



*Palm*  
**SUNDAY**

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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## CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

### Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

#### March 21

Envelope Total: \$ 7,162  
Electronic Giving: \$ 2,834  
**Week Total: \$ 9,996**

**2020— March 17 Masses suspended-pandemic**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

### A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

One of the best ways to listen and remember is by singing. The combination of words and music seems to unlock memory storage in our brains. Just think, for a minute, of how many Bible verses we remember with confidence versus the number of hymns.

Hymns express our beliefs. They describe how we understand God. Today's passage from Philippians is believed to be a hymn. It's not clear if Paul wrote it or Paul quoted it, but it doesn't matter. The fact that Paul included it in this letter to the Philippians meant he thought it important. It said precisely what he wanted to say about Jesus as the Christ!

This hymn is one of the most theologically rich passages in the New Testament. It is at the heart of our doctrine that Jesus Christ is eternally divine, the Logos or the Living Word as described in John's gospel. Paul included it to help teach the house churches of Philippi how they were to treat each other and live with each other. By using this hymn, Paul was ensuring that everyone would remember this very important lesson.

The high and low points in the hymn, which might be compared to the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, the underserved death reserved for slaves and the glorious resurrection, represent what we might expect as well. In emptying ourselves like a drink offering over an altar, we become like Jesus.

As Jesus will be honored, so God in heaven will honor us as well. Simply put, the best way to honor God is to serve humanity in a selfless and sacrificial manner. Get on board! And, if you have trouble remembering, sing!

Our 40-day Lenten sacrifice is coming to a close as we embrace Holy Week—the most treasured liturgical time for our church. I hope that you can reflect on this Lenten season knowing you made sacrifices for our God as he sacrificed his greatest gift for us—his Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Gabriel and I look forward to celebrating with all of you this week. If you have not yet pre-registered, please do so for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Praise God that we can gather together at the table of the Lord this year during Holy Week. Better days are ahead, but, we continue to pray for one another, especially those affected by the pandemic.

I thank all of you for making me feel welcomed during my first month at Corpus Christi. Let us continue to build on our relationship with God and one another.

God Bless,  
Fr. Kaj



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### EASTER SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday—April 1**  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm**

**Good Friday—April 2**  
**Service of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm**

**Easter Vigil**  
**Saturday, April 3, 8pm**

**Easter Sunday Masses**  
**7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12nn**

**All Masses will be held in the Chapel.**

Pre-registration is now open for Holy Week/Easter Masses. You **must** register in advance. You can call the Parish Center at 201-288-4844 or email [mbviviani@optonline.net](mailto:mbviviani@optonline.net). Leave your name, contact phone number, number of people attending and Mass time. Please register early. Assigned seating will be done for all the Easter Masses.

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*

On behalf of Corpus Christi, I wish to thank everyone for their extreme generosity with our Spring Food Drive. Many needy families and agencies will be helped by your kindness. Wishing you a very Happy & Blessed Easter.

Maria Wojciechowski, Social Concerns

### CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL'S TROPICAL TRICKY TRAY

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**  
**Rain Date: Friday, May 14**  
**3:30-4:30pm Seniors Only Hour**  
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**Adoration has resumed. Please note the following:**

- ♦ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ♦ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ♦ Face coverings **MUST** be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.
- ♦ **Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 5pm; Tuesdays 4pm, 6pm & 9pm; Thursdays 3pm**

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

### PALM SUNDAY PRAYER...

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! We cry, Blessed are You who come in God's name to save us.  
Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.

We need You,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior  
Hosanna!



### 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal. Your donation helps so many within the Archdiocese as well as right here in our parish of Corpus Christi. Rebate monies after attaining our goal will help our parish and school with repairs/upgrades or any needs that arise.

Envelopes are still available or you are encouraged to donate online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Designate Corpus Christi as your parish. Your gift may be restricted for any ministry listed. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**ANTICIPATED MASS, MARCH 27**

5:00 PM +Deceased Members of the Urban & Senzon Families

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00 AM +Victor Lagomasino  
 10:00 AM +William & Susan McKeever  
 12:00 NN +John Tomaszewski  
 6:00 PM +Patricia Harns (1st Anniv)

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**

6:30 AM +Stephen Chesonis  
 8:00 AM +Michael Loscalzo

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

6:30 AM +Michael Loscalzo  
 8:00 AM +Carmen Calabrese (4th Anniv)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

6:30 AM +Michael Loscalzo  
 8:00 AM +Christopher Syvarth

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1—Holy Thursday**

7:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2—Good Friday**

3:00 PM Service of the Lord's Passion

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3—Holy Saturday**

12:00 NN Blessing of the Food -Church

**ANTICIPATED MASS**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil—People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4—Easter Sunday**

7:30 AM +Marian Dafick  
 9:00 AM +Victor Lagomasino  
 10:30 AM +Salem, Nayfe & Juliet Eid  
 12:00 NN +Louis & Rose Romano

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEK**

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **George K** from Bo Nielsen.

**WINE FOR THE WEEK**

The wine to be consecrated at all the Masses was donated in loving memory of **Carmen Calabrese** from wife, Diane.



**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially John Vettoso, Manuel Cubillos, Elizabeth Semenez

**2021 MASS BOOK**

The 2021 Mass Book is open. There are open weekday Masses in the upcoming months. Stop by the Parish Center during business hours to remember your loved ones.

*Morning Prayers*

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**Sharing the Gospel**

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. He stayed close to God and followed God's directions. When Satan came to test Jesus, he was ready. He passed every test and said "NO" to temptation. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests too.

**Prayer**

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible versus.

**Mission for the Week**

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day until you know this verse by heart.



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