

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 13, 2025

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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office for communion and/or anointing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Last Sunday of the month
Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

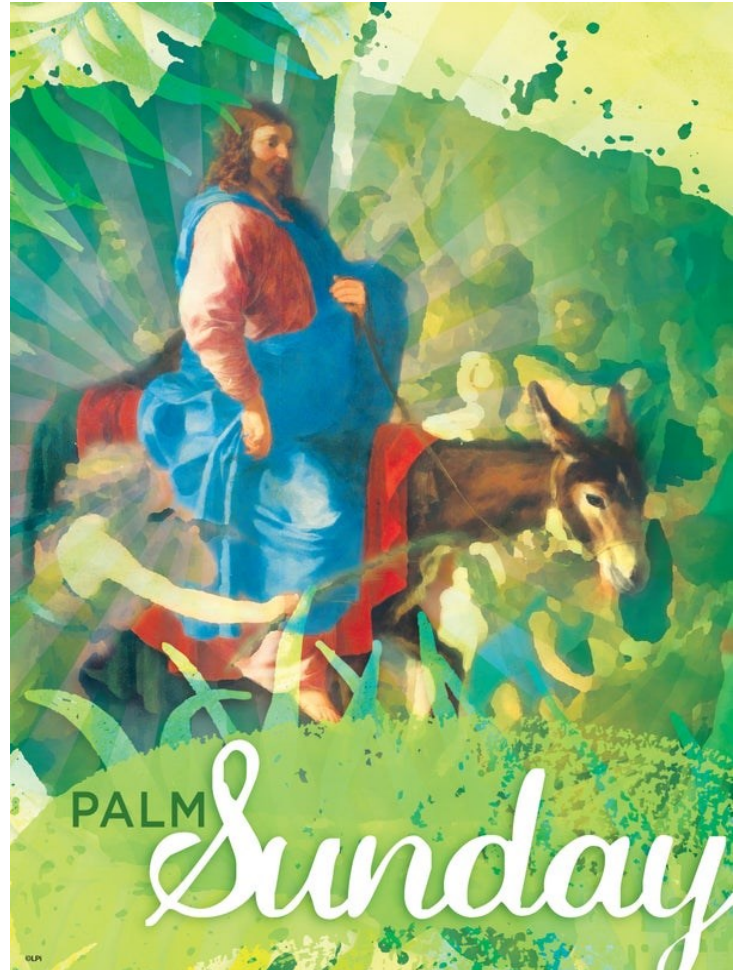
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

Funerals: Call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

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Mission Statement

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4/12 Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, 4/13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

9:00am † François N'Dour

Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 4/14

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

9:00am Parishioners

Wednesday, 4/16

NO 9:00 MASS

11:00am Funeral: Elizabeth Saul

Thursday, 4/17 Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

6:00pm † Maxine Endman

Friday, 4/18, 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

6:00pm Service with Communion

Saturday, 4/19 Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Is 55:1-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

8:00pm † Thomas Alioto

Sunday, 4/20 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

9:00am † Faustino & Eliza V. Piana
Baptism: Xiomara Yamilet Zavala

Fr. Romanus, staff and parishioners express our sympathy to the family of parishioner:

Elizabeth Saul



Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Savior Parish on Wednesday, April 16th, at 12:00 pm. Visitation from 11:00 am.

May God comfort those who mourn her and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy starting on Holy Friday April 18th at 3pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th after the 9am Mass.

- Simon Biagui

Palm Sunday Reflection:

This weekend, we join Catholic and Christian communities all over the world in celebrating Palm Sunday. Before the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the celebration of Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) was on the fifth Sunday of Lent. The Sunday that followed was designated as the Second Sunday of the Passion. Now, Palm Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the Second Sunday of the Passion was eliminated.

Palm Sunday 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 fulfilment of the prophecies about “the Suffering Servant.”

Knowing what Jesus knew about his fate in Jerusalem, many of us would have dreaded going there. However, as a man on a mission, Jesus was undeterred by the challenges and adversity that lay ahead. With renewed anticipation, albeit trepidation, we are invited to accompany him 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). We proclaim one of these gospels at the beginning of the entrance procession, separate from the passion narrative. In this Sunday’s entrance gospel from Luke, Jesus sends two of his disciples to fetch the colt he would ride 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. 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. Luke’s version of the entrance gospel states that the two disciples who brought the colt to Jesus threw their cloaks over it for the ride. Likewise, the crowd was spreading their cloaks on the road as Jesus rode along. Giving up one’s coat in winter is a big sacrifice as one risks freezing. This differs from the leafy branches in Matthew and Mark. John’s gospel is the only gospel that mentions palm fronds, traditionally associated with Palm Sunday. 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!”

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This year's passion narrative also from Luke'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 course, the irony is not lost on us 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? Perhaps, the most hurtful is the betrayal of his closest friends. Judas betrayed him with a kiss and the rest ran off when the going got tough. Even Peter who swore to give his life for him ended up denying him three times. I guess the lesson is that those who put their faith in humans are bound to be disappointed. How about you? When was the last time you betrayed a friend? How often have you betrayed God?

Have a Holy Week!

Fr. Romanus

Easter Giving Basket

The Finance Council is sponsoring the Easter giving basket and has been set up in the back of church. It will be up through the Lent and Easter season. The ornaments will have designated budget items of Liturgy, Heat, and Snow removal. We ask you to take an ornament and make the suggested donation amounts of \$10.00, \$25.00 or \$50.00 or what you can afford. You can drop your donation in the collection basket. Please make this extra donation for the Lent and Easter season and thank you for your generosity.



It's time to shop for the babies. Our layette collection begins April 12 and ends May 4th, just in time to deliver these treasures to the mothers in need, before Mother's Day.



Please bring any new baby items to church and place into the baby bassinette in the back of church.

Items in need: diapers, onesies, wipes, bottles.....

Thank you very much,

The Human Concerns Commission

Easter Flower Offering

Please use the envelope from your weekly packet for your Easter flower memorials or pick one up from the table in the back of church.



If you are participating in Faith Direct and wish to have a loved one's name in memory or honor of, please fill out an envelope or sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 414-464-5033 with their names and they will be recorded. Remember to print clearly, indicating the name of those for whom the memorial or honor is intended.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns:

Jantina Adriano, Jackie Ballering,
Gene Brunner, Rhey Clemente,
Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn,
Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Thomas Schmid,
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,
Lucia Rivera, Rosina Vungo, Paul Bina

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

Multi-Cultural Commission Spring Event.

Mark your calendars!

Join us in the Parish Hall Sat. May, 3rd, following the 4:00 Mass.

We will be offering an entertaining and informative presentation by our Parish East Campus students. In partnership with the Human Concerns Committee, we will be providing a pot-luck buffet.

Bring any main dish, side dish or dessert, that might represent your culture, or just something to share.

Please use the signup sheets, so we know what you are bringing.

We could also use help with setup, serving and cleanup.

We will have signup sheets in the Villard Ave. hallway, after each Mass this weekend, and the next 2 weekends. For more information contact Mike Malloy (414-464-3733) or Phil Kremsreiter (414-405-7823).

Thank You.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.
Use the east church door entrance.

From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.



A message from your bulletin editor:

Where did Judas shop for groceries?

At Traitor Joe's.