

Dear Padre,

How should we dispose of last year's palms?

Every year on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), palm branches are handed out and blessed as a powerful reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

We keep palm branches for two reasons. First, they symbolize our desire to accompany Christ through Holy Week. Second, they symbolize Jesus' desire to enter our homes and accompany us on our journey as we face our own Good Fridays. Taking the palms home and placing them behind a crucifix or holy picture is a powerful reminder of that.

Many parishes ask their members to bring the palm branches they received the previous year to church on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. These

branches are burned to make the ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday. After a time, palm branches get brittle and break easily, so if your church doesn't collect them, it's OK to break the palms up and burn them yourself.

The number of palm branches we have in our homes isn't important. Palms and other articles of devotion such as medals and scapulars don't

bring good luck or wealth, and we shouldn't try to use them in that way. We should use them to remind us of the goodness of God and the salvation Christ brings us.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus, as St. Paul tells us, "emptied himself...he humbled himself."

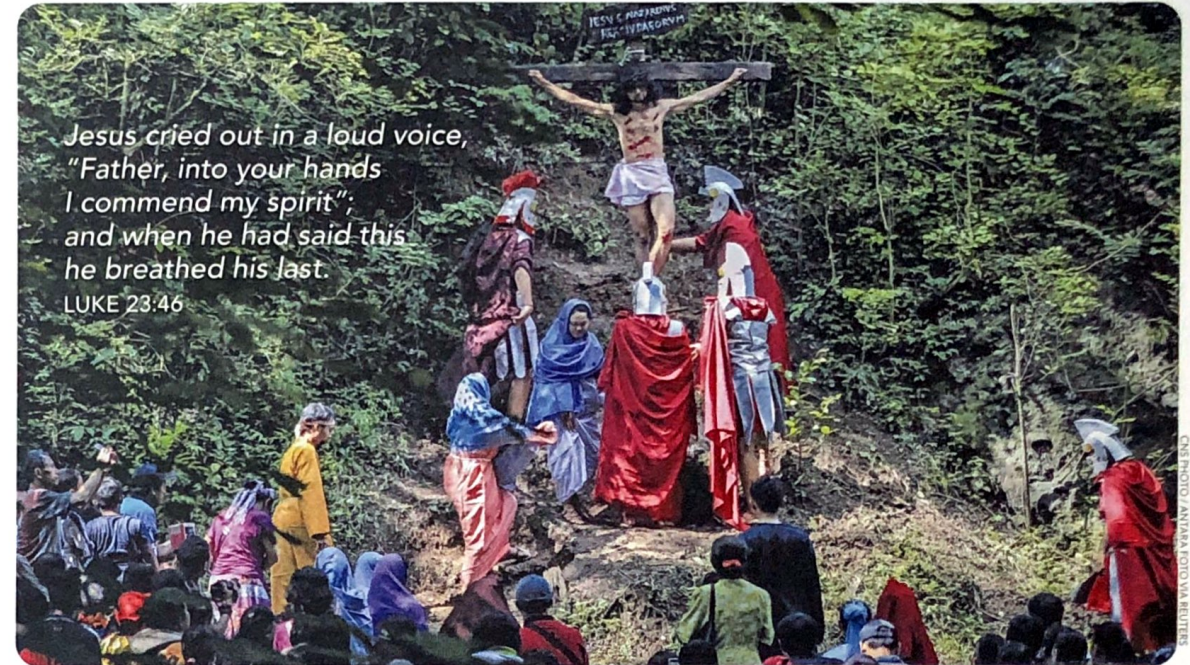
PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 28, 2021

Calendar

- Monday**
APRIL 11
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday**
APRIL 12
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday**
APRIL 13
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday**
APRIL 14
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15
- Friday**
APRIL 15
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday**
APRIL 16
Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1-2:2
or 1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Lk 24:1-12
- Sunday**
APRIL 17
Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (C)
Lk 19:28-40
Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49



Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.
LUKE 23:46

He Cannot Save Himself

Some of us might wonder, as did many of the bystanders on the way to Calvary, why Jesus allowed matters to reach the point they did. We might ask: He saved others. Why didn't he save himself? Jesus certainly had the power. He demonstrated it often as he traveled the villages and countryside of Israel. Through the centuries, theologians have turned that question over and over, upside down and inside out. Hadn't he done enough to reveal his identity?

Every answer offered has thrown a bit of light on the question. Still, no answer has adequately resolved the issue. The question of Jesus' suffering and death is a mystery of our faith. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on this mystery, to discover something that might deepen that faith and transform our lives—if only a bit.

For example, the goal of Jesus' ministry was the establishment of the reign of God. Everything he said and did pointed to this goal. He never faltered, never backed down in the face of opposition. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he believed was God's will for him, regardless of the price he might have to pay. And pay a tremendous price he did. Jesus' faithfulness to God's will is a model for us. We have responsibilities, some of which might make significant demands of us. Do we hold fast, or do we look for a way out? Holy Week calls us to follow him in his commitment.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ We may not be asked to die for our principles, but we are asked to live for them.
- ★ Pray for the strength to be faithful.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 9	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, April 10	9:00 a.m.	Jack, Leona & Joe Randolph
Monday, April 11	8:00 a.m.	Marlyn Morrison
Tuesday, April 12	No Mass	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Thursday, April 14	6:00 p.m.	Jack, Leona & Joe Randolph
Friday, April 15	3:00 p.m.	Good Friday
Saturday, April 16	8:30 p.m.	Thomas K. Edwards +
Sunday, April 17	9:15 a.m.	J.M & Margaret McComack

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (color: Red)

4/9/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman

4/10/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: K of C

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (color: White)

4/16/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Volunteer

4/17/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

Reader: Fred Jones

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – APRIL 10, 2022



Friends, with Palm Sunday we enter into Holy Week and Holy Week is, a journey, a journey on which we take Jesus' hand and walk with him --- walk into the Holy City to the waving of palms and cries of "Hosanna", walk with him to the Upper Room to share a meal with his friends, walk with him as he stands before the Sanhedrin and Pilate and Herod. And yes, we also walk with him up Golgotha --- a lonely hill we would rather avoid at all costs.

And we walk with Jesus not because we understand everything, but simply because we believe in his great love for us --- a love on full display in this story --- a love so deep and so profound and so unbounded that we want nothing more than to respond to his love with love of our own, no matter how imperfect our love is.

And so we walk wherever he leads --- not just today, but every day, hoping and trusting that hand in hand with Jesus is the safest place to be.

And so, I encourage each of us to make that sacred journey this week, placing our steps in his steps, our lives in his hands. And while we make this holy walk with Jesus, let's keep on asking the big questions, the questions that matter most, keep wondering what it all means.

Who knows what we might discover?

I would like to invite you to walk with the Lord by considering attending the 2022 Triduum that we have in these three parishes. Have a blessed Holy Week everyone. Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for April 3rd, 2022: Envelopes: \$1325; Loose: \$266; Online Giving: \$1241.22; Total \$2832.22; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 1071.05

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$407; Building Fund To Date: \$8,974.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

SCHOLARSHIP FORMS may be picked up in the back of the church. The deadline to get the forms turned in is May 2, 2022.

LOOKING AHEAD

Holy Thursday—April 14—6:00 p.m. Lakin; 6:30 p.m. (MT) Syracuse

Good Friday—April 15—3:00 p.m. Lakin; 6:00 p.m. (MT) Syracuse

Easter Vigil Saturday—April 16—8:30 p.m. Lakin

Easter Sunday Mass – April 17 at Deerfield at 8:00 a.m.; 9:15 a.m. Lakin; & Syracuse 10:30 a.m. (MT)

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Altar Society will have a meeting this Sunday—April 10 at 5:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

CCD LENT CONFESSIONS THIS YEAR April 13 at 6:30—First Communion class.

SOUP & SERMON Thank you so much for those who helped and participated in our Soup and Sermon this year. It was a great success! With love and unity we can accomplish great things.

EASTER FLOWERS If you want to send flowers in memory of a Loved One for Easter, please put your donation and names into the regular collection

STATIONS OF THE CROSS We hold Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Columbus every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. We hope you will join us for this prayerful devotion.

PRAYER & ACTION is “mission trip across the street” that helps a person grow in their baptismal identity as a priest, prophet, and king. Each day we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and join our hearts to His on the altar. We learn about our faith and share it with joy. And we serve those who are in need. - Students come in groups (or as individuals) from parishes across the diocese and stay overnight at the local parish hall or school. They paint houses, clean overgrown yards, or whatever the homeowners need, then return to the parish for an evening of leisure. They take turns cooking for each other, listen to witness talks by the college students, play a few games, and then go to bed joyfully exhausted from a day of intentional Christian living.

The cost is \$100 per person and covers the food, the t-shirt, a portion of the necessary supplies (primer, paint, brushes, etc.) and helps in paying the college students who lead the program. Students arrive at the site on Sunday evening, work four full days, then depart on Friday at Noon. - This program is ideal for a youth group or confirmation class to attend together, and especially for teens and their parents. We invite those who have completed 8th grade, through those who have just completed their senior year.

CAMP CRISTO REY is our middle school summer camp. Camp is an opportunity for kids from all over the diocese to encounter God through His creation of the great outdoors. Each day includes Mass, devotions within small groups, and learning about our shared faith. But of course, it wouldn't be camp without daily, fun activities like swimming, scavenger hunts, and campfires. This year, we will have two ways to experience camp. First, there will be three 1-day camps at three different locations in our diocese. The cost for this camp will be \$35 to help cover the cost of food, a t-shirt, and activities. The second way to experience camp is the 4-day, 3-night camp at Camp Aldrich. The cost for this camp is \$150 to cover lodging, food, a t-shirt, and activities. Camp Cristo Rey is a great way to meet other young Catholics in our diocese, or to reconnect with friends made at other diocesan youth events.

TOTUS TUUS is a parish based program for 1st - 6th graders in the morning and 7th - 12th graders in the evening. This program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through devotion to the Eucharist and to the Holy Rosary. Totus Tuus follows a 6 year cycle that systematically works through the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the mysteries of the Rosary. This year, we will be teaching about Prayer, the Our Father, and the Luminous Mysteries. If your parish is not hosting Totus Tuus this year, you are invited to attend at a neighboring parish. Please contact your local parish coordinator for details on price and registration.

VOCATION VIEW “... He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled.” Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the colt had only to be told, “The Master has need of it,” to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from the Opening Prayers for Palm Sunday) Almighty, ever-living God, you have given us Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility, gentleness and self-giving love. He fulfilled your will by becoming human and giving his life on the cross. Through his life, death, and resurrection all creation has been freed from sin and death. Guide our minds by his truth and strengthen our lives by the example of his death that we may live in union with you in the kingdom of your promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 23:4-16)

The colt By entering Jerusalem on a colt, Jesus alludes to a prophecy in which Jerusalem receives a king who brings peace to every nation (Zechariah 9:9-10). Jesus symbolically proclaims that he is that non-violent king who will reign over God's kingdom of peace. There are two explanations for why Jesus wanted a colt on which no one had sat. • it was customary for no one but the king to ride the king's horses • animals used for ritual or sacred purposes weren't supposed to be used for anything else (Numbers 19:2; Deuteronomy 21:3)

The disciples vs. the crowd It's odd that after welcoming Jesus into their city people later want to crucify him. Luke avoids this perplexing change of heart by writing that it's many of Jesus' disciples who sing for joy. The inhabitants of Jerusalem are thus observers and not participants in Jesus' dramatic arrival.

The king of peace When Luke adapted this story from Mark's Gospel, he made changes that emphasize how Jesus' kingship is one of peace for the whole world and not a military advance for the Jews. • there is no mention of hosanna nor of palm branches; both of these elements were used in Jewish celebrations of nationhood • Luke adds peace in heaven and glory in the highest to show that Jesus' reign extends well beyond Israel; this song also recalls the host of angels who sang at the birth of Jesus (2:13f) Earlier Jesus didn't want his followers to publicly call him Messiah (9:20f), but now the time has come for him to confront the rulers of Jerusalem – both the religious leaders and the Romans. These rulers will reject and kill the king of peace, but that won't stop him from reigning nor will it silence his followers. Instead, all creation will praise Jesus for his gift of peace: the stones will cry out!

Jerusalem, rebellious city Jesus' way of peace wasn't the means by which Jews expected God to free Israel. Many expected some kind of military victory. Jesus rejected this. He repeatedly warned that violent rebellion would lead only to the city's downfall (13:34f, 19:41f, 23:27f). In 70 AD the city finally did fall when Rome prevailed over a Jewish rebellion. (www.oursundayreadings)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Revealing companions

Today the church follows Luke's narrative of the Passion, where participants are revealed by the company they keep—or avoid. Most of Jesus' followers flee his side, fearing to share their teacher's fate. Meanwhile, the Roman governor Pilate makes a strange alliance with local puppet-king Herod, a man he despises. Both agree on one thing: Holding onto power is their highest priority. Then Simon, a Jew from the African dispersion, finds himself forced to carry Jesus' cross: something the disciples were terrified of doing. Tradition holds this Cyrenian and his family later joined the early church. Whose company are we keeping? (Prepare the Word)

DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR

Los compañeros se revelan

Hoy en día, la iglesia sigue la narración de la Pasión de Lucas, en la que los participantes son revelados por la compañía que mantienen—o evitan. La mayoría de los seguidores de Jesús huyen de su lado, temiendo sufrir el destino de su maestro. Mientras tanto, el gobernador romano Pilato establece una extraña alianza con el rey-títere local Herodes, un hombre al que desprecia. Ambos están de acuerdo en una cosa: aferrarse al poder es su máxima prioridad. Entonces Simón, un judío de la diáspora africana, se ve obligado a llevar la cruz de Jesús: algo que los discípulos temían hacer. La tradición sostiene que este Cireneo y su familia se unieron más tarde a la iglesia primitiva. ¿En qué compañía estamos?