

## CHAPEL READINGS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

## **Thursday, March 1 -Psalm 41:1-4 – Outreach**

### *Preacher & Teacher Notes*

#### First Chapel after the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wheelchair assembly (Tuesday)

On Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> grade assembled wheelchairs to be given to needy people outside the United States.

#### Last chapel before Magha Puja Day (Saturday)

Magha Puja Day is the Buddhist celebration of the presentation of teachings by the Buddha to an assembly of holy men.

#### Last chapel before Purim (Sunday)

Purim is a joyous Jewish holiday that commemorates the deliverance of all the Jews at the time who were living under the Persian Empire from Haman's plot to exterminate them, as recorded in the Book of Esther. It is characterized by reading of the Book of Esther, giving mutual gifts of food and drink, giving charity to the poor, and a celebratory meal (Esther 9:22).

### A Reading from the Psalms

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who consider the poor;

the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;

they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;

in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Monday, March 5 - The centurion Servant- Luke 7:1-10**

(*Capernaum* is pronounced kuh-PUHR-nih-uhm)

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

<sup>7</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Tuesday, March 6- Jesus Walking on water- Matthew 14:22-32**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' <sup>29</sup> He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Thursday, March 8- Jesus Heals the Paralytic- Luke 5:17-26**

### *Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Last Chapel before 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Walk thru California (Friday)

#### A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

17 One day, while Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby; and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup>Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; <sup>19</sup>but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>When he saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven you.’ <sup>21</sup>Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, ‘Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ <sup>22</sup>When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, “Your sins are forgiven you”, or to say, “Stand up and walk”? <sup>24</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—he said to the one who was paralyzed—‘I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.’ <sup>25</sup>Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup>Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, ‘We have seen strange things today.’

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Monday, March 12- Feeding the Five Thousand- Matthew 14:13-21**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Tuesday, March 13- Jesus Heals Two Blind Men- Matthew 9:27-31**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!' 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith let it be done to you.' 30 And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, 'See that no one knows of this.' 31 But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Thursday, March 15- Jesus Cures Many People- Matthew 15:29-31**

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Last Chapel before St. Patrick's Day (Saturday)

Saint Patrick was a Bishop and Missionary of Ireland during the second half of the fifth century. He was born in Britian. When he was about sixteen he was captured by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. He entered the church and became a bishop. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary and had great success.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

29 After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. <sup>30</sup>Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, <sup>31</sup>so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Monday, March 19- Wedding at Cana- John 2:1-11**

### *Preacher and Teacher Notes*

#### St. Joseph's Day

Traditionally, on St. Joseph's Day the swallows come back to San Juan Capistrano.

#### A Reading from the Gospel of John

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Tuesday, March 20- The Light- John 8:12**

Following Jesus

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Mawlid an Nabi

Islamic commemoration of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, in about 570 c.e. Not universally observed. The prophet's teachings are read and religious meetings are held.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Thursday, March 22- Jesus and Zacchaeus- Luke 19:1-10**

(*Zacchaeus* is pronounced za-KEE-uhs)

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Last Chapel before 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Africa Day (Friday)

Last Chapel before Ramanavami (Tuesday)

Hindu celebration of the birth of Rama, hero of the religious epic poem, The Ramayana. The day involves telling of stories and going to the temple.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Monday, April 2- Jesus Enters Jerusalem- Matthew 21:6-11**

### *Preacher and Teacher Notes*

#### First Chapel after Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter Day and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Tuesday, April 3- Last Supper- John 13:1-15**

### *Preacher and Teacher Notes*

#### Passover

Passover is an 8-day Jewish celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. The story of the Exodus is recounted, and the ongoing struggle of all peoples for freedom from internal and external tyranny is celebrated. A special meal is a central feature.

#### A Reading from the Gospel of John

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Thursday, April 5- Maundy Thursday Luke 22:14-20**

### *Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. It is followed by Good Friday. The word *Maundy* means commandment: “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

### A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

14 When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.’

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Monday, April 9- Woman at the Tomb- Matthew 28:1-8**  
(*Magdalene* is pronounced MAG-duh-lehn)

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

First Chapel after Easter Day

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the primary celebration in the Christian Church.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

28After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Tuesday, April 10- Jesus Blesses the Children- Matthew 19:13-15**

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Last Chapel before LS Blues Assembly (Wednesday)

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

13 Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'  
<sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Thursday, April 12- True Greatness- Matthew 18:1-5**

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Last chapel before Yom haShoah (Sunday)

Yom haShoah or "Holocaust Martyrs' Remembrance Day" is held every year in remembrance of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

18At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' <sup>2</sup>He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup>and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Monday, April 16- Generosity and Sharing- 2 Corinthians 9: 13**

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

LS ERB Testing all week

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

<sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Tuesday, April 17- Reaching out to others- John 15:12-17**

A Reading from the Gospel of John

12 Jesus said, ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Thursday, April 19- Different gifts- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

Last chapel before International Earth Day (Sunday)

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Monday, April 23- Giving Beyond- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5**

(*Macedonia* is pronounced mas'uh-DOH-nee-uh)

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Civil War Soldiers

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

8We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— <sup>5</sup>and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Tuesday, April 24- Giving- 2 Corinthians 9:10-15**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Thursday, April 26- Being all one- John 17: 20-23**

*Preacher and Teacher Notes*

All School Vocal Music Concert Tonight  
Last Chapel before Tartan Trot (Friday)

A Reading from the Gospel of John

20 Jesus said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*