Why we have Processions ...

Processions are an intimate part of our Catholic liturgical and spiritual life that date back to our Jewish roots. Our processions are a type of pilgrimage first undertaken by the Jews to represent important historical events and always start somewhere and go somewhere; they are movement – both physical and spiritual. They remind us that our Christian life is a constant movement toward God and our eternal home. We are after all a pilgrim people.

Today is Passion (Palm) Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week and the most Holy season of the church; a season offering several opportunities for all of us to join in procession. We begin with the procession of palms. The Roman Missal calls for a procession or solemn entrance before Mass on Passion Sunday. A procession with palms on the Sunday before Easter has a long tradition in our Church and is mentioned by Egeria in her account of Holy Week in Jerusalem in the 4th century. In the Middle-Ages the procession usually moved from one church to another and included a representation of Christ seated on a wooden donkey. The procession with palms is the first of several processions during Holy Week. It leads us to the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord and takes us from joyful acclamation to sober reflection.

On Holy Thursday night, we join the procession to wash each other’s feet and, later, follow the Blessed Sacrament as it is solemnly carried through the church to a special place of reservation in the chapel. On Good Friday, we process from St. Augustine to St. Elizabeth Seton during the
Stations of the Cross (Cross Walk) and will later that evening process to the Cross in veneration. At the Easter Vigil we solemnly follow the Paschal Candle in procession from the Holy Fire into the church and from the Word to the Waters of Baptism.

These ritual processions give expression to our faith. They offer all of us the opportunity to participate in public acts of worship. When we join in the processions on Passion Sunday or during the Sacred Triduum, we see, as does the world, the Church on the move, acting as a single unit, acclamation Christ with shouts of Hosanna or Alleluia. These processions are the Church at prayer. These processions are all of us at prayer.

Just as all of us would be never elbow our way to the front of the Communion line, neither should we break the procession by running around it. Let us enter into this most sacred time and space with a sense of reverence, prayer and awe!

Join us in our Holy Week Processions:

Holy Thursday:
Our Holy Thursday service at St. Elizabeth Seton concludes with a Solemn Procession from the Church into the Chapel of Repose where we continue our evening in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday:
Cross Walk from St. Augustine Church parking lot to St. Elizabeth Seton Church (4:30 PM)

Easter Vigil:
St. Elizabeth Seton -- We begin at the vacant lot adjacent to the John Paul II Activity Center with the Holy Fire and follow the Easter Candle in Solemn Procession into St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

Deacon Gary
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Scripture Readings
April 16
Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

Good Friday Office Hours
In honor of the religious nature of the day, the offices will be closed at noon.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday
St. Augustine Church
Holy Thursday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
Good Friday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
1:15 PM 7 Last Words of Jesus
4:30 PM Start of Cross Walk
Holy Saturday 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass (Adult Choir)
10:15 AM Mass (Grotto)
12:00 PM Mass

St. Elizabeth Church
Holy Thursday 8:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday 12:00 PM Private Meditation
8:00 PM Liturgy of the Word
Holy Saturday 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Mass (Children’s Choir)
11:00 AM Mass (Youth Choir)

Invite 2.0
The intention of Invite 2.0 is to help people explore big questions — to find a deeper sense of their spiritual side.

We invite people to explore their spirituality in a deeper way at their own pace, in their own way. We provide a safe, warm environment with experienced facilitators and an open heart. We start the 6-week program on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM at the St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel.

Ministry Of Mothers Sharing
Wednesdays - April 19 - May 31
9:30 - 11:30 AM
St. Augustine Hall - Room 8
The Ministry Of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S.) invites you to join other Christian mothers for a six-week spiritual workshop. Discuss topics such as self-esteem, stress, personal growth, friendships, and everyday spirituality. Childcare will be provided. For more information or to signup visit www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/moms.

Computer Help Needed
The Catholic Detention Ministry is seeking help to produce weekly liturgy guides in use at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and Glenn Dyer Detention Facility in Oakland. The guides are then sent electronically to the church for printing. The work involves the use of Microsoft Publisher and Adobe Acrobat, can be done from home and averages 1-2 hours of work per month. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Richard Denoix at (925) 367-5833.

Dress a Girl Around the World
Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
St. Augustine Parish Hall
For information, please call Suzanne Beck at (925) 352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Fe Oliver
Nick Bunuan
Ashley Meredith
Len Stout
Genevieve Giordano
Precious Domingo
Michael Foster
Espie Sorongon
Alfredo Meneses
Michael Meneses
Kassie Lumague
Annette Langer

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Maria DaSilva
J.O. Slpitzstoscer
Isabel B. Loyola
Jerome Dow
Antonio Gamboa
Rolando NG
Benjamin Perez
Wilhelmina Perez
Cathleen Ann Miick
Celia Navarreta
Nenita Mendoza
Good Friday Cross Walk
The Good Friday Cross Walk will begin at St. Augustine parking lot at 4:30 PM on April 14. Please join us in this solemn procession through town. The walk is approximately 3.2 miles and will end about 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton. More information is available in the vestibules.

Quo Vadis Camp for Young Men
July 9 - 12
Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center
1977 Reliez Valley Road
Lafayette, CA 94549

Young Men ages 13 - 18 are invited to join a three day camp to assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ. Activities include fun, games, music, Mass, prayer and talks. Registration is $50 — space is limited.

For more information call Cielo Branco at (510) 267-8356 or email CBranco@oakdiocese.org.

Young Adult Ministry
Friday, April 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Church

The Tri-Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry is hosting a talk by The Culture Project to bring our culture to a civilization that respects life and embraces the dignity of the human person. Join us for some light refreshments afterwards.

For information contact rivalleyam@gmail.com.

Please RSVP at:

VBS Needs Your Help!
Please pray about how you can be involved in VBS this year. It takes over 100 volunteers to put on our Vacation Bible School. We need adults to be crew leaders, lead the song, game and bible adventure stations. Please visit our website at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and go to the Vacation Bible School Page for description of each of these positions or to sign up. We can’t do it without you!

SPRING FAITH FORMATION SERIES: The Search for Happiness

Did you mean: Happiness With God?

We were created for happiness. Every person yearns for happiness and the search captivates our being. We have an innate desire to be happy, and our actions are controlled by this desire. At times, we recognize and act upon that which brings us happiness. Other times the right path to happiness is in front of us but we don’t spot the signs. Join us as we discuss God’s desire and design for our happiness and the signs he places in our lives.

All Sessions At 7:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Week 1 - Tuesday April 18th: The Human Quest for Happiness
Week 2 - Tuesday April 25th: God’s Happiness: Is it Relative?
Week 3 - Tuesday May 2nd: Happiness through Jesus’s Teachings
Week 4 - Tuesday May 9th: Happiness / The Church & the Meaning Of Our Lives

Series Leaders: Rev. Kwame Assenyoh & Henry Correa
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Childcare for children of all ages will be provided.

_This spring, give yourself the gift of nurturing yourself as much as you do others._

Visit [www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/moms](http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/moms) to signup, or contact Tracy Seeger for more information at tracy_seeger@hotmail.com