

# Blessed Savior Catholic Parish

March 28, 2021

## Palm Sunday

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Weekday Masses are suspended for now

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**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 - Suspended for now.

Individual - Call the parish office.

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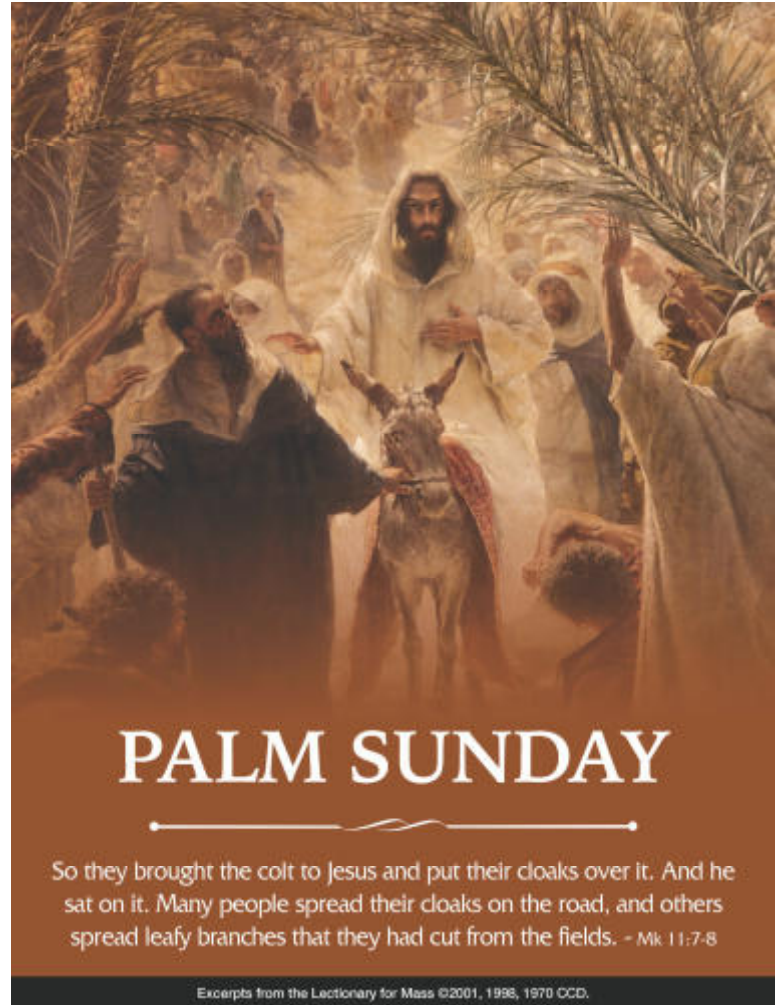
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### Mission Statement



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

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Saturday, 3/27 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*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 14:1-5:47 OR 15:1-39*  
4:00pm Parishioners, both Living and Deceased  
Rosary at 3:15pm

Sunday, 3/28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*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 14:1-5:47 OR 15:1-39*  
9:00am † Hilda Sims, Leontine Coly  
Rosary at 8:15am

Thursday, 4/1 - Holy Thursday

*Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18*  
*[cf. 1 Cor 10:16] / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15*  
6:00pm † Lawrence and Athanasius Nwaru

Friday, 4/2 - 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

Saturday, 4/3 - 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] OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a] / Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Mk 16:1-7*  
8:00pm † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru

Sunday, 4/4 - 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 Mk 16:1-7 OR Lk 24:13-35*  
9:00am † Kevin and Theresa Nwaru

## 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 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 from 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 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

Blessed Savior’s staff and parishioners express our sympathy to Fr. Romanus on the loss of his uncle, **Simeon Emerole**.



Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Anyanwu on the loss of his mother, **Rose Anyanwu**.

*May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn them and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*





Holy Thursday - April 1, 6pm Mass

Good Friday - April 2, 6pm Service

Easter Vigil - April 3, 8pm Mass

Easter Sunday - April 4, 9am Mass  
*Easter preludes with handbells 8:45am*

**PLEASE NOTE**

*Included in today's bulletin is an envelope for Holy Thursday's Mass collection.*

*Good Friday's collection will be taken up for the Holy Land.*

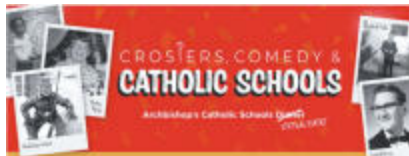
*Remember to return your Rice Bowl box or envelope before Easter.*

The annual Mass of Atonement will be held on April 15, 2021, at 6pm at St. Monica Parish (5681 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay). This Mass is one of the ways that the current leadership of the Archdiocese publicly atones for the clergy abuse crisis and scandal. Mass will be available for in-person attendance and will be live-streamed. 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](http://www.archmil.org) for more information.



**The Archbishop's Catholic Schools Dinner – Virtual Event**

Join in the laughter on Tuesday, April 13, as Archbishop Listecki, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Hying and Cardinal Harvey share stories, with Portia Young attempting to rein them in. The event is FREE, but donations are encouraged for the GIFTS (Grant Initiatives For Today's Students) program. These grants provide innovation in our Catholic Schools for resources needed to enhance student curriculum. Register today at <https://archmil.regfox.com/schoolsevent2021>



**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, Bernetta, Stanley Bruskiwicz, Dennis Claas, Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke, Gertrud Kaegler, Larry Kenny, Amber King, Karla Klaybor, Marie Mirenda, Barb Moroder, Ginny & Donald Naegele, Beth Newton, Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss, 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.

Names remain on the Sick List for 4 weeks and then are given to the Prayer Circle. For names to be removed sooner, call the parish office.

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

Make a gift or pledge to support archdiocesan ministries that support your pastor and parish.

Mail your pledge to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53207. Or, give online at [www.catholicappeal.org](http://www.catholicappeal.org). Thank you!



**St. Bernadette Fish Fry** (8200 W. Denver Ave.)  
Friday, April 2, 4-7pm. Takeout only with curbside pick-up. Included with the fish are coleslaw, fries, rye bread, butter, and tartar sauce. Desserts are available for purchase. Call 414-358-4600 for more information.

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