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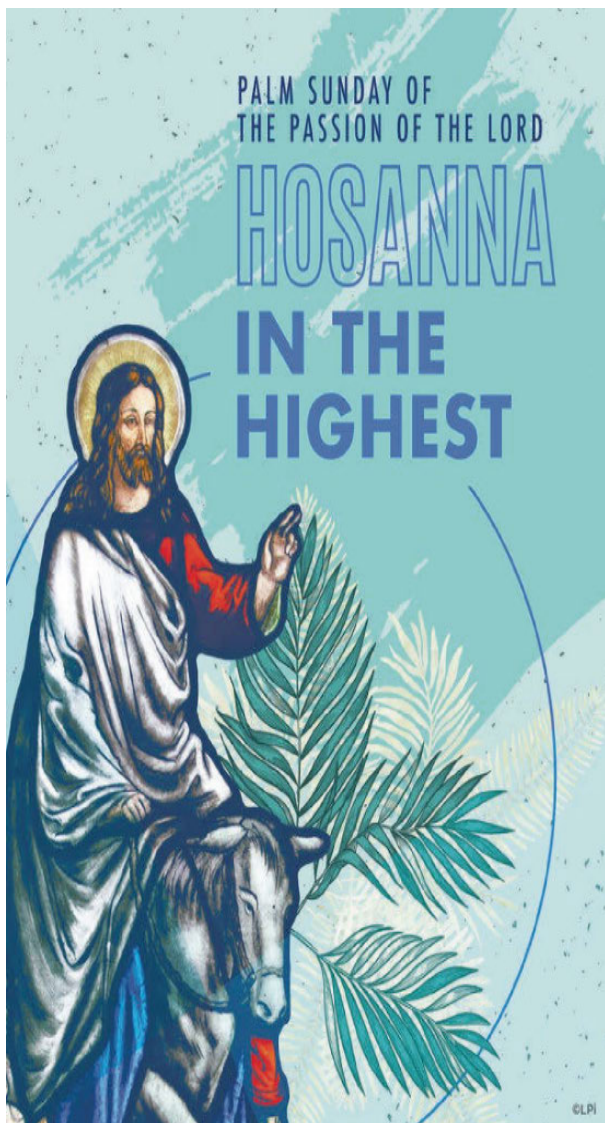
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 10, 2022



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Perfect Self-Surrender
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My Child, few men on earth have peace of soul because few care to let Me manage their lives as I wish. Many put more faith in their own limited abilities than in My infinite wisdom and power.

Some resign themselves to My Will, but they make a few exceptions; and in these exceptions they trust themselves more than Me. In these matters they are ready to sin rather than to have their plans changed. Others surrender themselves in all things, but after a while they begin to weaken in some particular matter. They are too impatient to wait for the perfect reward which I have prepared for those who love Me. None of these people will ever know Me intimately nor will they ever receive the peace of soul which I have promised to my loyal followers. Their loyalty is too imperfect because of a false self-interest.

Forget self and you will find someone far greater -- Me. Let Me decide what your life shall be each day. No offering of yours can please me completely until you have given Me the greatest gift of all -- your will. Do this by preferring whatever I send you each day. Do your very best and then accept the results as My Will.

In everything that comes to you this day, see My Will. Use your intelligence and your will to live a useful and holy life. When matters displease you, practice My patience. Imitate the virtues of My daily life on earth. Practice My virtues when the occasion arises and in all things refuse to sin.

Readings for the Week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6b, 15 and 17/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/ 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 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ps Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 55:1-11/Ps Is 12:2-3, 4-6/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; or Ps Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or 41/Lk 24:1-12

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Father George
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Antonia Tripodi
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Denise Santos
Friday	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	No Mass
	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil-No Intention
Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Stella McKenzie and Father George
	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	10:30 a.m.	HALL: Patty LeVault
	10:30 a.m.	CHURCH: Albert & Mary Greb

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*), and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri, in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 04/11
 Tues. 04/12 9AM Rosary Makers
 Wed. 04/13 9:15AM Legion of Mary
 Thur. 04/14 7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Fri. 04/15 3PM The Passion of Our Lord & Veneration
 7PM Stations of the Cross in Church
 Sat. 04/16 8:30PM Easter Vigil
 Sun. 04/17 Easter Sunday Masses:
 6:30AM; 8:30AM;
 10:30AM Church & Parish Hall

The next meeting of the **Catholic Daughters** will be Tuesday, **April 19th** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Holy Week Schedule



The Beautiful Liturgies of Holy Week:

Holy Thursday, April 14 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday, April 15 - The Passion of Our Lord and Veneration 3pm; Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 16 - Blessing of the Easter food at noon

The Easter Vigil, April 16 - will be celebrated at 8:30pm beginning with the "Lighting of the Easter Fire" outside in front of the church. Please note this is the only mass offered on Holy Saturday throughout the Universal Church.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 17 are at 6:30am in the church, 8:30am in the church, 10:30am in both the church and parish center.

Please note: no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

Masses scheduled to be livestreamed: Thurs. 7pm, Fri. 3pm service; Sat. 8:30pm; Sun. 10:30am

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. Call for information.

Phone: (727) 372-8600

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Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:

Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

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Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
 9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: April 2 & 3, 2022

Offertory: \$24,274.69

Online Giving: \$ 5,728.00

Total: \$30,002.69

Thank you to our Parishioners and Visitors for your generous support!



EASTER SEASON DINNER-DANCE PARTY!

I'm happy to announce that we will have an Easter Season dinner-dance on Friday, May 6th in our parish center. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, catered by Arlisa's Events and with music provided by my band, it promises to be a lovely evening, and I do hope you will make plans now to join us!

It's interesting to notice how often in scripture that God tells His people to celebrate and "make merry before the Lord!" (e.g. Deuteronomy 12:12), and in Ecclesiastes, we're told, "there's a time to weep, and a time to *laugh*, a time to mourn and a time to *dance*," and the Easter season is as good a time as any to laugh and to dance as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with this dinner-dance party! Please see the flyer for more details.

In His love, Fr. Eric



BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

Saturday, April 16th
at Noon



Sharing God's Love
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK, WE REMEMBER HOW OUR LORD SUFFERED AND DIED SO THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US MIGHT BE SAVED FROM SIN AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. REFLECT ON GOD'S INFINITE LOVE FOR YOU. HOW HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO THAT LOVE THIS LENT, AND HOW CAN YOU SHARE IT WITH OTHERS?

Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more


Altar Server Training Session for Aspiring Youth Servers!

Sunday, May 15 at noon
in the church




If you are a young person who has received First Holy Communion, you are eligible! Come and join us! For details, contact Liz Sheridan at x129 or elizabeth@stanpr.org





The Music of Holy Week

Visit this Holy Week Music Padlet to listen these 7 Holy Week Hymns. Just scan the QR code on the left.



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Liturgy of the Hours: Music adapted by E. Miller, 1731-1807

See from His head, His hands, His feet
What grief and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such Love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?


O Sacrum Convivium ~ O Sacred Banquet
St. Thomas Aquinas' Eucharistic Prayer
A haunting melody to meditate upon on Holy Thursday Evening, when our Lord was in the Garden of Gethsemane.

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
the memorial of His passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O Sacred Head Surrounded
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
1091-1153
Melody: Hans Hassler and JS Bach


I see Your strength and vigor
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor,
Bereaving You of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
O turn your face on me.



The Via Dolorosa

Lyrics/Melody: Billy Sprague & Niles A. Borop, 1984


He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head
And He bore with every step
The scorn of those who cried out for His death."



Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?
African-American Spiritual, First Published by William Eleazar Barton, 1899

O, sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Tantum Ergo
St. Thomas Aquinas, about 1264, for the Feast of Corpus Christi



Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail . . .
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui . . .
Praestat fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Liturgy of St. James ~ 5th Century

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. Please remember to pray for all of our Priests. Below are the names for the week.

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

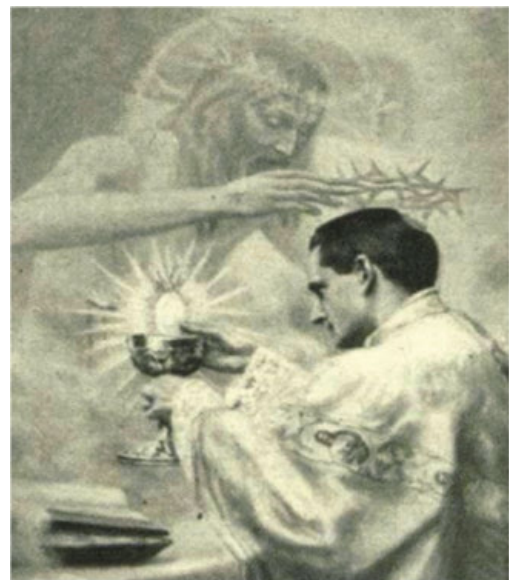
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and
consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and
everlasting crown. Amen.

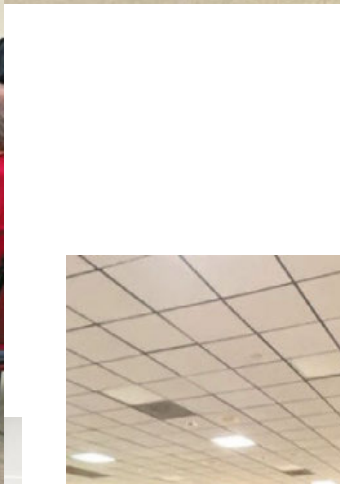
- 4/10 For All Retired Priests
- 4/11 Rev. Anthony Ustick
- 4/12 Vincent Washburn, Seminarian
- 4/13 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
- 4/14 Rev. William Santhouse
- 4/15 Rev. Thomas Morgan
- 4/16 Rev. James Johnson



"You are a Priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek."
-Psalm 110:4

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