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# HOSANNA



“Hosanna to the Son of  
David / blessed is he  
who comes in the name  
of the Lord.”

MATTHEW 21:9

# Spiritual Resources

Our LIVESTREAM account for weekend Masses

<https://livestream.com/accounts/29266038>

Visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) to view daily Masses.

## Keep Sunday, the Lord's Day, Holy

- Honor the Lord by living Sundays distinctly: make time for more family prayer and time together; refrain from office work or unnecessary labor; take a break from technology and spend time with others. To reflect more on the gift of Sunday, read St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* (On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy).
- Pray the Rosary together as a family and find other devotions that can be taken up on Sundays and throughout the week.
- Ask for the Holy Family's intercession and protection and consider taking steps to grow as a Domestic Church.

## Recommit to Living Lent Fully

- Lent is a special time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, uniting ourselves to the Lord Jesus and His Cross in order to prepare for the Resurrection.
- Pray for those in special need of the Lord's mercy and healing.
- Find ways to pray more with your spouse and family.
- Offer fasting and sacrifices for those most in need.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family, especially on Fridays and throughout Lent.

## Pray for and Stay Connected with Those Most Vulnerable

- As mentioned above, find ways to stay connected with those who risk being the most isolated due to the current health concerns (e.g., the elderly, homebound, the sick, etc.).
- Pray daily for an end to the coronavirus and related health concerns and crisis.
- Check with your pastor if you have any time to offer to meet needs that arise at the parish in maintaining a ministry of presence through phone calls, texts, and other means.

## ***A Prayer Amid A Pandemic***

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."  
At your command, the sick were made well.  
Come to our aid now, in the midst of the  
global spread of the coronavirus,  
that we may experience your healing love.  
Heal those who are sick with the virus.  
May they retain their strength and health through  
quality medical care.  
Heal us from our fear,  
which prevents nations from working together  
and neighbors from helping one another.  
Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim  
in vulnerability to disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay our side in this time  
of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus.  
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Whether we are home or abroad,  
surrounded by many people suffering from this  
illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ stay with us as we endure and mourn,  
persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Amen



# READINGS

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)

### FIRST READING

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. (Is 50:7a)

### PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

### GOSPEL

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mt 27:11-50-51)

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### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

##### Sunday

Mt 21:1-11 • Is 50:4-7 • Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] • Phil 2:6-11 • Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

##### Monday

Is 42:1-7 • Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a] • Jn 12:1-11

##### Tuesday

Is 49:1-6 • Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab] • Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

##### Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a • Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c] • Mt 26:14-25

##### Thursday

*Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 • Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2] • Rv 1:5-8 • Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 • Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16] • 1 Cor 11:23-26 • Jn 13:1-15



## REFLECTION

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To

do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

### Offertory 2020

March 29.....\$10,952.00

#### Online Giving

Vanco March 19-27.....\$ 18,003.01

Gateway March 1-31.....\$16,367.00



*Our parish provides Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the web. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to our parish website at **[www.saintjosephcc.org](http://www.saintjosephcc.org)** and click on "Online Giving" to get start.*



*We pray for our loved ones*  
**For the sick and suffering**

Jane Adams	Ron Helton	Joyce Reed
Cristen Alyswoth	Michael T. Henderson	Kelly Moriarty Rolfsen
Erin Brandow Brooks	Vivien Highton	Stephen Salois
John Craig	Kay Hinton	JoAnn Scales
Jasen Crump	Joe Hutcheson	BJ Schuyler
James Dalton	Max & Donna Hutzler	Pattie Scotto
Scott Dickerson	Mike Jaroch	Richard Shaw
Beth Dickman	Andrew Kastner	Michael Siegfried
Andrew DuBois	Brad & Mary Kinggard	Art Sivilla
Dionne Alleyne Duncan	Barry Kinscherf	Becky Sivilla
Lynn Ellenburg	Anne Kutzscher	Scott Staley
Jake Fitzpatrick	John Lazorchek	Yvonne Swipajewski
Dolores M. Gazo	Harriett Locke	The Uba Family
Phyllis Gravitt	Joyce McArdle	Gerry & Juliet Viduya
Chris Guertin	Susan McFarland	Diane Weeks
Leah Hamilton	Lorene Mohers	Jackie Williams
Marilyn Harper	John Penick	Muriel Yustat
Christina & Greg Harris	James Pesch	
	Ann Plaskan	

*For all of those in nursing homes and hospice, especially those who are suffering or dying.*

**For our loved ones serving in the military**

Brandt Ange	Brennan Furber	Derek Meyer
Legare Augenstein	Andrew Gebert	Matthew Molmer
Joseph Bailey	Carla Gerlach	Patrick O'Reilly
Ramon Bargallo	JM Gerlach	Jimmy Orfe
Andrew Barron	Michael Haley	Adam Pastor
Alex Bartlett	Ryan Harris	Dalys Reed
Alex Belvo	Ross Hermann	Kevin Regan
Gregory Bombara	Connor Hughes	Ryne Regan
Kevin N. Bresnock	Michael Ivey	Christopher Ruffin
Chris Brinkmann	Logan Jackson	Todd Sartian
David Brinkmann	Brandon Jennings	Joseph Sellman
Jared Bryant	Chad Jennings	Brian Sexton
Matthew A. Burgess	Timothy Johnson	Glen Smith
Beau Cisneros	Ryan Jones	Logan Steele
Adam Cole	Hunter Jordan	Sam Stewart
Andrew Cole	Patrick Kane	William J. Strapp
Steve Coronado	John Kruszuwsky	Anna Sweat
Dan Cowen	Joshua Kudwa	Brian & Poa Sweat
Colin Dablain	Chris Lineback	John Sweat
Mason Danner	Ryan Lineback	Arthur L. Tarantino
Matthew Danner	Jeremy Lohr	Matthew & Heidi Utzen
Chris Dungey	Alixandra Mackey	John Ryan Walsh
Alexander Echols	Bryce Mackey	Patrick J. Walsh
Anthony J Falvo IV	William T. Mackey	Mike Williams
Wesley Farren	Luis J. Martinez	
Gabriel Fennelly	Tyler McCaslin	
Maloney Foster	Kenneth McIntosh	

Names appear on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise requested. To add someone to our prayer list, please email [privera@saintjosephcc.org](mailto:privera@saintjosephcc.org)



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**Layette Program** We are in need of donations of **NEW** items of clothing, blankets, booties, caps, sleepers, etc., for our program. All items are distributed to families in need within our community. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Buckley at 770.427.2509.  
**We are in desperate need of boys and girls sleepers (newborn and 0-3 months). Thank you!**



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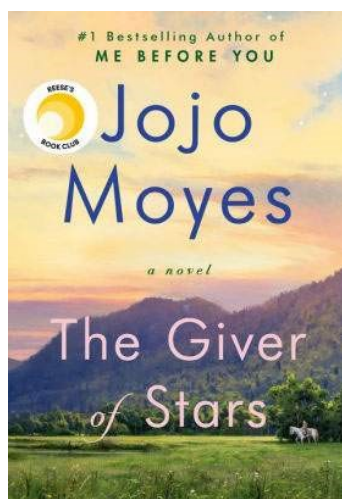


## Adult Formation and Family Ministry

### BOOK AND FILM CLUB

Book club meetings are going digital! Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 13, at 7:00 PM.** We are going to jump on board with the rest of the world, use Zoom, and meet virtual face-to-face to have some fun.

Link to Zoom meetings: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9650347264> You might want to log in a few minutes prior to make sure Zoom works on your computer. It is very easy - uses your computer's microphone and speakers. There will be a call-in option as well if you prefer to use your phone.



Our next book is ***The Giver of Stars*** by Jojo Moyes. It is available in many formats. Please email Velvet for discussion questions at [v.a.simmons@att.net](mailto:v.a.simmons@att.net).

Synopsis: *Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky. Based on a true story rooted in America's past, ***The Giver of Stars*** is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling.*



#### Knights of Columbus Super Raffle Winners Week 7

**\$30** James McCoy, Edwin Rivera,  
Diane Wolf

**\$40** Janice Clough

**\$100** Eric & Lori Ewald

*Interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus member?  
If so, please visit [kofc4599.org/become-a-knight](http://kofc4599.org/become-a-knight) for more  
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*April 5, 2020 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 5, 2020**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

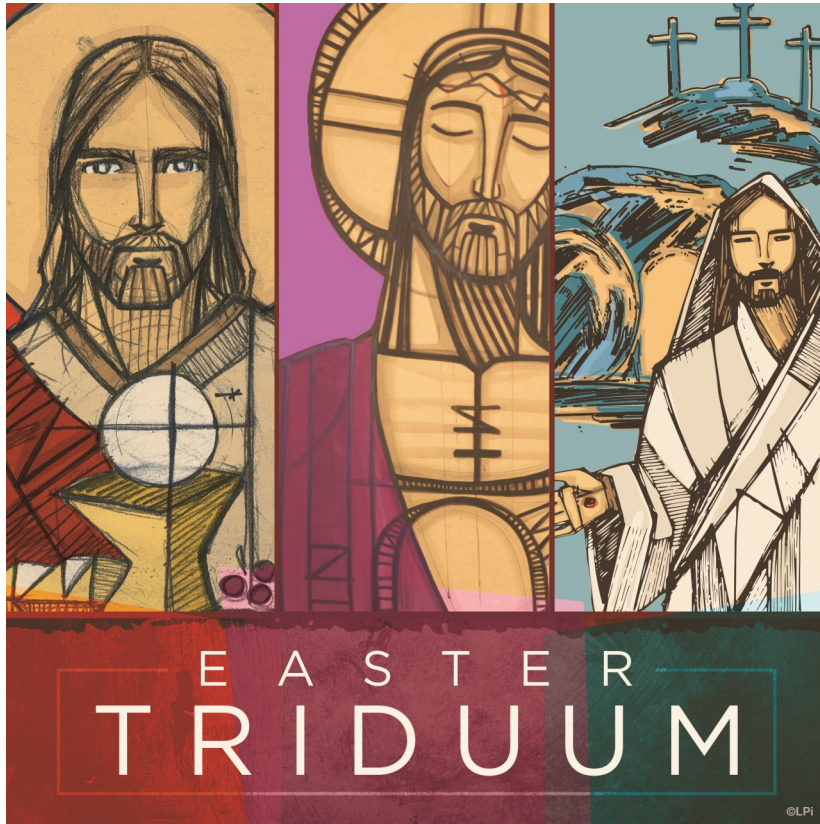
True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

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how you are called to feed others through the service that we call discipleship?

During the liturgy of **Good Friday** we come forth to venerate the cross, the instrument which was utilized to bring about Our Lord's death. When you stop and think about it, we are kissing the thing that brought Jesus to his death! Yet we venerate the cross because as Catholic Christians we understand the paradox of the cross, that through dying on the cross the perfect sacrifice (Christ) made possible new life for all. Reflect if you will on some of the losses or what we might call "little deaths" you have experienced. Can you 'venerate' these "little deaths" or

endings in your life, grieving the loss while searching for signs of new life? In your prayer on Good Friday ask God how you are being called to something new.

The **Easter vigil** as well as the all the Easter liturgies remind us that it is through our baptism that we entered into new life that Christ won for us through his death and resurrection. Consider how your baptism invites you to live. The grace you received on that day (no matter how long ago it was) is still vital and active. Grace is the life of God within you. As the Easter season approaches what are some ways that you might open your heart to that grace? Have a blessed, grace-filled Triduum!

**Paula Raposo, Adult Faith Formation**

## Reflections

The waving of palms at Mass this weekend signals that Holy Week is about to begin. You have heard about the meaning, significance, and importance of this three day season the church calls **Triduum** through the weekly catechesis before Mass.

Although the liturgy of the Triduum is experienced in the church itself, have you considered what it means to experience the season of Triduum during the time you spend "out in the world"? Following are some thoughts for your reflection.

The **Holy Thursday** Liturgy (Mass) emphasizes two things, the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of the feet of the disciples. Take these two and view them as a whole. Do you begin to understand the relationship between service and Eucharist? In your prayer on Holy Thursday ask God





## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

### ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

**5 de abril de 2020**

**Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo**

Estamos ya en el Domingo de Ramos, empezamos la Semana Mayor o Semana Santa donde se celebra el núcleo de nuestra fe, “La resurrección de Jesucristo” pasando por la pasión y la muerte. El jueves y el viernes deben ser tomados en cuenta dando especial cuidado a las celebraciones litúrgicas que enseñan una catequesis centrada en lo que se vive durante el Año Litúrgico en la Iglesia. “Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor”; El pueblo le daba la bienvenida al Señor, tal como lo hacemos ahora nosotros en este Domingo de Ramos o de palmas como se dice.

El Papa Francisco, nos invita a reflexionar sobre este día con las siguientes palabras: *“La Liturgia de hoy nos enseña que el Señor no nos ha salvado con una entrada triunfal o mediante milagros poderosos. Pero si queremos seguir al Maestro, más que alegrarnos porque el viene a salvarnos, estamos llamados a elegir su camino: el camino del servicio, de la donación, del olvido de uno mismo... Jesús se despojó de sí mismo: renunció a la gloria de Hijo de Dios y se convirtió en Hijo del hombre, para ser en todo solidario con nosotros pecadores, él que no conoce el pecado. Pero no solamente esto: ha vivido entre nosotros en una «condición de esclavo» (Filipenses 2:7): no de rey, ni de príncipe, sino de esclavo... con su humillación, Jesús nos invita a purificar nuestra vida. Volvamos a él la mirada, pidamos la gracia de entender algo de su anonadación por nosotros; reconozcámoslo Señor de nuestra vida y respondamos a su amor infinito con un poco de amor concreto.” ¡Viva Cristo, nuestro Rey!*

# *Reflexión-Domingo de Ramos*

## *5 de abril 2020*

**Con el Domingo de Ramos iniciamos la Semana Santa, es hora de completar la conversión personal a la que Jesús nos invita en cada Cuaresma. No podemos empezar esta reflexión sin dirigirnos directamente a Jesús.**

El Domingo de Ramos abre solemnemente la **Semana Santa**, con el recuerdo de las Palmas y de la pasión, de la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén y la liturgia de la palabra que evoca la Pasión del Señor en el Evangelio de San Marcos.

Vamos con el pensamiento a Jerusalén, subimos al Monte de los olivos para recalar en la capilla de Betfagé, que nos recuerda el gesto de Jesús, gesto profético, que entra como

***Rey pacífico.***

Por un momento la gente revivió la esperanza de tener ya consigo, de forma abierta y sin excusa aquel que venía en el Nombre del Señor. Al menos así lo entendieron los más sencillos, los discípulos y gente que lo acompañó, como un Rey.

San Lucas no habla de olivos ni palmas, sino de gente que iba alfombrando el camino con sus vestidos, como se recibe a un Rey, gente que gritaba:

***"Bendito el que viene como Rey en nombre del Señor.***

***Paz en el cielo y gloria en lo alto".***

Palabras con una extraña evocación de estas que anunciaron el nacimiento del Señor en Belén a los más humildes. Jerusalén, desde el siglo IV, en el esplendor de su vida litúrgica celebraba este momento con una procesión multitudinaria. Y la cosa gustó tanto a los peregrinos que occidente dejó plasmada en esta procesión de ramos una de las más bellas celebraciones de la Semana Santa.

Con la liturgia de Roma, por otro lado, entramos en la Pasión y anticipamos la proclamación del misterio, con un gran contraste entre el camino triunfante del Cristo del Domingo de Ramos.

Era el anuncio del amor de un Dios que baja con nosotros hasta el abismo de lo que no tiene sentido, del pecado y de la muerte, del absurdo grito de Jesús en su abandono y en su confianza extrema.

La liturgia de las palmas anticipa en este domingo, el triunfo de la resurrección; mientras que la lectura de la Pasión nos invita a entrar conscientemente en la **Semana Santa** de la Pasión gloriosa y amorosa de Cristo el Señor.

***"La fe es el "SI" del hombre a Dios"***