Parish Work Day, April 4
The day before Palm Sunday we will do some cleaning projects around the campus, indoors and outdoors. We also will fold palm crosses for the services the next day. If you are able to help out for a hour or two, please come.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5, 8:00 am & 10:30 am
We begin Holy week in the courtyard with the palm fronds and hosannas that greeted Jesus on that day long ago. We process into the sanctuary and listen to a dramatic reading of the Palm Sunday Passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm
Tonight we will wash each other’s feet the way Jesus washed the feet of his disciples before instituting and celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Vigil in the Garden
We keep vigil in our own corner of the Garden of Gethsemane. Sign up for one hour during the night and watch and pray in the silent garden. You are invited to bring flowers in a simple cup or jar.

Good Friday, April 10, Noon & 7:00 pm
We come together today to hear the story of Jesus’ last hours and draw strength from each other as we remember. This is a quiet, reflective service with homilies from Bruce Bramlett and Stephanie Green, quiet music and prayers around the cross. Come and go at this service as your time allows. 7:00 pm, all ages, Stations of the Cross. Follow the steps of Jesus to the cross, with readings and simple music at stations around the church and campus.

Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:00 pm
Join us as we light a new fire out in the courtyard. We process into the sanctuary by candlelight and hear the stories of salvation and new life as the lights slowly get brighter. We renew our baptismal vows, and celebrate the Eucharist of resurrection. Bring bells to ring at the first joyful Alleluias since Lent began.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Bishop Lucinda visits us today! 9:15 am is the parish potluck brunch and Easter egg hunt. Bring a brunch item to share. Easter Eucharist with festive music and songs.

ALMOST LENT
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.
Come to our annual feast before Lent begins. New this year: French Toast cook-off by the Search Committee. Fun for the whole family: Alleluia banner painting and pancake races. Bring friends!

ASH WEDNESDAY
Feb. 26
Noon and 7:00 pm
We will have the imposition of ashes this day and the large sanctuary cross will be draped in purple.

Lent is a time of reflection and of following Jesus, demonstrating his love for the world.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
**Lent 1, March 1st**

**8:00 & 10:30 am**

**We begin Lent with the beautiful Great Litany** first found in the 1662 BCP. The significance of The Great Litany is deep: it is our oldest original English language rite; it is all-encompassing and focuses our prayers for ourselves and the world; and it is the strongest way to begin “keeping a Holy Lent.” Close your eyes and let the music and history wash over you. Our Presiding Bishop has asked us to make Lent 1 a day of observance and support for the work of ER&D.

**Sunday Forums 9:15 am**

The Rev. John Buenz returns to St. Jude’s to lead us in a series of Sunday morning forums entitled Living in Difficult Times.

**March 1:** Cultural transition from modern to post-modern
**March 8:** Focus on religious transition
**March 15:** Post-modernity and its effects on institutions
**March 22:** Life practices in transitions
**March 29:** Review with focus on Lent

**Wednesday Soup Suppers**

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

We will gather for a meal of soup and bread. Afterwards, The Rev. Bruce Bramlett will conduct his very popular study series, The Beginnings of Judaism and Christianity from 586 BCE to 325CE.

**March 4:** From Israelites to Jews
**March 11:** The Hellenization of the ancient world
**March 18:** The Hasmonean Dynasty
**March 25:** Jesus among his contemporaries
**April 1:** The context of the death of Jesus
**April 8:** The Jesus movement in the diaspora

**Something Extra**

**Jazz Vespers**

March 1st 5:00 pm

Music by Mason Razavi & Friends. The Rev. Kathleen Crowe will give a reflection on the homeless student ministry at SJSU. We will serve a chili and bread supper afterwards hosted by the LeBlancs. Don’t miss this evening of superb jazz, meaningful readings and food!

**Pick up a Lent Devotional** from Episcopal Relief & Development in the Narthex or the Office. The short daily devotions are written by various priests and laity in the Episcopal Church. They focus on the welfare of children around the world.

**We do not have altar flowers** during Lent, but you can sign up for Easter Flowers or sign up for another day for flowers to honor a special person or date in your life. Easter flowers are $25.00 and the others are $35.00. You can call the office or use the clipboard in the Narthex.

**Volunteer at St. Jude’s Rotating Safe Car Park,** March 1 — April 30.

**Hosts are need for:**
° Evening check-ins, 9:00 pm -10:00 pm
° Tuesday evening dinners, 7:30 pm
° Morning coffee, 6:30 am
° Saturday morning continental breakfast 7:00 am –8:00 am

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