



- *ST. PIUS X* (SOLON SPRINGS)
- *ST. ANTHONY* (GORDON)
- *ST. MARY* (MINONG)

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

— Mk 11:7-8

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New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

Mass Intentions Week of 03/23/21–03/28/21

Timothy Gannon, Melma Kimball
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Mass Schedule

In-person masses start this Sunday with an 8:30 am mass at St. Pus and 10:30 am mass at St. Mary. Live-streamed masses are held Tue-Fri at 9:30 am & Saturday at 5:00 pm. These masses can be viewed on Facebook or the tri-parish website. See links at the bottom of this page.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

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March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday
Feb 22, 2021
by Mary M. McGlone

This day we call Palm Sunday, or in our odd, ecclesial grammar, "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion," always gives us too much to take in. It begins with Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem and then portrays how in the course of one single week every sort of person became complicit in his martyrdom. One way to avoid being overwhelmed is to accompany one character through the mysteries of this week.

As our companion this year, I nominate the nameless woman who anointed Jesus at supper on what was the fourth day of his last week of life. Some have tried to identify her, but Mark avoided that, not necessarily because he didn't know her, but because identifying her would define her, setting her off from the rest of humanity. Because Mark left her anonymous, she can represent myriads of others called to follow her example.

In spite of her anonymity, there was absolutely nothing subtle or secret about this scene. The woman approached Jesus carrying the type of fragile stone jar used to preserve precious, imported perfume. Everyone could see that she was bearing a luxurious gift — the jar itself bespoke extravagance. Most of the witnesses were probably astounded when she broke the jar rather than dispense just the amount needed for a simple gesture. Destroying it indicated that rather than hold anything back, she intended to allow its entire contents to flow over Jesus' head. The room would have been saturated with an aroma that many simple folks had rarely experienced; the oil would have dripped from his head to beard to shoulders and further.

The anointing woman came to Jesus during the last week of his life. She had probably seen him enter Jerusalem like a pauper king acclaimed with cries of "Hosanna!" Like everyone else, she would have known that his "cleansing" of the temple had infuriated the authorities. She had heard his retorts in the parable of the wicked tenants and his critique of the pretentious scribes. By the time he reclined at the table with Simon and friends, the air around Jesus was permeated with an aura of danger — his friends understood that the murderous tenants of Jesus' parable had their real-life counterparts among powerful people who were even then plotting his death.

At least three times, Jesus had told his disciples that he would suffer and die, only to see how they avoided facing that reality. During the final week of his life, one of them would sell him out and the rest of the men would run and hide or openly deny knowing him. But during that last week, when danger was in the air and the powerful were planning his demise, one woman gave her all in an extravagant gesture of faith.

Often the telling of this story focuses on the complaint about waste and Jesus' response that she was preparing him for death. Rarely do we emphasize that her anointing was a symbolic statement that he was the Christ, a title which literally means the anointed one. She did not make this gesture while he was at the height of his power, when crowds flocked to him, or even as part of the cheering crowd as he entered Jerusalem. She anointed him as his fate was becoming ever more obvious, when fickle crowds were starting to blow with the winds, ready to join in jealous jeers demanding his crucifixion. Jesus himself explained that by saying she was preparing him for death.

The anointing woman is the counterpoint to other disciples and to all those who refused to believe in Jesus' message. With one extravagant gesture, she professed her belief that he, the vulnerable prophet who was surely about to die, was indeed God's anointed one. By pouring oil over him, she proclaimed her faith that God was working through this man who taught that love was the only law of life. She spilt her riches in a show of faith that wealth is worthless and God is not revealed through human power.

The anointing woman, the first among the women who stood by Jesus through his crucifixion, expressed her faith and faithfulness in a gesture of love that went beyond every verbal proclamation. She shared Jesus' own faith that God's ways are beyond human understanding because, as theologian Jesuit Fr. Silvano Fausti says, "God is love in a passion which stands infinitely beyond any insult from us."

This year, we might walk through this week inspired by the anointing woman. Rather than focus on how we too often mirror the betrayers, let us invite her to teach us about living a faith that goes beyond understanding. It could cost us everything, but isn't that the message of this holy week?

PLEASE NOTE: Our pastor, Fr Kinney, would like our Triparish parishioners to know how hopeful he is to be starting indoor masses once again during the ongoing pandemic- even as Covid cases are spiking somewhat in counties and states on either side of our county and state. Douglas County shows very positive signs and we are opening based on that fact. But we also will continue with live streamed masses during the week and on Saturday evening for those not yet vaccinated or unwilling to attend our indoor masses out of other personal safety concerns.

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Envelopes	1190.00	204.00	169.00
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Holy Days		65.00	
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World Concerns	30.00	20.00	10.00
Total	\$1220.00	\$308.00	\$179.00
CSA Goals	\$10,531	\$6,789	\$13,639
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% of Goal			
Electronic Dona- tions (Monthly)	720.00	335.00	1204.14

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
 Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Mass Schedule

In-Person: Sunday: 8:30 am St. Pius, 10:30 am St. Mary
Live-Streamed
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StPius.StMary.StAnthony>
 Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 am
 Saturday: 5:00 pm
Website: <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/parishioners-page>

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 28th
 St. Pius - 8:30 am St. Mary - 10:30 am
Holy Thursday - April 1st
 St. Pius - 7 pm
Good Friday - April 2nd
 St. Pius - 12 pm (noon)
Holy Saturday (Vigil) - April 3rd
 St. Mary - 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday - April 4th
 St. Pius-8:30 am St. Mary - 10:30
Lenten Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, March 30th
 St. Pius - 5:30 pm
 St. Mary - 7:30 pm

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Wow! It's Palm Sunday already and the beginning of Holy Week! You remember the story of when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and everybody was so happy to see Jesus that they waved palm branches to welcome him to town. They didn't have banners and flags like we have but they had lots of palm branches from the palm trees that grow there so that is what they used.

Father Kinney bought some palm branches from a catalog and he will bless them on Palm Sunday so we can celebrate Palm Sunday with them and then take the palms home.

After Father Kinney blesses the palm branches they become a **SACRAMENTAL** (something blessed) and we have to treat the palms with respect... like not beat your brothers and sisters with them. You can put your palm in a special place in your room where you can see it and think of all the things Jesus did for you and maybe thinking those thoughts will help you be a better person. Wouldn't Jesus just love that ... you being a better person on Palm Sunday and forever. (Remember to send your palm back next year to be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday 2022)



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