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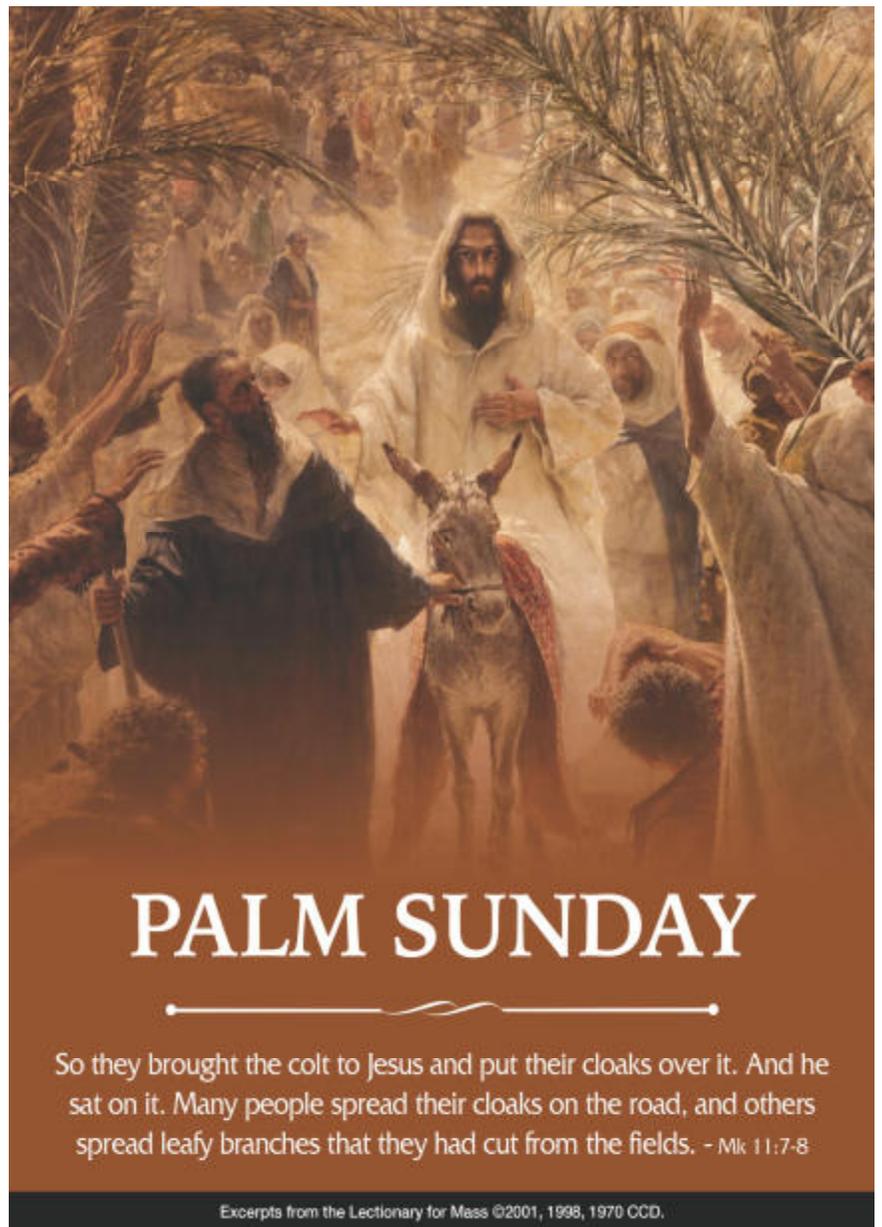
Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: EASTER VIGIL 7:30 pm
Sunday: EASTER 8:00 am, 10 am & noon

Weekday: Mon., Tues., 8:30 am followed by the Rosary.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm followed by Adoration to 10 pm

Good Friday: 7:00 pm

Baptisms and Weddings:
Please call the office at (603) 924-7647 to schedule.



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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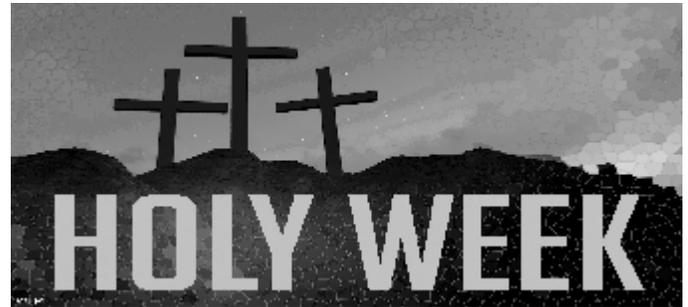
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021



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.

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.

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?



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.

Hosanna!

Readings of the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Mon., Mar., 29 - 8:30 am - Bob Sherman by the
Collin family

Tues., Mar., 30 - 8:30 am - Pat Gower

Wed., Mar., 31 - No Mass

Holy Thursday

Thurs., Apr., 01 - 7:00 pm - For all Priests

Good Friday Service

Fri., Apr., 02 - 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Sat., Apr., 03 - 7:30 pm - For our parishioners

Easter Sunday

Sun., Apr., 04 - 8:00 am - Helen Salzmann by
Mary Croteau

10:00 am - Jose Teixeira by
Idalina Teixeira

12:00 pm - Intention of Ashlyn
Ann Gagnon

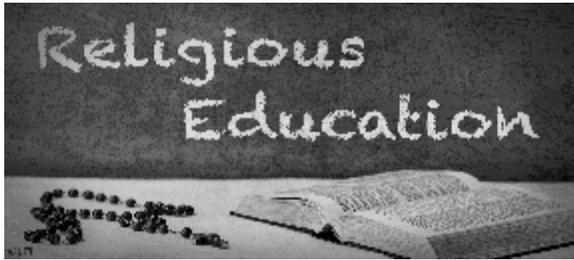


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Mar 28 - Apr 3, 2021 Paul Couture

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ule a Mass intention or arrange for the sanctuary
lamp to be burned in memory of your loved one.

Palm Sunday



CCD EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

There will be “early bird CCD registration” for grades K-8 after the 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses on April 11, 18, and 25th. The fee will be \$40.00 per child or \$60.00 per family. After July 1st, the cost will be \$50.00 per child or \$75.00 per family. If you have financial need, please let us know. Financial hardship should never keep a child from attending Religious Education.



VBS Registration

Vacation Bible School will be held August 9-13 from 9:00 am until noon for all children of our Parish, ages 4-10. Registration is free but we do have a limit of 25 children. Register early and don't miss the fun.



March 28, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (3/28/21)

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Thursday (4/1/21)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm
Adoration following Mass until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday (4/2/21)

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm
Passion of the Lord: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday (4/3/21)

Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30 pm

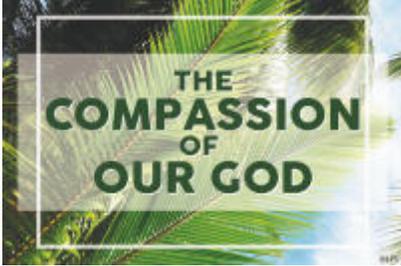
Easter Sunday (4/4/21)

Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & Noon



Confession Times

Monday March 29: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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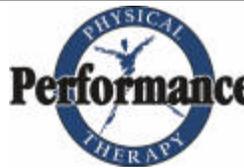


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