



OUR LADY  
OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL

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PALM SUNDAY



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## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure.

## NOTICE

There is no daily Mass on Tuesday, April 4,  
no 9am or 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday, April 8, and  
no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Please view the full calendar below for details.

## CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS HOLY WEEK 2023

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

#### FIRST SATURDAY

9:00am - Ann Marco  
5:00pm - † Susan DeVolder

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

#### PALM SUNDAY

9:00am - Annette Lefebvre  
11:30am - † Vincent Wade  
(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo  
5:00pm - † George Klemick

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:30am - † The Holy Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

**No Mass.**  
*Chrism Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral - 4:30pm*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00am - † Thomas Mansfield

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

#### HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm - **MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7

#### GOOD FRIDAY

12 NOON - Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm - The Passion of the Lord  
4:30 pm - Live Stations of the Cross  
(Español) 6:30pm - The Passion of the Lord

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

#### HOLY SATURDAY

12 NOON - Blessing of the  
Easter Baskets  
8:15pm - **EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
† Maria de Jesus Aguayo

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

#### EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am - Matthew LeFaivre  
9:30am - † James DelPapa  
11:30am - Pro Populo  
(Español) 1:30pm - Pro Populo

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Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 4pm

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## THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

is to invite and lead all people to know and love Jesus Christ and to live their Catholic faith through word, sacrament, community, evangelization and service.



# PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

A 14-day  
CHURCH SANCTUARY  
CANDLE  
will burn  
for the return to faith of  
all fallen away Catholics

A 14-day  
CHAPEL SANCTUARY  
CANDLE  
will burn  
for the intentions  
of Dennis & Linda  
Redoblado

## Pro-Life Corner

Pray for all those you know who are pregnant, struggling to get pregnant or waiting to adopt a baby. Also remember to pray for the women who are considering an abortion and pray that their hearts may be changed as they consider the life God created within them.



## HOLY FACE DEVOTION

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners in the **Fallon Center Lounge** each **Tuesday evening** promptly at **6:15** to pray for 30 minutes the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.

For more info, contact Mary Hobbs:  
[maryhobbs@gmail.com](mailto:maryhobbs@gmail.com)

## The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Lourdes has a morning group and an evening group. We meet **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Fallon Center and **Tuesday at 7pm** in the Fallon Center.



We pray the rosary as part of the daily Tessera and participate in parish work such as visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, pilgrim virgin statue rotations, and meeting other spiritual needs of our parish community. Please feel free to show up and sit in at a meeting (no appointment necessary) and learn more about the largest catholic lay apostolate to see if we are for you!

For more information, please contact Regina Fioto at 919-521-1195 or email [ourladyraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyraleigh@gmail.com).

## MASS ATTENDANCE Weekend of March 26

5pm Saturday: 216  
9am Sunday: 547  
11:30am Sunday: 301  
1:30pm Sunday: 333  
5pm Sunday: 187

**TOTAL: 1,584**

The Easter Season is a beautiful time to become more active in the parish.

**All women of the parish are invited to attend the next Altar Guild meeting** and discover the many opportunities the Altar guild provides for women to get involved in parish life. Whether you are looking for a more active role in the parish or simply want to spend time with other dynamic Catholic women please join the members of the Altar Guild on **Thursday April 13 @ 11:15 AM in the Fallon Center**.  
Lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Lisa Dunham at [ldunham4@icloud.com](mailto:ldunham4@icloud.com) or call the parish office, 919-861-4600

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL OLL IN ACTION

Our OLL SVdP Conference was recently able to assist a Neighbor. Our Neighbor has two children; a young boy and a daughter with complex and special medical needs. Due to an injury, she was unable to work for several months. Because she could not work, all her utilities became past due which totaled nearly \$1,000. We were able to partner with the SVdP Conference at Saint Francis of Assisi and pay her utilities and avoid, water, electricity and gas cutoff.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor. **It is possible to support the SVdP OLL Conference via the Spring of Hope envelopes.**

We are seeking additional volunteers to visit with Neighbors who are suffering to bring them comfort and peace. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tom Nolan at: [ollstvincentdepaul@gmail.com](mailto:ollstvincentdepaul@gmail.com)


Please Pray for  
our Sick &  
Suffering

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ALLISEN SCHULT

NANCY & RICHARD STREETER  
NANCY URBEN



“COULD YOU NOT  
WATCH ONE HOUR  
WITH ME?”

*MATTHEW 26:40*

## HOLY FAMILY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

“BEHOLD, THE HOUR IS AT HAND, AND THE SON OF MAN SHALL BE  
BETRAYED INTO THE HANDS OF SINNERS.”

*MATTHEW 26:45*

Our Lord will be reposed from 5:30pm on Thursday, April 6  
until 6pm on Easter Sunday, April 9.





# The Paschal Triduum

**T**HE TRIDUUM is to the whole of the liturgical year what Sunday is to the week: it is a holy period—indeed the holiest period—and makes present, in a real and temporal way, the mystery of Jesus' passion and death before His glorious resurrection.

It is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, reaches its greatest height in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. It is not merely a sequence of days, but is itself a prayer of final preparation wherein we enter into the redemption of humanity and the salvation of the world made present in the Resurrection of our Lord.

On these days we are able to walk with our God in the real passage of time, to remember the hour of His Last Supper, His Agony, to witness the Scourging and Crowning with thorns, to follow the Stations of the Cross to the summit of Golgotha on which He was crucified, to stand in sorrow and mourning with His Mother at His death, to go with Him to the tomb, and thereafter grieve His going away from this world, His absence from the tabernacles, in bereaved silence—all over a period of days, and all so that we might more perfectly participate in the magnificent joy of His Resurrection, when He is returned to us as victor over the jaws of death.

That horror which punished Adam—death—is made the means of our greatest joy; but it still is a horror, being a product of sin, inflicted upon One who could never deserve it, and therefore worthy of great remorse and sorrow, for it is our iniquity that has caused it.

Let us enter prayerfully into the coming Holy Week in preparation for Christ's rising from the dead. Let His Passion prepare us, also, for the inescapable suffering in our own lives, that we might always unite it to that of He who perished for our salvation, and thereby obtain some piece of the glory of His Resurrection in the eternity that follows.





## NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY AT DRAKE CIRCLE

**Begins on Good Friday, April 7  
1:00 —1:30 pm**

**Continues through April 8— April 15  
3:00 —3:15 pm**

**at “A Woman’s Choice of Raleigh”  
3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh**



You are invited to pray the Novena of the Divine Mercy at “A Woman’s Choice of Raleigh,” 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh—our present-day Calvary, here in America.

### **We will pray:**

- In atonement
- For conversion
- For an end to abortion



### **Please come to pray outside the abortuary at the indicated times.**

If you cannot come to the abortuary to pray, try to observe the 3 o’clock hour of mercy wherever you are.

The Feast of Divine Mercy concludes the Novena on Sunday, April 16. Look for a church in your area that is hosting a Divine Mercy celebration.

*“At three o’clock, implore my mercy... This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world.”*

*“By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls.”*



**Our prayerful presence  
outside of the abortion  
facility is legal.**



# Pilgrimages with Fr. Pat Keane

[www.pilgrimages.com/frkeane](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frkeane)



## Italy - \$6,004

July 10 -23, 2023 - Only 6 slots left

Take in Rome (with its iconic sites, fountains, and four Major Basilicas), and attend the Papal Audience with the Holy Father. Walk in the footsteps of St. Padre Pio and St. Francis of Assisi. Not to mention time to view the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. From Assisi, you will make your way to Florence - recognized as the "Cradle of the Renaissance". Visit the marvelous Churches, buildings, and museums that make it so unique, as well as the historical relics and artistic masterpieces by the greatest masters! And to finish with Venice - the "City Paved in Water", famous for its Basilica, palazzi, ancient bridges, monuments, and piazzas!

## Medjugorje & Dubrovnik - \$3,014

October 26 - November 6, 2023

Join Fr. Patrick Keane on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik. Spend a week in the peaceful Medjugorje which is site of the 1981 Marian Apparitions. The Holy sites of Medjugorje including Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain, St. James Parish, and the Risen Christ statue have been visited by 40 million people. You may do Medjugorje only, or continue with two (2) days in the stunning "Pearl of the Adriatic", Dubrovnik.

### TRIPS INCLUDE...

- † Round-trip airfare
- † Airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- † Centrally located first class hotel
- † Transfers as per itinerary
- † Tour escort throughout
- † Breakfast & Dinner daily
- † Wine with dinners
- † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- † Daily Mass & spiritual activities

...and more; see individual trip listings





JOIN US FOR AN

# EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

PLEASE BRING

10 FILLED EGGS PER CHILD

BRING EGGS (PLAYROOM): 9:30 A.M.

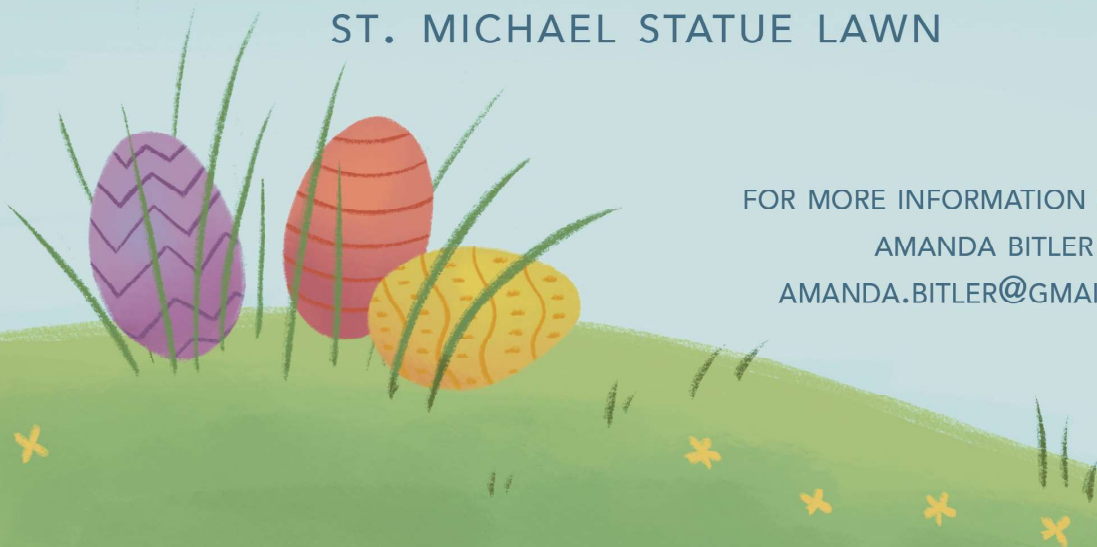
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ST. MICHAEL STATUE LAWN

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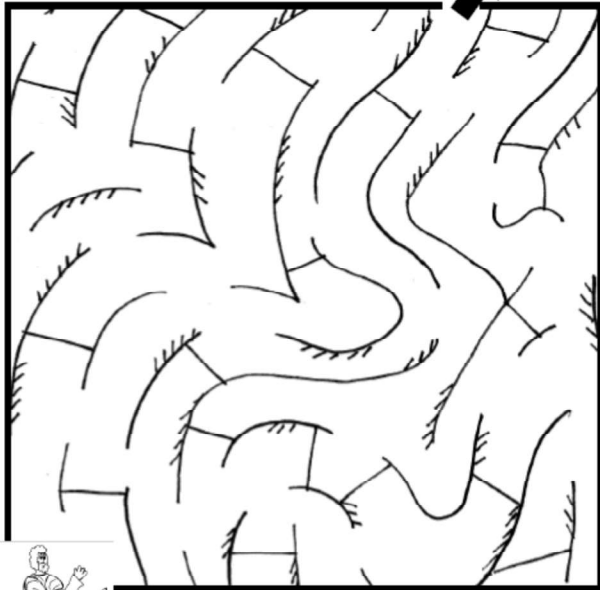
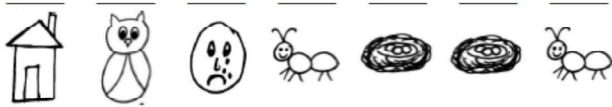
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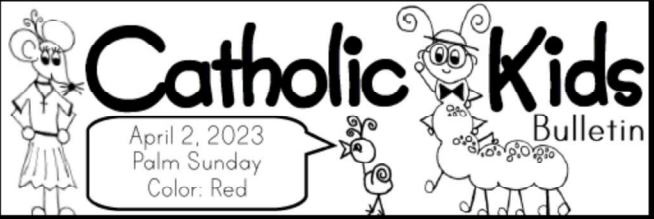


# Palm Sunday

Write the beginning letter of each word to see what people said when they saw Jesus in Jerusalem.



Palm Sunday



April 2, 2023  
Palm Sunday  
Color: Red

PWALKJMYPGODKOWMYPAK

PEOKMEOWKAOJSEI

PGODPWLEKWHYPD















My God,  
my God, why  
have you  
abandoned  
me?

PHAVEOYOUABANDONEDKWOES

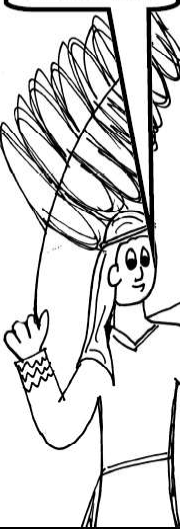


Did you get a palm branch at the beginning of Mass today? Hold your palm quietly during Mass, then take it home and keep it in a special place at your house.


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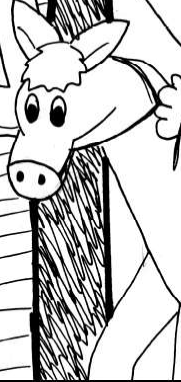
Hosanna!




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







## Gospel



The priest is going to read a Gospel story at the beginning of Mass today. In the story, Jesus is going into Jerusalem. He is riding on a colt as people wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means, "Hooray!"



CHAPTER VI.  
THE BLOODY SWEAT AND AGONY  
SUFFERED BY JESUS IN THE GARDEN

**B**ehold, our most loving Savior, having come to the Garden of Gethsemani, did of his own accord make a beginning of his bitter Passion by giving full liberty to the passions of fear, of weariness, and of sorrow to come and afflict him with all their torments: *He began to fear, and to be heavy, to grow sorrowful, and to be sad.*

He began, then, first to feel the great fear of death, and of the sufferings he would have soon to endure. *He began to fear*; but how? Was it not he himself that had offered himself spontaneously to endure all these torments? He was offered because He willed it. Was it not he who had so much desired this hour of his Passion, and who had said shortly before, *With desire have I desired to eat this Pasch with you?* And yet how is it that he was seized with such a fear of death, that he even prayed his Father to deliver him from it? *My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me.* The Venerable Bede answers this, and says, “He prays that the chalice may pass from him, in order to show that he was truly man.” He, our loving Savior, chose indeed to die for us in order by his death to prove to us the love he bore for us; but in order that men might not suppose that he had assumed a fantastic body (as some heretics have blasphemously asserted,) or that by virtue of his divinity he had died without suffering any pain, He therefore made this prayer to his heavenly Father, not indeed with a view of being heard, but to give us to understand that he died as man, and afflicted with a great fear of death and of the sufferings which should accompany his death.

O most amiable Jesus! Thou wouldst, then, take upon Thee our fearfulness in order to give us Thy courage in suffering the trials of life. Oh, be Thou forever blessed for Thy great mercy and love! Oh, may all our hearts love Thee as much as Thou desirest, and as much as Thou deservest! Oh, what anguish united to this weariness must Jesus Christ have felt at the horrible representation which then came before his mind, of all the torments, both exterior and interior, which, during the short remainder of his life, were so cruelly to afflict his body and his blessed soul! Then did all the sufferings he was to endure pass distinctly before his eyes, as well as all the insults that he should endure from the Jews and from the Romans; all the injustice of which the judges of his cause would be guilty towards him; and, above all, he had before him the vision of that death and desolation which he should have to endure, forsaken by all, by men and by God, in the midst of the sea of sufferings and contempt. And this it was that caused him so heavy grief that he was obliged to pray for consolation to his eternal Father. O my Jesus! I compassionate Thee, I thank Thee, and I love Thee.

*And there appeared to him an angel . . . Strengthening Him.* Strength came but, says the Venerable Bede, this rather increased than lightened his sufferings: “Strength did not diminish, but increased his sorrow.” Yes, for the angel strengthened him, that he might suffer still more for the love of men and the glory of his Father.

Oh, what sufferings did not this first combat bring Thee, my beloved Lord! During the progress of Thy Passions, the scourges, the thorns, the nails, came one after the other to torment Thee. But in the garden all the sufferings of Thy whole Passion assaulted Thee all together and tormented Thee. And Thou didst accept all for my sake and my good.

*O my God! How much I regret not having loved Thee in times past, and having preferred my own accursed pleasures to Thy will! I detest them now above every evil, and repent of them with my whole heart. O my Jesus! Forgive me.*



## CHAPTER XIV. JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

**A**s soon as Jesus arrived on Calvary, oppressed with pain and fatigue, they gave him to drink wine mixed with gall, which was ordinarily given to persons condemned to the death of the cross, in order to diminish their sensibility to pain. But because Jesus wished to die without comfort, he tasted, but would not drink it. The people therefore formed a circle round Jesus; the soldiers took off his garments, which, because they were fastened to his wounded and mangled body, took with them pieces of flesh. They then threw him on the cross. Jesus stretched out his sacred hands, offered to the Eternal Father the sacrifice of himself, and prayed him to accept it for our salvation.

Behold they took the nails and hammers, and piercing the hands and feet of the Savior, they fastened him to the cross. The noise of the hammers resounded through the mountains, and was heard by Mary, who followed her Son, and had already arrived at the place of execution. O sacred hands, which by your touch have healed so many invalids, why are you now pierced on this cross? O sacred feet, so often wearied in seeking after lost sheep, why are you now transfixed with nails? Why do you suffer so intense a pain? When a nerve is punctured, the pain is so acute that it causes the swoons and spasms of death. How great, then, must have been the pain which Jesus suffered when his hands and feet—parts of the body which are full of bones and nerves—were pierced with the nails?

O my sweet Savior, how dearly has my salvation, and Thy desire of gaining the love of me, a miserable worm, cost Thee! And I have so often ungratefully refused Thee my love, and have turned my back upon Thee.

Behold the cross is raised along with Jesus Christ who is fastened to it, and is let fall with violence into the hole prepared for it. It is then made fast in its place, and Jesus, nailed to it, hangs between two thieves, there to leave his life. This Isaias had foretold: *He was reputed with the wicked.* To the cross was affixed a paper, on which was written: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. The priests wanted Pilate to change the title, but he refused. God wished that all should know that the Jews put to death their true King and Messiah, whom they themselves had so long expected and sighed for.

Jesus on the cross! Behold the proof of the love of a God. Behold the last appearance of the incarnate Word on earth. The first was in a stable: the last is on a cross: both display his love and infinite charity for men. Contemplating one day the love of Jesus in dying for us, St. Francis of Paul, wrapt in ecstasy and raised in the air, exclaimed three times, in a loud voice: “O God, charity! O God, charity! O God, charity!” By these exclamations the Lord wished, through the saint, to teach us that we shall never be able to comprehend the infinite love which this God has shown us in condescending to suffer such torments and to die for our salvation. My soul, approach with a humbled and penitent heart that cross; kiss the altar on which thy loving Lord dies. Place thyself under his feet, that his divine blood may flow upon thee, and say to the Eternal Father (but in a sense different from that which the Jews intended,) *His blood be upon us.* O Lord, may this blood descend on us, and wash us from our sins: this blood does not demand vengeance from Thee, as did the blood of Abel, but implores of Thee for us mercy and pardon.

O God, how great the torture of our dying Savior on the cross! Every member suffers pains; one cannot assist another, for the hands and feet are fastened with nails. Alas! In every moment he suffers the pangs of death, so that it may be said that during the three hours of his agony, Jesus suffered as many deaths as he was moments on the cross. On that bed of pain, our afflicted Lord had not a moment of comfort or repose, He had at one time to rest on his hands, and at another on his feet; but wheresoever he rested, his sufferings were increased. In a word, that sacred body was suspended on his very wounds, so that the pierced hands and feet had to sustain the weight of the entire body.

O my dear Redeemer, if I look at Thy body I see nothing but wounds and blood, if I look at Thy heart; I behold it overwhelmed with affliction and desolation. I read on this cross that Thou art king, but what badges of royalty does Thou wear? I see no other throne than a gibbet of infamy; I see no other purple than Thy flesh covered with blood and wounds; no other crown than this wreath of thorns which continues to torture Thee. Ah, all exhibit Thee as a king, not of majesty, but of love: the cross, the blood, the nails, the crown, are all so many proofs of love.

*O wounds of my Jesus, O blessed furnaces of love! Receive me, that I may burn not in the fire of hell, as I have deserved, but with the holy flames of love for that God who has condescended to die consumed by torments for my salvation.*