain by doubling our penance.

We should keep strict custody of the eyes. We should hold clean throughts in our minds. We should keep greater silence of the heart. In that silence we will hear his words of comfort and, in turn, be able to comfort Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor.

Jesus said that penance is necessary if we want to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil. Sacrifice, if it is to be real, must cost us, must hurt, must empty us of self. Let us think about the passion of Christ, his sufferings. The point of such meditation is not just to have our feelings roused. Rather, our meditation should lead us to change as we cooperate with God's grace in real sacrifices of self.

Mother Teresa (2013). April 2, April 3. In A. Scolozzi M.C.III.O. (Ed). *Thirsting for God: Daily Meditations*, Franciscan Media.



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach us all in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.





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