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March 24, 2024 | VOLUME 54 NUMBER 12 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A photograph of palm fronds against a warm, golden background, with a central orange rectangle containing text.

# HOSANNA!

*Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.



Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### *Walk Every Step with Christ*

*Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.*

*It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.*

*But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.*

*It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.*

*These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.*

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi



## Holy Week / Triduum Schedule

### Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday - March 24, 2024

4:30 vigil, 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses

Procession at 10 a.m. Mass - gather in the plaza

### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26, 2024

Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m. @ St. Joseph Cathedral

Confessions, 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Mass, 6 p.m.

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 p.m.

### Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024

No morning Mass or Confessions

Perpetual Adoration suspended – resumes Tuesday, Apr. 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 p.m. - livestream

With adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 p.m.

### Good Friday - March 29, 2024

Stations of the Cross - 12 noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3 p.m. - livestream

### Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

Easter Vigil - 8 p.m. - livestream

Gather in the plaza for the lighting of the Easter fire

### Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Masses, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. - livestream

No 5 p.m. Mass

~ Please note that the church office will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday, Mar. 29 - Apr. 2. ~

## Still time to support the St. Vincent de Paul Prescription Campaign

The St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy fills life-sustaining prescriptions, providing medicines for high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and many other illnesses to individuals with limited means. Without a doubt, there are people who are alive today because of the good work of the pharmacy and their volunteers and financial supporters. When someone loses their job or insurance, what do they do? Where can they turn? People go to the SVDP pharmacy in desperate need. They are not looking for a hand-out, but desperately needed medicine .... and you can help!

Donation canisters for this year's prescription campaign will be in the back of the church **thru Mar. 24-25**. About \$28.00 will fill a prescription and make a real difference in someone's life. St. Thomas More has always been very generous to this life saving effort - thank you for your generosity!












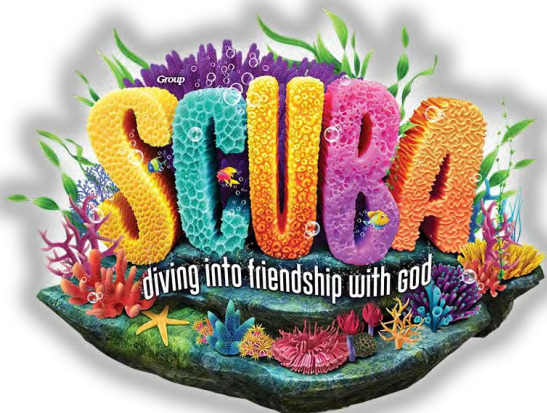
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**Pope Francis**

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What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid.

### WEEKLY READINGS/OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 24

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Ls 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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

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

Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: 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

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

Saturday: *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/Mk 16:1-7  
Next 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 Mk 16:1-7

Observances for the week of March 24

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

*"God never tires of forgiving us;  
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."  
-Pope Francis*

Please keep in mind that the final opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at STM before Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday is **Tuesday, March 26, 5 - 5:45 pm**



### Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets Continues:

Tuesdays: Mar. 26 and Apr. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the church—following 6 p.m. Mass

### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00 p.m. in the church

### FLOWER DONATION

The flowers on the altar next weekend, Mar. 30-31, are donated in memory of Andrew and Matthew Littlefield as requested by Debbie and Gary Littlefield.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Mar. 26 - 6 p.m.:** Billy Roberts , Ronnie Gauthier Jr., Michelle Rodriguez, Agnes Sillinger; Special Intention: Wayne Guelfo  
(No intentions on Holy Thursday and Good Friday)

**Saturday, Mar. 30 - 8:00 p.m.:** All Deceased Members of STM

**Sunday, Mar. 31 - 8 a.m.:** All Deceased Members of STM; **10 a.m.:** All Deceased Members of STM; **5 p.m.:** **No Mass**

### SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Andrew Littlefield the week of Mar. 24 as requested by Debbie and Gary Littlefield.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Barry Sanders the week of Mar. 24 as requested by family.

### PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers these seriously ill persons: **Laurie Bolanos, Becky Cline, Diane Green, Tina Koon, John Mike Golmon, Kayleigh Mims, Hunter Pecoraro, John Pecoraro, Jr., Jim O' Rourke, Bob Sanchez, Marci Ferracci Sells, Dianne Tollett, Loressa Watts**

To add a name to the prayer list, contact Elise Moran in the church office (225.275.3940, [morane@stmbr.org](mailto:morane@stmbr.org)).

### PRAYER LINE

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225-978-1246 (leave your name and phone number if there, is no answer), or send a request by email to [prayerline@stmbr.org](mailto:prayerline@stmbr.org).

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Tuesday: 6:00 pm, and Thursday: 8:45 am  
WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil  
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm

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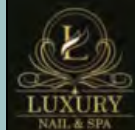
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