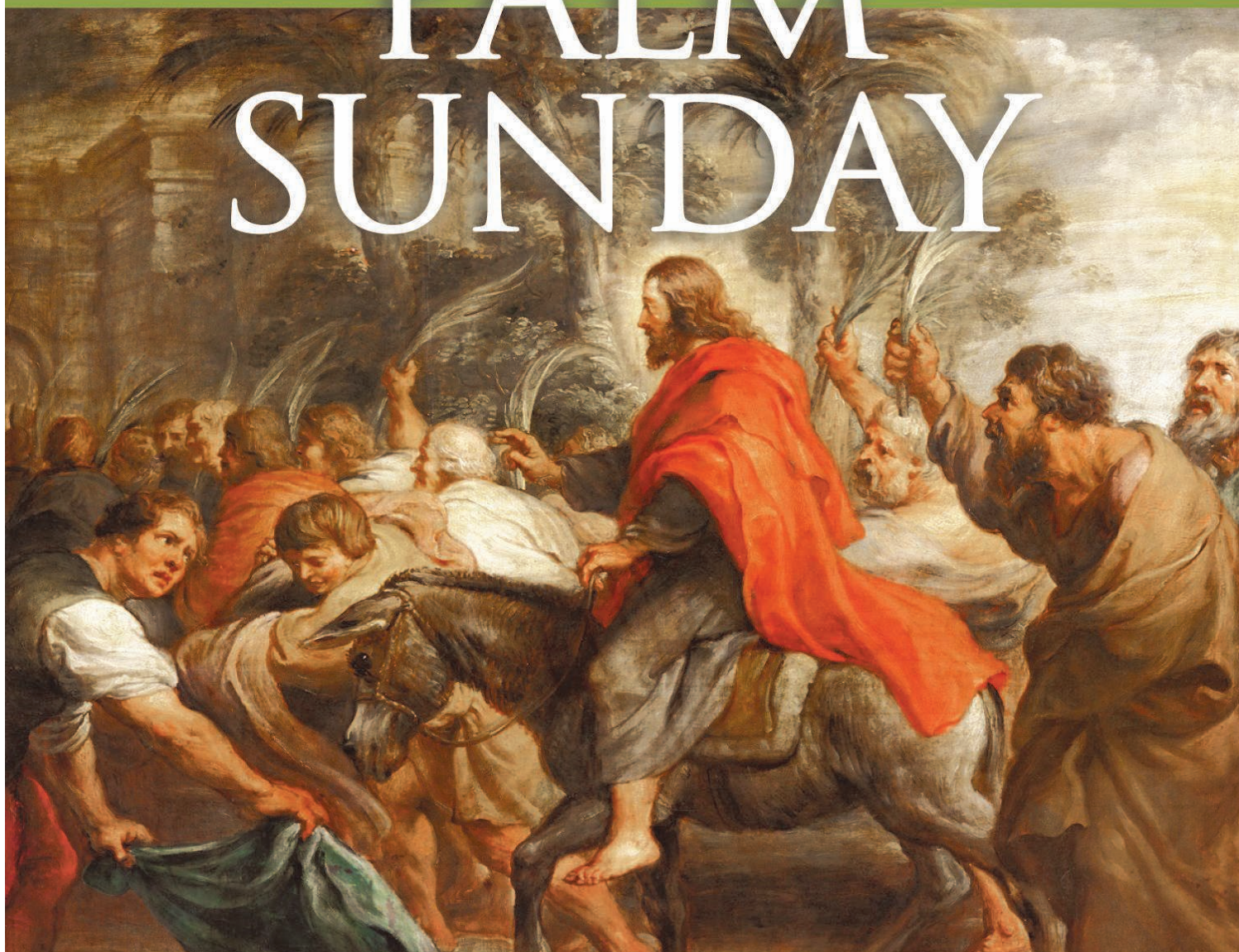


# PALM SUNDAY



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

– Mk 11:7-8

## STEWARDS OF PRAYER

**SATURDAY, 3/24 - VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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

**4:00pm** † Joe Donahue  
Rosary at 3:15pm

Anointing of the sick after Mass in the Chapel

**SUNDAY, 3/25 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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

**9:00am** † Milton Hohenesee  
Rosary at 8:15am**MONDAY, 3/26 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

**9:00am** Parishioners**TUESDAY, 3/27 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**9:00am** † Catherine Hoppe**WEDNESDAY, 3/28 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

**9:00am** † Al & Jean Siegel**THURSDAY, 3/29 - HOLY THURSDAY**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**6:30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Washing of Feet  
Adoration**FRIDAY, 3/30 - GOOD 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**6:30pm** Passion of the Lord  
Veneration of the Cross  
Communion**Saturday, 3/31 - Easter Vigil**Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31ab/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 55:1-11/Rom 6:3-11  
Mk 16:1-7**8:00pm** Liturgy of the Word  
Baptism and Confirmation Liturgy  
Liturgy of the Eucharist**SUNDAY, 4/1 - EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

**8:00am** Resurrection of the Lord  
**10:00am** Resurrection of the Lord**Dear Parishioners,**

This weekend, we join Catholic and Christian communities all over the world in celebrating Palm Sunday. It recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where the events of the Paschal Mystery would unfold in rapid succession. Before entering Jerusalem, Jesus spent some time in Bethany visiting with friends, doing last minute miracles, and teaching the people. In Jerusalem, we will see the fulfillment of the prophecies about "the suffering servant" in Jesus' experience of the paschal mystery.

Knowing what Jesus knew about his fate in Jerusalem, many of us would have dreaded going there. As a man on a mission, Jesus was undeterred by the challenges and adversities that lay ahead. With renewed anticipation, albeit trepidation, we are invited to accompany Jesus on this triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday is one of those monumental events in Jesus' life recorded by all four canonical gospels (Mark 11:1-10; Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; and John 12:12-16). One of these four gospels is proclaimed at the beginning of the entrance procession, separate from the passion narrative. This year's passion narrative from Mark's gospel sets the tone for Holy Week and the Triduum. The narrative invites a deeper appreciation of God's unconditional love revealed in Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Before the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the celebration of Passion Sunday was on the fifth Sunday of Lent. The Sunday that followed was designated the Second Sunday of the Passion. Now, we celebrate Palm Sunday on the Sunday following the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We got rid of the Second Sunday of the Passion.

In this Sunday's entrance gospel from Mark, Jesus sends two of his disciples to fetch the colt he would ride on for the big entry into Jerusalem. Jesus is fully in control of the events, with no room for negotiation, not even with the colt's owner. All that the colt owner needs to know is that the Master has need of it and will send it back when he is done. One may wonder why Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt/donkey rather than a horse. Well, in ancient times, colts or donkeys were peaceful animals, while horses were associated with wars and battles. Certainly, those who were expecting a political messiah would have preferred Jesus charging into Jerusalem on a white horse like a conquering emperor.

The crowd's response to Jesus' triumphant entry was deafening as they underscored the acceptance of Jesus' Messianic identity. They strew leafy branches on his path, not to impede his entry but as a sign of honor and admiration. John's gospel is the only gospel that mentions 'palm branches' while the synoptic gospels speak of 'leafy branches.' That detail is important for John since the palm branch is a special symbol of triumph and victory in Jewish tradition. The enthusiastic crowd welcomed Jesus as King, proclaiming in unison, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! .... Hosanna in the highest!"

Of course, the irony is not lost on us, that is, the fact that some in the crowd would be among those screaming for his crucifixion in the passion narrative. With friends like these, who needs an enemy? I guess the lesson is that those who put their faith in humans rather than God are bound to be disappointed.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Romanus



*May Holy Mary, the Angels and all the Saints welcome*

**Leontine Badji Coly**

**Mother & Mother-in-law of**

**Gerard & Yolanda Coly (parishioners)**

*May the memories held deep within your heart, help to soothe you. You're in our*

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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday—March 29, 6:30pm,**

**Good Friday March 30, 6:30pm,**

**Parish Office Closed**

**Easter Vigil—March 31, 8pm,**

**Easter Sunday—April 1, 8am & 10:00am Masses**

**Easter Monday—April 2, NO 9AM CHAPEL MASS**

**Parish Office Closed**



Holy Week

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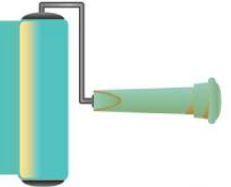
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