

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

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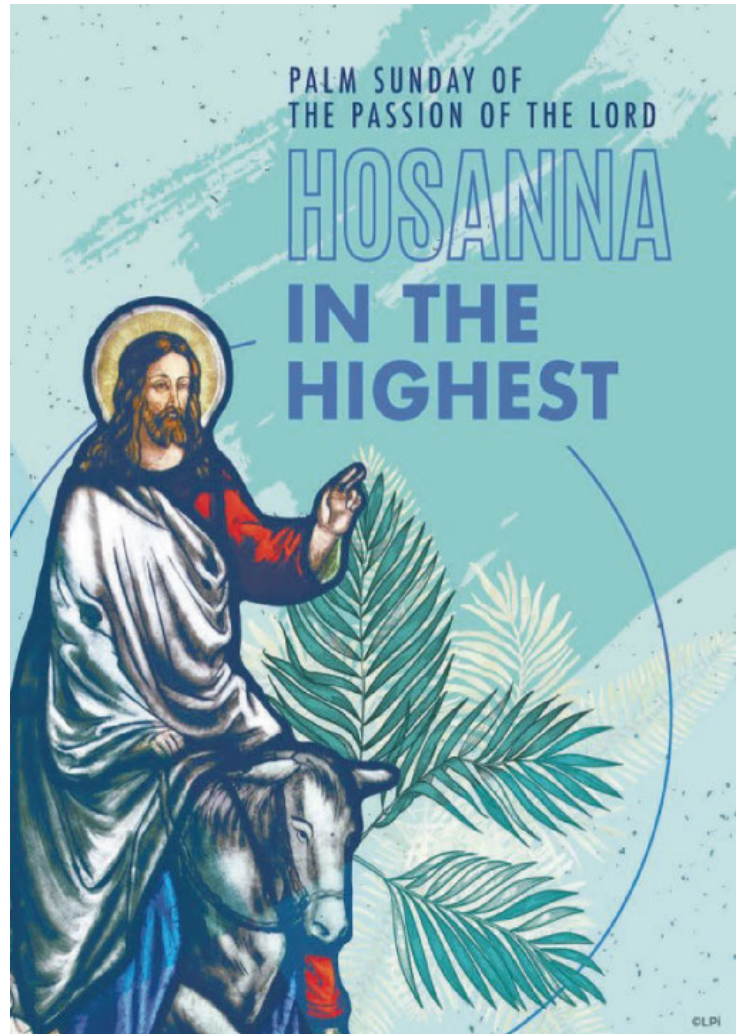
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Mission Statement



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, 4/1 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66 OR 27:11-54***4:00pm** † Marie Grogan**Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary at 3:00pm****Sunday, 4/2 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14-27:66 OR 27:11-54***9:00am** † Milton Hohensee**Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary at 8:15am****Monday, 4/3 - Monday of Holy Week***Is 42:1-7 / Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 / Jn 12:1-11***9:00am** † Lorraine Carter, † Anna Diatta

† Helene Diatta, † Yvon Domingo

† Harold Schwartz

Wednesday, 4/5 - Wednesday of Holy Week*Is 50:4-9a / Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 / Mt 26:14-25***9:00am** Parishioners, both living and deceased**Thursday, 4/6 - Holy Thursday***Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18**(see 1 Cor 10:16) / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15***6:00pm** † Lawrence and Athanasius Nwaru**Friday, 4/7 - Good Friday***Is 52:13-53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25**(Luke 23:46) / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42***6:00pm****Saturday, 4/8 - Easter Vigil***Gn 1:1-2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a / Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) OR Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b) /**Gn 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) / Ex 14:15-15:1 / Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b) /**Is 54:5-14 / Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a) / Is 55:1-11 /**Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3) / Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Ps 19:8, 9,**10, 11 (Jn 6:68c) / Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Ps 42:3, 5;**43:3, 4 (42:2) / Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 /**Mt 28:1-10***8:00pm** † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru**Sunday, 4/9 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***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 Mt 28:1-10***9:00am** † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru**Rosary at 8:15am****Dear Parishioners,****Palm Sunday Reflection:**

This weekend, we join fellow Catholics and other 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 will 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, the prophecies about the Messiah will be finally fulfilled in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ.

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 adversities that lay ahead. With renewed anticipation and determination, we are invited to accompany Jesus on his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday is one of those 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 gospels is proclaimed at the beginning of the entrance procession and separate from the passion narrative. This Sunday, we read from Matthew's gospel where Jesus sends two of his disciples to fetch the tethered ass and colt he would ride for the big entry into Jerusalem. Jesus is portrayed as fully in control. There is no room for negotiations, not even with the animals' owner.

The crowd responded to Jesus' triumphant entry with resounding enthusiasm that underscored his Messianic identity. Tree branches were strewn on his path, not to impede his progress but in honor and adoration. John's gospel is the only gospel that mentions 'palm branches.' The synoptic gospels speak of 'branches' or 'leafy branches.' That detail is important for John since the palm branch is a symbol of triumph and victory in Jewish tradition. Some even laid down their garments for him to walk on. The enthusiastic crowd welcomed Jesus as King, proclaiming: "Hosanna in the highest."

Of course, the irony is not lost on us. Some in the crowd would be among those screaming for his crucifixion in the passion narrative. With friends like these, who needs an enemy! The lesson is that those who put their faith in human beings rather than God are bound to be disappointed.

We participate in the memorial of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with blessed palms. The blessed palms are not to be discarded or thrown into the trash bin. Rather, they are to be kept in a special place in the house, and collected for burning to make ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday or simply buried in the ground. Who says the Church does not promote recycling? Unfortunately, ashes from our burnt palm fronds are not as smooth as those specifically packaged for Ash Wednesday.

*Wishing you a blessed Holy Week!***Fr. Romanus**



*Blessed Savior Parish extends
a warm welcome to
Rosemary Mmekam and her children
Ugonwa Beatrice, Ihienna Helen and
Kosisochukwu Catherine.*

*We are delighted to have you join our parish family.
May you be inspired by the Gospel to live God's mission
with faith, hope and love.*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 1, 4pm Mass with Blessing of Palms
April 2, 9am Mass with Blessing of Palms

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



Holy Thursday

April 6, 6pm Mass. *Adoration in the Chapel after Mass.*

Good Friday

April 7, 6pm Service with Communion

Easter Vigil

April 8, 8pm Mass. *Please, gather outside by the front
church doors.*

Easter Sunday

April 9, 9am Mass. *Easter preludes with handbells at
8:40am.*

Did You Know....

The principle Liturgy of Good Friday includes the
proclamation of the Passion from the Gospel of John, the
veneration of the cross and Holy Communion using hosts
consecrated on Holy Thursday.

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

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Rice Bowl box. Make all checks payable to Blessed
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line. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Annual Mass of Atonement

The annual Mass of Atonement will be held on April 24,
2023, at 6pm at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
(818 Huron Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081). This
Mass is one of the ways that the current leadership of the
Archdiocese publicly atones for the clergy abuse crisis
and scandal. We invite you to join us in support of the
survivors, family members, and communities that have
spoken or unspoken stories of survival and pain. If you
are unable to attend, we would ask that you please
remember all those that suffer from the wounds of abuse
in your prayers for peace, healing, and justice. Please visit
www.archmil.org for more information.

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, David Cheever,
Rhey Clemente, Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn,
Robin Flynn, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,
Rita Hohensee, Mike Hubbard, Mary Anne Janke,
Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King, Karla Klaybor,
Edward Richard John Kurhajetz, Barb Moroder,
Bob Oettinger, Jr., Joe Ratke, Wayne Ring,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Judith Scheible,
Thomas Schmid, Sharon Tym, Eleonore Ulik,
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.**

A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.

Fish Fry - April 7

- St. Bernadette, 4:30-7pm
- St. Sebastian, 4:30-7:30pm



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What I'll do the second day, I have no idea!

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