

# Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

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*"Hosanna!*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

# WELCOME to Epiphany

"He shall judge between the nations and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." That is our Palm Sunday hope, and it is our only hope. That is what the palms and the shouting are all about. That is what all our singing and worshiping and preaching and praying are all about if they are about anything that matters. The hope that finally by the grace of God the impossible will happen.

The hope that Pilate will take him by one hand and Caiaphas by the other, and the Roman soldiers will throw down their spears and the Sanhedrin will bow their heads. The hope that by the power of the Holy Spirit, by the love of Christ, who is Lord of the impossible, the leaders of the enemy nations will draw back, while there is still time for drawing back, from a vision too terrible to name. The hope that you and I also, each in our own puny but crucial way, will work and witness and pray for the things that make for peace, true peace, both in our own lives and in the life of this land.

Despair and hope. They travel the road to Jerusalem together, as together they travel every road we take - despair at what in our madness we are bringing down on our own heads and hope in him who travels the road with us and for us and who is the only one of us all who is not mad. Hope in the King who approaches every human heart like a city. And it is a very great hope as hopes go and well worth all our singing and dancing and sad little palms because not even death can prevail against this King and not even the end of the world, when end it does, will be the end of him and of the mystery and majesty of his love. Blessed be he.



# Shane Brundy

Epiphany Parishioner since 2019

**You are from California?** I was born in El Centro, California, a small town on the border of Mexico and California. Until I became a grownup, I was there my whole life. My parents grew up in the same place, they met at the age of 5 and 8. I have two older sisters and a younger brother.

**Do you consider yourself a grownup?** Actually, no. But because I was the oldest boy, I was the one who had to go to the farm and do manual labor.

**The farm?** Yes, it was about 15 minutes away. We had cows, they were meat cows, not milking cows. I had to buck hay bales.

**Buck? What is that?** You have hay hooks which you put into the sides of the hay bales, and then you lift and move the hay bales.

**Did you like working on the farm?** (Laughs) In 120 degree weather, I wouldn't change if for the world.

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no distractions like on your phones or computers—all so you can focus on God.

**How are the cold showers?** In California they were great, not so much in New York!

**You like Epiphany?** I love Epiphany. It's a wonderful community, and it has lots of programs. It has one of the best Young Adult communities out there.

**Favorite music?** The Lumineers.

**Favorite Food?** Burritos. Cava is great place to eat in New York. I eat a lot. I have 7 eggs for breakfast.

**Sports?** TCU, go Horned Frogs!

**Is it true you went to school in Mexico?** Yup, kindergarden through eighth grade. I became fluent in Spanish because of it. High school was in the United States but in the high school we had 97% Mexican students, so it was sort of the same. Both schools were Catholic schools, with nuns. I was always the teacher's pet.

**Were any of the kids jealous of you?** No, I was such a whiner that they probably weren't jealous of anything.

**Were you involved in high school?** I was super busy. I was an overachiever. Basketball, mock trial, youth group.

**You chose to go to TCU (Texas Christian University).**

**What did you study there?** I majored in finance and minored in accounting. I spent my junior year in Madrid, which I loved. Debate was one of my biggest extra curriculums. Every weekend we had tournaments.

**How did you wind up in New York?**

I got an internship with Oppenheimer the summer before I graduated. They offered me a position in a rotational program, and so I moved here. I like numbers, I love Excel. I like to figure out problems and see if my ideas can solve the problems.

**Do you like spending time with Excel more than spending time with people?**

(Laughs). No, I like people more.

**And when you got to New York, you had a kind of conversion experience, right?** Yes, I did have a bit of a crisis, a bombshell moment, in which I realized I needed to keep on learning about my faith. I had been complacent about it.

**And you did Exodus90?**

**What is that?** It's a program that offers community, but it is a way to surrender to God with discipline. For 90 days, you have to pray every day, have cold showers, no sweets,

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# HOLY WEEK at EPIPHANY

## Palm Sunday March 28th

Palms distributed at all Masses

## Reconciliation Monday March 29th

Come be reconciled to your God 3pm-9pm

## Holy Thursday April 1st

Lord's Supper 7:30pm; Visit until 9:30pm

## Good Friday April 2nd

Tenebrae 10am  
Liturgy of Lord's Passion 3pm  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

## Holy Saturday April 3rd

Tenebrae 10am  
Solemn Mass of Easter Vigil 8pm

## Easter Sunday April 4th

Masses at 9:30am and 11am (No 7:30pm Mass)



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## New PARISH Alpha

Start the EASTER SEASON off with the Risen Lord and discover with your sisters and brothers at Epiphany how much deeper your faith can grow!

This is the time to try **Alpha**, Epiphany's fundamental course for adults who want to respond to the call of Jesus to be a more committed disciple. It is also the perfect way to explore your questions, doubts and wonders about the direction and purpose of your life.

Our **ONLINE Alpha** course will begin Tuesday, April 6th at 7pm. You will find more information on our Epiphany webpage!

# PARISH INFORMATION

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## Announced Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 27

4:00 pm intentions of Dori Diomampo

### Sunday, March 28

#### PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

11:00 am Edward E. Brown

7:30 pm intentions of Teodora Diomampo

### Monday, March 29

12:10 pm John Fanning

### Tuesday, March 30

12:10 pm Edward P. Mescall

### Wednesday, March 31

12:10 pm Fidel Buño

### Thursday, April 1

#### HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

### Friday, April 2

#### GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

### Saturday, April 3

#### HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm *Solemn Mass of the Easter Vigil*

### Sunday, April 4

#### EASTER SUNDAY the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 am the people of the Epiphany parish community

11:00 pm members of the Trump & Knauss families

### Monday, April 5

12:10 pm Celso Diomampo



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## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 29 - 3:00 - 9:00 PM

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." *Isaiah 1:18*

## What Should I Give to God at Easter?

Truly, all we have, we owe to Christ, who spared nothing of himself on Calvary.

During the Easter season, we build our commitment to God by placing our treasure where our hearts need to be.

Give Him your heart, by supporting Christ's bride, the Church, with a generous donation.

Our Easter & Christmas collection is our most important collection.

Thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

For weekend Masses only, we ask our parishioners to reserve a seat by responding to the FlockNote e-mails that will be sent to all parishioners who have provided their e-mail addresses. If we do not have your e-mail address, please call the rectory or e-mail the office at [epiphanychurch239@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanychurch239@gmail.com) to be added to our FlockNote contacts.

At all Masses, seating will be assigned at the direction of our hospitality ministers. Seating has been arranged to maintain optimal sanitary conditions and social distancing.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to abstain from meat and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

## EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

The souls in purgatory need our prayers. Throughout the Easter season, every Mass will include a special plea for the souls of the faithful departed listed on our Easter novena envelopes, which can be found in the narthex. Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give to a minister or priest.



It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. Help the descendants of the first believers in Christ.

The Holy Father's annual appeal makes a difference in the lives of those who suffer violence & instability and guards the shrines of our Christian history.

As always, we appreciate your generosity.

### The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal Stewardship Appeal

**Assigned Goal:** \$161,000 **Pledged:** \$123,510 **Gifts:** 113

We're making progress! If even 50% of our parish families pledge a gift to the Appeal, we would easily meet this year's goal set for us by the Archdiocese.

We pray that the Easter season will inspire our parishioners to give.

**We are so very grateful to our parishioners who are prayerfully considering a pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal.**

## WHERE YOUR 2021 GIFT GOES



Join our parish in supporting the work of the Church in New York



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## TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR YOUR DONATION TO EPIPHANY

If your 2020 Tax Deductions exceed \$12,200 (single) or \$24,400 (married), and they include church donations, you must obtain a report from Epiphany before filing your 2020 tax return.

Even if you do not itemize, you may deduct up to \$300. To take either of these deductions, please call the parish office to request a statement of donations.



## READINGS for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

### Responsorial Psalm: PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

#### R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." R.

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. R.

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. R.

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" R.

### Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming 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, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Verse before the Gospel - Philippians 2:8-9

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### Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of."

Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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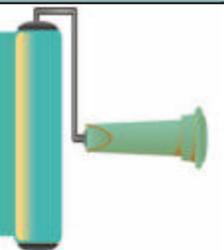
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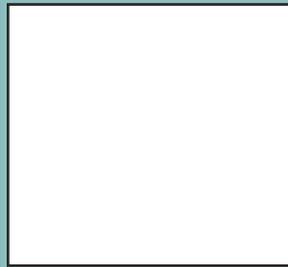
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