



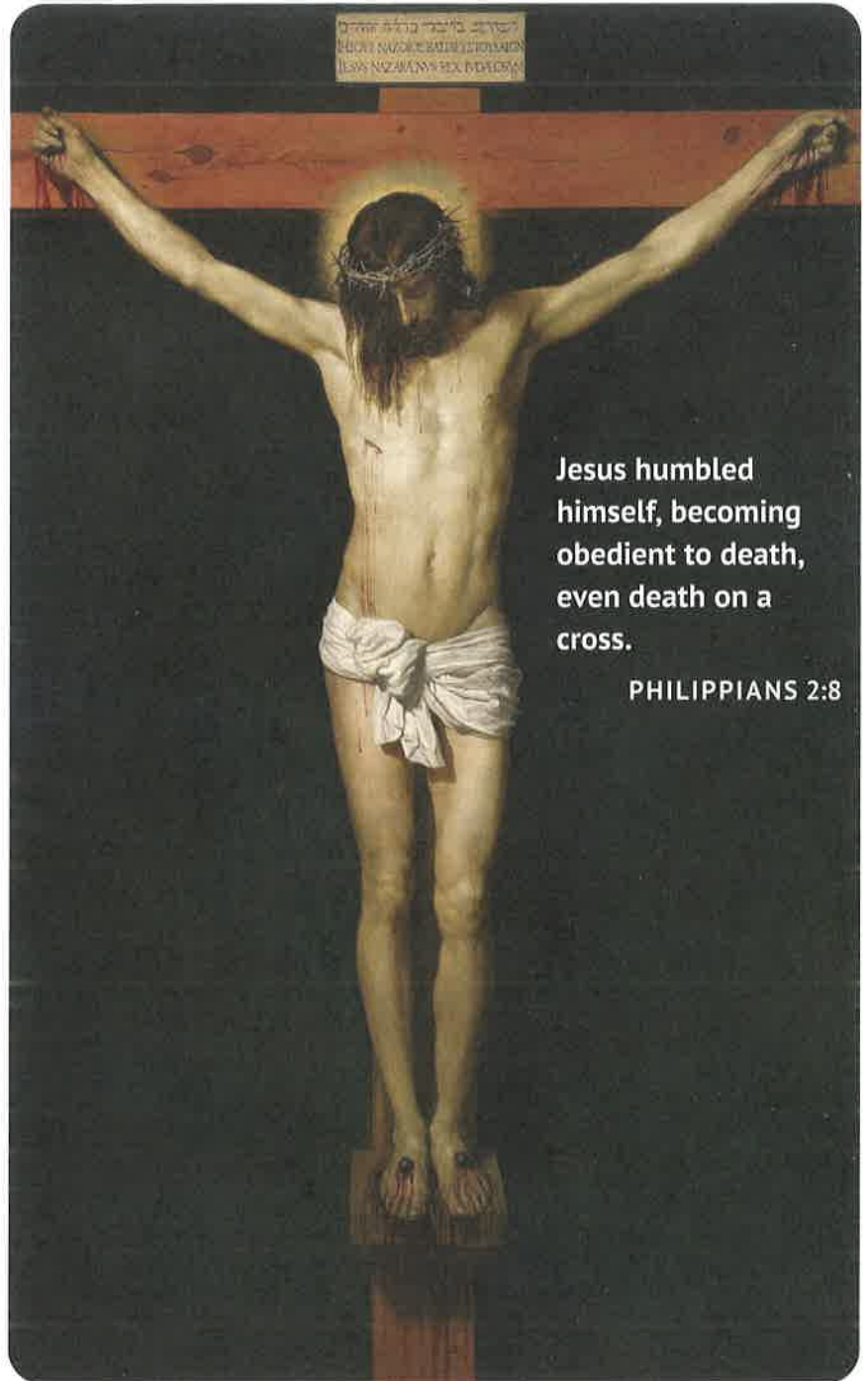
The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live my life of dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?

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PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 24, 2024

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Joseph L. Marks and
in Memory of Josie and Gus Fredriksen*

★★MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT	5:15 PM	Joseph L. Marks 7 th Anniversary	THUR	7:00 PM	Rev Joseph Barnes, Msgr Richard Loeper, Msgr Thomas Birch, Rev Joseph Campion & Rev Francis Straka
SUN	7:30 AM	Ollie Pribanick			
	9:00 AM	Our Living and Deceased Parishioners			
	11:00 AM	Gene Sterner	FRI	3:00 PM	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
MON	7:30 AM	Helen & Frank Janiszewski	SAT	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Our Parishioners
TUES	7:30 AM	Anthony Volpiccini	SUN	7:30 AM	Easter Memorial Envelopes
WED	7:30 AM	Josie & Gus Fredriksen		9:00 AM	Easter Memorial Envelopes
	9:00 AM	ICA MASS Karen Mahaffey		11:00 AM	Easter Memorial Envelopes

The Second Collection Next Week is the Easter Collection

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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Deb Petras, Pat Fessler, Rita Ferry, Sunny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stefina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Geri Barth, Dominic Strock, Anthony Scaglione, Aaron Gulla, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Miriam Leman, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Terry Swisher, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Christopher Shirk, Joe Nowotarski, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gazda, Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Tanya Sanders, Louis & Renee Cutillo, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Watson, Simcock, Judy Jones, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Charlotte Glacken, Beply McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, Michael Bobb, John Kuszniir, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Nova Puszczkowski, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Dante LaScala, Michael Gulla, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, & Geraldine Christ.

Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at

www.icbvm.org

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 4pm

Children from Immaculate Conception Academy will present the Living Stations of the Cross. Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the beautiful reenactment of the events of Calvary. Please come to celebrate and witness this beautiful Lenten Prayer lovingly offered by Immaculate Conception Academy students.

The first step in helping Immaculate Conception Church assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today!** Share your perspective now to help strengthen Immaculate Conception Church and better prepare us for the future – as we seek to grow in missionary discipleship! If you have any questions, please contact Deacon James Bardi at jxb21@psu.edu. Please visit this link to take the Next Generation Diocese survey. <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/byd935>. You can make a paper copy of the survey and place it in the Next Generation Diocese Box located in the narthex.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26 THE DAILY MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT 7:30AM AS OPPOSED TO THE USUAL EVENING HOUR.

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration:
Wed. evening from 7 - 9 PM in the Church,

For those grieving the death of a loved one, it can be difficult and overwhelming. Our parish **GRIEF SHARING GROUP** will meet **Tuesday, April 2, from 7-8pm**. For more info or if you plan to attend, call or text Toni 610 404-1389

Order for Christian Initiation (OCIA formerly RCIA)

Expand your knowledge of our Catholic faith or encourage someone who is curious about it to attend. Visit our website at www.icbvm.org for program information or contact the church office. March 25th The Paschal Mystery. Church Office Lower Level Meeting Room, 7-8:30pm

Lenten Food Drive, Feb 14-Mar 31

this Lenten season. Our collection bins will be located in the Narthex. You may donate non-perishable food items or make a cash donation. Food donations will go to the **St. Joseph's RCC Food Pantry** and the monetary donations to the **Kennedy House Soup Kitchen in Reading.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

PALM SUNDAY

*Saturday evening Mass at 5:15PM
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00 AM
Blessing of Palms at all Masses
Living Stations at 4PM*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Monday, March 25, 2024 7-8PM
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7-8PM
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 7-8PM**

MONDAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

TUESDAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

7 to 9PM Eucharistic Adoration

HOLY THURSDAY

*7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Family Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Come, "Watch One Hour" with Jesus)
After Evening Mass to 10:00 PM*

GOOD FRIDAY

*3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Confessions following until 5:00 PM
Day of Fast and Abstinence*

HOLY SATURDAY

*Noon - Blessing of Food
Confessions from 12:30 to 1:30 PM
8:00 PM - The Easter Vigil Mass*

EASTER SUNDAY

*Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM
Blessing of the children's Easter Baskets at 9:00 and 11:00 AM*

Operation Rice Bowl – Fast and pray with your family and make a sacrificial offering to Operation Rice Bowl **The Rice Bowl is in the rear of the Church**

A Request for Prayers: Please keep Shawn and Michol Kaeser & their family in your thoughts & prayers. Shawn is in end stage kidney failure and is in need of a transplant. Shawn is currently receiving dialysis and is on the transplant list. Please pray that a donor may soon be found. If anyone is interested in learning more about organ donation, please call Shawn at 610-906-2833 or contact him by e-mail at skaeser1969@icloud.com. The Kaeser family thanks you for your prayers and support. For additional information to become a living donor, call 610-402-8506 or www.lvhn.org/livingdonor



EASTER EGG HUNT for our parish children **age 12 & younger on March 30th at 11am in the Social hall.** We are collecting bags of small individually wrapped candy and A donation box is in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your support.

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



MARCO TONICIO/SHUTTERSTOCK

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself... he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME,
MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7

SUNDAY

March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or
Mk 16:1–7



Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist
invites you to join us for

Divine Mercy Weekend

The Eucharist: the Fire of Divine Mercy and Love

Saturday, April 6:

Holy Hour at 6:30 pm with Evening Prayer/Confessions

Conference at 7:45 pm by Sr. Basil Marie, OP

*"One Heaven for Another: What is the Eucharist and How Does it
Transform Our Lives?"*

Sunday April 7:

Holy Hour at 9:30 am with Divine Mercy Devotions/Rosary

Holy Mass at 11:00 am with

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert,

Bishop of Allentown

Conference at 12:45 pm by Sr. Mary Ignatius, OP

"Entering into the Paschal Mystery at Mass"



Registration is required. Space is limited.

Please go to www.olme.org/events.

Event Location: 640 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508