

**SAINT  
MARY**



**CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

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### Sunday Readings:

Matthew 21: 1-11 † Psalm II † Isaiah 50: 4-7 † Philipeans 2: 6-1 †

Matthew 26: 14-27

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## Parish News

## Worship

<p align="center"><u>Triduum &amp; Easter</u></p> <p>Due to health precautions Usual Triduum-Easter Liturgies must be celebrated <b>Privately</b>, ... sadly, without the Faithful in Church.</p> <p>You are urged to participate by Viewing live broadcasts from our Cathedral (St. Gabriel) or Rome (EWTN)</p>	<b>Masses</b>		
	<p>Saturday ***</p>	<p>April 4</p>	<p>Palm Sunday</p>
<p>The special penance service <b>"Park &amp; Penance"</b> Intended for Holy Saturday is <b>CANCELLED</b></p> <p>See Guidance for Spiritual Examination in this Bulletin</p> <p><b>Be Heathy * Be Holy * Be Home</b></p>	<p>Sunday ***</p>	<p>April 5</p>	<p>Palm Sunday</p>
	<p>Private Mass</p>	<p>Parish Joseph Viola</p>	
	<p>Monday</p>	<p>April 6</p>	
	<p>Private Mass (No Novena)</p>	<p>Madelyn Newlon</p>	
	<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>April 7</p>	
	<p>Private Mass</p>	<p>Matthew McGee</p>	
	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>April 8</p>	
	<p>Private Mass</p>	<p>COVID-19 Victims and Defenders</p>	
	<p>Holy Thursday</p>	<p>April 9</p>	
	<p>Private Mass</p>	<p>Priests</p>	
	<p>Good Friday</p>	<p>April 10</p>	
	<p>No Mass</p>	<p>***</p>	
	<p>Holy Saturday</p>	<p>April 11</p>	
	<p>No Mass</p>	<p>***</p>	
	<p>Sunday</p>	<p>April 12</p>	<p>Easter Sunday</p>
	<p>Private Mass</p>	<p>Parish</p>	

### Preparation of Heart in anticipation of Sacramental Reconciliation

If you didn't make a Sacramental Confession during Lent (nor done so in a while) then you should do so ASAP. Until the Sacrament is available:

- Make a good Examination of Conscience - call to mind and examine the wrongs you did and the goods you failed to do. Make a list.
- Pray for those you have offended or failed to assist.
- True Sorrow - Express sorrow for your sins in prayer and make a firm intention to make a Sacramental Confession ASAP.
- Make an Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen (Our younger Catholics learned a version with simpler phrasing.)
- Say an Our Father and thank God for his Mercy, especially regarding your sins.

### Good Friday at Home

Please plan to watch one of the "live" Stations of the Cross YouTube programs found by a search for "Stations of the Cross". I recommend the Catholic Online "Stations of the Cross HD – TV Version". Watch it on Good Friday ... with the family.

**PRAY THE ROSARY EACH DAY**

## **We're in this Together!**

### A "Homilette" Palm Sunday

On this Sunday we usually hear the first two narrative Gospel readings of the *Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*. Year A gives us the account from Matthew's Gospel ... please read it for yourself and your family: Matthew 26:14 --- 27:66. The Old Testament reading is one we may miss in the pew on Palm Sunday ... Isaiah 50:4:

*The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear;*

In this when our usual means of communication are suddenly disrupted, we've been given new means of staying in touch and practicing solidarity among ourselves and with our neighbors. We have a *well-trained "tongue"*. When we may grow *weary* there are words to *rouse us* and the Lord "*opens our ears that we may hear.*"

There's cause for thanksgiving for the technologies of Email, our Parish website ([www.groveportstmary.org](http://www.groveportstmary.org)) and the vast array of Internet "links" to wonderful spiritual resources. This Bulletin relies, not on handing a paper to you at Mass, but instead to your reception via these technologies of our well-trained tongue ... and we're working to make this tongue more well-trained! While we're not yet able to gather for public worship, we're still members of Christ's Body and we're all in this together.

## **COVID-19 : A Prayer of Solidarity**

from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

- ♦For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.
- ♦For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.
- ♦For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
- ♦For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
- ♦For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
- ♦For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
- ♦For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.
- ♦For public officials and decision-makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.
- ♦Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
- ♦Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

# REFLECTING on the GOSPEL as a Family

Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020

This Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus’ Passion and death. Your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during this Holy Week.

## Read the Gospel and Color

## Puzzle

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



## Mission for the Week

Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.

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## Make Holy Week Special



Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church’s liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word *holy* refers to anything that is set apart for God’s purposes. Holy Week is *holy* precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Take advantage of the traditions of your denomination for celebrating Holy Week. Take steps to indicate that this is not life as usual, but a special time set apart. Do that through what you eat, what you do in the evenings, what you talk about, and what you do upon waking and going to sleep. For example, you might set aside an evening to read the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Help your child understand how Holy Week is special by explaining what the symbols and readings mean to you.

If you know of Easter and Holy Week traditions from your ethnic heritage, introduce them to your children. Many families decorate eggs—symbols of the Resurrection. Scripture is filled with meaningful symbols—like light shining forth in the darkness that cannot overcome it—and those words speak volumes directly to your child’s heart. The story of Jesus’ suffering and Death are at the heart of Christian faith. They are at the heart of our very existence and meaning. It’s easy to be too busy or too distracted to recognize this. But we deprive our children of life and meaning when we do so.

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus’ triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

Here are some helpful resources for your Holy Week. Make it a Holy week!

### Devotions for Holy Week

[Litany of the Sacred Passion](#)

[The Last Seven Words](#)

[Stations of the Cross for Children Loyola Press](#)

[The Passion of the Lord](#)

### 3-Minute Retreats

[In the Name of the Lord](#)

[The Lords Supper](#)

[Easter Vigil](#)

Prayer Resources For Use During the CoronaVirus (Irish Catholic Bishops Confence:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/03/16/prayer-resources-for-use-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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