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Palm Sunday

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WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD

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Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

March 28, 2021

This Sunday begins with the rite of the blessing of the Palms. The reading of the Gospel recalls the entry of Christ into the Holy City and ends with the procession or solemn entry. During the procession, we carry palm branches in our hands as a sign of peace and hope, because in following Christ, passing our own passion and death, we will live the definitive resurrection of God. Jesus makes his entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah on a donkey, as it had been prophesied many centuries before and the songs of the people are clearly messianic. These people, and especially the Pharisees, knew these prophecies well, and they manifest themselves full of joy. Jesus accepts the homage, and to the Pharisees who try to extinguish those manifestations of faith and joy, the Lord tells them: I tell you that if they are silent, the stones will cry out. The enthusiastic hosanna was transformed, five days later, into an enraged cry: Crucify him, crucify him! How different are the green palms and the cross, the flowers and the thorns. To whom before they tended their own dresses, after a few days they undress him and distributed them in lots.

Let's start Holy Week with a new fervor and get ready to put ourselves at the service of Jesus. Let's try to stay consistent between faith and life. May our shout of joy today not become the "crucify him" on Friday. To live Holy Week is to accompany Jesus from the entrance to Jerusalem until the resurrection. Acknowledging what sins are in my life and seeking God's generous forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To live Holy Week is to affirm that Christ is present in the Eucharist and to receive him in communion.

To live Holy Week is to accept decisively that Jesus is also present in every human being who lives and crosses paths with and proposing to follow Jesus every day of the year, practicing prayer, the sacraments, and charity.

Holy Week is a great opportunity to die with Christ and rise with Christ, to die to our selfishness and to rise again to love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian Buettner, Pastor



Worship

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm
12:00noon in Spanish

Weekdays 12:00noon

Wednesdays 6:30pm in Spanish

Holy Days 7:00am, 12noon, 7:00pm

Confession Schedule

Weekdays 11:15am (English)

Saturdays 3:00pm (English)

Sundays 11:15am (Spanish)

Wednesdays 5:45pm(Spanish)

Sacrament of Marriage

Did you get engaged? Engagements are a sacred time for couples to grow in love and to get to deeply know one another. We are here to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. For information on planning for that special day please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

We are excited that you are considering the Sacrament of Baptism. Children six years and under are received through infant baptism. Those seven and older and adults are received through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Our parish office is ready to assist you.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

Whether you're just visiting or are searching for a place to worship, we're delighted you have come and we hope you have felt comfortable. We are ready to assist you with your questions and needs. Our parish family is growing and there is a place for you!

Witness

Make the Sacred Journey through Holy Week

Holy week is a very important time of year for Christians throughout the world. Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Holy Week is a time when Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion was the final period of Christ's life in Jerusalem. It spans from when He arrived in Jerusalem to when He was crucified. Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.



Palm Sunday recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem with a procession. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey to the praise of the townspeople who laid palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.



Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine. In the morning, bishops typically gather with priests from their diocese for the Chrism Mass where they bless holy oils during the Mass. The washing of the feet takes place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening at local parishes.



Good Friday is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It covers Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church. Traditionally, there is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. Communion comes from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Church bells are silent. Altars are left bare. The solemn, muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12Noon at St. Joseph parish.



Holy Saturday remembers the day which Jesus spent in the grave resting. The Easter Vigil takes place at the end of the day at 8:30PM because the new liturgical day begins at sunset, the vigil begins at sunset on Holy Saturday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary of the church and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all that Christ is our life and light. After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, the water of the baptismal font is solemnly blessed and any catechumens and candidates for full communion are initiated into the church.

Experience the Greatest Easter by walking with Christ through His Passion. Unlike last Lent and Easter, we are able to joyfully gather together again in the church. Make the sacred journey through Holy Week by attending these beautiful ancient celebrations:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00PM
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	7:00PM
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	8:30PM

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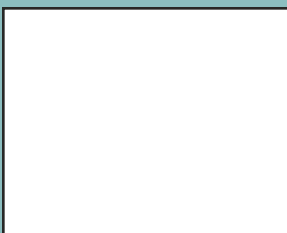
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