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Palm  
Sunday  
of the Lord's  
Passion

## *In the Beginning...*

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And just like that, it's Holy Week! I find Holy Week to be a solemn yet joyful time. It's a week of mixed emotions as we travel through time and journey with Jesus. We begin with Palm Sunday - the day of Christ's triumphant entry in Jerusalem. Scripture tells us people cut branches from palm trees, laid them across Jesus's path and waved them in the air as he entered Jerusalem the week before his death. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday because we read the Lord's Passion on that Sunday. Why? According to [Catholic Answers](#): "...Holy Thursday and Good Friday are not days of obligation. Having the Passion read on Palm Sunday allows as many Catholics as possible to liturgically participate in the Passion."

On Holy Tuesday, the Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral. There's more about that in the Did You Know? section. I've been to it a couple of times and it's one of my favorite Masses!

On Holy Wednesday, St. Jude will be having our monthly Healing Mass. If you're in need of physical, spiritual, emotional or other healing, please attend.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Every Mass celebrates the Lord's Supper, but Holy Thursday does so in a particularly special way. Part of the Mass includes the washing of the feet where Fr. Ayub will wash the feet of several parishioners, including those who are journeying through RCIA. After Mass we process to the Garden of Gethsemane to keep watch with Jesus. Matthew 26:40.

Good Friday is the only day of the year without a Mass. It is the day of our Lord's crucifixion. Instead, we have a Good Friday liturgy and Stations of the Cross.

On Holy Saturday, we celebrate the Easter Vigil, my favorite Mass of the year. Traditionally, those journeying through RCIA receive their Sacraments during the Easter Vigil (although sometimes that journey may continue through Easter for various reasons and Sacraments given at a Sunday Mass).

Come join us for a special evening!  
(There'll be food afterwards!)

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# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION PREP

On Sunday, April 16 we'll be having our family Mass and breakfast. Please join us at the 10:30am Mass and then gather in the Brophy Center after Mass for a free breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Students will be decorating their Communion plates. These are a great memento and will be cherished for years to come.

For those of you who did not attend the last parent meeting, we have some folders to hand out as well (a small parent booklet and a first reconciliation activity booklet for your child).

We hope to see you there!

## SAINT JUDE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION DATES TO REMEMBER

### PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday, January 15, 2023 5:30- 7 PM

Sunday, February 19, 2023 5:30 - 7PM

Sunday, March 19, 2023 5:30 - 7 PM

### FAMILY MASS & BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16, 10:30AM Mass

Breakfast after Mass

Student decorate Communion Plates

### RECONCILIATION REVIEW & CHURCH TOUR

Students only

Sunday April 23, 2023 5:30 - 6:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Thursday April 27, 2023 6:30 PM

### FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

Thursday May 4, 2023 6:30PM

### First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday May 7, 2023 10:30AM

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According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (CCC 2221).

Although the parish helps to form our children in the faith, no one can take the place of the parents' role in forming holy individuals. As parents, we should be well equipped to answer questions and to act, not only as the first teachers, but as the first witnesses of faith. This page is intended to help you in the journey as we work together to prepare your children for this special moment in their lives!

# SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Scott Hahn

Readings:

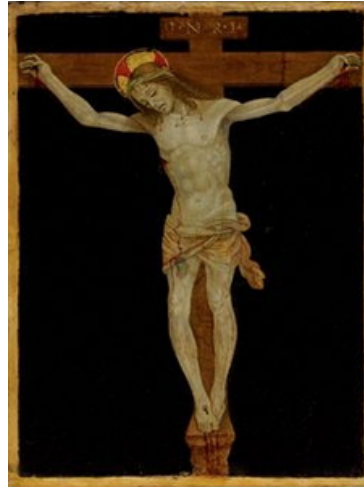
[Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

[Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24](#)

[Philippians 2:6-11](#)

[Matthew 26:14-27:66](#)

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"All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Matthew 26:56).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39-44).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading, "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).

Source: [St. Paul Center](#)

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

MATTHEW 26:36-39

# The Gospel at Home

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb. (shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

[CONTINUE READING...](#)

### Family Connection

Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

Monday: Matthew 26:14-25

Tuesday: Matthew 26:26-35

Wednesday: Matthew 26:36-56

Thursday: Matthew 26:57—27:14

Friday: Matthew 27:15-54

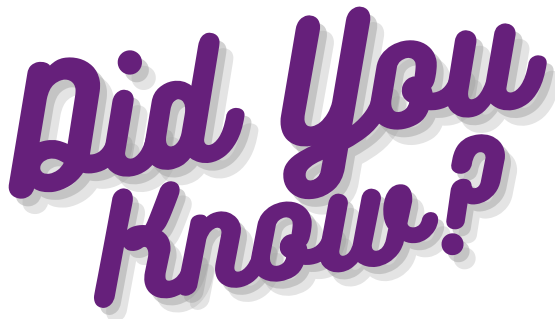
After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This."

*"And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watchh with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same*

*words.*

MATTHEW 26:40-44





## Holy Oils used in church come from the Chrism Mass

Among the many liturgies celebrated during Holy Week, the Chrism Mass is one that few Catholics ever participate in. This is because the liturgy is always celebrated at the cathedral church of the diocese, presided over by the local bishop. Traditionally this Mass was celebrated on Holy Thursday, though for pastoral reasons in the United States it is often moved to Monday or Tuesday of Holy Week, and in some cases is even celebrated on a different day during Lent.

All of the the priests of the diocese gather together for this Mass, and during it the bishop will consecrate the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders. Each parish receives its annual supply of these oils at the Chrism Mass.

Pope Benedict XVI related some of the symbolism of this Mass in a homily given in 2010. He said, "In the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, the holy oils are at the center of the liturgical action. They are consecrated in the bishop's cathedral for the whole year. They thus serve also as an expression of the Church's unity, guaranteed by the episcopate, and they point to Christ, the true 'shepherd and guardian' of our souls."

When commentating on the specific oils, Pope Benedict explained the significance of each and how they accompany us on our journey of faith.

In four sacraments, oil is the sign of God's goodness reaching out to touch us: in baptism, in confirmation as the sacrament of the Holy Spirit, in the different grades of the sacrament of holy orders and finally in the anointing of the sick, in which oil is offered to us, so to speak, as God's medicine – as the medicine which now assures us of his goodness, offering us strength and consolation, yet at the same time points beyond the moment of the illness towards the definitive healing, the resurrection (cf. Jas 5:14). Thus oil, in its different forms, accompanies us throughout our lives: beginning with the catechumenate and baptism, and continuing right up to the moment when we prepare to meet God, our Judge and Savior.

Furthermore, "the Chrism Mass, in which the sacramental sign of oil is presented to us as part of the language of God's creation, speaks in particular to us who are priests: it speaks of Christ, whom God anointed King and Priest – of him who makes us sharers in his priesthood, in his 'anointing,' through our own priestly ordination."

One of the additional aspects of the Chrism Mass is the annual renewal of priestly promises. With all of the priests of the local diocese present before the bishop, they renew their fidelity to him and to Jesus Christ. Another dimension to this Mass is how in the biblical narrative of Holy Week Jesus visits his friends at Bethany and Mary anoints him with precious oil, preparing him for his burial. In this way, the Chrism Mass recalls this episodes and points to what will happen later in the week.

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful celebration of unity and is meant to strengthen ties with a diocese, uniting all parishes under the guidance of its local shepherd. All lay people are encouraged to attend this liturgy and experience the beauty of the local church.

Since every parish in the diocese attends the Chrism Mass, the cathedral gets pretty crowded pretty fast. Therefore, attendance is by invitation only. Each parish usually gets 3 or 4 tickets. At St. Jude, we have a tradition of sending individuals from the RCIA program. It's a great way for our new Catholic brothers and sisters to experience an important part of our faith life!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Opportunities to Grow in Faith

### **Sunday, April 2: PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY**

10:30am - Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30am Mass.

11:30am - RCIA in the Kelly Conference Room.

### **Monday, April 3: HOLY MONDAY**

7:00pm - Women's Bible Study in the Thaddeus Center.

### **Tuesday, April 4: HOLY TUESDAY**

7:00pm - Men of Emmaus in the Millennium Conference Room.

### **Wednesday, April 5: HOLY WEDNESDAY/SPY WEDNESDAY**

8:30am - Senior Men's Group in the Thaddeus Center.

7:00pm - Mass of Faith, Hope and Healing in the church.

### **Thursday, April 6: HOLY THURSDAY/MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.

8:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00pm.

### **Friday, April 7: GOOD FRIDAY**

12noon - Stations of the Cross

1:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy

### **Saturday, April 8: HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL**

8:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass. Reception in Brophy Center after Mass.

"Jesus replied,  
'The first is  
this: 'Hear, O  
Israel! The Lord  
our God is Lord  
alone! You shall  
love the Lord  
your God with  
all your heart,  
with all your  
soul, with all  
your mind, and  
with all your  
strength.'"

MARK 12:29-30

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## Save the Date

### Vacation Bible School

### SAINT JUDE PARISH

July 24-28

9 am to 12 noon

All Children  
age 4 - 5th Grade

join us  
in



For more information  
or to volunteer  
contact Janet DeBoe at  
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# Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

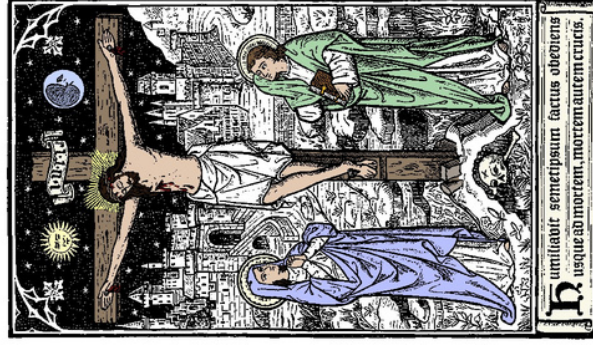
On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.  
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.



# The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
April 2nd, 2023

T A H B I C S D I E S F M G Y H B I L J  
O K O L D M O N F O T P H Q E R N S  
E T W U C W O X V Y E Z N A A B N C T  
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B N E O S P H Q E R D S F T O U R V  
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Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

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# Palm Sunday



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.

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# Good Friday Word-Find

H H W E D B H E A V Y  
D I E D M U R D E R J I V  
J L P C A R I O M S N R  
O S E A V E D F N S C I  
E P I L A T E O F R O I  
H S C R O S S E T E A  
I N C Y R E N T O M B  
N A I L S J O H N U R  
M A G D A L E N E S S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

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On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.

