VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an all-welcoming Christ-centered community celebrating our deeply rooted Catholic traditions, respectful & appreciative of our multicultural diversity, journeying together to share family values and commitment to service.

Parish Office Hours:
Tues. and Fri. 9 am-1 pm
Mon., Wed., and Thurs. closed

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Lk 19:38

PRAYER OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior’s life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life & work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish we will be pleasing to You. Amen.

ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre, la primera regla de la vida de nuestro querido Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad. Dejar que tu Voluntad en el momento presente sea la primera regla de nuestra vida cotidiana y nuestro trabajo, sin ninguna otra voluntad sino hacer tu voluntad plena y completa. Ayúdanos a seguir con fidelidad, para que haciendo lo que deseas seamos más agradables a Ti. Amén.

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DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad totalmente acogedora y centrada en Cristo que celebrando nuestras tradiciones Católicas profundamente arraigadas, respetamos y apreciamos nuestra diversidad multicultural, caminamos juntos para compartir los valores de la familia y el compromiso al servicio.

SCAN QR CODE with SMARTPHONE APP for MOBILE DONATION

Palm Sunday 4-14-2019

April 2019 Pope’s Intention: DOCTORS AND THEIR COLLABORATORS IN WAR ZONES
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.
The primary music ministers are the faithful who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors serve the faithful so that all can actively participate. I encourage everyone, let us sing & praise God together! Fr. Joey

**MUSIC FOR APRIL 13/14, 2019**

**ENGLISH MASSES**

Please listen to Cantor’s announcement for any changes

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**APRIL 2019 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Many thanks to our pastor, planning committee, lectors, altar servers, cooks, supper hosts, set-up and clean-up crews, and everyone who participated by helping out or coming to the Stations of the Cross and/or the Lenten Soup Suppers.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

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**2 EASTER SUNDAY MASSES THIS YEAR**

Due to last year’s huge attendance at Easter Sunday Mass, more than the capacity of the church and the hall, starting this Easter we will have 2 Masses and 2 Easter Egg hunts on April 21:

- 8:00 am Spanish Mass; after Mass kids’ Easter egg hunt
- 10:00 am English Mass; after Mass kids’ Easter Egg hunt

**PEW PLAQUES**

For those who donated money for the pews, we need to verify the spelling of names for each donor so that plaques may be ordered.

Donors may not verify for other donors, but only for themselves and their organization/business.

If you have not already verified the spelling of your name for the plaques, please stop at the office during our regular business hours (Tuesday & Friday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM) and ask for Heather.

Thank you again for your support to our parish!
PLEASE HELP!
EMERGENCY 2ND COLLECTION
FOR S.E.A.S. PARISH OPERATIONS
ON PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY

Our parish is high in restricted funds but ALARMINGLY LOW in funds for parish operations. How to help? Please put donations inside RED envelopes. Do not forget to print your name outside (for your tax letter next year.) Drop it in the 2nd collection basket. Questions? Contact Fr. Joey or Javier or Heather.

EASTER WHITE ORCHIDS

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Easter White Orchid fund! If you’d still like to help, you may. How? Bring a white orchid in bloom to the church on Good Friday (April 19) with the printed name of your departed loved one attached. Names of your loved ones will be listed in the bulletin. Thank you.

“WHY CATHOLIC?”
JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

“Why Catholic?” meets Sundays after the 9:00am mass in the Family Room.

This phase of “Why Catholic?” focuses on the Sacraments and their meaning within our Catholic Tradition.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, please see Sheila or leave a message for her at the parish office. 805-528-5319. Thanks!

PLEASE REMEMBER
ST. ELIZABETH’S IN YOUR WILL

A great way to help our parish become financially stable is to remember your parish church in your Will or Trust. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth’s, please word the bequest like this: “I leave a bequest of _______ to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402.” If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish office or email him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com to set an appointment. Thank you for considering SEAS to your final distribution.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
BEGINNS ON GOOD FRIDAY

In her diary, St. Faustina noted that Jesus told her: “On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy … On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls.”

Good Friday (April 19) is the 1st day of the Novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus.

On Good Friday, please take home a pamphlet that teaches how to pray the novena so that you may pray it on your own/as a family on Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday (April 19, 20, and 21st). The Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed daily as a community after our 8:30 daily Masses and Communion Services from Monday, April 22—Saturday, April 27.

CALLED TO SERVICE

As One Body in Christ, we are His hands, feet, ears, and eyes. Where is God calling you to serve? Our parish has many ministries that you may be interested in. These are just a few:

• Sacristan
• Eucharistic minister
• Choir member
• Fundraising
• Ushering

Please see Fr. Joey if you feel you are being called to serve.

ELECTRONIC-GIVING IS A BETTER CHOICE THAN THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Thank you to those who chose ELECTRONIC-GIVING. We invite everyone to consider ELECTRONIC-GIVING. It is safe, convenient, consistent & accurate. Forms are available at the back of church and parish office. Questions? Info? Please talk to Heather or Javier.

ANNUAL MINISTRIES APPEAL
AMA 2019: “BRIDGES OF HOPE”

Your gift is vital to the success of the “2019 Annual Ministry Appeal: Dave Bresnan Memorial Fund.” Your help gives us HOPE to have money for parish operations and needs. Please complete the form at your pews or you can also give securely online at www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving. Thank you so much for your help.

S.E.A.S. CHICKEN FUNDRAISER for PARISH OPERATIONS
PICK UP DAY: EASTER SUNDAY 9am-1pm PRE-ORDERS ONLY

SEAS Chicken Fundraiser
slow-cooked oven chicken with rice and beans

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

$10 a chicken
88 available only, so hurry!

Tickets are available after Mass (See Javier)

OR

you can email Javier at javi.s.seaschurchlo@gmail.com

Pick-up is Easter Sunday at our church from 9am to 1pm

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS**

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<td>8:30am: + Mina Cantorna &amp; Jovan Goron, Sr.</td>
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**LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR**

- Timothy Ketcherside
- John LeNoe
- Peter Hilts
- Jere Bresnan
- Fely Platou
- Mary Cavagnaro
- Bonifacio Garcia
- Michael Culbertson
- Steven Greeneville
- Rafael & Margarita Garcia
- Doris Stanley

- Frances Meehan
- Emily Sumner
- David Wright
- Aurora Cruz
- Nathan Berry
- Robert Ruiz
- June Viviannie
- Sylvia Radford
- Eleanor Brown
- Sarah & Josh Matthews
- Michael Vella

- Lila Martinez
- Darleen Krouse
- Marilyn Lemb
- Toshi Meehan
- Robert Green Sr.
- Rodney & Helen Maciel
- Susi Reich
- Sidney & Dorsey Dunton
- Elisa Fajardo
- Alfred & Irene Castaneda
- Mary de Angelo

- Jessica Ketcherside
- Fr. Derek Hughes
- Joe O’Brien
- Dolores R. Buena
- Candido D. Buena Jr.
- Rosemarie Greenville
- Aaron Kondziela
- Maggie Quinn
- Donna Nichols
- Colleen Clark
- Leonora Eublera
- Daniel Quintana
- Mark Woehlre
- The Rivers Family
- Daniel Nunez
- Cecilia Deines
- Nola, Nick, Louis, Dolores, Estrella, Jaelynn Solo

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**

- Helen Penwell
- Charles Penwell
- Harold Platou
- Larry Mishel
- Dwight Mobley
- Gertrude Simson
- John D. Wajah
- Elizabeth Martinez
- Ofelia Labra
- Severino Repollo
- Justo Yasay
- Joe Greaney
- Cristina Patterson
- Filippo Mazzulla
- Elena Aurelio
- Homero Paredes
- Emerita Manuel
- Beacon Jim Cooper
- Emma Nieman
- Rodrigo Martinez
- Reyna Gomez
- Lourdes Lepisto
- James Emely
- Fr. Ken Brown
- Fernando Marcos
- Cecilia Marcos
- William Schanberger
- UMartha Smith
- Eliseado Galo
- Melinda Rose
- Julia Ortiz
- Gullieermo dela Cruz
- Serafín Sepúlveda
- Hermila Argüello
- Ana María Ortiz
- ULoíta dela Cruz
- Mason & Simon Brito
- Pat Wright
- Joseph Cavagnaro
- Manuel John Reis.
- Lawrence Ulhe
- Margaret Ulhe
- Joe Fraga
- Mgr Joseph Stieger
- Fr. Michael Bell
- Lyn Keltchisers
- Robert Beever
- Arcadio Tambo
- Gisela Tambo
- Aurélia Acain
- Dick O Melveny
- Jim Stewart
- René A. O’Brien
- Michael Brito
- Venustana Rodriguez
- Señelisto Salgado
- Mary Prendergast
- Meléndez García
- Felicitas Castillo
- Antonio Medrano
- Tambo
- William (Bill) Kemble
- Diana Nishiura
- Grace Tevis
- Jerica Alaine Harris
- Paul Landry
- Casamir Asonunge
- Carol Ann Burns
- Andy Boy de la Cruz, Jr.
- Fr. Harry Fremuth
- Cresentianda Gallo
- Ismael Ibat Tombok
- Maria Carmen Zaragoza
- Ruth Casper
- Fr. Ray Roh
- Joyce O’Brien
- Robert Townsend
- Márino Rupala
- Pat Kiernick
- Beverly Jean Rocha
- Adelaida Gabatin
- Guadalupe Haugh
- Otilia Cruz
- Wenceslao García
- Erich Reich
- Mike Wright
- Fr. Lawrence Betzoff
- Nicky Miller
- General Mazon
- Mary Friedman
- Shirley Rustria
- Gerry Weltman
- Evelyn Pelatton
- Chuck Ice
- Mary Jo Semonson
- Kevin Lynch
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- Norman Charette
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- Bishop Richard
- Garcia
- William K. Lander
- Kathleen Patricia
- Crawford
- Joseph Carlson
- Martin Basti
- Manuel Ayala Arroyo
- Shirley Matthews
- David Bresnan
- Lydia Califco Green
- Myrna Oliveros
- Mina Cantorna
- Adela Fatigue
- Remy Lejeune

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Sacred Days

Lord Jesus,
you entered Jerusalem
amid resounding echoes of praise.
We join the multitudes
of your disciples,
who through the ages,
proclaim you as King.
Strengthen us
as we accompany you
during these sacred days
of singing and praying,
in awe of your love.
May we have the courage to follow you
and be transformed by your sacrifice.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Messianic Entry

Today’s Readings: Luke 19: 28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14—23:56. Today, the faithful process with palms and sing “Hosanna,” remembering the Lord’s entrance to Jerusalem, an entry that would lead to his death. Today the readings proclaim Jesus as the king (Gospel at the procession), tell of how Jesus emptied himself to come in human form (Second Reading), and recount the Passion (Gospel).

As Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem, the Romans were unaware of the meaning of the procession. The Jews, however, watched the fulfillment of the prophet Zechariah (9:9): “Behold: your king is coming to you, / a just savior is he, / Humble, and riding on a donkey, / on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Concerned, the Pharisees told Jesus to silence his followers. Knowing that all creation awaited his death and rising, Jesus replied that the stones would cry out.

The Romans dismiss Jesus, the Pharisees tried to suppress him, and the people celebrate him. How will you respond to the Lord during this holiest of weeks? Some will discount him by giving these days no importance, while others will suppress the meaning of the days. Still, some will enter into Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum through participation in the liturgy. They will celebrate the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, venerate the cross on Good Friday, and keep vigil on Holy Saturday as they listen to the Scriptures tell of salvation history.
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 15
Witness to the Power
Lazarus is a witness to the power of Jesus and knows that he is the Messiah. The Jews plot to arrest and kill both Jesus and Lazarus. The more we allow our relationship with Christ to change us, the more we will be rejected by the world. As Holy Week begins, consider how your relationship with Christ serves as a witness to the world. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, April 16
Love and Betrayal
When Jesus tells his followers that one of them will betray him, they question who would be a traitor. Still, Peter, who has been with Jesus from the beginning of his mission, will end up denying Jesus three times. Jesus will be merciful when we return after disavowing him. Let us be mindful of our relationships that are in need of repair. How can we bring about healing in our parish and among our family? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 15, 17; John 13:21–33, 35–38.

Wednesday, April 17
Mercy and Forgiveness
Judas pays a high price for handing over Jesus. The price that he pays is much higher than the thirty pieces of silver that the chief priests paid him for handing over Jesus. His is the price of separating himself from Jesus and the love that the Lord offers. He chose not to believe in the forgiveness and mercy of God. Who in your community would benefit from an experience of your forgiveness mercy? Begin by praying for those whose actions are unkind and unfair. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31, 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, April 18
Holy Thursday
Peter sees servitude in the washing of feet; Jesus, however, teaches that the act implies servanthood. By washing the disciples’ feet, Jesus shows that disciples serve others. What small act of love can you do for someone in your family today? What is one small act of help that you can offer to a neighbor? Today’s Readings: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.

Friday, April 19
Good Friday
At the liturgy today, the faithful will venerate the cross as they kiss, touch, or genuflect before it. The Church invites us to “Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.” If a crucifix is in your home, place it on your prayer table today and spend time in quiet prayer before it. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9; John 18:1—19:42.

Saturday, April 20
Holy Saturday
At the Easter Vigil, the faithful gather around a fire and then in the church to hear the story of salvation. If unable to participate in the liturgy tonight, pray the psalms and the readings at your prayer table. What words of the prophets especially strike you? What aspect of the redemption story calls you to new life? Today’s Readings: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24–35; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16, 17, 22–23; Luke 24:1–12.