

Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (detail), Lorenzetti, Pietro, c. 1320, Fresco, Lower Church, San Francesco, Assisi, Italy



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DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Sat. 9 AM, Wed. 6:45 AM THE ROSARY: Mon.-Sat. 8:40 AM

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICE: Mon.-Sat. 8 AM H HOLY DAY MASSES: 9 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM

LATIN MASSES: Tues. 9 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon.-Sat. 9:30 AM, Wed. 7:05-7:15 AM and 7:05-7:50 PM, Sat. 3-3:30 PM, Sun. 7-7:30 AM and 9-9:30 AM

ADORATION: Wed. 9:30 AM-8 PM

HOLY HOUR: Wed. 7-8 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fri. 9:30 AM

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Please register for your** baptism at www.stceciliacincinnati.org under the Sacraments

tab. You can also select your class dates there.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARGARET-ST. JOHN: Mon.-Fri. 11:45 AM, Sat. 3 PM, Sun. 9 & 11 AM

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANTHONY:

Sun. 8:30 & 11:30 AM

MONDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 AM Communion Service H

Special Intentions of Fatima Prayer Group by A Friend 9:00 AM H

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27** 

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Intentions of St. Cecilia Families

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28** 

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8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Intentions of Bonnie Peterson by Barbara & Jim Momper

9:30 AM Eucharist Adoration (9:30 AM-2 PM)

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

S 7:00 PM Helen & Anthony J. Brueneman Jr. Off Mary Sue Brueneman

8:30 PM - Midnight Evening Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 (Friday of the Passion of the Lord)

8:00 AM Communion Service

1:30 PM Service of Passion Reading, Veneration of the Cross, and

 $\mathbf{Z}$ Stations of the Cross

Seven Last Words Tenebrae Service H 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 (Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)

9:00 AM Morning Prayer Z

Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 PM

(Please note that there is no 4:00 PM Mass)

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection S of the Lord)

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Cecilia Families 10:00 AM Paul Wellage Off Ron & Lorna Case

12 NOON For the People



MARRIAGE BANNS I – Matthew Vail & Ashley Hemm



### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the start of Passion Week. This is a very significant week, as it depicts the last week of Christ's life as man. On Palm Sunday, we reflect on the day Jesus entered the city to celebrate Passover. The crowd spread their palm branches down for him as he entered triumphantly. They shouted, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

When we begin our Mass on Palm Sunday, we start with blessing the palms and then we process in with them. The Passion is read as a very powerful Gospel reading to prepare us for Holy Week. This is a time to reflect on Jesus' agony. To ponder what he went through for us, and then to prepare us for his glorious resurrection.

If you haven't had a chance to go to confession yet, we will hear confessions after daily Mass on Monday through Wednesday and after Morning Prayers on Thursday through Saturday. We will also hear them after Holy Thursday Mass, after Good Friday service and on Saturday at 3:00 PM.

It would be wonderful to see parishioners attend the Holy Week Masses and Services.

Amen? Amen!

**During the HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF** THE LORD'S SUPPER, all will be invited to process to the sanctuary to present your CRS Rice Bowl offerings.

> You can make an Easter flower donation "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a family member or friend. Please use the envelopes provided in your offertory envelope packet or in the church pews. Your remembrance allows us to provide a beautiful floral presentation for Easter Sunday and the season following.

### ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26-APRIL 1

#### **MONDAY 9 AM**

M. Simon (Acolyte 1) J. Brown (Acolyte 2)

### **TUESDAY 9 AM**

J. Escobar (Acolyte 1) B. Krietemeyer (Acolyte 2)

### **WEDNESDAY 9 AM**

E. Garcia (Acolyte 1)

### **HOLY THURSDAY 7 PM**

Servers (Assigned sheets in sacristy)

### FRIDAY 1:30 PM

Servers (Assigned sheets in sacristy)

### **HOLY SATURDAY 8:30 PM**

Servers & Others (Assigned sheets in sacristy)

### **EASTER SUNDAY 8 AM**

J. Keller (Crucifer)

### **EASTER SUNDAY 10 AM**

Servers (Assigned sheets in sacristy)

### EASTER SUNDAY NOON

Servers (Assigned sheets in

sacristy)

# HOLY WEEK 2018

### PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 25

1 PM Pray the Steps at Holy Cross-Immaculata Church

### **TUESDAY - MARCH 26**

Chrism Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

### WEDNESDAY – MARCH 27

9:30 AM-2 PM Adoration

### **HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28**

9 AM Morning Prayer with Confessions Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 PM Confessions following the Mass

Eucharist reserved for prayer until midnight

### **GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29**

9 AM Morning Prayer with Confessions 1:30 PM Passion Reading, Veneration of the Cross,

Communion and Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM Confessions

Seven Last Words, a choral meditation on 7 PM

the Passion of Christ

### **HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30**

9 AM Morning Prayer with Confessions

3 PM Confessions 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

> Reception follows in the cafeteria to welcome the newly initiated catechumens and candidates

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1** 

8 AM, 10 AM, & Noon Masses

## EASTSIDE FAITH



**Be a man.** What it means to be a true Christian man in today's society. The 2018 **Catholic Men's Conference** on April 28 at The Taft Theatre

With keynote speaker Bas Rutten, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, Father Mitch Pacwa, Father Larry Richards, and Coach Gerry Faust.

Visit CincinnatiMensConference.com for more info and to purchase tickets.











# A Gospel Reflection

by Father Jason Williams

MARK 11:1-10

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

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is one of the Gospel passages most familiar to us. The fact that we celebrate it in such a special way each year helps to leave a better impression of the scene in our memory — and in our hearts.

We see Jesus well aware of the situation. He gives very specific instructions to his disciples, and all comes to pass as he had said. In organizing his entry into the city he could have made a huge spectacle of the thing, yet he is content with riding on a donkey while some of the bystanders sing psalms.

Two aspects of Jesus' personality are very clear in this episode: his freedom and willingness to do the Father's will and his humility. The two are related. He wants to do the Father's will — even when it's difficult — because he knows that everything he has comes from the Father. He trusts that what the Father wants is best for him because he knows that all that the Father does is motivated by the purest of love.

The Father loves each of us the same way. What better evidence do we have of that than the example Jesus set for us in the events he underwent this week: giving himself fully in the Eucharist, laying down his life on the Cross to redeem us from our sinfulness, and resting in the hope of the resurrection. He gives everything for love of us; what more can I still give for love of Him?

# Young Adult Mass & Brunch April 8 – Saint Cecilia 10 AM Mass

Followed by brunch at Teller's of Hyde Park. Join us!

# Crebo (I Believe) "Not My Will, but Yours Be Done"

The week that begins with Palm Sunday contains what are sometimes called the "High Holy Days" of Christianity. They are called this because they commemorate the last days of the life of Jesus as he goes from the Last Supper to the tomb and contain the most sacred moments of Christian history.

While there are many aspects of this week that we can look at, our focus in this reflection is on the Garden of Gethsemane. After the Last Supper, Jesus goes to the Garden to pray and prepare for what lies ahead. Knowing that he will be facing incredible suffering, he prays to the Father, asking that if it is possible that the "cup" he must drink could pass.

In these moments, we see Jesus, the man. He is fearful and anxious, even to the point of sweating blood. Yet, he unites his human will — which dreads the coming events — with his Father's and is able to not just passively acquiesce to his Passion but embrace it. He doesn't deny his pain, but unites it to the Father in an act of perfect love.

The lesson is clear for us. We all are called to love God and do the Father's will, even when it is difficult. But love involves sacrifice — dying to self and making sacrifices for the ones we love. Indeed, love demands that we sometimes do things we don't want to do to serve the good of others. We can use the example of Christ in the Garden to accept our crosses as well.

# Pensamientos Evangélicos

Señor Jesús, mientras caminas hacia la Cruz por amor a mí, ayúdame a seguirte con igual amor y humildad.

"Lord Jesus, as you walk to the Cross for love of me, help me to follow you with equal love and humility."

# RCIA: Meet Your Catechumens & Candidates



JENNIFER SULLIVAN **Favorite Bible Verse:** "Love

Favorite Bible Verse: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and

endures all things." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 **Favorite Saint:** St. Catherine of Alexandria

Why Do You Want to Become Catholic: I have been around Catholicism my whole life, whether it be school or youth groups, so I feel very connected to the faith but not able to partake in the Eucharist and other traditions because I have not yet been baptized. I am excited to officially join the community and be able to fully enjoy all aspects and graces of Christ and His Church.



## THE CHRISM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 7PM ST. PETER IN CHAINS CATHEDRAL

# Prayer for Blessed Palms in the Home

Father, Your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem as the people waved palms in His honor.

May we bless Him as Our King and give Him all glory and praise, for He has shown us mighty works and is the Prince of Peace, who has come to set His people free. We pray in His name. Amen.



### Banquet for Life

Pregnancy Center East will be hosting our Banquet For Life the evening of **Thursday, April 19**, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. The keynote speaker is **Michelle Malkin**, political commentator and best-selling author. This fundraising dinner supports the Center's mission to offer women life-giving alter-

natives to abortion. Follow-up care includes single-parent support, material assistance, mentoring and post-abortion healing. Chastity education is provided for local Catholic schools. Tickets are \$75 each for adults, and \$50 each for guests under 21 years of age. For reservation information, call 513-321-3100, or go online at www.SupportPCE.com.

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# SEVEN LAST WORDS

TENEBRAE SERVICE AT ST. CECILIA CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY-MARCH 30 AT 7 PM

A meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross with scripture and musical settings by Frank, Gounod, DuBois, Bach and Pergolesi sung by the St. Cecilia Choir and soloists.







PURCELL MARIAN: Recently, our principal, Mike Goedde, and teacher Sarah Germano visited the students and alumni of St. Cecilia at Purcell Marian High School (photo 1). + SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR: Jenna Osborn, a parent of one of our students at St. Cecilia, did a wonderful presentation for our 5th graders. She is part of the Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (photo 2). Thank you, Jenna. + BREAKFAST WITH THE SEMINARIANS: A few weeks ago, Archbishop Schnurr and Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Vocations Director of Cincinnati, met with seven of the eight college seminarians for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for a meal and to catch up with them (photo 3). We are so blessed to have these men discerning the priesthood. + PINTS WITH PRIESTS: Fr. Jason did a great job talking about the Precepts of the Church at Oakley Wines last Wednesday (photo 4). One of the questions led him to talk about his call to the priesthood, which the young adults found very interesting. + THANK-YOU CARDS: It was so nice that the 8th-grade students mailed a handwritten thank-you note (photo 5) to each of the guests who came to support their Washington, DC, fundraiser dinner. Each student was assigned a table to serve and take care of during the dinner. They were coached on how to converse and serve their guests. I've heard so many compliments about their wonderful manners and how they were so observant to make sure water glasses were filled and any other needs were taken care of.

We pray for God's healing grace for Jay Cahill. Contact Barb Browarsky at the parish office, (513) 871-5757, ext. 202, with Mass and

# During Holy Week, there will

be a bare wooden cross standing outside the Madison Road church entrance. This is a reminder of Christ's suffering and death. On Easter morning, that cross will be

transformed into a living, flowering cross—a sign of life and the new beginnings that come with Christ's Resurrection.

You are invited to help bring this barren cross to life by placing a flower on it Easter morning. Flowers will be available near the cross outside the front of church.

### St. Cecilia at Easter

As we conclude the season of Lent by reflecting on our prayers, fasting and alms giving, please consider a special Easter donation to St. Cecilia. Our budget includes a substantial Easter collection to help maintain the parish buildings, serve the community and continue to build the Kingdom of God in Oakley. We ask for your continued generosity to help meet our budgeted expenses. Your special offering can be made online (stceciliacincinnati.org) as well as regular offertory giving. Your gifts are always greatly appreciated.

# sanctuary devotional candle intention requests.

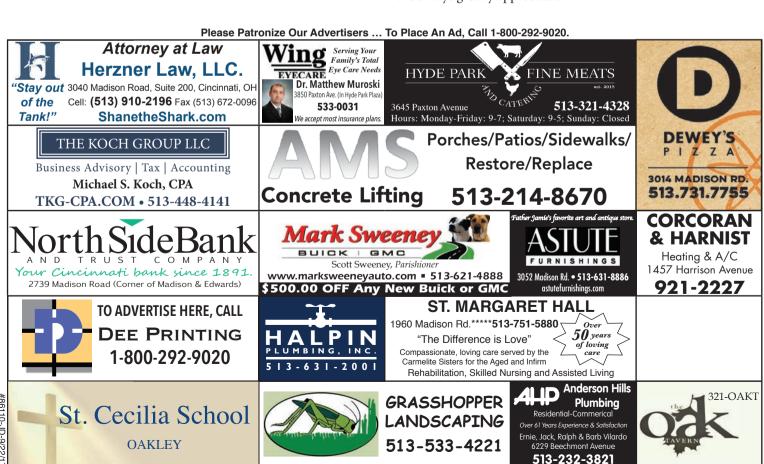
Prayer Intentions for the Week

### Fast and Abstinence Guidelines for Holy Week

- · Persons ages 14 and up are to abstain from eating meat on Good Friday.
- · Persons ages 18-59 are to fast on Good Friday. When fasting, you are allowed one full meal a day. Two other light meals are permitted, but eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids are allowed at any time.
- · If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.



Save the date for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8, for kids ages 6 and younger in the side church yard. This is strictly BYOBbring your own basket!



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