

The Sunday Emmaus

Series: The Passion of Our Lord, Year C;

13th APRIL 2025

St. Pauls Catholic Parish &
University of Nairobi Chaplaincy

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday:

Morning: 7.00am

Evening: 5.30pm

Wednesday 6.00pm

Saturday:

Evening: 5.45pm

Sunday Mass:

7.30am – Community

8.00am – State House Girls

8.30am – Nairobi Primary

9.00am – Students Mass

9.00am – State House Mass

11.30am – Community Mass

– PMC Mass

– Youth Mass

5.30pm – Community Mass

CONFESSION

Monday – Friday 5.00pm

Wednesday 5.30pm

Saturday 5.15pm

MINISTERS

- Rev. Fr. John Wamuti,
Parish priest In-charge
- Rev. Fr. Stephen Gaitho,
Assistant Parish Priest
- Rev. Fr. Peter Kaigua,
The Chaplain –Students
- Rev. Fr. Gerald Wanjara
The Chaplain–Police.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading Acts 10:34a 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23

2nd Reading Colosians 3:1-4

Gospel John 20:1-9

ADORATION

Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm



OUR SUNDAY REFLECTION ...



The Passion Sunday

Holy Week is the high point of the liturgical year. This Sunday, we begin this great week with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Among the crowds of those waving palm branches, we find those who still doubt Jesus' identity and the call to which God is asking of us.



They shouted Hosanna

It must have been an amazing sight to see all those people shouting "Hosanna!" In a few days, these would be the people who would be saying, "Crucify Him." Carrying the weight of the Cross for us, Jesus kept His eyes fixed on Jerusalem.



The betrayal by the disciples

During this week, Jesus was betrayed by His disciples. One of his disciples even said he did not know Him. Jesus shared a meal with His disciples and even washed their feet. The sorrow-filled procession that Jesus made on Good Friday was so different from the joyful entry that He made on Palm (Passion) Sunday.



The Encounter with Christ

In the celebrations of Holy Week, Jesus meets us on the road to Calvary. We encounter God's thirst for us. In the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we also discover God's great love for us and are called to affirm our own identity with God.



Our Struggles

Created in the image and likeness of God, we strive to live by Jesus' words and examples. However, as human beings, we struggle with injustice, betrayal, greed, and pain. God knows

the things we carry that do not bring us peace. This Holy Week and each day of our lives, we are reminded to invite Jesus into our journeys. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Reflection courtesy the Spiritans)



Prayer

Let us pray: Almighty everlasting God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you . . . **Amen.**



The Mass

GOSPEL BEFORE THE PROCESSION

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

(Luke 19.28-40)



THEME

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is King and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.



FIRST READING | Isaiah 50:4-7

"I hid not my face from shame, and I know I shall not be put to shame."

Third song of the Servant of the Lord.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:8-9.17-18a.19-20.23-24 (R. 2a)

[R] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me; they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him, for in him he delights."
[R]

2. For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of my bones
[R]
3. They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe. But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me!
[R]
4. I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
"You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel."
[R]



SECOND READING | Phil 2:6-11

"He humbled himself, and God has highly exalted him"

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven

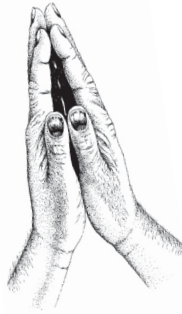
and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him: and bestowed on him the name which is above every name **Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**



GOSPEL | Luke 22:14-23:56

The narrative of the Lords Passion is read.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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1. Mass animation:

We thank **St Bernadette of Lourdes SCC** for good service today. Next Sunday's 11.30am mass will be animated by **Catechumens - Candidates for first Holy Communion.**

2. Catechesis

- Infant Baptism registration is on-going at the parish office
- Registration class for school going children age of 9years and above is ongoing at catechist office
- Registration for adults' catechesis is ongoing.

3. Easter Concert:

The year of Hope Easter Concert will be held on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**, from **3:30 PM -5:00 PM** here at St Paul's Chapel. There are no Charges.

4. Tshirts Sale:

There will be sale of Red Branded T-shirt for Good Friday to be worn during the Way of the Cross. The sale will be on **Sunday April 13th, 2025**, T-shirt goes for **Kshs. 800**. You are encouraged to obtain one.

5. Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion

Confessions are going on before and after each Mass, kindly take advantage of this special offer of Grace.



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