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WEEKEND MASSES:
Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ♦ MARCH 28, 2021

HE LOOKED AROUND AT EVERYTHING...

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

DURING CHRISTMASTIME CONFESSIONS, ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS TOLD ME, “It is always very difficult to go through this season.” I asked why? “In few months He will be crucified.” I wish today were as easy as the crowd around Jesus made it look and sound: We could wave our palms, sing our hosannas, offer blessings, and then just go home. But it’s not that easy. Today is the doorway into Holy Week, the last few days of Jesus’ earthly life: the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. And it’s not an easy week for anyone who enters deeply into the mystery of our faith – like the one who came to confessional during Christmas.

I know that the palms in our hands today will become the ashes that mark our foreheads next year.



Triumph, it seems, isn’t always what we think it is. There is more to this day and the coming week than we can comprehend or explain. So, I always come to this day with conflicted feelings. I come with joy, anticipation, and hope, but I also come with some dread, resistance, and fear. I want to trust and follow the way, but I am not so sure about the suffering and dying.

If we truly understand what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah and what triumph really looks like, we might well have some questions about carrying the palms. If we realize where this parade is going and what it will ask of us, we might want to pause and take another look. Today isn’t just Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11). It’s also the Sunday of the Passion (Mark 14:1-15:47). The victory parade of Palm

Sunday is the funeral procession of Passion Sunday.

We begin with the crowd shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” We finish with Jesus giving a loud cry and breathing his last. A borrowed colt will carry Jesus to Jerusalem. A borrowed passerby will carry his cross to Golgotha. It was Simon of Cyrene, but it could have been anyone – you and me included. After all, didn’t Jesus say, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mark. 8:34)?

I’m not suggesting that we ought to change our minds and avoid this week – rather just the opposite.



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St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ March 27-April 4, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities
SAT. MARCH 27**Lenten Weekday**

Ez 37:21-28 • Jn 11:45-56

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

† Stations of the Cross prayed 20 min. before Mass

➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:** † Tom Kladzyk

[Jim & Ella Landini]

**SUN. MARCH 28****Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mk 11:1-10

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

(or Jn 12:12-16)

† Stations of the Cross prayed 20 min.

Is 50:4-7

before Masses

Phil 2:6-11

➤ **8:30am MASS: For the people**

Mk 14:1-15:47

➤ **10:30am MASS:** † Cora Tournier [Alice Kidd]

(or 15:1-39)

**MON. MARCH 29****Monday of Holy Week**

Is 42:1-7

➤ **12:10pm MASS:** † Tom Burch

Jn 12:1-11

[Ellen O'Sullivan & Family]

TUES. MARCH 30**Tuesday of Holy Week**

Is 49:1-6

➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Tom Burch

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

[John & Mary McKinley]

WED. MARCH 31**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Is 50:4-9a

➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Martin Brogley, Sr.

Mt 26:14-25

[Eric & Helena Zinc]

7:00-8:00pm Special Time for Confession

THUR. APRIL 1**Holy Thursday**➤ **10:30am CHRISM MASS** at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing

The Sacred Triduum
➤ **7:30pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** † Tom

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Kladzyk [Pat & Kelly Flaberty and Family]

1 Cor 11:23-26

ADORATION ("Watch & Pray") until 11:00pm,

Jn 13:1-15

closing with NIGHT PRAYER (Compline)

FRI. APRIL 2**Good Friday**

Is 52:13-53:12

† 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

➤ **3:00pm GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**

Jn 18:1-19:42

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**SAT. APRIL 3****Holy Saturday**

1:00pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

(no confession time today)

Rejoicing in the Resurrection of the Lord!

Gt. 1:1-2:2 (or 1:1, 26-31a)

Gn 22:1-18 (or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-

13, 15-18) • Ex 14:15-15:1 • Is

54:5-14 • Is 55:1-11 • Bar 3:9-

15, 32-4:4 • Ez 36:16-17a, 18-

28 • Rom 6:3-11 • Mk 16:1-7

➤ **9:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS:**

† Eddie Walz [Joe & Gretchen

Kirk]

SUN. APRIL 4 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

➤ **8:30am MASS:** † Eddie Walz [Alice Kidd]

Col 3:1-4 (or 1 Cor 5:6b-8)

➤ **10:30am MASS: For the people** ■

Jn 20:1-9 (or Mk 16:1-7)

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:***He looked around at everything...***

We need to be present, *fully present*, to all this week offers. We need to show up with all that we are and all that we have. The Holy Week story is not a story to be explained or understood. It is a story to be embodied and lived.

So maybe today is a day to slow down, re-group, and take a look at everything. Isn't that what Jesus does? According to St. Mark, "He entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mark. 11:11). No other gospel account describes this. Only St. Mark offers us the opportunity to look around at everything. In St. Matthew's account of the gospel, Jesus immediately enters and cleanses the temple, driving out those who bought and sold, and overturning the moneychangers' tables. According to St. Luke, Jesus sees the city Jerusalem and weeps over it. Then he enters the temple and drives out the den of thieves, those who bought and sold. And in St. John's account, it's not clear if Jesus even enters the temple. Instead, the focus is on Jesus' teaching about the grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies.

Not so for St. Mark. At the end of the donkey ride, when the shouting is over and the last cloaks and palms have been thrown down, Jesus enters the temple, looks around at everything, and then leaves. It's a strange and anticlimactic ending to what is known as the "triumphal entry." If that's what Jesus does, maybe we should too. Maybe we need to look around at everything before we go any further into this week.

Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. It was the center of the religious, social, political, and economic structure. The temple stands at the center of the center. It is the heart of Jewish life. That means that when Jesus entered the temple and "looked around at everything," he was looking into the very heart of the people. Isn't that what this Lenten journey has been about?

Take a look around at everything in your heart. What do you see? Where does it hurt? In what ways are you heartbroken? Are you carrying guilt? What are the sins, things done and left undone? What are your regrets? Is your heart fearful? What scares you? Are you so overwhelmed by life that it feels like you are drowning, and you just want to escape? Is your heart filled with loss, sorrow, grief? What parts of you are dying? Where is your life overcome by darkness? Who are the loved ones that have died and you miss? Take a look around at everything in your heart. That's what Jesus did.

I think Jesus looked at everything so that He might take it with him and carry it through this Holy Week. So must we. Jesus left nothing behind. We mustn't either. If we refuse to look at and bring it to Holy Week, it cannot be healed, cannot be restored, renewed, re-created, or resurrected.

So, what will you carry into this week? What will you bring and offer? The triumphal entry is not about the donkey ride, the palms, or the hosannas. The triumph is in taking a look around at everything and leaving nothing behind. †

We take 40 days to prepare (Lent)... then 3 days to experience (Triduum)
... rejoicing for 50 days (Eastertime) in the Resurrection of the Lord!

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING *Good Friday* FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Remember this week is Good Friday, one of the two days during the year that Holy Mother Church tells us we are bound to observe fasting and to abstain from meat. Below are the guidelines:

➤ Abstinance from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14-years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

- This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on the fast day.
- Catholics who are 18-years of age but have not yet reached their 60th year are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and

Good Friday.

- On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal.
- Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. ■

*Altar Flowers
for the
Holy Thursday
Altar of Repose...*
In honor of our
Parish Family
(BILL & ASTRIDA
PUNCHES)

Good Friday
at Noon

Pray the
Stations
of the
Cross

*Birthday
Blessings!*
MARCH 30
◆ ANDREW BONKOWSKI
◆ KELLY FLAHERTY

REMINDER:
Because the
First Friday
of April is
"Good
Friday," we will NOT
have our usual day of
Exposition and
Adoration.



Notes regarding Holy Week Masses & Liturgies

During Holy Week, the times and types of liturgies are special. Please note the following changes from "business as usual":

- ☒ **The Sacred Triduum**, the Three Holy Days before Easter, begins on Holy Thursday evening. However, there will be one last opportunity for **Confession** before Easter, i.e. on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31, between 7:00-8:00pm.
- ☒ The Sacred Triduum begins with the Holy Thursday **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** on April 1 at 7:30pm.
- ☒ Following Mass on Holy Thursday evening, we are invited to **"Watch and Pray with Jesus,"** recalling his Agony in the Garden. This time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer will begin immediately after Holy Thursday Mass and continue until 11:00pm.
- ☒ At 11:00 pm Holy Thursday night, we will gather to pray **Night Prayer (Compline)** from the Liturgy of the Hours.
- ☒ In Catholic churches all over the world there are *no Masses on Good Friday or during the daytime on Holy Saturday.*
- ☒ However, on Good Friday, we gather to pray the **Stations of the Cross** (the *Via Dolorosa*) at 12:00 noon.
- ☒ Then the powerful Good Friday Liturgy called **"The Celebration of the Lord's Passion"** will begin Friday at 3:00pm.
- ☒ On **Holy Saturday Night, the Easter Vigil Mass** begins after sundown at 9:00pm.
- ☒ The glorious **Easter Morning Masses** will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30am.

Good Friday and Holy Thursday Collections

This week our parish will take up the annual **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.** Please be generous. Your financial contributions help to support the struggling Christian community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Please be generous.

Also this week, our **Holy Thursday Collection** will again be taken to replenish the parish Poor Box Funds. These are discretionary funds available for Fr. Bosco to use to help parishioners experiencing emergencies and special needs. Again, please be generous.

Easter Food Bags

Thanks to all who are generously helping those in need as we fill Easter Food Baskets to be distributed by Manchester Family Service. All items must be in the FFH kitchen by noon **today: Sun., March 28.** Hams and crescent rolls go in the refrigerator. However, frozen pies need to be put in Father Bosco's freezer, so contact Father directly. *And, on behalf of the ten families who will be receiving the food you are so generously donating for the 10 Easter Food Bags: THANK YOU!!*

 **The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...
1) Congratulations to Riley & Jacob Bauer ~ For a long and happy life together (Marja)
2) In memory of +Father Charlie (Pete & Inge Roncoli)

 **ST. MARY'S SUPPORT OF THE 2021 DSA**
Our parish goal: \$28,871
As of March 18, **36 families** have supported DSA with **\$10,940** (or **38%** of our goal!)
LET'S ALL DO OUR PART!

Please Pray for...

- Joe Kirk
- Dianne Schwab
- Lynn Waldecker
- Jerry Kripas
- Michelle (niece of Laurie & Greg Sanders)
- Michelle Lazar
- Clara Peterson
- Christy Woody
- Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)
- Peter Patrick
- Don Christian and his wife
- Loretta Widmayer
- Eunice Scully
- Ed Z. (father of Therese Bossory)
- Bibian Sangster
- Melody Binkerd
- Joe Novak
- Luise Kienzle
- James Strong
- Paula Saft
- Leon Ball
- Bruce Sommers
- Patrick Muldoon
- Duane Beuerle
- Joyce Stein
- Mary Ann Coval

...and for the repose of the soul of
† Noelle Vasquez

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for Your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Adam Grand, St. Mary, Charlotte**



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray that Your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma
Sr. Mary Luke Feldpausch**

 **St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:
Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Sunday Env (54) \$ 2,680.00
Welcome & Loose 101.41
Easter decorations (5) 90.00
Combined toward budget: \$ 2,871.41
Budget goal: 5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal: - \$ 2,428.59

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Bldg & Maint (3) \$ 90.00
Black & Indian (1) 50.00
Cath Relief Serv (6) 165.00
Poor Box 36.00
Votive candles 97.00

NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
Call (800) 57WOMAN (800-579-6626) –
OR – Text for Help:
"HELPLINE" to 313131

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL
(post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)



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