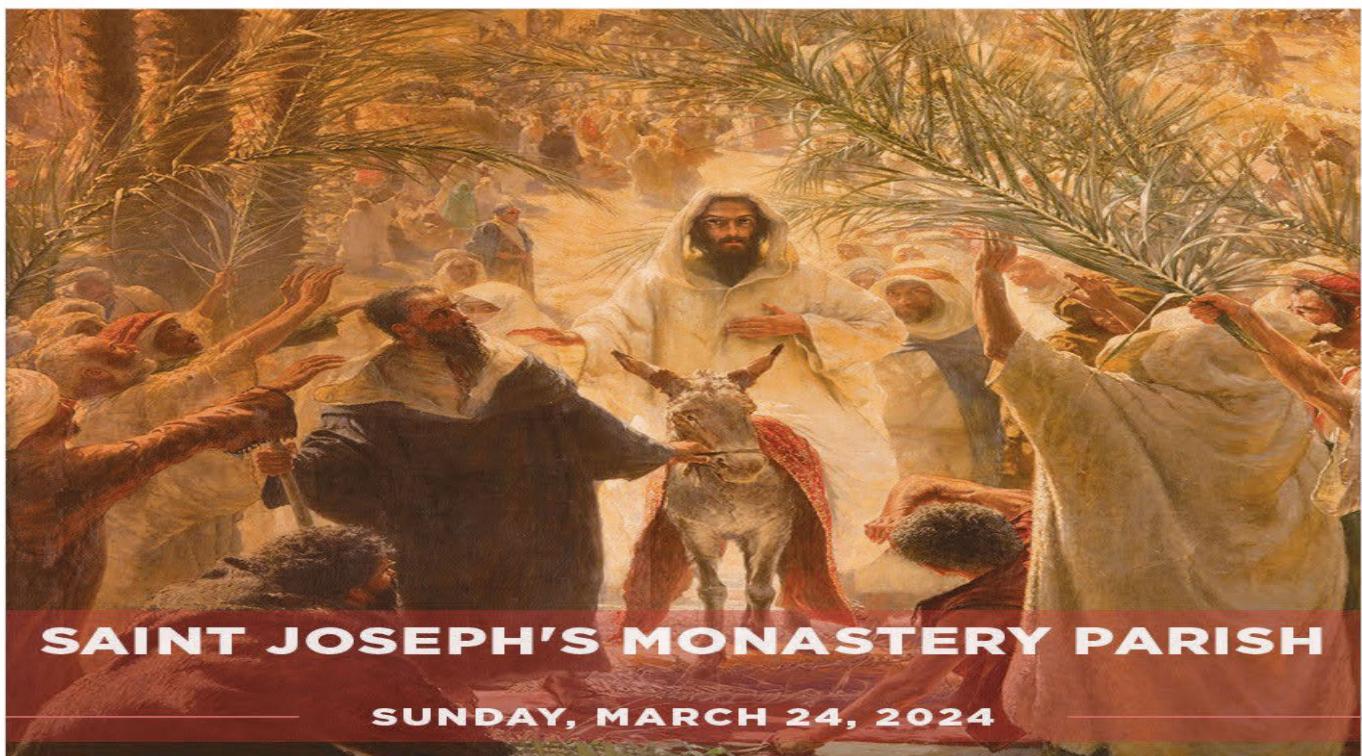




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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.
Holy Week begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

Saint of the week

St. Toribio Romo González was a Mexican priest and martyr from Jalisco in the early 1900's. He's known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and catechesis to the poor. During a time of religious persecution in Mexico, government troops shot and killed him.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

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/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 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:

Easter 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)/Rom 6:3-11/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

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

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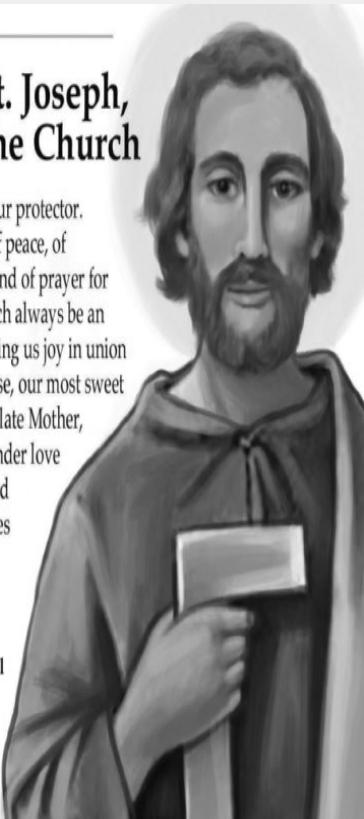
St. Joseph! Always be our protector.
May your inner spirit of peace, of
silence, of good work, and of prayer for
the cause of Holy Church always be an
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,
and in the strong yet tender love
of Jesus, the glorious and
immortal King of all ages
and peoples.

Amen



—Pope St. John XXIII

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Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.. & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is ill or anticipating surgery, please contact the Pastor to be anointed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

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Please visit before or after Mass to see the beautiful tribute to our family and friends. The bricks are a great way to remember important people and times in our lives. You may continue to purchase bricks at <https://www.thatsmybrick.com/sjmpmd> The pricing for the bricks is 4 by 8 bricks \$ 100.00 and 8 by 8 bricks are \$ 200.00 Bricks can be designed on the website ,the paperwork filled out and mailed or dropped in the collection basket or come into the Rectory and someone will be glad to help you design a brick. Thank you for your support and for preserving our rich history at St. Joseph's Monastery. They make great gifts for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, baptisms and remembering our loved ones. Thank you for your support.

BULLETIN MASSES FOR:

March 23-31, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 p.m. Lena Crocetti (D)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 a.m. In Loving Memory of
Pat (D) & Tom (D) Hipszer

11:00 a.m. Mary Lee Rogers (D)
Birthday Remembrance

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. Forgotten Souls

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. John Paul Skidmore (D)
Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. 76th Wedding Anniversary
of Albert (D) & Margaret Renehan

Thursday, March 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. No Mass

7:00 PM Sheila Teeters In Celebration
of Sheila's 70th Birthday

Saturday, March 30, 2024

4:00 p.m. Moxley, Huppmann &
DiNardo Families

Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:30 a.m. In Loving Memory of
Mary Angela Peters (D)

11:00 a.m. Father Michael Murphy
In Celebration of
Father Mike's 60th Birthday

Bulletin Masses

Please call the Rectory office to have your loved ones and friends remembered or honored in a Bulletin Mass. It is a great way to remember and honor your special dates and occasions. If you would like to take the gifts up on the day of your Mass Intention, contact Lisa in the office or let the Greeters or Father Mike know.

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POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

March: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Richard (Cancer) Nadine (Cancer). Tom M. (Special Intentions) Dick K. (Cancer) Mara, Fadi, Yousif, Sally, Hanan ,Shawn, Alton ,Jake, Anthony, Maria , Jordan (Special Intentions) . Cecilia W. (Special Intention) Larry J. (Good Health) Joseph Meyer (Good Health) & Family ,Karen Bowen (Special Intentions), Peggy Day (Fall) Mike G. (Stroke) & Strength for the Family, Marian Erdman (Fall) Chris (Good Health) Pat B. (Good Health) ,Daniel Thomas (Cancer) , Tom Cornell (Cancer) Pat Bunke & Family (Cancer), Elaine M. (Cancer) , Bill Thornberg (Kidney Cancer) , Betty Ann (Stroke), Bernard (Good Health) Christine (Good Health) Julie (Good Health) Ted (Good Health) Cayden & Parents (Good Health) ,Richard Melson (For Peace & Healing) Ann Cleaver & Sons (Special Intention) , Ernie (Surgery and Recovery) Mary Jean (Good Health) , Gary Frame (Good Health) Herb K. (Good Health) , Chuck H. (Good Health) Judi M. (Good Health) Neva (Good Health & Special Intentions) , Mary Pat Dooley (Special Intention), Kathy Mellendick (Colon Cancer), Anne Simmons (Special Intention) Ken H (Healing) ,Carlos Vidal (Special Intention) , Gwen-dolyn (Surgery & Healing), Judy (Special Intentions), Terry & Tanya (Special Intentions) Judy (Cancer) and Judy's family , Charles & Cheryl (Good Health), Mark Miller (Good Health), Deborah Knowles (Cancer) Mary Dooley (Liver Condition) Leslie lampieri (Special Intention) Donald Noonan, Mike Kilduff (Special Intentions) Nancy Parker (Healing) Lonnie Swiger (Cancer). Monica L.(Surgery & Cancer Treatments), Jim D. (Healing), Mike Harding (Health) Mark K (Healing) Erin Tole (Special Intention) Dolores Lee (Healing) Judy Katcoff (Cancer) Maria Van Dyke (Healing), Olivia Geslois (Healing), Quentin S. Healing), Cindy B. (Healing & Special Intentions)Benoit Mougoue (Good Health) Mike K (Cancer) , Bill R (Cancer)

If anyone needs to be removed or added to the prayer chain , please contact the Rectory Office. Please keep us updated on the people on the Prayer Chain if possible. If they are not parishioners we have no way of knowing .

LJacobs@sjmp.org or call the rectory.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.



Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

Palm Sunday

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first started using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.

Prayer for Humility and Praise

"Lord Jesus Christ, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember Your triumphant entry into Jerusalem, let us also remember the path that lay before You. Fill our hearts with the humility and faithfulness that You displayed. Teach us to follow Your example of selfless love, to praise You in our hearts and with our lives, as we carry our crosses daily. Hosanna in the Highest!"



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it. Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up. How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair. We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass at 8:30, Mass at 11:00 AM
(10:45 AM Procession Commemorating
Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem)

Thursday, March 28, 2024

No 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00 PM in the Church

Friday, March 29, 2024 Good Friday

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord Service
(Church) & 7:00 PM – Living Stations
(Church)

Saturday, March 30, 2024 NO 4:00 PM

Mass, Easter Vigil 7:30 PM (Church)

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:30 AM Mass, 11:00 AM Mass



Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

"O God, as we enter this Holy Week, renew our minds and spirits. Let the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem inspire us to welcome Him into our hearts anew. May the palms we wave symbolize our commitment to follow Him more closely, to live lives of service and compassion, just as He taught us. Guide us through this week to the joy of Easter morning. Amen."

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"God, I lift up (name of the person you'd like to pray for) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mk 11:9-10

Prayer for Peace and Justice

"Lord of Peace, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember Jesus's peaceful entry, we pray for peace in our hearts, homes, and world. Inspire us to carry forward the message of justice and peace that Jesus brought to Jerusalem. Empower us to be instruments of Your peace, advocating for the marginalized and working towards justice for all of Your creation. Hosanna in the Highest!"

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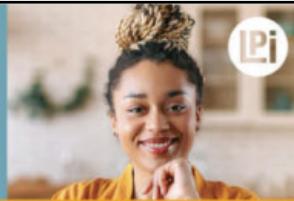
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