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Tala-Arawan

THE DICES WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY



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TALA-ARAWAN is the DICES weekly prayer diary.

TALA-ARAWAN features quotes from each day's Bible readings, reflection guide questions, daily challenges, and weekly features including games, trivia, and others.

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April 4 to 10, 2022

Week 14

Monday to Sunday



April 4, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62

*The whole assembly
cried aloud, blessing
God who saves those
who hope in Him.*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 23:1-6

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want. ...
Even though I walk in the
dark valley, I fear no evil;
for You are at my side.*

Monday of the
Fifth Week of Lent

Saint Isidore

Gospel Reading
John 8:12-20

“Where is Your
Father?” ... “You know
neither Me nor My
Father. If you knew
Me, you would know
My Father also.”

Reflection Guide Question

Why is knowing Jesus, the Son of God, important
to knowing God the Father?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask Jesus to help you know Him,
and through Him, know His Father.

April 5, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
Numbers 21:4-9

*But with their patience
worn out by the journey,
the people complained
against God and
Moses ...*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21

*Lord, hear my prayer, and
let my cry come to You.
Hide not Your face from me
in the day of my distress.*

Tuesday of the
Fifth Week of Lent

Saint Vincent Ferrer

Gospel Reading
John 8:21-30

"The one who sent Me
is true, and what I
heard from Him
I tell the world."
They did not realize
that He was speaking
to them of the Father.

Reflection Guide Question

When was the last time that you, like the Pharisees, did not accept the truth out of stubbornness?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask God to help you realize the truth, even when accepting it means letting go of your pride.

Saint of the Week

Saint Vincent Ferrer

Saint Vincent Ferrer was ordained a priest of the Dominican Order by his friend Cardinal Pedro de Luna.

When the Western Schism divided Christianity, Ferrer worked hard to heal the Church. At that time, Cardinal de Luna named himself "Pope" Benedict XIII, a title which was rejected by the Church. (In fact, Benedict XIII is considered an "antipope" today.) Ferrer rejected offers of positions of power in the Church, even that of cardinal, in exchange for supporting his friend's wrong claim to be pope.

Saint Vincent Ferrer preached the message of repentance for the last judgement in various countries in Europe, becoming known as the "Angel of the Judgment."

Reference: *Franciscan Media* (2021)





The Western Schism (and Saint Vincent Ferrer)

The Western Schism of 1378 (also the Papal Schism or the Vatican Standoff) was the time in the Catholic Church's history when bishops in Rome and Avignon, and later Pisan, claimed to be the true pope.

Saint Vincent Ferrer was instrumental in healing the Western Schism. He travelled through Spain, France, Switzerland, and Italy, sleeping on the floor and practicing continuous fasting during his travels. He spoke only Spanish, but listeners across non-Spanish speaking communities understood him because of his gift of tongues.

Saint Vincent Ferrer dedicated his life to build up the Church that he became the patron of builders, including construction workers. He is known for his quote, "Whatever you do, think not of yourselves, but of God."

Reference: *CatholicSaints.Info* (2021)

Prayers of the Week



Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Saint Vincent de Paul with the strength of the apostles to work for the salvation of the poor and the instruction of the clergy.

May we who follow the example of his life be driven by unceasing charity to continue the mission of Your Son in the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

—*Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
Inc. (2021)*

O glorious Apostle and worker of miracles, St. Vincent Ferrer, new angel of the Apocalypse and our kind protector, receive our humble prayers and obtain for us a copious shower of divine favors.

By that love with which thy heart was inflamed, obtain for us from the Father of mercies the pardon of all our sins, confirmation in the Faith, and perseverance in good works; so that by living as good and fervent Christians we may become worthy of thy powerful patronage.





Extend thy patronage also to our bodies, and free us from our infirmities. Protect our lands from the violence of tempest and hail, and keep misfortune far from us. Thus, blessed by thee in the goods of soul and body, we shall be ever devout to thee, and one day see thee in heaven, there with thee to praise God forever and ever. Amen.

—*Pope Leo XIII (1888)*

Reference: Vincentian Prayers (2021), Indulged Prayers and Aspirations (1888)

April 6, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent His angel to deliver the servants who trusted in Him.

Wednesday of the
Fifth Week of Lent

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever.

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-42

“If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Reflection Guide Question

What does “The truth will set you free” mean?
Why do many people reject the truth despite this?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, make a promise to God to seek out the truth, especially when faced with fake news and other lies.

April 7, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Genesis 17:3-9

*God spoke to (Abraham):
"My covenant with you
is this: you are to
become the father of
a host of nations."*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 105:4-9

*The Lord remembers His
covenant forever; the
promise He made, for
a thousand generations.*

Thursday of the
Fifth Week of Lent

Saint John Baptist De La Salle

Gospel Reading
John 8:51-59

"If I glorify Myself,
My glory is worth
nothing; but it is
My Father who
glorifies Me."

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus not say that He glorifies Himself, even though, as God, He had the right to do so?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, with a humble heart, ask God to help you glorify Him and to let Him be glorified through you.

April 8, 2022

Friday

First Reading
Jeremiah 20:10-13

*But the Lord is with me,
like a mighty champion:
my persecutors will
stumble, they will not
triumph.*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 18:2-7

*In my distress,
I called upon the Lord,
and He heard my voice.*

Friday of the
Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading
John 10:31-42

“I have shown you
many good works
from My Father.
For which of these
are you trying to
stone Me?”

Reflection Guide Question

Why did the people want to hurt Jesus, and even kill Him, despite His “many good works”?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask God to protect the people who continue doing good thing despite being hurt.

April 9, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Ezekiel 37:21-28

My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Responsorial Psalm
Jeremiah 31:10-13

The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.

Saturday of the
Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading
John 11:45-56

"What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs. If we leave Him alone, all will believe in Him."

Reflection Guide Question

Why were the Sanhedrin afraid that the people would believe in Jesus, so much that they planned to kill Him?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask God to protect the people who risk their lives speaking and standing for the truth.

April 10, 2022

Sunday

Gospel Reading
(At The Procession)
Luke 19:28-40

*Blessed is the king who
comes in the name of the
Lord. Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.*

Palm Sunday
(Procession
Before the Holy Mass)



April 10, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7

*The Lord God is
my help, therefore,
I am not disgraced.*

Palm Sunday

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

*My God, my God,
why have you
abandoned me?*

Gospel Reading
Luke 22:14—23:56

Let the greatest
among you be as the
youngest, and the
leader as the servant.
... I am among you as
the one who serves.

Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11

*Rather, he emptied
Himself, taking the
form of a slave, coming
in human likeness.*

Reflection Guide Question

Why do we consider
Jesus' entry to Jerusa-
lem a triumph, des-
pite His impending
suffering and death?

Quotes of the Week

What is most amazing about the Lord and His Passover? It is that He achieves glory through humiliation. ... Why, Lord, did You wish to endure all this?

Jesus did it for us, to plumb the depths of our human experience, our entire existence, all our evil. To draw near to us and not abandon us in our suffering and our death. To redeem us, to save us.





Jesus was lifted high on the cross in order to descend to the abyss of our suffering. He experienced our deepest sorrows: failure, loss of everything, betrayal by a friend, even abandonment by God.

By experiencing in the flesh our deepest struggles and conflicts, He redeemed and transformed them. ... Yet now we know that we are not alone: God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word.

God triumphs, but the palm of victory passes through the wood of the cross. For the palm and the cross are inseparable.

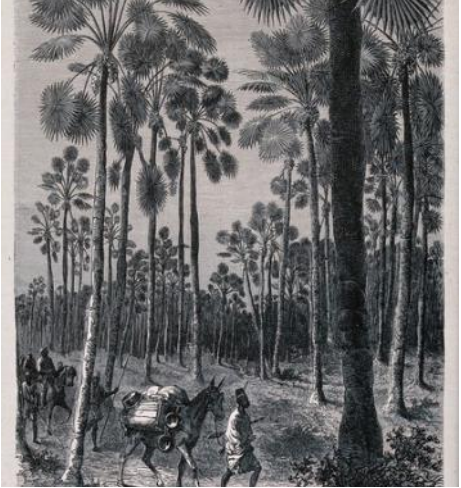
—*Pope Francis*

Reference: *Celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis (2021)*

There was a time—and it has not yet been completely surmounted—in which Christianity was rejected precisely because of the Cross. The Cross speaks of sacrifice, it was said, the Cross is the sign of the denial of life.

Instead, we want life in its entirety, without restrictions and without sacrifices. We want to live, all we want is to live. Let us not allow ourselves to be limited by precepts and prohibitions; we want richness and fullness - this is what was said and is still being said.





All this sounds convincing and seductive; it is the language of the serpent that says to us: "Do not be afraid! Quietly eat the fruit of all the trees in the garden!".

Palm Sunday, however, tells us that the great "Yes" is precisely the Cross, that the Cross itself is the true tree of life. We do not find life by possessing it, but by giving it. Love is a gift of oneself, and for this reason it is the way of true life symbolized by the Cross.

—*Pope Benedict XVI*

Reference: *Celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Homily of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (2006)*

Word of the Week

hosanna

/hō'zanə/

exclamation



*"Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna sa kaitaasan
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna sa kaitaasan"*

The Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy", or "Santo, Santo, Santo" in Filipino) is the most important acclamation during the Holy Mass. The joyful acclamation has two parts, both of which end with the phrase "Hosanna in the highest".



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ANCIENT GREEK

During the Old Testament (Psalms 118:25), the word "hosanna" ("hōšī'ā-nnā" or "hōša'nā" in Hebrew, "ōsha-nā" in Aramaic) was used to mean "save, we pray".

During Jesus' time, the word has slightly changed in meaning. Hosanna was used as an exclamation used during Passover and other Jewish festivals, which expressed "joy and praise for deliverance granted or anticipated".

References: *Oregon Catholic Press (2018)*, *Online Etymology Dictionary (2022)*



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Game of the Week

Cryptogram Puzzle

A cryptogram puzzle grid with numbers and letters. The grid is arranged in rows and columns. The numbers are: 25, 9, 3, 12, 11, 11, 12; 8, 13, 22, 3, 3, 22, 16; 4, 3, 25, 22, 24, 25, 9; 21, 9, 6, 22, 3, 4, 11; 5, 25, 22, 11, 12, 6, 22; 9, 10, 5, 25, 22; 13, 9, 7, 16. The letters are: O, A, A; E, E; I, E, O; O, E, I; E, A, E; O, E; O.

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Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number.

Try to decode the message.

Last Week's Game

Fallen Phrase Puzzle



T W
 M W T F I U
 L T T T U T R O R S
 W E T O H E H Y O I E T

The letters from each cell are below the puzzle. Try to rebuild the original message by choosing the letters for each cell.

A black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with the text "DICES, let us pray." overlaid. The hands are the central focus, with fingers interlaced and palms pressed together. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the creases on the fingers. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is white and positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

DICES,
let us pray.