

PARISH CALENDAR

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25, 2018

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Saturday, March 24	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, March 25	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, March 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - KUHIO DAY HOLIDAY
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Close
Tuesday, March 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<u>Rehearsal - Holy Thursday</u>
Wednesday, March 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Close
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<u>Rehearsal - Easter Vigil</u>
Thursday, March 29		NO MORNING MASS
	..... 7:00 p. m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
	..... 9:00 pm-12am	ADORATION
Friday, March 30		NO MORNING MASS
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
	..... 2:00 p. m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	..... 7:00 p. m.	GOOD FRIDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION
Saturday, March 31	..... 8:00 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:10: 34a, 37-43: Peter preaches the risen Christ to the Gentiles
Col:3:1-4: We who are baptized are bound to Christ
Mk:16:1-7: The women, coming to anoint Jesus' body, find the empty tomb

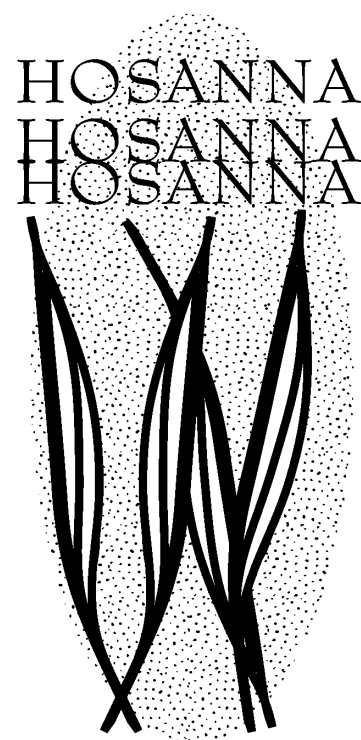
**Living Catholic in the 808:
 Encounter the Christ in the Palms and the Cross**

He had spoken clearly of this to his disciples: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24). Jesus never promised honor and success. The Gospels make this clear. He had always warned his friends that this was to be his path, and that the final victory would be achieved through the passion and the cross. All this holds true for us too. Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in works but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No, He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave labor, from family tragedies, from disease. . . They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike. Women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded. . . Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.

It is not some other Jesus, but the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem amid the waving palm branches. It is the same Jesus who was nailed to the cross and died between two criminals. We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of Justice, mercy and peace.

**Excerpt from Homily
 by Pope Francis
 Palm Sunday, 2017**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER OUR

NEIGHBORS: We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information. **Please bring your Rice Bowls to the Holy Thursday Service.**

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, provides humanitarian to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

WORD OF LIFE: "Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that "everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as "another self," above the bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity." :Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1931 www.bit.ly/CCC1931

WEEKLY READINGS

Mar 25 Sun: Palm Sunday

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

Mar 26 Mon: Of Holy Week

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

Mar 27 Tue: Of Holy Week

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

Mar 28 Wed: of Holy Week

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

Mar 29 Thu: Holy Thursday

Ex:12:1-8, 11-14; Ps:116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor:11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Mar 30 Fri: Good Friday

Is:52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb: 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn:18:1-19:42

Mar 31 Sat: Easter Vigil

Gn:1:1-2:2 Ps:104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24; Rom 6: 3-11; Mk 16:1-7

The Passion of Christ is not simply a record of Jesus' suffering and death. It is a process through which all of us must go, indeed, are privileged to go. The reason we undertake the annual lenten pilgrimage is to get somewhere. Easter is that somewhere, but there is no Easter without Jesus' passion. Neither is there an Easter in our lives without our sharing in that Passion. But to what sort of passion are we summoned? Are we to be betrayed, abandoned by friends, condemned, and put to physical death? For some of us, the answer may be yes. But for all of us, the passion we are called to share mirrors Jesus' passion in a way that, while not so concrete, is nonetheless very real. We are called to share the passion of letting go of selfish desires, of grasping, of being pretentious, of wearing masks. The Passion of Christ calls us to become vulnerable as Jesus was vulnerable, to wear our hearts on our sleeves, to forgive rather than to seek revenge, to call out resolutely for wholeness and not for division, and to give ourselves over completely to life.

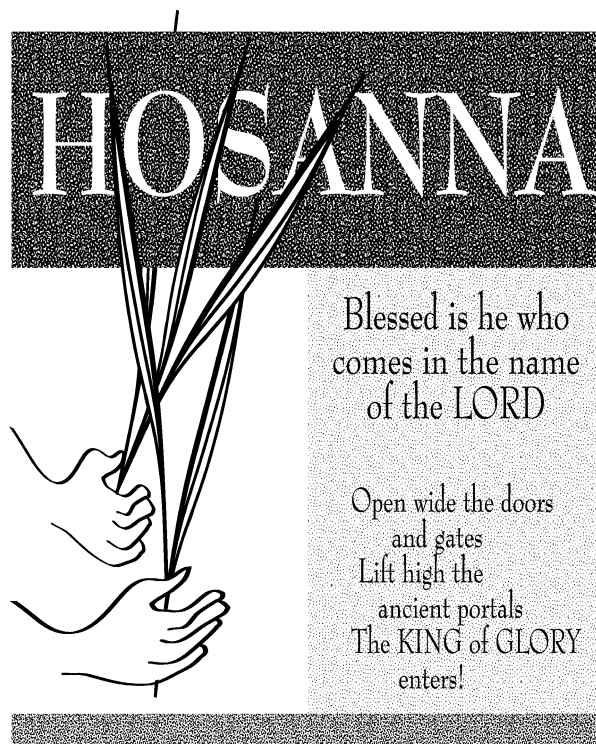
NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

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 it 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~e-bulletin)

REFLECTION:

Of the Passion accounts, Mark's is the most concrete, the most blunt. It is unadorned tragedy. Thus, it is all too easy for us to become overwhelmed or blinded by it, to be unable to look beyond the events it relates with the eyes of faith. The Passion is a tragedy, but it is also a story of glory. That is why we read the Passion today, the first day of the week we call "holy."

The Passion of Jesus Christ sets the tone for all that takes place this week: the reconciliation of sinners, the commemoration of the Passover and the first Eucharist, the veneration of the cross, the expectant vigiling, the welcoming and initiation of the elect, the bright light and overwhelming joy of Easter. The Passion of Jesus Christ leads us to all these. The Passion of Jesus Christ enables us to recognize God present in the humiliations and failings of life. The Passion of Jesus Christ makes any passion we may undergo "holy." Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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