

Good News!

MARCH 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16; Is 50:4–7; Phil 2:6–11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1–39

How could anyone think that the joyous cry “Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

DEAR PADRE

I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

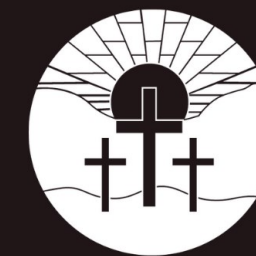
The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.



April 1 - Holy Thursday - 6:30 PM
 April 2 - Good Friday - 1 PM
 April 3 - Easter Vigil - 9 PM
 -- All at St. Catherine, Ossineke --

Passion of the Lord

Easter Sunday Mass - April 4
 9 AM - St. Raphael, Mikado
 11 AM - St. Anne, Harrisville



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD — 28 MARCH 2021

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Scripture Readings for the week of March 29—April 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 42:1-7	Is 49:1-6	Is 50:4-9a	Ex 12:1-8,11-14	Is 52:13-53:12	Gn 1:1-2:2, 9a	Acts 10:34a,37-43
Jn 12:1-11	Jn 13:21-33	Mt 26:14-25	1 Cor 11:23-26	Heb 4:14-16;	10-13,15-18	Col 3:14 or
	36-38		Jn 13:1-5	5:7-9	Ex 14:15-15:1	1 Cor 5:6b-8
				Jn 18:1-19:42	Is 53:5-14	Jn 20:1-9 or
					Is 55:1-11	Mk 16:1-7
					Bar 3:9-15, 32:-4:4, Rom 6:3-11	



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Rosary is prayed a half-hour before all Masses.

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Ron Beyer

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
David Bleau

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Florence Mishler

Monday, March 29

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Bishops, priests, and clergy

Tuesday, March 30 Parish Offices closed

11:00 am Chrism Mass in Gaylord. Live stream only at dioceseofgaylord.org

Wednesday, March 31,

9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel
For peace and justice

6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation St. Catherine

6:30 pm Children Sacramental Prep. Class
St. Catherine

Thursday, April 1 Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 pm St. Catherine
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Adoration in the Garden, St. Catherine Parish Hall Chapel until Midnight

Friday, April 2 Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

1:00 pm, St. Catherine
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Saturday, April 3

12:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets St. Catherine

9:00 pm Easter Vigil St. Catherine
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am Mass, St. Raphael
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$81,480.74	\$98,570.10	\$21,093.80	\$28,134.44
Actual year-to-date	\$82,935.07	\$98,187.29	\$18,780.52	\$29,246.36
March 21	\$1,442.00	\$2,583.00	\$160.00	\$722.80
Other Collections:	\$50.00	\$384.00	\$0.00	\$45.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. James Fitzpatrick

Monday—Rev. Matthew Furgiuele

Tuesday—Rev. James Gardiner

Wednesday—Rev. Donald Geyman

Thursday—Rev. Ruben Munoz

Friday—Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz

Saturday—Pope Francis

St. Gabriel Men's Club will start regular meetings on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

Projects at St. Gabriel Church: A video explanation from Fr. Tyler along with detailed information is available on our website. There is a need to replace the windows of the church which are from the 1890s. The biggest issue is the high water level which is causing severe damage to the foundation of the church. We need to dry out the crawlspace in order to save St. Gabriel's foundation. Donations toward these projects will be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark the donation envelope or check: St. Gabriel Special Project.

Project Updates:

Maria Hall renovation is coming along well. The building plans have been approved and finalized and now contractors are beginning to submit their bids. We have raised \$49,412 in total funding for the project so far (including the seed donation of \$25,000 and \$15,000 in matching gifts. If in the coming weeks we raise an additional \$5,000, we will reach our first goal from the matching gifts. Thank you, everyone, for your amazing generosity!

St. Gabriel crawlspace and window project: To date we have raised \$4,625 toward the projects. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity! The windows are scheduled to be installed at the end of April. The crawlspace work should be starting around the same time.

Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, March 30, Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) and Monday, April 5.

Face Masks: Remember that it is still a requirement to wear a face mask when entering the church.

Blessing of the Baskets: Saturday, April 3 at 12:00 pm at St. Catherine. The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

FORMED.ORG Review:

If you have young children or grandchildren, let them watch the ongoing episodes on Benjamin Cello focusing on Catholic values for children to live by. The videos are set in much the same format as Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.

This week's full length episode "O Lamb of God, I Love You" is a reenactment of the Passion of the Lord. So, let Benjamin take your children through the blue door to Penny Whistle Park to the Land of Baptized Imagination.

Saint of the Week - Saint Berthold- Feast Day March 29. Not much is known about this hermit who is considered by some historians to be the founder of the order of Carmelite friars. Various legends had him born in Limoges, France, educated at the University of Paris, and participating in the Crusades in Turkey. What is known is that he directed a group of Frankish hermits living on Mount Carmel in Palestine in the second half of the 12th century. The existence on Mount Carmel of a church and hermitage in the spiritual tradition of the prophet Elijah is documented from 1163 on. After Berthold's death, the hermits were led by another Frenchman, St. Brocard; Carmelite houses became well-established throughout Europe by 1300.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of Mass. We wave our palm branches and sing, "Hosanna to the Son of David" just as the crowds did 2,000 years ago. A few moments later we will hear proclaimed the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. We will join the crowds in saying, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." We will be witnesses of Jesus' passion and death for the salvation of the world. My hope is that we can enter into the celebration of these sacred mysteries this year with a newfound fervor and devotion from our Lenten preparations. We are *NOT* reenacting Jesus' passion like a play or a drama, rather through the mystery of our faith we are entering *INTO* the very act of Jesus' passion for us. The temptation for us modern people is to watch everything like we watch television and the internet. Rather, the liturgy brings the memory of Jesus' passion alive in our hearts and minds so that we may participate in it – not merely be observers.

At the Easter Vigil we will be welcoming two new adults into the fullness of our Catholic Faith: Jeff Brackett and Brenda Johnson. Please keep them in your prayers during Holy Week. On Tuesday we will be traveling to Gaylord for the celebration of the Chrism Mass with Bishop Hurley. You can join in live on the diocese website.

God Bless,

Divine Mercy Sunday

The 8th day of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Starting Good Friday there is a novena of prayers helping us prepare to enter into the mystery of Jesus' Divine Mercy for the whole world. Each day of the novena, Fr. Tyler will be posting a short video reflection and prayer. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th at 3 PM there will be a Holy Hour, Confession, and singing of the Diving Mercy Chaplet at St. Catherine in Ossineke.