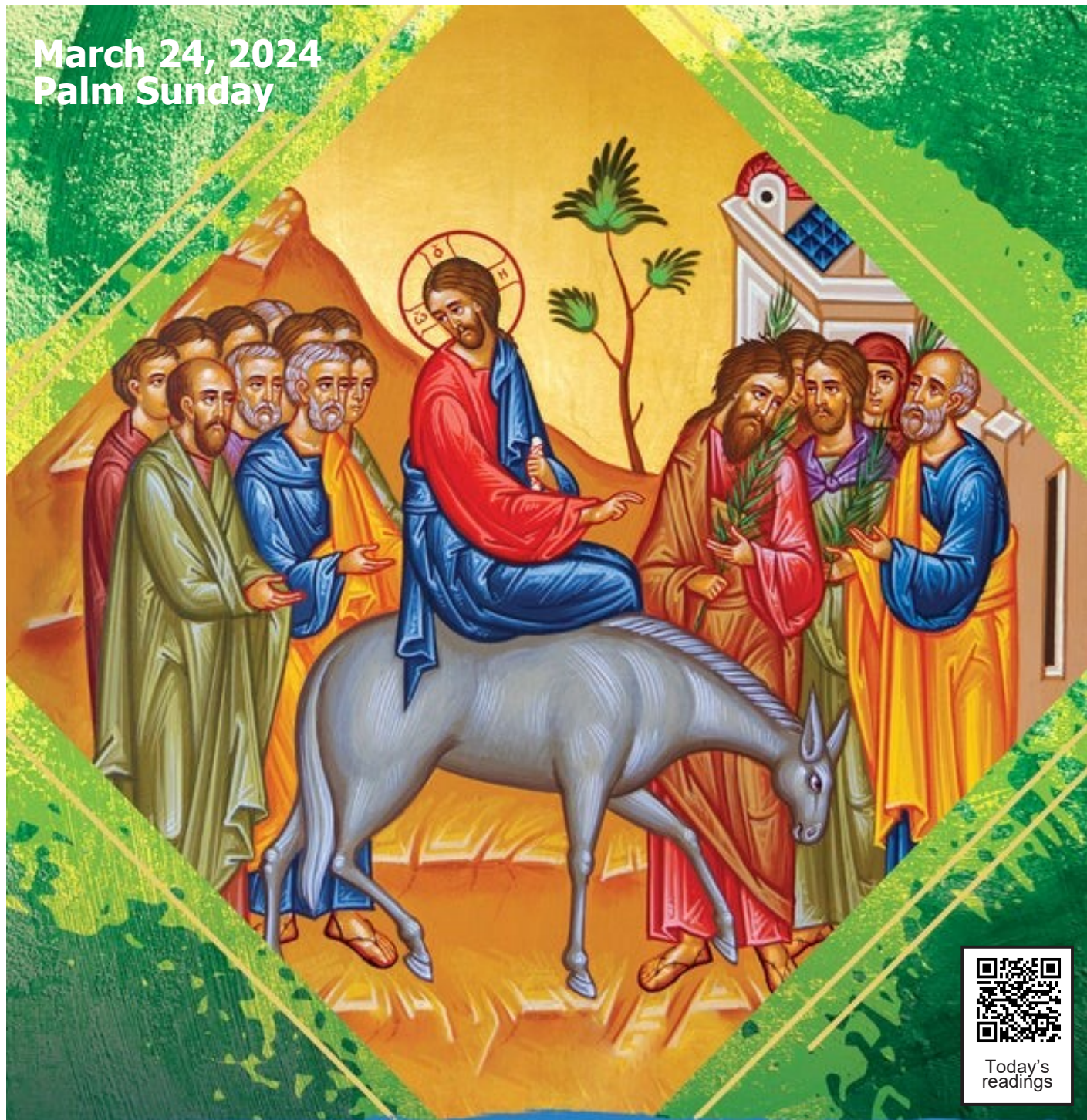


March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!” - Mk 11:9

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 23 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Henry A. Aloisi by Wife, Lucille A. Aloisi & Children, Dino A. Aloisi and Janine M. Aloisi

Sunday, March 24 — Palm Sunday

8:30 AM † Deceased members of Fedorchik & Wavrek Families by Roberta & Ron Wavrek

10:30 AM † Shirley "Chichi" Kuvinka by Son, Lenny & Teresa

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti & Family

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, March 27

No Mass

Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29

1:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30—Vigil

8:00 PM Parish Family

Sunday, March 31 — Easter

8:30 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Parish Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — March 30 — 31

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi G. Pesi	M. Dzurik R. Lucas K. Byron	C. Blatnik L. Assenat M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd F. Petrosky J. Brown	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	T. Mazzei P. Francowic E. Yatchyshyn	Volunteer

Money Counters

Monday, March 25—Team #4 – J. Petritis

Entering the Passion

All around the world, Christians are remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is easy for us to allow ourselves to be caught up in the drama of what Holy Week is about. The truth of what we are and what we remember this



week characterizes what we believe. It is in and through the death of Jesus that we define what our faith is all about. However, everything we find throughout the scriptures leads us to this week, so it cannot be separated from the rest of our Liturgical year.

We start off this week with a celebration or parade if you will. People are welcoming the man Jesus with triumph and honor. They are celebrating the man for what he was and for what they hoped he would become. In spite of their misunderstanding of what Jesus was all about, the people were drawn in by this event of his entry into Jerusalem; as they struggled with who Jesus really was. Apostles, friends and disciples who should know who Jesus was and what he was about, they were the ones who betrayed, denied and fled. One really has to look at this triumphant celebration and ask: what went wrong? As followers of Jesus the real irony is that only by our own entry into Jesus' dying and rising can we truly discover who he is. Until we do that, we may participate in a nice parade but we haven't a clue where it leads.

It is interesting to take a closer look at the role the women play in the Passion. It has been said that they are like the "bookends" to the drama: we meet them in the beginning and at the end. Regardless of what is going on, it is the women who are always the faithful ones. The men in the story were not very nice, pay attention to the women and learn from them. They have something to tell all of us.

If we pay attention to the passion narrative, we will see that it is basically a story of life. The feelings and behavior of the people involved give us a live perspective of living. There is joy and singing. There is faith, doubt, greed, treachery, false accusations, mockery and jeering. There is the despair of Judas, the lying of Peter, the pride and arrogance of religious and political leaders, betrayal by friends, and the tenderness of the women. Yes, it is all there – life at its best and at its worst. The Passion of Jesus is everybody's story.

Christ showed us by his own way of living and by his ministry that the only way to share in his glory is to die to self by becoming servants and disciples following him to the cross. The only way to enjoy the passionate glory of risen life is to suffer the risk of dying. All of this is something that takes place more than just this once a year. It is the everyday of our ordinary human living: when we choose to respond to another instead of ignoring him or her, having patience rather than snapping, talking things through rather than staying angry. Yes, the paschal mystery unfolds in the little things in life that we turn into big ways to say yes to the Christ in others. This is how we get to know Jesus – by living as he did, by embracing the dying so we rise with him to new life.

Ministry Schedule — March 28—March 29

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	K. Miller	F. Petrosky J. Brown E. Yatchyshyn	C. Blatnik L. Assenat M. Guiliford T. Todd
Friday 1:00 p.m.	M. Melvin	A. Punturiero	L. Assenat

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of EVAN ANDERSON AND BERNARD PAUL FERTALL. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Holy Land Collection

Good Friday is the day when we commemorate Christ's death and recall that saving act by which we are purified by his loving mercy upon the Cross. **The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is taken for the support of the services and facilities of the Church in the Holy Land.** Monies from this collection are also used for the education and social service support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are desperately in need of our help. The Good Friday Collection will go to help support the Holy Land.

Heifer

This week we were able to board onto the ARK **almost** every animal....We have yet to board...

1 Pig 1 Flock of Geese

This will fill our ARK for this year! What a wonderful accomplishment, and know it is because of your generosity. Be assured that many people around the world will have a better life because of you!

Due to the bulletin deadline, this week's collection will be listed next week.

There will be no coffee and doughnuts next Sunday, March 31.

Blessing of Baskets

Think about bringing your basket to church on **Holy Saturday**. I will **bless them at 1:00 p.m.**



The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the items used and foods chosen for this special Easter tradition. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery to symbolize spring,

renewal, and the Resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, the baskets are filled with: decorated **hardboiled eggs** (representing Christ's Resurrection); **lamb-shaped butter or sugar** (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"); **bread** (reminding us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life"); **meats**, such as ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), **sausage** (God's favor and generosity), **smoked bacon** (the overabundance of God's mercy), or **lamb** (Christ as the "Lamb of God"); **salt** (prosperity and justice, and reminding us that we are "the salt of the earth"); **cheese** (the moderation Christians should have at all times); **horseradish, pepper, oil, and vinegar** (the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover); and **wine** (the Blood of the Lord). A white candle is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World."

The foods and other items contained in the family basket can be easily personalized, even including a sampling of any foods "given up" for Lent.

Holy Week Readings

Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Three Days

The Triduum celebrates the heart of Christian faith, to which all leads and from which all flows: Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection; related to the Church year as Sunday is to each week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. **We invite you and your families to be as much a part of this year's celebrations as you are able.**

Thursday: Chrism Mass 10:00 A.M. at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is when the Bishop, along with all of the priests of the diocese, blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the year. It is also the Mass where the priests of the diocese re-dedicate their ministry to the people of the church as well as to the Bishop.

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 P.M.

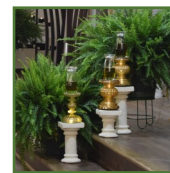
Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 1:00 P.M.

Stations: 6:00 P.M.

Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8:00 P.M.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday liturgy marks the institution of the Eucharist. We remember that Jesus gathered with his Disciples for the last time and gave to them as well as to the future church this miraculous gift. It is through the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ that we are able to become "Church." As an example of what it means to be church and celebrate this gift, we ask that women from our parish "dress" the altar. **We invite the women of our parish who want to help with this to sign up in the back of the Church.** Those who dress the altar will also strip the altar at the end of liturgy.



Another important gift that Jesus gave to the Church is the example of what it means to serve as well as to be served. Through the symbolism of the washing of the feet, Jesus calls each of us to be of service to one another, as well as to be open to being served. As we commemorate what Jesus did for the Disciples through the washing of the feet, **I am asking people to volunteer to have their feet washed. If you would be interested in being a part of this special liturgy, please give us a call at the office.**

Adoration after Liturgy



After the Liturgy on Holy Thursday there will be **Eucharistic Adoration**. The Blessed Sacrament will be in repose after Mass. As soon as Mass is over the altar will be stripped completely bare. While this is going on, I ask that the people remaining in church maintain decorum of silence and reverence. **You are invited to remain, or visit, to keep watch with the Lord until the closing prayer at 10 p.m.,** at which time the Blessed Sacrament will be taken from the altar and the church will be empty.

Choir for Holy Week

We welcome any choir members (both old and new) to **sing together for Holy Week**. The choir will plan to sing for all three Masses of the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday). There will be **one rehearsal on Wednesday, March 27 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm** in the church. For any questions, please contact Dan Godla at 412-737-7332. Please **join us! All are welcome.**

The Office will be closed Good Friday & Easter Monday.