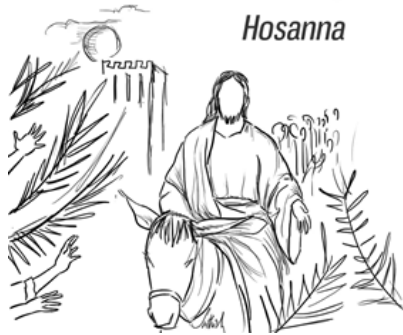


PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday Year C Luke 22:14-22:56
Lenten Season

13 April

Blessing and Distribution of Palms starting in the Church Hall for all weekend Masses



This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath. Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of April; For the Role of Women

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

MAY GOD
BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL
STEWARDSHIP!
Sunday
Collection
April 6
\$6,123

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, April 14

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Alberto Perri



Tuesday, April 15

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Pamela MacWhirter

7:30 pm Mass of Chrism (celebrated at the Cathedral)



Wednesday, April 16

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Ed Nieuwesteeg

Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Adoration until 11:00 pm



Friday, April 18

11:00 a.m. Passion Service for Children and Families

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



Saturday, April 19

12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. ♦ Special Intention Raphy & family



NO 5:00pm MASS

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed Good Friday, April 18 through Easter Monday, April 21.

We wish you all a very "Blessed Easter."

HOLY THURSDAY

Proceeds from the collection at Mass will be shared with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

At Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, following the washing of feet, a blessing of parish ministries and activities will take place for those serving in liturgy or prayer ministries; outreach ministries; stewardship ministries; community building activities.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY

This collection helps maintain Christian sites of the Holy Land and supports the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome candidates for their First Holy Communion they will celebrate this special sacrament,

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL,

Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am

LORETTO, Saturday, May 24 at 11:00am

Kindly make our candidates and their guests to feel welcome! We pray that God will bless them richly.



PASCHAL FAST

This should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and continued, where possible on Holy Saturday. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. In this way, the people of God will receive the joys of the Lord's resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

LENT CONFESSIONS

Take note of the added times for Reconciliation on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, before Mass. There are no opportunities for the sacrament formally scheduled from Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday, as Lent is ended by then and the Sacred Paschal Triduum ("Three Days") begins.

PARKING FOR THE UPCOMING SUNDAYS

As many of you know, parking will be limited on Palm Sunday (April 13) and Easter Sunday (April 20) due to the short turnaround time between Masses. With two morning Masses on Palm Sunday and two Masses on Easter Sunday (9:00 & 11:00), parking will be tight.

We encourage you to consider parking at the nearby lots at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel or the former St. Thomas More School, both just a short walk from the church. This will help ensure a smoother experience for everyone, especially senior parishioners and those with mobility challenges. Plus, it will give you a hassle-free time as we hope for nice spring weather! **Thank you** for your understanding and cooperation!

LAST DAYS OF LENT

The liturgical celebration of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week continue to show Christ to us as the obedient, suffering servant, but also as the servant who dies only to be victorious in the end. Monday's fragrance (Mary) and Tuesday's overconfidence (Peter) set the stage for "Spy Wednesday," alluding to Judas' agreeing with the chief priests to betrayal of Jesus.



IN MEMORY OF:

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CONFIRMATION

Bishop Gerard Bergie will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to eligible candidates

LORETTO, Saturday, May 3 at 11:00am

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL,

Saturday, May 10 at 11:00 am

Please pray for our young candidates the Spirit will fill them with His gifts and make them credible witnesses of Christ in the world



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

Presents **GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY** for CHILDREN and FAMILIES **April 18, 2025** at **11:00 am**.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 27

Live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy In preparation for the feast, a novena started on Good Friday, offering prayers each of the nine days for a different group of souls, recommending them to God's mercy. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is to be prayed during Easter Week. Our parish's Divine Mercy celebration is Sunday, April 27 at 2:30 p.m., with time for individual Reconciliation, until a holy hour from 2:30 to 3:30p.m., including the Stations of Light ("Way of Joy"), and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and concluding with Benediction.



SSVP - SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE:

Since January to the end of March, we received 198 calls (helped 95). Out of 310 adults (helped 157). Out of 139 families (helped 74). Out of 136 children (helped 82). Out of 44 new callers (helped 20).

In these 3 months we have given out \$7,035.00 to those we could help. **THANK YOU** all for your generous donations! **ONE "TWOONIE", PER FAMILY, PER WEEK** really does help us to help more of our neighbours in need. St. Vincent de Paul, bless our ministry.

Memorial Donations



Easter Flowers

to help decorate the church for the season \$20 or more memorial donation; please print names clearly,

Names must be submitted by **April 13** to be published for Easter. Attach a cheque or cash to this slip, and place in the collection.