



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARROQUIA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

MARCH 25TH, 2018

PALM SUNDAY



VISION

Saint Francis of Assisi is a welcoming, intergenerational and multi-cultural Catholic community which embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ to foster Spiritual growth.

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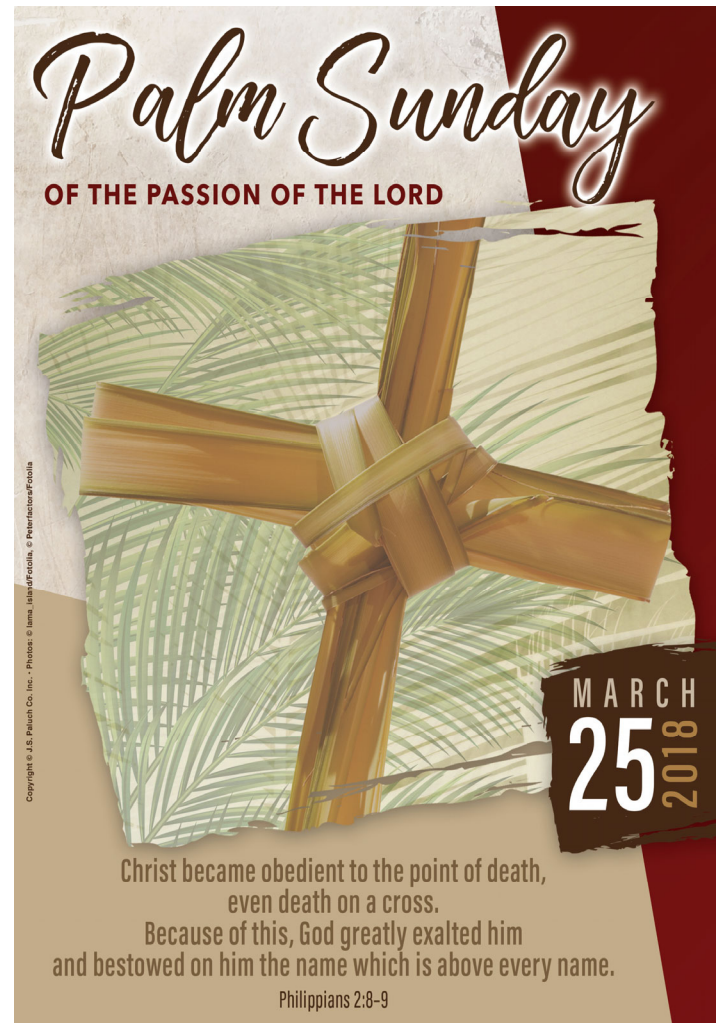
The mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is to develop a welcoming and dynamic parish. Through liturgical gatherings, faith formation, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we confidently live out the Gospel message in service to the community and to the Diocese of Oakland.

LA VISIÓN

La parroquia de St. Francis es una comunidad católica acogedora, intergeneracional, y multicultural. Toma a pecho las enseñanzas de Jesucristo para promover el crecimiento espiritual.

LA MISIÓN

La misión de La Iglesia de St. Francis es de desarrollar una parroquia acogedora y dinámica. Por medio de las asambleas litúrgicas, la formación de la Fe, y las gracias del Espíritu Santo, nosotros con confianza vivimos el mensaje de Evangelio en servicio a la comunidad y a la Diócesis de Oakland.



The Rev. Ismael Gutierrez
Pastor

The Rev. Rafal Duda
Parochial Vicar

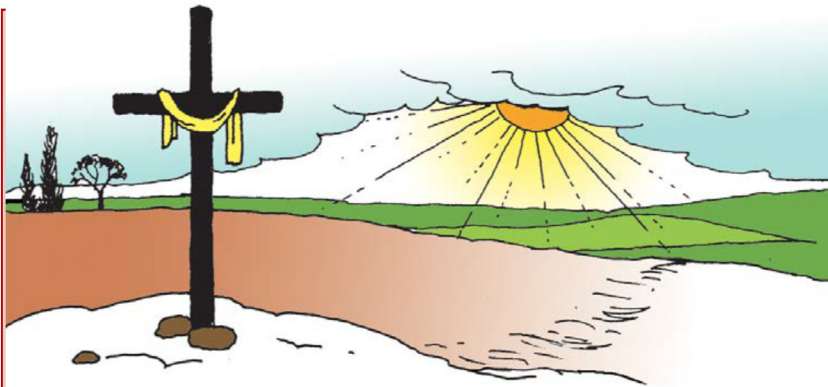
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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 25, 2018**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

• *Philippians 2:8*

**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma
18 de marzo de 2018**

Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente

y voy a grabarla en sus corazones.

Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo.

— *Jeremías 31:33*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30PM (English), 7:30PM (Portuguese)

Sunday (Domingo)

English 7:00AM; 10:00AM; **Spanish** 8:00AM; 1:00PM;
11:30AM; 5:30PM 7:00PM

Daily Mass

8:30AM Mon—Sat (English)
Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Reconciliation/Reconciliación

Tuesday (Martes) 6:00PM to 7:00PM (Español)
Saturdays (Sábados) 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sacrament of the Sick/Unción de Enfermos
Holy Anointing/Prayers and Pastoral Care for the Sick.
Call/Llamar (925) 682-5447

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística
Mondays (Lunes) 7:30-8:30PM in the Chapel/Capilla

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
Monday to Friday, after the 8:30AM Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul/San Vicente de Paul
Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9:30AM –11:30AM
For those who need food or assistance/*Para aquellos que necesitan comida o asistencia*
(925) 682-5811

St. Francis of Assisi School
866 Oak Grove Rd., Concord CA 94518
Phone:(925) 682-5414 FAX (925) 682-5480

Divine Mercy Sunday— Feast of Mercy
April 8th, 2018. The Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 8th followed by a Bilingual Mass. A short fellowship afterwards will be held in the Pope John Paul II Center. Everyone is welcome to bring food to share. For more information, call Gloria at 846-6227 or Krystyna at 687-9519.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 24TH, 2018 (Vigil)

5:30 PM- + Jean & Adrienne Reber

Sunday, March 25TH, 2018—**PALM SUNDAY**

6:30am Sp. Int.—*Marie Frisbie*

8:00AM + *Ignacio Avila*

10:00AM Sp. Int.— *Michael Chiacos*

11:30AM + *Leonardo Fernandez Sr.*

1:00pm + *Gabriela Cantu*

5:30PM + *Jose V. Torres*

7:00PM + *Javier Flores*

Monday, March 26th, 2018

6:30am + Dr. Acosta Jr.

8:30am + Simeon S. & Natividad S. Lagroma

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

6:30am + *Michael Ping Hon Yu*

8:30am Sp. Int.—*Angelito Marable*

No confession or Mass tonight— Lenten Reflect Series

Wednesday, March 28TH, 2018

6:30am Parishioners of St. Francis

8:30am + Robert Frisbie

Thursday, MARCH 29TH, 2018 **Holy Thursday**

(Prayer Service) 8:30am in Chapel

11:30am— Stations of the Cross with School children

Mass of the Lord's Supper —7:30PM

Friday, MARCH 30TH, 2018 **Good Friday**

(Prayer Service) 8:30am in Chapel

12:00PM Stations of the Cross with School children

1:30 pm Veneration (English)

6PM— Via Crucis

7:00PM— Adoration (Spanish)

Saturday, MARCH 31ST, 2018 Holy Saturday— Easter Vigil

(Prayer Service) 8:30AM

Easter Vigil Mass: Sat. Mar 31st at 7:30pm

Sunday, APRIL 1ST, 2018— **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30am + Donald & Margaret Kelly

8:00 AM + *Elias Y Ana Urias*

10:00am + *Maureen Burnash*

11:30AM + *Gerardo Garcia*

1:00PM + *Marie del Rosario Diaz Escobedo*

NO EVENING MASSES

Bold masses in Spanish

THE PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATING THE EARLY MASS ON PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 25TH) AND EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 1ST) AT 6:30AM INSTEAD OF 7:00AM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

YOUTH GROUPS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Sunday, Apr. 15th from 3- 6:30pm in Church
Sunday, May 6th from 3-6:30pm in JPll Center

TEEN MASS AND TEEN SOCIAL

Teen Mass is the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 5:30pm
Sunday, April 1st No Teen Mass- Easter Sunday
Sunday, Apr. 15th- Potluck Dinner and Games in JPll

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Group for Gr. 7th -12th meets on
Monday Nights from 7-9PM in the Gym and Y/R.
No Meetings April 2nd -Holy Week & Break

Teen Sacraments of First Rec. and First Communion for all 7th -12 Graders:

Year I -Meets Tues.- 4-5:30pm in the POC

No class April 3rd- Easter break

Year II -Meets Wed. - 4-5:30pm in the POC

No class April 4th-Easter Break

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES-

Every Sunday from 8 -10am and 1-3pm
Help K of C distribute food outside the JPll Center.

If you have any questions, you can contact our Youth Minister
& Teen Sacrament Coordinator, Kathy De Lemos at her direct
line (925) 375-1057 or office (925) 682-5447 Ext 29, or at
Youth@SFAconcord.org

LENTE SPIRITUAL BOUQUETE FOR BISHOP EMERITUS JOHN S. CUMMINS'90th BIRTHDAY

Please write what you would like to offer for the
Bishop during Lent on the papers in vestibule
or send the card to the parish if you are home-
bound or ill, and we will send the spiritual bou-
quet to the Bishop at the end of Lent.

Spiritual Bouquets it means prayers or devo-
tional acts that someone will offer.

Examples of Spiritual Bouquets:

Hail Mary's
Our Father's
Litanies
Rosaries
Masses
Communions
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Stations of the Cross
Sacrifices/ Fast
Good Deeds
Spiritual Reading
Others

Reminder: St. Agnes Annual Blood Drive on Good Fri-
day, March 30th from 11am to 4PM.Call (925) 381-0526
for more information or to sign up to donate.

Day of Retreat for Young Women: Want to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today's culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme for the April 21st *Janua Caeli* Retreat Day is **Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God's Gifts**; our retreat master is Rev. Quan Tran, priest for the Diocese of Orange in California and founder of Fullness of Grace, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in their spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace, and how to gain an abundance of God's gifts by imitating the qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day of retreat will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org

IN LENT: We will have a 6:30am and 8:30am Mass on
Mon, Tues and Wed. Morning Prayer Service on
Thurs, Fri and Sat. at 8:30 only.

Lenten Reflection Series during HOLY WEEK- Mon-
day, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7pm in Church.

HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 29TH) , MASS OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:30PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST
AT 7:30PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS- APRIL

Covenant of Love next date night is sched-
uled for Saturday, April 14th in the Pope John Paul II
Center.

The next Senior Luncheon is scheduled for
April 10th in the Pope John Paul II Center at 12:Noon.
All are invited.

One of our parishioners has relayed a message to Fr.
Ismael concerning the number of people who disre-
gard the laws on parking in the RED ZONES in both
the Church and School Parking Lots. Please Do Not
Park your cars or SUVs in the Red Zone, for safety.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Due to the early transmittal of the bulletin,
the parish financial reports will appear in a future
bulletin.

*Reminder: The Parish now needs \$16,000 each week
just to meet expenses. Thank you to all who use enve-
lopes and Faith Direct Contributions.*

*Thank you to all who have sent in their Bishop's Appeal
Pledges.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE- 2018

Confession Saturday from 4-5 PM

Palm Sunday (March 25)– Regular* except at 6:30am not 7:00am- Weekend Masses (*Palms blessed outside at Sat. 5:30pm Vigil mass (English) and 1:00pm(Spanish). All other masses, palms blessed in baptistery.*

Mon. March 26th Mass at 6:30am
 Mass at 8:30am
7:00PM-Spanish Lenten in Family Center
7:00PM—English Lenten Service in Main Church

Tues. March 27th Mass at 6:30am
 Mass at 8:30am
7:00PM Spanish Lenten Series in Family Center
(No Confessions or Mass)
7:00PM English Lenten Series in Main Church

Wed. March 28th Mass at 6:30am
 Mass at 8:30am
7:00PM Spanish Lenten Series in Family Center
7:00PM English Lenten Series in Main Church

Holy Thursday, March 29th
8:30am Morning Prayer Service in Chapel
11:30am Living Stations with School children
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) followed by Procession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (12am) in the Chapel

Good Friday: March 30th
8:30am Morning Prayer Service in Chapel
12:00 (Noon) Stations of the Cross—with School children (English)
1:30PM Veneration of the Cross/ Communion in English
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish) will start at the FC/Gym and end in Field behind FC.
7:30PM Service/Adoration & Communion in Spanish in Church

Holy Saturday, March 31st
8:30am Morning Prayer Service
7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass- Multilingual

Easter Sunday, April 1st
6:30am English Mass (*note earlier time)
8:00am Mass in Spanish
10:00am Mass in English
11:30 am Mass in English
1:00PM Mass in Spanish
NO EVENING MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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“Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **April 20-22, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at Srllaguna@doc1633.org. Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com. Register for the retreat at www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/.**

Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley, will offer summer sports and academic programs for grades 6 to 9 from June 18 through July 14. Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Flag Football, and Strength & Conditioning, as well as Math and English enrichment (grades 6, 7, and 8 only) are offered. Registration is now open on the Summer School link on Saint Mary's web site at www.saintmaryschs.org.

SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

SEMANA SANTA

25 de Marzo Domingo de Ramos

Misas en su horario habitual

Misa de 1:00p.m. Iniciar en el atrio de la iglesia.

26 de Marzo Lunes Santo

Misas 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Inglés) L - V

7:00 p.m. Reflexiones Cuaresmales
Español (Gimnasio parroquial)
Inglés (Iglesia)

27 de Marzo Martes Santo

7:00 p.m. Reflexiones Cuaresmales
Español (Gimnasio parroquial)
Inglés (Iglesia)

No habrá confesiones o Misa.

28 de Marzo Miércoles Santo

7:00 p.m. Reflexiones Cuaresmales
Español (Gimnasio parroquial)
Inglés (Iglesia)

29 de Marzo Jueves Santo

8:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración en la capilla (ing.)
11:30 a.m. Vía Crucis- Niños de la Escuela SFA

7:30p.m. Misa bilingüe de la Última Cena del Señor y Adoración al Santísimo hasta la media noche en la capilla.

30 de Marzo +Viernes Santo

8:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración en la capilla (Inglés)
12:00 p.m. Vía Crucis (Inglés)
Niños de la Escuela SFA.
1:30 p.m. Servicio Litúrgico de Viernes Santo (Inglés).

6:00 p.m. Vía Crucis en Vivo (Español)

7:30 p.m. Servicio Litúrgico de Viernes Santo (Español)

31 de Marzo Sábado Santo

8:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración en la capilla (Inglés)

7:30p.m. Vigilia Pascual (Multilingüe)

1º de Abril Domingo de Resurrección

Misas: 6:30 a.m. (Inglés); **8:00 a.m. (Español)**;
10:00a.m. (Inglés.); 11:30 a.m. (Inglés.);
1:00 p.m. (Español).

No habrá misas por la noche en domingo de Resurrección.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta es Semana Santa, semana en la cual los cristianos conmemoramos con palmas, y ramos los eventos centrales de nuestra fe; eventos que alimentan nuestro espíritu con el pan y el vino del amor divino; eventos que se clavan en nuestras almas como Cristo en su cruz; eventos que nos hacen resucitar de nuestros problemas con la esperanza pascual de la liberación de todo aquello que nos perjudica, que nos agobia, que nos oprime y nos deprime.

Estaremos allí con nuestros parientes y con gente que no conocemos pero que son nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo gracias a los eventos de la semana en que Jesús entró glorioso a Jerusalén, partió el pan, falleció en el árbol de la cruz y fue sepultado. Esta Semana nos une al misterio pascual de Jesús. Celebrando estos ritos antiguos y variados por todo el mundo. Durante esta semana el tiempo y el espacio se cancelan para unirnos a los misterios que celebramos, a nuestras familias, a los cristianos por todo el mundo y a través de los siglos.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Marcos 11:1-10 o Juan 12:12-16)

Primera lectura — No oculté el rostro a insultos y salvazos, porque sabía que no quedaría avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

Evangelio — La versión de la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús que nos da Marcos (Marcos 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39])

Salmo responsorial: *Leccionari*, Comisión Episcopal Española. Usado con permiso. Todos los

Colecta Anual de Apelación del Sr. Obispo Apelación del Señor Obispo.

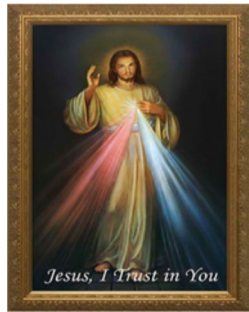
La colecta anual diocesana de apelación del Sr. Obispo ayuda a las diferentes ministerios diocesanos. Encontrará sobres para hacer su donación en las bancas de la Iglesia. De ante mano gracias por su generosidad.

CELEBRACION DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

DOMINGO 8 de ABRIL 2018

Todos están invitados a la gran celebración

Al Señor de La Divina Misericordia:



JESUS EN TI CONFIO

3pm: Coronilla y Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y la Santa Misa (Bilingüe). A continuación: Convivio/Potluck

En el Salón San Pablo II

Para más información: Llamar a 925-848-6227

Palabras del Señor a Santa Faustina: "El alma que se confiesa y recibe la Santa Comunión,

El Domingo de La Divina Misericordia, obtendrá el perdón total de sus pecados y del castigo.

En ese día están abiertas todas las compuertas divinas a través de las cuales fluyen las gracias".

(Diary 699)

Indulgencias plenarias son concedidas a los que celebren El Domingo de La Divina Misericordia

CONFESIONES

Nuestra parroquia durante Cuaresma ofrece las siguientes oportunidades para recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación o Confesión, todos los martes de 6-7p.m., y los sábados de 4-5p.m. **Favor tomar nota que el martes 27 de marzo no habrá confesiones.**

OFICINA PARROQUIAL Estará cerrada el Viernes 30 de Marzo y reabrirá el martes 3 de abril en observación de la Semana Santa.

LA PASIÓN

El contraste entre la lectura procesional de la liturgia de hoy y la proclamación de la Pasión es asombroso. Vislumbramos cuán profundamente la Palabra de Dios se cumple en Jesús.

Primero Jesús debe ser acogido como el Mesías, el que viene en nombre del Señor. Debe ser reconocido por todos, aunque no sepan lo que están diciendo. Todos piensan que es el rey prometido; un rey terrenal de los judíos que los libraré de la ocupación romana. No comprenden todavía, ni siquiera los discípulos, exactamente a dónde se dirige su procesión triunfal. Nosotros tampoco sabemos a dónde estamos yendo en nuestra vida. En la fe podemos seguir a Cristo dondequiera que nos guíe, porque estamos seguros de que la muerte no es el final y el mal no será el vencedor.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Jueves: Misa del crisma: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21
Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Sábado: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104(103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33 (32):4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mc 16:1-7
- Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Mt 28:1-10 o (en la Misa de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35