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PSALM 22

My God,  
why have You  
abandoned me?

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**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**

Contact the Parish Office at least four months in advance.

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM** at Blessed Sacrament Church or anytime by appointment.

**Confirmation**

Celebrated during the Season of Easter. Contact the Parish Office.

**Eucharist**

**Tuesday 8:15 AM**

Blessed Sacrament Church

**Wednesday 8:15 AM**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

**Thursday 8:15 AM**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

**Friday 8:15 AM**

Blessed Sacrament Church

**Saturday 4:30 PM**

Blessed Sacrament Church

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM** Blessed Sacrament Church

**10:00 AM** Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

**Holy Matrimony**

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance. If you or your intended have been previously married, please talk to the pastor before you schedule anything.

**Holy Orders**

Contact the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrated 10/20/22 at Queen of Peace, and Spring at Blessed Sacrament.

In emergencies, contact the Parish Office or the priest residence.

**New Parishioners**

Please call or stop by the rectory to register.

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 pm**

**PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION**

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.



Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir

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Remember your loved ones with a Mass. Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287.



**ST PEREGRINE CHANGING DAY FOR HOLY WEEK**

We will move the St. Peregrine Devotion Day to **Thursday, April 13, 2023** at 8:15 am because of the Holy Week schedule. Please join us to pray for those suffering with cancer.

<b>MASS TIMES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS</b>	SATURDAY	April 1	4:30pm.(BS)	Special Intention for Brett Sheroky, Ronald Smith, Tom & Betty England, Elizabeth Goelz, Charlie Strube
	SUNDAY	April 2	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Linda Heap, Charles Kaltwasser, Mary Halvachs-Keeser, Jennifer McDonnell
	TUESDAY	April 4	8:15am.(BS)	Florence St. Eve, Vincent O'Leary
	WEDNESDAY	April 5	8:15am.(QP)	Mary Beth Rompel-Schaltenbrand
	HOLY THURSDAY	April 6	7:00pm.(BS)	Steven Eichholz
	GOOD FRIDAY	April 7	3:00pm.(BS)	Passion of the Lord –Service
	HOLY SATURDAY	April 8	8:00 pm.(BS)	Doy & Jane Freeland, Mary Elizabeth O'Donnell, Adolph & Emma Auer
	EASTER SUNDAY	April 9	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
10:00am.(QP)			Adolph & Emma Auer, Stephen Anich, Linda Heap, Floyd & Emilia Poelker, Janice Reinhardt	



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BARREL



Catholic Urban Program has many needs as they attempt to help as many people as possible as food prices continue to rise. We have the power to make their job easier with our donations. During the six weeks of Lent, the Queen of Peace St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrel will be collecting for CUP. Food, household supplies, and personal items are always needed. Please check out the list below and the larger list on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Your generosity can make a lasting impact in the lives of others!

### Food

Rice  
Pasta  
Canned Meat  
Cooking oil  
Flour  
Cake, Muffin,  
Pancake Mix

### Household

Bleach  
Bar, dish,  
laundry Soap  
Paper Towels



### Personal

Shaving Supplies, Shampoo, Conditioner  
Diapers (especially sizes 4-6)

## CHURCH DOOR FUND

Blessed Sacrament is still accepting donations for the Church Door Fund.



We have received \$15,345.59 in donations so far. The proposal to replace all of the wood exterior doors with galvanized doors is estimated to be 35,000. Any donation is appreciated.



## JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you someone looking to earn \$\$\$,  
Retiree? Empty  
Nester? Stay at home  
parent? Looking for work? Queen of Peace is looking to hire a Janitor full-time or part-time. Let's Talk!! Great benefits (full-time), Fun people. What more could you want? Call the parish office at 618-397-2287 for details.

## E A S T E R F L O W E R O F F E R I N G

In Memory / Honor of...

### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL'S

You can help with the Easter flower expenses and also remember your loved one's. Please use your easter flower envelope or send in an envelope marked Easter Flowers with the names of your loved ones. **Deadline for the Easter bulletin was Wednesday, March 29, 2023.**

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## CRS RICE BOWL

Make a donation to CRS Rice Bowl to help communities in Honduras, the Philippines, Kenya and other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition, poverty and the impacts of climate change. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive. Go to [CRS.org](http://CRS.org).



## DO YOU HAVE PRAYER YOU NEED TO SHARE?

Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287 or call Marian Meyer at 618-277-8155.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Queen of Peace St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the parishioners and friends who donated to our recent Cosgrove's Kitchen and Drop-In-Center Collection. Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$1,907 to Cosgrove's Kitchen. This money will definitely help both Cosgrove's Kitchen and the Drop-In-Center. Thank you again for being so generous and always willing to help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul can always count on our QP Parishioners and Friends

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the entire Queen of Peace family for helping to make our Raider Madness 2023 Auction a huge success! We couldn't have done it without you. From donations to raffle purchases to joining us that evening, our parishioners are always so incredibly supportive and we truly thank you. While some teams were not so successful with March Madness, there was nothing less than success at Raider Madness 2023!

Sincerely,  
Jill Geoppo, Ally James, and Mandy Werle  
Auction Chairs

### Raffle Winners:

**\$1000 Cash Raffle: Lou Slapshak**  
**1/4 Side of Beef: Martha Halvachs, Patricia Lauth**  
**Quilt: Steve and Kelly Strubberg**

## MAKING WAY FOR GOD

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5 ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### *Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Accountable*

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

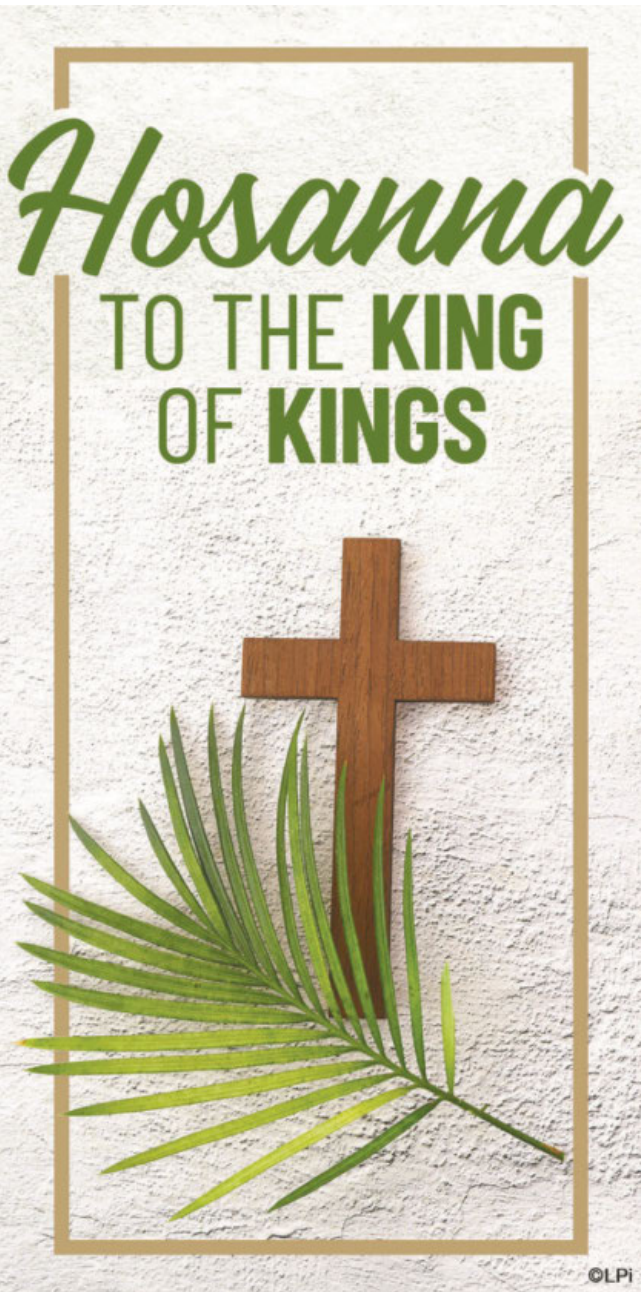
The question before us is: "To whom are we accountable?" Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God's call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday Weekend**

**April 1 & 2, 2023**

**Masses 4:30 pm BS, 8:00 am BS, & 10:00 am QP.**

**Chrism Mass: April 4, 2023**

**11:00 am at The Cathedral.**

**Holy Thursday: April 6, 2023**

**7:00 pm Lord's Supper at BS.**

**Good Friday: April 7, 2023**

**3:00 pm Passion at BS.**

**Holy Saturday**

**(Sundown Mass)**

**April 8, 2023, 8:00 pm at BS.**

**Easter Sunday:**

**8:00 am Mass at BS**

**10:00 am Mass at QP**



BS: January Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$22,882
QP: January Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$45,125

### YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contributions may be made by any of the following ways:

- ~ Drop off your envelope during Mass or in the collection or in the mail slot at rectory front door.
- ~ Mail in contributions to: 8707 West Main St., Belleville, IL. 62223.
- ~ Give online: QP: [qofp.weshareonline.org/](http://qofp.weshareonline.org/) or BS: [blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/](http://blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/) Register and set up your preferences. This is a secure site used by thousands of parishes throughout the USA.
- ~ Send a check directly from your bank account or quarterly investments. Contact bank or investment broker and ask for your contribution to be sent via check to your parish.

### THE 2023-2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA)

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

*"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable."*

-Bishop Michael McGovern

Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

### ON OUR OWN LUNCH

Who: People who are on their own in life

What: A lunch gathering

Where: McGraw's

(It used to be Crehan's.)

When: April 13 at Noon

Why: We enjoy the chance to share conversation, laughs, and food with others.

If you would like to join us, please contact Karen Vick at 1-618-277-3374. All are welcome.



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