

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

## TODAY — PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. **Cathedral Choir Rehearsal** in the Music Room.  
9:15 a.m. **Prayer Ministry** in the Moore Prayer Chapel.  
9:30 a.m. **CHURCH SCHOOL: "A Fellowship of Learning."** For all ages, infant through adult.  
10:40 a.m. **Prayer** in the Sanctuary, led by the Women's Ministry.  
11:00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** in the **Sanctuary**.  
12:15 p.m. **All Church Coffee and Quarterly Ministry Update** in the Robbins Dining Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- 6:00 a.m. **Tele-Prayer** (from 6:00 a.m. to 6:21 a.m.) Call: 323-645-9525.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Worship Service** in the Francis Chapel.

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:00 a.m. **Food Pantry** open at the 8th Street door.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- 11:00 a.m. **Easter Eggstravaganza** in the main parking lot: Easter egg hunt, music, face painting, games, prizes, food and other family activities.

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:30 a.m. **Cathedral Choir Rehearsal** in the Music Room.  
9:15 a.m. **Prayer Ministry** in the Moore Prayer Chapel.  
9:15 a.m. **Easter Breakfast** in the Robbins Dining Hall (until 10:30 a.m.). (\$5 adults; \$3 children under 12).  
9:30 a.m. **CHURCH SCHOOL: "A Fellowship of Learning."** For all ages, infant through adult.  
11:00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** in the **Sanctuary**.

***The Church office is open Monday through Friday  
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.***

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## PLEASE NOTE

**BIBLES** in English and Spanish are available in the narthex or from an usher for use during the service. Please return them to the cart in the narthex following worship.

**BOOK OF MEMORY:** The page illuminated today – *In Loving Memory of Mrs. Harry J. Openshaw, 1867-1951*. You may see this lovely book displayed at the east end of the Sanctuary narthex.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** One arrangement has been given in loving memory of **Tina Thomas Shott** by mother and sister, Bernice and Elda Thomas.

The second arrangement has been given in loving memory of **Hector David Orozco** by his mother, Aurora Orozco.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:** Alice Gubatan, Sara Guevara, Noah LaRosa, Gustavo Martinez, Nalis Mercier, Rosalba Morales, Kimberly Navarro and her new baby Isaac Quasula, Anabel Sanchez, and Bernice Thomas. You may pick up the complete Prayer List in the narthex.

## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

*“Trusting God in the Transition”* Proverbs 3:5-6

*\*Assisted Listening Equipment is available along with translation assistance in Korean and Spanish. Please see an usher for a device..*

## OUR CALL AS A CONGREGATION

*We are called to be a community of faith, a welcome table, that celebrates the rich diversity of its membership as it serves and honors the diverse cultural and ethnic nature of Los Angeles and surrounding communities. We are called to be deeply grounded in the Word and Witness through the power of the Holy Spirit, being a prophetic voice for justice, healing and transformation. We are called to manifest the love of Christ as we share our various sources of capital with the community as well as being a witness to God's reign through celebrative worship and care for one another.*

## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to complete the Registration card located in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. Please join us following Morning Worship for Coffee/Fellowship Time.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH?

Near the end of worship, the pastor will invite anyone who wishes to become a member of this community of faith to the front of the sanctuary. Following this response, you will be introduced to our Membership Intake Ministry, who will guide you through the process of church membership and beyond.

## **PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION**

With the celebration of the Palm Sunday, we enter into the Holy Week. Palm Sunday is a day to reflect on the pain, suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. The day begins with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as King. He is entering with majesty into the Temple city to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record his arrival riding on a donkey, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street and shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." There is the manifestation of joy and enthusiastic welcome from the crowds as Jesus enters Jerusalem. They honor him as their long-awaited Messiah and King who has come victorious. The significance of Jesus riding a donkey and having his way paved with palm branches is a fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by the prophet Zechariah and in so doing emphasized the humility that was to characterize the Kingdom he proclaimed.

## **THE LENTEN JOURNEY – WEEK 6**

We're here. We have reached the last week in our Lenten Journey together. For 5 weeks, we have been praying, fasting, feasting, adopting and reflecting all in an effort to grow deeper and closer to God. You have made it this far; I know you can make it to the end.

This last week, we cannot conclude without exploring the one discipline that seems to characterize the entire life and ministry of Jesus. We know he lived a life of solitude, surrender, service, submission and simplicity. But I suggest to you that the theme of his time on earth could be encapsulated in the discipline of Sacrifice. The notion of 'sacrifice' is a familiar Christian concept. In the Old Testament sacrifices were central to sustaining, renewing and restoring covenantal relationship with God. In the New Testament, we are taught that we now have relationship with God through the belief in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. In response, the apostle Paul challenges us to be "living sacrifices" (Romans 12:1).

As we reflect upon this final week of scriptures, let's look specifically at the ways Jesus molded his earthly life and ministry to fit God's purpose praying for illumination on how we can more fully do the same.

Monday - Luke 4:16-21 • Tuesday - John 10:11-15 • Wednesday - Matthew 16:21

Thursday - John 10:17-18 • Friday - John 15:13-17 . • Saturday - Hebrews 10:1-10

I am so humbled that you would join me in this Journey and I pray that you are stronger, wiser and better for having made the journey. I would love to hear how you have encountered God in a new way over the 6 weeks. As we enter this Holy Week, I encourage you to be intentionally reflective upon what the sacrifice of Jesus means for you, our community and our world. I invite you to celebrate the Resurrection in community because we are so much better together. Finally, I challenge you to stay the course. The Lenten season is ending but the journey is a lifetime.

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Pastoral Search Committee will be available to provide status updates and answer questions during the coffee fellowship time following the morning worship service.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions of any PSC Member. PSC Members are: Gerald Gubatan, Chair; Zuleima Argumedo, Daniel Choi, David McFadden, Shirley Parsley, Alma Pineda, Richard Rogers and Marta Torres.