

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

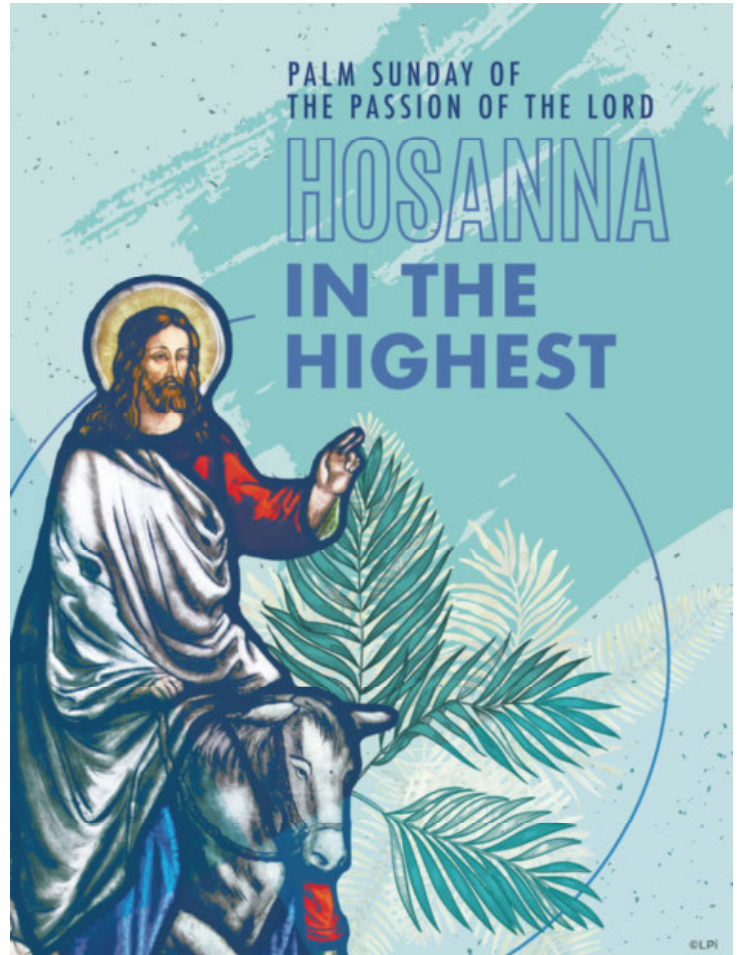
April 10, 2022

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Morning Mass: Monday and Wednesday, 9am in the Chapel



**Congratulations Ignazio and Elvira Zavala**  
**who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the 9am Mass**  
*May God's blessings continue to fill your lives*  
*with happiness and your love grow ever deeper*  
*and richer with each passing year.*



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**Anointing of the Sick:**  
Communal - Suspended for now.  
Individual - Call the parish office.

**Baptisms:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Confessions:** Call the parish office.

**Communal Penance:** Call the parish office.

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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, 4/9 - 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 † Amber Anderson

**Sunday, 4/10 - 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 † Living and Deceased Members of the Tym Family

Rosary at 8:15am

**Monday, 4/11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

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

9:00am † All Souls

**Wednesday, 4/13 - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

*Is 50:4-9a / Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34 / Mt 26:14-25*

9:00am † Mary Hentz

**Thursday, 4/14 - Holy Thursday**

*Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15*

6:00pm † Lawrence and Athanasius Nwaru

**Friday, 4/15 - Good Friday**

*Is 52:13-53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42*

6:00pm

**Saturday, 4/16 - Easter Vigil**

*Gn 1:1-2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Is 55:1-11 / Rom 6:3-11*

8:15pm † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru

**Sunday, 4/17 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 OR 1 Cor 5:6b-8*

9:00am † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru

Rosary at 8:15am

*We join the world in prayer for concern for Ukraine and the tragedy befalling the Ukrainian people; we unite in prayer for peace: man with woman, child with adult, Ukrainian with Russian.*



## Dear Parishioners,

## 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 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 fulfillment 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 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). 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 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. 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 that we have 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!”

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 Nazareth. 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? Perhaps, the most hurtful is the betrayal of his closest friends in the passion narrative. 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 rather than God 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





### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*We remember the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, mere days before He was crucified on the cross.*

#### **Holy Thursday - April 14, 6pm Mass**

*We celebrate the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus, and the institution of the Priesthood established 2,000 years ago.*

#### **Good Friday - April 15, 6pm Service with Communion**

*We remember and reflect on the death of Jesus Christ and His great suffering for our sins.*

#### **Easter Vigil - April 16, 8:15pm Mass**

*This most Holy Night cannot start until after dark, in keeping with its liturgical meaning. It is the celebration of the night of the Resurrection of Jesus.*

#### **Easter Sunday - April 17, 9am Mass**

*Alleluia, He is risen! Experience Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist as we celebrate His triumphant victory over death.*

*Musical preludes by our handbell choir, adult choir and instrumentalists will begin at 8:45am on Easter Sunday.*

#### **Holy Week Prayer**

Dear Jesus, in this Holy Week we remember the time from your triumphal entry as a king in Jerusalem to your tragic death like a criminal on Golgotha. In this week, give us the grace to imitate you in our everyday lives.

As you washed the feet of your apostles, help us to serve others without thought of ourselves. As you forgave Peter for his denial of you, help us to forgive those who have wronged us. As your apostles were faced with their own weaknesses, help us know our own limits, and our need for your aid. Most of all, give us the grace to remember that you died for love of us. Amen

Blessed Savior's Charismatic Group will have **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, April 15 at 1:30pm. Enter through the west side door of church. All are welcome.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration - Starting 4/22/2022**

Come and spend some quality time with Jesus. Every Friday, 10:30am - 2:30pm in the Chapel. Use the east church door entrance. You can sign up for a time slot with Gisele Goudiaby Ndour after Mass or contact her at 414-628-7373.



#### **Charismatic Adoration followed by Charismatic Prayer - Starting 4/22/2022**

Every Friday, 6:30pm in the Chapel. Use the west church door entrance.

#### 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, Isabel Atkinson, Jackie Ballering, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Dennis Claas, Rhey Clemente, Anna Emmerich, Catherine Felber, Robin Flynn, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Mike Malloy, Barb Moroder, Ginny Naegele, Wayne Ring, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Joseph Valent, Mary Frances Williams

*Lord Jesus, You 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.

**Good Friday Collection** - Will be taken up for the care and maintenance of Holy Land sites.

**CRS Rice Bowl** - Remember to return your envelope or Rice Bowl box. Make all checks payable to Blessed Savior Parish and write CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line. Thank you for your generous contribution.

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