

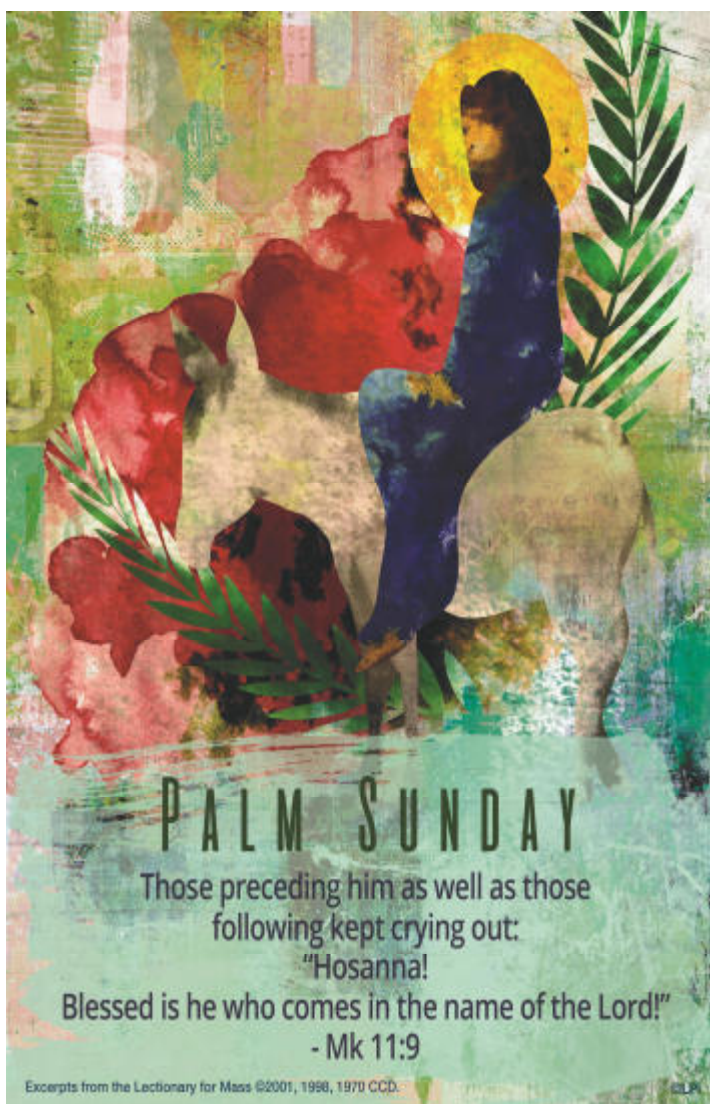
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Parish Mission Statement

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an evermore closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community, we strive to know, love, serve God and one another, and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am
By appointment. Please call the parish office.

Infant Baptism

Please call for an appointment.

Marriage Preparation

Call for an appointment. Please allow at least six months before the planned date.

Catholic Inquiry/RCIA

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Weekly

Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am until Midnight
Friday 5:00 am until Noon

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • March 28, 2021

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Mass Schedule - Palm Sunday

Sat	03/27	4:00 pm	†Christina Shannon
Sun	03/28	8:00 am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
		10:30 am	People of the Parish
Mon	03/29	8:30 am	†Preston Smiley
Tue	03/30	8:30 am	†Leigh Nye
Wed	03/31	8:30 am	†Nicholas Kuchar
Thu	04/01	8:30 am	†Joseph & †Irene Ryan
Fri	04/02	8:30 am	†Beloved Dead
Sat	04/03	4:00 pm	Bill Zondca
Sun	04/04	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Ryan Wilbanks

Readings for next week April 4th

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Calendar of Events

For the Week of March 28th

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon	4:30-6:30 pm	Reconciliation
Tue	4:30-6:30 pm	Reconciliation
Tue	7:00 pm	RCIA in Library
Wed	4:30-6:30 pm	Reconciliation
Thu	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Lord's Supper
Fri	1:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil

Our Gifts to God

For the Week of March 21st

Envelopes	\$4,581.00	Poor Fund	\$101.00
Plate	\$498.07	Online	\$316.67
Build & Maint.	\$340.00	Catholic Charities	\$110.00
Votive	\$166.63	All Souls	\$55.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00	Easter Flowers	\$274.00

Please Pray For Our Sick...

Penny Harrison	Brenda Forte	Ed Bailey
Miguel Nelson	Laurie Richardson	Cheryl Grooms
Sharon Grant	Ann Fender	Mike Banasik
John Wagner	David Zeszutek	Jack Bresee
Carla Duff	Linda Hasler	Jeanne Walsh

We also remember in prayer those of our parish family who are battling chronic illnesses and those who are homebound and are no longer able to attend Mass due to present health concerns.

Hosanna!

As we celebrate **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope, and charity.



Good Friday: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2nd, and Monday, April 5th. Becky will be out of the office on vacation the first week of Easter, and Lydia will be filling in that week.



St. Joseph Feast Day
 On, March 19th, in honor of our dear St. Joseph's feast day, a beautiful Mass was held in his honor. At the end of Mass, we consecrated our Parish, families, and ourselves to St. Joseph. Photo submitted by JoAnn Heath.

Stewardship Reflection

Good stewards strive to conform to their lives to that of Christ — emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

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Ministers for April 3 – April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday)
(Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.)



Catholic Relief Rice Bowl: During Holy Week, we will be collecting your Rice Bowls. Please plan to bring your Bowl in and leave it in the baskets provided at each entrance. Thank you for your generosity, sacrifices, and stewardship.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, Serving the Suffering Christ: As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let us reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit csr-rice-bowl.org to learn more.

St. Joseph Catholic Academy: During this Lenten Season, our thoughts and practices are concentrated on prayer, worship, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Students are walking Jesus' path to the cross as they pray "The Stations of the Cross" throughout Lent. Their Art projects reflect the Lenten Season, and at the all-

school Masses, the readings help students become more familiar with the Story. We are blessed to have Christ, and His Story, shared every day in our Catholic school.



The Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday—April 1, 2021
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Good Friday—April 2, 2021
 Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm
 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil—April 3, 2021
 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—April 4, 2021
 Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:00 am and 10:30 am

VIRTUS TRAINING AVAILABLE ONLINE:

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the VIRTUS training is currently available online. In-person VIRTUS training will resume when COVID precautions are lifted. Any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Rosie Francka with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at rfrancka@diosc.org.



EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL ADORERS:

Be with God! Without faithfully committed adorers, the exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament would be impossible. Will you commit to an hour? Contact Rose at 417-864-7511.

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and deeds; neither does he approve of our calculation of loss and gain in our relationship with God.

4. Do we welcome Jesus into our hearts? Are we ready to surrender our lives to Jesus during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of our lives as our Lord and Savior, singing "**Hosanna**"? Today, we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them someplace where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the king of our families, that Christ is the king of our hearts, that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our king, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life; let us be reminded that He is the one with whom we will be spending eternity. Let us be reminded further that our careers, our education, our finances, our homes, all of the basic material needs in our lives are only temporary. Let us prioritize and place Christ, the king, as the primary concern in our lives. Only when we have done this will we find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world.
5. Are we ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus? As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we can expect to receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we must also expect to meet the same opposition, crosses, and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service.

Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from church with his mother. His father returned from church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked, "Why do you have that palm branch, dad?" "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honor him; so, we got palm branches today." "Aw, shucks," grumbled Little Johnny. "The one Sunday I can't go to church, and Jesus shows up!"

Let us show up to experience our salvation every day in Holy Week.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl



*P*astor's
*R*eflection



Dear Parishioners,

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. On Palm Sunday, we enter Holy Week and welcome Jesus into our lives asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death, and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our dying and rising in Jesus which results in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we too must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we will be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in this week's liturgies. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as experienced daily by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely, and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Passion Sunday liturgy combines two contrasting moments: one of glory, the other of suffering - the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering culminating in his crucifixion and death.

1. Does Jesus weep over us? There is a Jewish saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." Let us get ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father, through the sacrament of reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ's Resurrection.
2. Are we barren fig trees? God expects us to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Let us discover whether we are barren fig trees or useless trees producing bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness.
3. Do we expect Jesus to cleanse our hearts with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in us by our addiction to uncharitable, unjust, and impure thoughts, words,

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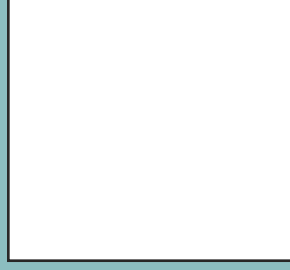
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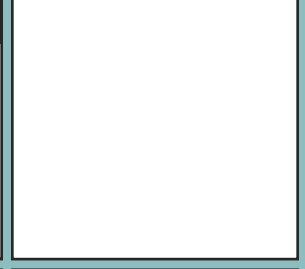
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