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**Our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, Simi Valley – by Mr. Kiladjian**



Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students posed with Mr. Krikor Kiladjian during their field trip at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. Perched on a mountaintop with far-reaching views of the surrounding mountains, valleys, and the Pacific Ocean, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library is one of California's most stunning and distinctive destinations. The Library's 300 acre site, about 45 miles from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), represents the "shining city on a hill." It was one of the remarkable field trips and Class of 2019 had a great time. *(Photos are courtesy of Mrs. Mabel Paja. Thank you.)*



**Our Families' Participation in the Los Angeles Marathon 2019**

Thanks to Mrs. Carmela Miguels' sending us the first photo from last Sunday's LA marathon after Gavin and Greyson's dad crossed the finish line! The boys were so very proud of their dad! The Miguel family and Miss Padilla who also sent us their photos, joined the Los Angeles marathon!



The LA Marathon is an annual running event held each spring in Los Angeles, California. The 34th edition of the marathon took place on March 24, 2019. Over the course of its 33-year history, the LA Marathon has become one of the largest marathons in the country with more than 25,000 participants, thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of spectators. The historic race, which has seen unprecedented growth since introducing the iconic "Stadium to Sea" course, draws runners from all over the world to take a tour of Los Angeles running past every major landmark.

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at The Getty by Mr. Clarence Clark & Ms. Katy Huntley**



5th Graders joined 4th Grade on an educational and relaxing day at the Getty Center in Brentwood. Splitting into four groups, museum docents led their own tours of favorite art and architecture.





**Palm Crosses Selling from Our Cheer teams and the Music Department on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Thanks to our Volunteer Parents, Cheer and Concert Chorus members, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Barbra Sanchez, Mrs. Teresa Nelson, Mr. Tony Makhoul, Mr. Tomas Makiling, and our church administration for making Palm Sunday at HFCC memorable and productive! Palm Sunday is marked to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also a time for many Christians to remember his suffering before his death and resurrection. Many churches provide congregation members with small crosses made from palm leaves at special Palm Sunday services. For this particular Sunday, our HFGS families and staff created beforehand palm crosses to sell, to share some amount to the Missionary Childhood Association, and to save some funds for our teams' future events and competitions.



**The Passion Play of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes – Directed by Mrs. Ofelia Ruta**



Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, playing the major roles in The Passion of Christ, staged a dramatic presentation depicting the suffering of Jesus Christ. For the theatrical re-enactment of tragedies in Golgotha and outside the gates of Jerusalem, Mrs. Ofelia Ruta directed while Mrs. Liberda and Mr. Kiladjian supervised. Mr. Tom Makiling provided the music and the sound effects. Carl John Cortes was Jesus Christ; Mother Mary was Ellamae Fortin; Jon Paul Bautista was Peter; Pontius Pilate was Matthew Danilo Endoso; High Priest was Kenneth Fulgencio; Judas was Caleb Flores; Mary Magdalene was Mary Jo Makhoul; John was Alex Perez; Good Criminal was Michael Martin; Bad Criminal was Adrian Castro; Narrators were Nicole Paja and Alyssa Fuellas-Ayala; and the rest of the two grade levels were disciples, soldiers, weeping women, crowd, and the women of Jerusalem.



The Passion of Christ is the story of Jesus Christ's arrest, trial and suffering. It ends with his execution by crucifixion. The Passion is an episode in a longer story and cannot be properly understood without the story of the Resurrection. The word Passion comes from the Latin word for suffering.



The crucifixion of Jesus is accepted by many scholars as an actual historical event. It is recorded in the writings of Paul, the Gospels, Josephus, and the Roman historian Tacitus. Scholars differ about the historical accuracy of the details, the context and the meaning of the event. Most versions of the Passion begin with the events in the Garden of Gethsemane. Some also include the Last Supper, while some writers begin the story as early as Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem to the applause of the crowds.





The Passion is a story about injustice, doubt, fear, pain and, ultimately, degrading death. It tells how God experienced these things in the same way as ordinary human beings. The Passion appears in many forms of art. It is set to music, used as a drama and is the subject of innumerable paintings. Spiritually, the Passion is the perfect example of suffering, which is one of the pervasive themes of the Christian religion.



Suffering is not the only theme of the Passion, although some Christians believe that Christ's suffering and the wounds that he suffered play a great part in redeeming humanity from sin. Another theme is incarnation - the death of Jesus shows humanity that God had become truly human and that he was willing to undergo every human suffering, right up to the final agony of death.

Another is obedience - despite initial, and very human, reluctance and fear, Jesus demonstrates his total submission to God's wishes. But the final theme is victory - the victory of Christ over death - and this is why the Passion story is inseparable from the story of the Resurrection.



In summary, the story of the Christ's Passion does have these elements:

- The Last Supper
- The agony in the Garden of Gethsemane
- The arrest of Jesus after his betrayal by Judas
- The examination and condemnation of Jesus by the Jews
- The trial before Pilate during which Jesus is sentenced to be whipped and crucified
  - The crucifixion of Jesus



**References:**

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-passion-of-jesus-christ.html>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/passionofchrist\\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/passionofchrist_1.shtml)

### **A 2019 Holy Week Message**

As we remain steady and relentless with the desire for God and His grace, let us take this opportunity to observe and celebrate Holy Week. It is a likelihood to walk with the church, throughout time and throughout the world. It is indeed a chance to focus our minds on and seek to strengthen our affections for the most important time of our faith tradition. Please consider how you might make the most of this week. Beginning with yesterday's Palm Sunday to the final sacrifice of Good Friday and the conquest of Easter Sunday, it is with our deep prayer and hope to maintain our love of and devotion to Christ. Visit our church website for activities that will provide the activities of each day.

<https://hfglendale.org>

TK and Kindergarten enjoyed their Easter Egg Hunt at our Holy Courtyard of Charity on Thursday. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes held theirs in the GS small yard and the Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by our Student Council.

<http://localendar.com/public/HFGS-Bulldogs>

### **The Finnish Educational System**

Emailed was the powerpoint presentation and the invitation for you to fill out the survey. The set of instructions is found at the end of the slides. I hope that you have participated or will plan to **participate in completing the one-minute survey**. It will assist us in looking at our school practices and see what we are able to implement in the next school years.

Here are two articles for our reading on Finland: ***Why are Finland's schools successful?***

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/why-are-finlands-schools-successful-49859555/>

<https://www.infofinland.fi/en/living-in-finland/education/the-finnish-education-system>

### **For Our Spiritual Meditation**

#### ***The love of Christ conquers all and never fails.***

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) in his sermon for Holy Thursday wrote:

"He had the power of laying down his life; we by contrast cannot choose the length of our lives, and we die even if it is against our will. He, by dying, destroyed death in himself; we are freed from death only in his death. His body did not see corruption; our body will see corruption and only then be clothed through him in incorruption at the end of the world. He needed no help from us in saving us; without him we can do nothing. He gave himself to us as the vine to the branches; apart from him we cannot have life.

Finally, even if brothers die for brothers, yet no martyr by shedding his blood brings forgiveness for the sins of his brothers, as Christ brought forgiveness to us. In this he gave us, not an example to imitate but a reason for rejoicing. Inasmuch, then, as they shed their blood for their brothers, the martyrs provided "the same kind of meal" as they had received at the Lord's table. Let us then love one another as Christ also loved us and gave himself up for us."

"Lord Jesus, your love conquers all and never fails. Help me to love others freely, with heart-felt compassion, kindness and goodness. Where there is injury, may I sow peace rather than strife."

Thank you and let's continue to celebrate this Holy Week!

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