

PARISH CALENDAR

Palm Sunday
of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 2024

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!



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| Saturday, March 23 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, March 24 | 7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Mass (Live Stream) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Monday, March 25 | 7:30 a.m. | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Closed |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Rehearsal - Holy Thursday |
| Tuesday, March 26 | 7:30 a.m. | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - |
| | | PRINCE KUHIO DAY HOLIDAY |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Rehearsal - Good Friday |
| Wednesday, March 27 | 7:30 a.m. | Liturgy of Hours/Rosary |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Closed |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Rehearsal - Easter Vigil |
| Thursday, March 28 | | NO MORNING MASS |
| | 7:00 p.m. | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER |
| | 9:00 pm-12am | ADORATION |
| Friday, March 29 | | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 2:00 p.m. | STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| | 7:00 p.m. | GOOD FRIDAY - THE LORD'S |
| | | PASSION |
| Saturday, March 30 | 8:00 p.m. | EASTER VIGIL |

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:10:34a, 37-43: Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead.

Col:3:1-4: Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Jn:20:1-9: Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ!

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9-10

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry.

However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him.

My suffering Lord, I worship You and praise You with all my heart. As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover, You intended to give new power to that celebration by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb. May I always worship You Who suffered for me and give to You all that I endure in life to be transformed by Your saving act. Jesus, I trust in You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CYRENE: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses every today; crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit www.csricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

WORD OF LIFE: “There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up and authentic culture of life. . . Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those “brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves”. . . We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 24 Sun: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is:50:4-7; Ps:22; Phi:2:6-11; Mk:14:1-15:47

Mar 25 Monday of Holy Week

Is:42:1-7; Ps:27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn:12:1-11

Mar 26 Tuesday of Holy Week

Is:49:1-6; Ps:71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn:13:21-33, 36-38

Mar 27 Wednesday of Holy Week

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

Mar 28 Thur: Holy Thursday

Ex:12:1-8, 11-14; Ps:116; 1 Cor:11:23-26; Jn:13:1-15

Mar 29 Fri: Good Friday

Is:52:13-53:12; Ps:31; Heb:4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn:8:1-19:42

Mar 30 Sat: Holy Saturday

Gen:1:1-2:2; Ps:104; Gen:22:1-18; Ps:16; Rom: 6:3-11; Mt:28:1-

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

this weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts in the second reading, Jesus is “obedient to the point of death.” Jesus’ obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will. **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

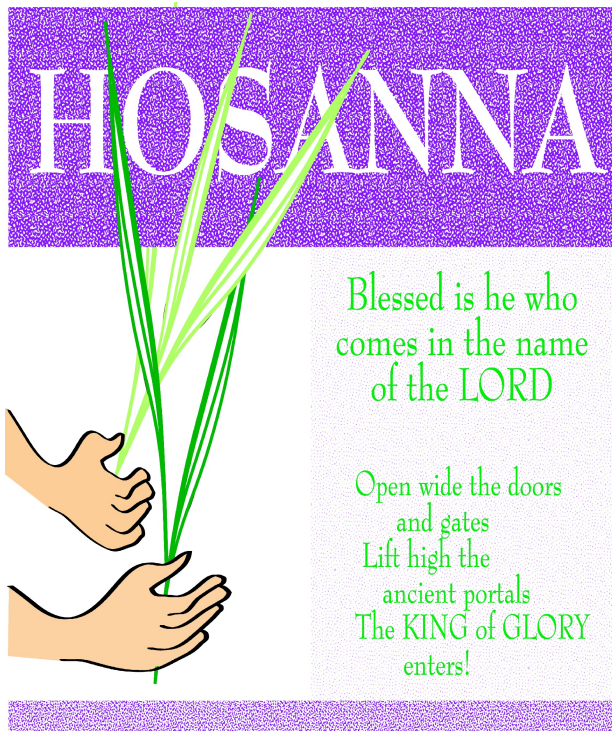
EXTREME LIFE

On Palm Sunday we experience the greatness and the poverty of the human spirit. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds acclaimed him as the Son of David. But as he stood trial before Pilate, the same crowds called for his crucifixion. On Palm Sunday, near the end of Lent, we have come in touch with the greatness and poverty of our own lives. Throughout this season we have reflected on our sin, but we have also experienced God’s grace in communion, community, and Scripture.

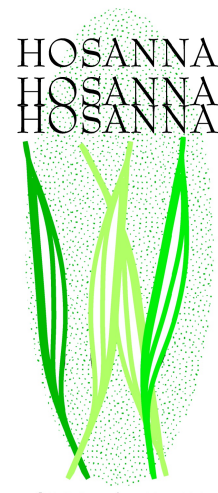
On Palm Sunday, we also hear about the greatness and poverty of Jesus. Jesus was in the form of God, but he took on human form. He had all greatness as God, but he did not cling to it.

St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians says, “Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.” Jesus humbled himself to become like us and to experience what we experience—even death. “Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.” Sometimes in a single day we experience unfettered joy and inconsolable grief. A child is born, but someone dies. We receive mercy from a stranger, but we fail to love our neighbor. The extremes of human life are vast. But Christ came to us embracing both extremes and all that is in the middle. All, all of human life he redeems and makes his own.

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PALM SUNDAY



Promise of Life

Lord God,
you entered Jerusalem in triumph,
and we shouted, “Hosanna!”
As the Lenten journey closes,
may I continue to remember
your sacrifice and love.

Give me the strength
to follow your cross.
May my heart find serenity
and joy in your promise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Never Alone



Today's readings: Gospel at the procession Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Mark 14:1–15:47. Today's readings leave us much to ponder. During the Gospel at the procession, a crowd welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” At the end of the Gospel from Mark, Jesus was not hailed but reviled as passersby taunted, “You who would destroy the temple in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”

In the last verses from Mark's Gospel, we witness the faith of the steadfast disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of younger James and Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Jesus in Galilee, stood by until his

death, and watched where he was laid in a tomb. Apparent, too, is the faith of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped Jesus in linen and laid him in the tomb.

Also obvious in the Gospel is the wavering faith of those who had followed Jesus for three years. Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but Peter could not stay awake with him as he prayed in the garden, and later Peter denied him three times. The Gospel proclaimed today does not record the apostles' presence at the crucifixion.

During Holy Week, Christians have the opportunity to be with Christ as his last days are recalled. Take to heart Jesus' words to the apostles in Gethsemane: “Remain here and keep watch.”



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 25 A Precious Offering

In today's Gospel we see how Mary, Lazarus' sister, takes what may have been her most precious possession and used it to anoint Jesus' feet. We are also given opportunities to give the very best of ourselves. Today, examine whether you have gifts within you that you hold back. Who would benefit from those gifts? *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, March 26 Judas Is Humanity

Imagine how Jesus would have felt knowing that Judas was about to betray him. He surely was troubled but also hurt. Let us also imagine what may have been in the mind and heart of Judas. In Judas we can see all of humanity reflected: the emptiness of greed and envy, the alienation and loneliness of sin. However much we strive to be like Jesus, we will always meet our flaws and shortcomings. In Christ, however, we are strengthened to do good in the world despite our failings. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection and prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises, resolve to let the new life that Christ gives to well up within you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 7:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, March 27 Second Chances

Much can be learned from Judas' betrayal. Perhaps by examining Judas' actions, we can right our failings. Consider how you can explore and acknowledge what keeps you from God. This week reflect on the times you preferred a path other than God's. How did following another way disturb your relationship with God and others? Trust in God's promise of forgiveness for all who truly repent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, March 28 Serving Others

Tonight, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. Humbling himself, Jesus washed and dried the feet of the disciples. Just as he washed their feet, by his resurrection, he washed away our sins. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, neighbor, or relative with impaired movement. How can you humble yourself and be of service to another? *Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, March 29 Symbol of Love

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross in today's liturgy, the faithful are invited to process to the cross and offer a sign of reverence. Even when you are unable to attend this service, spend time in quiet contemplating Jesus' surrender of himself on the cross. How are you asked to surrender yourself to the crosses in your life? *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, March 30 Beacon of Light in the Darkness

Jesus has died and descended into hell but the darkness surrounding us is only temporary. The light of the world will shine brightly once more, and soon enough it will defeat the darkness. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7.*



Saturday, March 23, 2024

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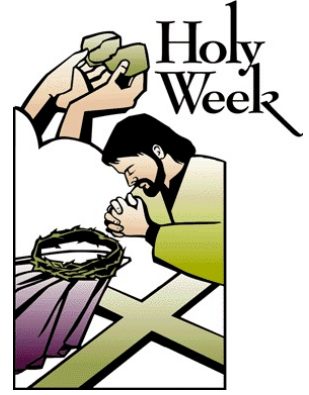
Mass

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:00 a.m. , 9:00 a.m.

Mass

& 5:00 p.m.



Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's
Supper

(Back Gate Open @6:00 p.m. Closes @ 1:00 a.m.)



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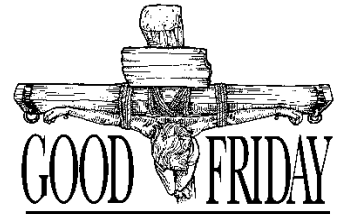
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Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Holy Cross

(Back Gate Open @ 1:00 p.m. Closes @ 9:00 p.m.)



Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil



Sunday, March 31, 2024

* 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Easter Masses

(Back Gate Open @ 6:00 a.m. Closes @ 1:00 p.m.)

NO 5:00 P.M. MASS



***Mass time change only for Easter Sunday!**