

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

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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.

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 an appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

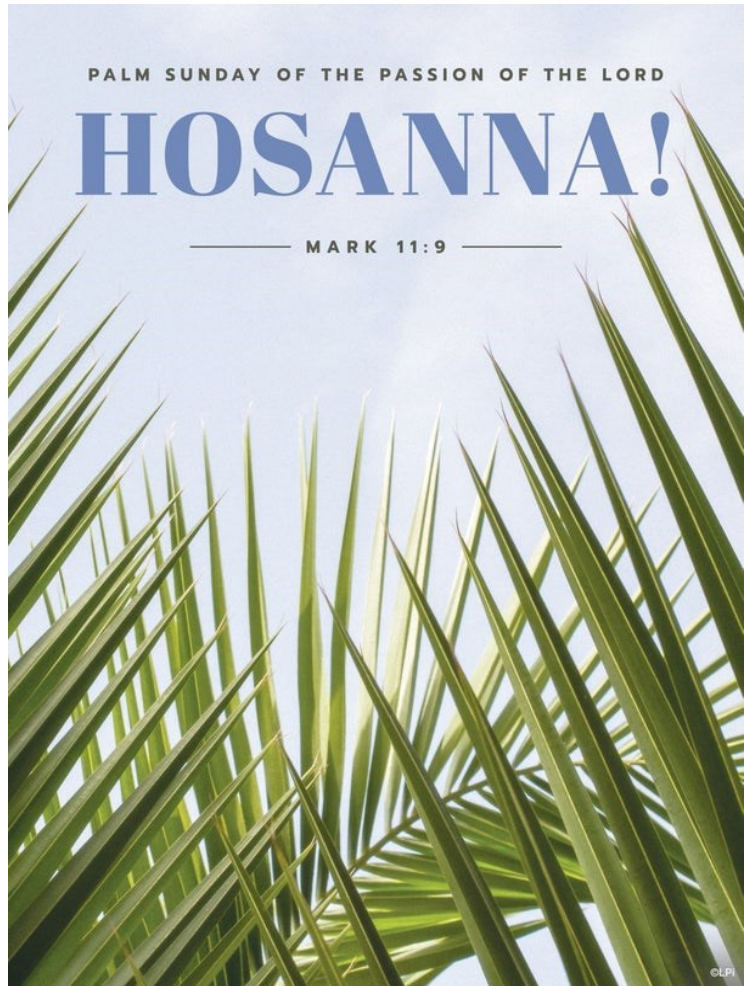
Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

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

Pastoral Council Officers:	Parish Trustees:
Paul Bina, Chair	Curt Kandel, Treasurer
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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, 3/23 Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, 3/24 Palm Sunday of the Passion
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
9:00am † Rita Hohensee
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 3/25 Lenten Weekday
Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
9:00am † Ray & Gen Gozzins

Tuesday, 3/26 School Mass, South Campus
Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
9:00am Intention of the priest

Wednesday, 3/27 Lenten Weekday
Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
9:00am † Keith Moore

Thursday, 3/28 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 † Elsie & Alfred Koeppen

Friday, 3/29 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
1:00 pm Service with Communion

Saturday, 3/30 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 † Joseph Valent

Sunday, 3/31 Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:13-35
9:00am † Theresa Nwaru
Rosary at 8:15am

Palm Sunday Gospel 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 the Second Sunday of the Passion. Now, we celebrate Palm Sunday on the Sunday following the Fifth Sunday of Lent and got rid of the Second Sunday of the Passion.

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. As a man on a mission, Jesus was undeterred by the challenges and adversities that lay ahead. With renewed anticipation, albeit trepidation, we 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). 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 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 fronds’ 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!”

This year’s passion narrative also from Mark’s gospel (John as alternative) sets the tone for Holy Week and the Triduum. The narrative invites a deeper appreciation of God’s uncon-

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Mass Intentions for 2024

We are still taking Mass Intentions for 2024. If you wish to have Mass offered for a loved one, call the parish office, 414-464-5033. The stipend for Mass remains at \$10.

Money given for Mass intentions is a beautiful way to remember the goodness and generosity of those who have died. An offering for Mass is a gift for the community who prays it, whether family is present or not.

tional love revealed in Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Of course, the irony is not lost on us, 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? 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?

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Romanus

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 2024 Lenten Food Drive

Thank you for all the food donated during the Lenten Food Collection. The families were thankful for the good and extra food they received for Easter and the rest of the month. There will also be extra this month.

CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Please, place your contributions in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" or use the Rice Bowl Box. They are available on the round table in the Villard hallway.



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:

Judy Adrian, Jackie Ballering, Gene Brunner,
David Cheever, Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber,
Katie Flynn,
Robin Flynn, Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard,
Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Karla Klaybor,
Ellen Malloy, Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Sr. Gina Redig, SSND, Wayne Ring,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Jeanne Rossner,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec
Mary Frances Williams

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.

Lenten Season at Blessed Savior

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent, 6:30pm

CRS Rice Bowl collection during Lent. Remember to return your envelope or Rice Bowl box before Easter.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
3/23, 4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms
3/24, 9am Mass with Blessing of Palms

Easter Triduum takes place from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.



Holy Thursday, 3/28, 6pm Mass

Good Friday, 3/29, 1pm Service with Communion

Easter Vigil, 3/30, 8pm Mass

Easter Sunday, 3/31, 9am Mass. *Easter*



Message from the Mouse

Where did Jesus go to get a snack?

Mount Olive!