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Palm Sunday
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord



Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example, we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

Liturgy for Palm Sunday

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration:

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).

Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel.

Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller

Welcome to the Holy Week:

This Sunday we begin the Holy week. Why do we call it Holy? This is because it is only during this one week that we have the three most important days in our calendar year that are so important to our faith. These 3 days are: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday (Note that this starts on the evening of Saturday). On Thursday of this week, will be the Last Supper that marks the beginning of Mass. On Friday of this week, we will celebrate the Crucifixion of our Lord on the Cross. The cross that will become the symbol of our Faith. On Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:

A History of Palm Sunday

As soon as the Church obtained her freedom in the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted



the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, holding a procession in which they carried branches and sang the *Hosanna* (Matthew 21, 1-11). In the early Latin Church, people attending Mass on this Sunday would hold aloft twigs of olives, which were not, however, blessed in those days.

This *Palm Sunday* procession, and the blessing of *palms*, seems to have originated in the Frankish Kingdom. The rite was soon accepted in Rome and incorporated into the liturgy. The prayers used today are of Roman origin. A Mass was celebrated in some church outside the walls of Rome, and there the palms were blessed. Then a solemn procession moved into the city to the basilica of the Lateran or to Saint Peter's, where the Pope sang a second Mass.

Everywhere in medieval times, following the Roman custom, a procession composed of the clergy and laity carrying palms moved from a chapel or shrine outside the town, where the palms were blessed, to the cathedral or main church. Our Lord was represented in the procession, either by the Blessed Sacrament or by a crucifix, adorned with flowers, carried by the celebrant of the Mass. Later, in the Middle Ages, a quaint custom arose of drawing a wooden statue of Christ sitting on a donkey (the whole image on wheels) in the center of the procession. These statues (Palm Donkey; Palmesel) are still seen in museums of many European cities.

In medieval times this dramatic celebration was restricted more and more to a procession around the church. The crucifix in the church yard was festively decorated with flowers. There the procession came to a halt. While the clergy sang the hymns and antiphons, the congregation dispersed among the tombs, each family kneeling at the grave of relatives. The celebrant sprinkled holy water over the graveyard, the procession formed again and entered the church. In France and England, they still retain the custom of decorating graves and visiting the cemeteries on Palm Sunday.

Centuries ago, it was customary to bless not only branches but also various flowers of the season (the flowers are still mentioned in the antiphons after the prayer of blessing)

Lent Works of Mercy Envelopes and Rice Bowls

This is just a polite reminder that we are now in Holy week and we will do the Works of Mercy envelope collection and rice bowls during the Mass of Holy Thursday, April 6th. Works of Mercy envelopes are a donation we give once in a year to cater for the special collections that occur on different Sundays throughout the year.

These collections include support of the Seminarians formation, World Mission Sunday that supports the Missionaries, St. Peter's Pence a collection that supports the work of the Holy See in Rome and Holy Land in Jerusalem.

Whatever you donate, will be split among these nine special collections. They are listed on the front of the Works of Mercy envelope. Therefore, kindly be generous to avoid doing any second collection in the course of the year.

The Rice Bowl is meant for what you have fasted or sacrificed. When you sacrifice your meat on the menu, for example, from 7 times in a week to 4 or 3, then calculate what you sacrificed in terms of money and put it in the rice bowl. This money supports Catholic Relief Services, our church organization that helps in the areas of disasters like in Turkey during earthquakes or parts of the world hit by extreme drought.

We are one church and let us support the less fortunate and in dire need as we have always done.

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Holy Thursday & Good Friday

WORD: Th. Marilyn Ortmeier—Fr. Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Gerald Schlickbernd
SERVER: Th: Bo & Ben Oligmueller—Fr. Will Robertson

Weekend of April 8th & 9th

WORD: Tom Peatrowsky, Marilyn Ortmeier
EMHC: Mary Mostek, Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Sat: Will Robertson, Bo & Ben Oligmueller
 Sun: Kris & Kim Pena

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Holy Thursday, April 6th

LEC: Maci Batenhorst
EMHC: Alison Kluthe
SERV: Claire Flack, Aidan McBride, Jesa Montgomery
OFF: Sid Kneifl
USHER: April Men's Group

Good Friday, April 7th

LEC: Diane Davies
LEC 2: Alan Harms
EMHC: Sally Harms
SERV: Myles Lampman, Knoxyn Thies, Jaylee Lueken

Weekend of April 9th

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Martha Schweers
EMHC 2: Kathy Johnson
SERV: Annamae Bloedorn, Paislie Burki, Autumn Chohon
OFF: Tim Montgomery

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, April 2nd—Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, April 9th —Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—April 2023

Chair: Mark Porter
Co-Chair: Tony Wemhoff
Members: Chuck Ross, Tim Stalp, John Woerdemann, Eric VonSeggern, Jeff Phillips, Nathan Janke, Ken Knust, Jack Knust, Dayton Gentrup

Stewardship of God's Gifts

Holy Cross—March 26th, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,370.00
Plate:	96.00
Children:	14.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
GA/CC:	100.00

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 5:00 pm. in the church basement. On Friday, April 7th, we will not be hosting Bingo at Colonial Haven due to Good Friday services at Holy Cross.

WORKS OF MERCY Collection envelopes along with Rice Bowls will be brought up on Holy Thursday. Please be generous to this as we donate it to 9 various collections through the year. Adoration times for Holy Thursday are: H-M: 8-9 P.M. N-P: 9-10 P.M. Q-Z: 10-11 P.M. A-G: 11-12 Closing. Please come and pray at your time or trade with someone.

Celebrations:

Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays

Ann Ortmeier April 7

Anniversaries

Eric and Linda Robinson April 3
 Josh and Sherron Bramble April 8

Stewardship of God's Gifts

St. Joseph—March 26th, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$970.00
Plate:	347.00
Children:	33.92
Cemetery:	165.00
Heating/AC:	100.00
Tithe.ly Online:	393.34

ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6

Grades K-6: The 1st grade class took a field trip to the Wisner Care Center and gave the residents Easter decorations. All the grades recited prayers to our prayer partners. Youth Mass is on April 16th and all need to attend since all have assigned parts.

ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS— GRADES 7-12

Grade 7: Fr. Vincent discussed the Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, and also talked about Joseph and his brothers. We talked about Easter symbols and finished jeopardy questions about Easter. The evening ended by joining the others in church for Stations of the Cross.

Grade 8-10: We had a talk by Father about Easter season and the important numbers in the Bible. We then played Bible Trivia. We ended with Stations in church. Please attend Holy Week services with your family.

ALL GRADES... No class this week due to Holy Week. Classes resume on April 12th.



WELCOME PROM ATTENDEES... We welcome and pray for these young people as they celebrate this special day. Weather permitting, photos will be taken after Mass on the steps outside, along with a short blessing.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for Easter lilies and flowers in the remembrance of your loved ones. Suggested donation for lilies is \$20 each. Please complete the form as you would like to have the names listed. Thank you.



CLASS OF GRADUATING SENIORS...Advance 2023 Notice to you and your families: Senior Sunday Mass and breakfast will be **April 16, 2023**. Invitation will be sent out soon.

YOUTH MASS—is quickly approaching. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 16th, at the 10:00 am Mass. All students in grades K-12 are strongly encouraged to attend. Those in K-6 will be participating in the ministry for Mass, and many will have assigned duties. A short reception will follow Mass in the basement hall.



MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST held each Thursday at 6:45 am during Lent at United Methodist Church of Christ.



THANK YOU to these volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels on behalf of our parish last month: Helen Feller, Tammie Batenhorst, Jeanette Marx, Barb Deitloff, Carmen Godbersen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Day	Month	Time	Location	Intention
Mon	03	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	04	9:30 AM	WCC	Care Center Residents
Wed	05	8:00 AM	HC	+ Leo Gentrup
Thu	06	5:30 PM	SJ	HOLY THURSDAY
Thu	06	7:00 PM	HC	HOLY THURSDAY
Fri	07	3:00 PM	HC	GOOD FRIDAY
Fri	07	7:00 PM	SJ	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat	08	8:00 PM	HC	EASTER VIGIL
Sun	09	8:30 AM	HC	**No Confessions EASTER SUNDAY
Sun	09	10:00 AM	SJ	EASTER SUNDAY

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
 WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

