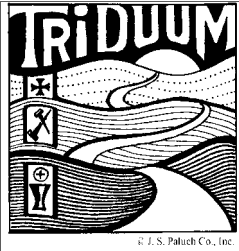


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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 9, 2006

Christ Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. -- Philippians 2:8



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Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Apr 10
Bible Study & Prayer
 Group, Chapel, 7:30 pm

Tues. Chism mass
 at St. Mary's Cathedral 5:30pm

Wed. Apr 12—
Penitential Service,
 7 pm, Church

Holy Thursday- Apr 13
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm—

Good Friday- Apr 14
12noon-*Stations of the Cross*
1pm-*Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*
9pm —*Liturgy of the Lord's passion in Arabic*

Holy Saturday-
 7pm— *Easter Vigil (English)*
 10pm—*Easter Vigil (Arabic)*

Trip to Rome:

The Consistory For The Creation of New Cardinals

By Father Andrew Johnson

Rome is always an exciting experience even after visiting there a number of times!!! it is the Capitol City of our Church, full of interesting and historic churches and inspiring holy shrines with great legends. The people generally are friendly and helpful, but you should know a little Italian to get around the city. it is expensive to be taking taxis all the time. The buses, trolleys and the underground subway are very reliable, well managed and quite reasonably priced. However, the pickpockets are truly world class so you have to be very careful when riding public transportation. One member of our group had his pocket picked on the bus by a lady who got away with 100 Euros (about US\$125).

We left San Francisco on Wednesday, March 22nd at 8 AM and arrived in Rome the next morning around 8 AM. Taking a taxi to a religious house in Trestavere cost 65 Euros because it was the middle of rush hour and traffic was really bad. Normally the cost would have been 40-45 Euros. After a recuperative nap, we went to the Exedra Hotel at the Palazzo della Rpubblica, where many of those who had joined one of the tours were staying. After visiting with many old friends we left for a special dinner for all the priests from San Francisco. The Bishops from the Archdiocese of San Francisco were all there as well as Cardinal Mahoney from Los Angeles. There were many toasts and the stories and camaraderie were tremendously enjoyable.

Friday morning at 10:30 the Consistory for the Creation of New Cardinals was held in St. Peter's Square directly in front of St. Peter's Basilica. Archbishop Levada was the first to receive his red Cardinal's biretta as he knelt before Pope Benedict XVI. This was preceded by a Liturgy of the Word and a stirring homily by the Holy Father. Fourteen more cardinals were created following Cardinal Levada. They came from all over the world, including a number from third world countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. They all had their enthusiastic supporters who were very vocal at times. We had been there over four hours, shivering in the cold and the wind was blowing. The sun never came out and that afternoon we had a driving rain storm complete with hail stones. We found a place nearby selling brandy and coffee which we needed desperately by the time the liturgy was over. Next was a luncheon reception at the North American College hosted by the seminarians. Cardinal Levada and Cardinal O'Malley from Boston greeted us and posed for pictures. We retired to our room early and skipped dinner to combat the chill, rain and jetlag.

.....to be continued.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Apr 9— Palm Sunday; Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47

Monday: **Monday of Holy Week;** s 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: **Tuesday of Holy Week;** Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: **Wednesday of Holy Week, Passover Begins;** Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: **Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum Begins; Lord's Supper;** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence;** Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Saturday: **Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter;** a) Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 {1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Sunday, Apr 16 Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord; Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat, 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone is called to go to confession for Easter time. As a reminder our **Reconciliation Service** is on **Wednesday- April 12 from 7:00 PM**. Our children at school went to confession on Friday March 31, they gave us the good example.

*The students of **STM School** are participating in the **Way of the Cross** at 2:00 pm in the church on Wednesday, April 12. The second grade class is preparing this service. All are invited to attend and join with us in this prayerful experience.

*As in the past, we welcome **donations for the flowers of Good Friday and Easter**. They may be made in honor and/or in memory of a beloved friend/family member; names of those honored & donors will be acknowledged on Easter Sunday.

***Make Holy Week a really HOLY** one for you and your family. The church offers several devotions that can help you live the last days of our Lord. Try to pray, to read and share the life of Jesus who on Good Friday offered his life for the salvation of the whole world. Renew your faith, rebuild your relations with God, yourself, and your family, friends and neighbors.

***STM congratulates Daly City Police Officer NORMAN PALABY** who received the Area Wide Police Valor Award for courageous action at the 41st Annual Police & Firefighters Awards Banquet on 3/31. He entered a burning residence, crawled thru the house on his hands and knees & dragged an unconscious man to safety, saving this man's life.



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*Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are planning a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy** this Fall for 11 days either **November 5-15 or November 12-22**. The priests will finalize the dates depending on the number of people who enroll for this pilgrimage and their choice. The travel agency has proposed a Pilgrimage for 11 days to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciaio (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan costing about \$2,680, (includes airfare). If the number of pilgrims is more than 10, this should reduce the cost. Pls register your names, preferably by the end of this month. You may contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira our Parish Secretary, for further info and registration. We need at least 10 pilgrims to make this trip possible.

*For everyone who work downtown, you are invited to the **Way of the Cross** on Good Friday, in North Beach, from 12:30 pm—2:30 pm. First station begins on Telegraph Hill at Coit Tower, final station in Washington Square on the corner of Union & Stockton in North Beach.

*Pls. check TV guide schedules for EWTN's **Holy Week and Easter Masses telecast from Rome** with Pope Benedict XVI officiating. EWTN is carried on Comcast Digital Ch. 229; RCN Ch. 80; DISH Satellite Ch. 261; and Direct TV Ch. 422. Comcast airs EWTN on Ch. 70 in HMB, Ch. 74 in Southern SM county.

MASS INTENTIONS

April 9 — April 15, 2006

04/9 Sun	10:00 am	Capistrano Fernandez †
	8:00 pm	People of STM
04/10 Mon	8:30 am	Dario Gatchalian †
04/11 Tue	5:30 pm	Maureen Carlin, Sp. Int.
04/12 Wed	8:30 am	Adolfo Fermin †
04/13 Thur	5:30 pm	Bill Thomas †
04/15 Sat	5:00 pm	Teresa Small, Sp. Int.

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the mass you offer is preferred.



All the sick people in our parish especially Napoleon Oribello, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah,

& Dino Rulloda, for those who are terminally ill, for those fighting addiction and those with mental illness. We also pray for all the deceased members of our parish.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be changed as needed.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings on the weekend of **4/02/06** was **\$3,441**
Your tithing offertory: \$



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Actual Construction Money in Bank **\$116,459**

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall.

Thank you!

FAST & ABSTINENCE LAW: Everyone 14 years and older must **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent & Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, everyone 18 yrs old to age sixty is also bound to **fast** (only one full meal); drinking liquids is permitted.