

# Saint Thomas More Parish

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd  
Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-  
June)

**Men's Fellowship Group**—2nd  
Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tuesday of  
January, March, May, September,  
and November, at 7:00 p.m. All  
Parishioners are welcome!

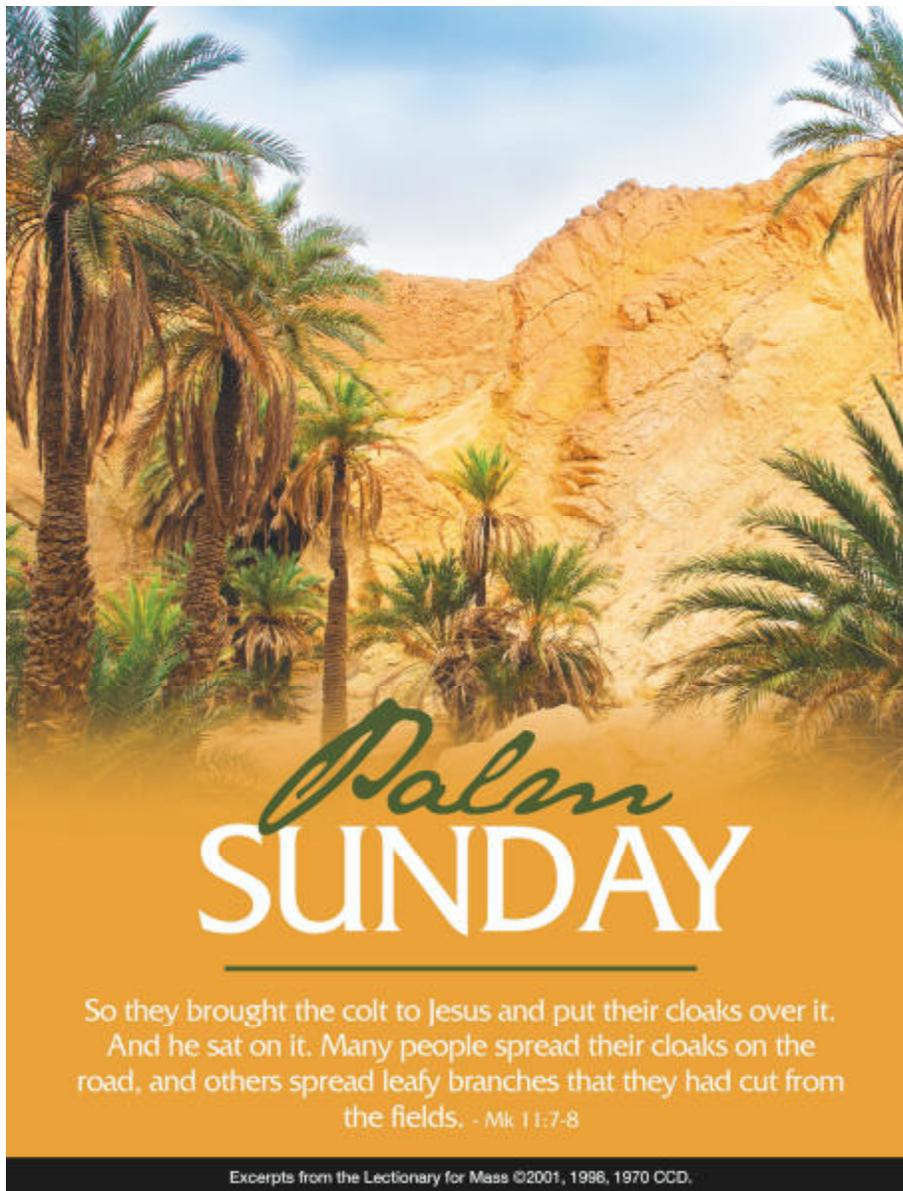
### Religious Education

— **Grades K-12** classes are held  
on Saturdays from Sept-May 3:00  
to 4:15 p.m. ONLINE!

— **Why Catholics (for Adults)**  
Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the 10:00  
a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



## “NEW” Mass Schedule



## WE ARE OPEN FOR INDOOR MASS

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us!

**Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon**

**Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister**

**Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo, Coordinator of Religious Education**

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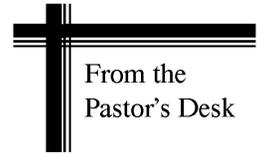
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Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!



Palm Sunday is the beginning of HOLY WEEK. During Holy Week we remember Jesus's passion, death and resurrection. The story is so magnificent that we need a whole week to tell it.

Try to walk with Jesus on His way to Calvary. Think how He felt when He saw His mother. How did He feel as He looked down from the Cross.

On Palm Sunday we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood.

On Good Friday, we celebrate the Lord's passion. There are also Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

On Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

"He was bearing our faults in His own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through His wounds you have been healed". (Peter 2:24)

Jesus died for us. Let us live for Him.

In Christ

	<i>March 21, 2021</i>	
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**Readings for April 4, 2021**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



	<p>Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitrano (Barbara Peach's daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Washington Gonzalez, Nicholas DiLiello (Lillian's brother), Tyler Rush (Lillian's Grandson), Josette George (Lillian's cousin), and David Brown.</p>
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	<p>We Pray in Faith that all who have Died; especially Jim Gay, may be welcome into the peace of God's Kingdom.</p>
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<p>(Due to Good Friday services)  <b>APRIL Eucharistic Adoration will be <u>April 9, 2021</u></b>                  9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p>	
<p>Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!</p>	



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/29</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Rosemarie Fucella</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/30</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Special Intentions of Toni Thaney</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/31</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Elizabeth May LeLeus</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/01</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper For the Parishioners</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/02</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>12 Noon</b>		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>		<b>Passion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/03</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
<b>8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass</b>		<b>James &amp; Josephine Farmer</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04/04</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>For the Parishioners</b>

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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?

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*Hosanna!*

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

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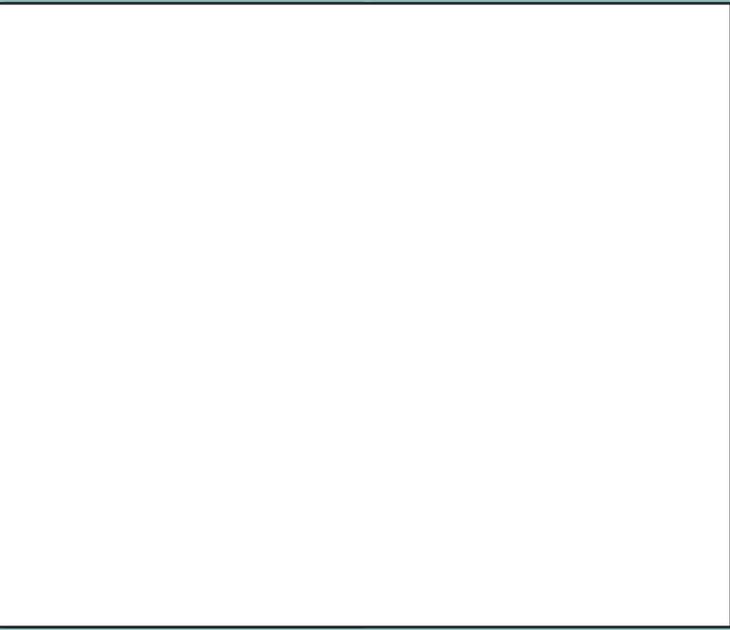
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