

St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Eufaula, Oklahoma
April 13th 2025



WEEKLY COLLECTION
April 6th:
Week 40

Envelopes:	\$	600.00
Loose Checks:	\$	295.00
Loose Cash:	\$	354.00
Donuts:	\$	6.00
Mass Intentions:	\$	20.00
Building & Maint:	\$	55.00
Total:	\$	1,330.00
YTD Budget:	\$	64,000.00
YTD Actual:	\$	60,354.28

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Eucharistic Ministers:

April	Easter...	May
Debbie Kelley	Debbie Kelley	Karen Ketchum
	Karen Ketchum	Beverly Stokes
	Jerry Russmann	Dennis Danduran

Birthdays

APRIL 14th: Kristina Carrico
APRIL 17th: Bill Simpson

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – [Isaiah 50:4-7](#): The prophet's unwavering faith in God's help and faithfulness in times of struggle, even in the face of opposition and ridicule, and his determination to continue proclaiming God's message despite the challenges he faced.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 22](#): Psalm 22 is a lamentation that expresses feelings of abandonment, isolation, and despair, yet also includes expressions of trust and hope in God's deliverance and salvation. It is a powerful prayer that resonates with many who have experienced deep suffering and pain.

Second Reading – [Philippians 2:6-11](#): This reading highlights the humility and obedience of Jesus in his sacrifice for humanity, emphasizing his willingness to empty himself and become a servant, ultimately submitting to death on the cross. The passage calls for believers to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, recognizing him as Lord and King of all.

Gospel – [Luke 22:1-23:56](#): The events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, including the Last Supper, his arrest, trial, and eventual crucifixion. The passage highlights the shame and suffering associated with this form of execution, as well as the magnitude of Jesus' love for humanity.

Catholic Prayer Corner:

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is a day when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His Passion.

- **Jesus as King:** Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of a humble king. The people welcome Him with shouts of joy, recognizing His kingship.
- **Obedience to God's Will:** In Philippians, Paul writes about Jesus humbling Himself and becoming obedient to death. This shows Jesus' commitment to God's plan.
- **Suffering Servant:** The reading from Isaiah describes a servant who suffers and does not turn away from insults. This points to Jesus' suffering and His acceptance of it.
- **Betrayal and Loyalty:** The Gospel of Luke recounts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. These stories remind us of human weakness and the importance of loyalty to Jesus.
- **The Passion of Christ:** The Gospel reading details Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. It highlights the suffering He endured for our salvation.
- **Salvation Through Jesus:** Philippians speaks of Jesus being exalted by God and given the name above all names. This shows that through His suffering and resurrection, Jesus offers salvation to all.

Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday) invites us to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. It reminds us of His love, sacrifice, and the salvation He offers.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: 6:00 pm Mass in Krebs

Good Friday: 3:00 pm in Eufaula

Holy Saturday: 8:30 pm Mass in Krebs

Easter Sunday: 8:30 am Mass in Eufaula

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Pray for ...

The Sick:

Creekmore family, Vernon Marion, Gary Asher, Bill Hatfield, Beverly Stokes, Tracey Abercrombie, Vera Haver, Terri Morgan, Pam Mitchell, Carlee Eaton, Charlotte Gibson, Keaton Petrone, Elizabeth Hudson, Stan Shade, Jess and Bonnie Phelps, Donna Baldwin, Brady Thornton, Brittany Cagle, C.R. Ramsey, Marianne Determan, Mason & Gunner Anthamatten, Dan Remington, Wyatt Alexander, Alicia Pope, Keirla and Raiden Bennett, Cody Simon, Sonny Fulton, Betty Kelsoe, Patty Webster

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS, BREAKFAST ITEMS, AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Beverly Stokes
Billy Haltom
Karen Willoby
Karen Ketchum
Randal Galbraith

Symbolism of the Palm Sunday Service

In the actions and object proper to today's liturgy the Church displays a rich symbolism, one deserving our special attention. The procession, for instance, is more than a mere memory; for in it we are actually accompanying Christ here and now. How is that true? Because Christ is present in three ways; firstly, in mere symbol, on the Cross which heads the procession; secondly, in His representative the priest; thirdly, in all of us as a community gathered together in His name. We are the Church of this place; and Christ, according to His promise, is in the midst of us.

But also this procession looks to the future. Christ, in His redemptive work, passed from this world into heaven, which is called the New Jerusalem. If our church stands for the earthly Jerusalem of old, it stands also for the New Jerusalem of heaven. When Christ comes again at the end of the world, He will lead our risen bodies, now joined to their souls, into heaven. And so, as we enter now with Christ's representative, the priest, we should think of the day when we hope to enter heaven itself with Christ our King. Our procession is a kind of rehearsal, in a symbolic way, of our final passover on the Last Day.

Now let us turn our minds from the future to the past. Christ and His followers entered Jerusalem, just as we now enter this church. But why did He go to Jerusalem? Was it to be crowned there as King? Not at all. He went there to suffer and die for our sakes, and to win through all His terrible passion and death to His resurrection.

Our salvation depends on following Him; we must die with Him if ever we are to rise with Him. And therefore in the official prayer of the Mass, which the priest lays before God as our spokesman, we ask that "with the lesson of His endurance before us, we may be found worthy to have fellowship in His resurrection." How earnestly we should add our Amen to that prayer.

And at the end of it all we take our palms home, and reverently place them behind our crucifix; and we would do well to use the palms of all the members of our family, placing them in the living room, the kitchen, the bedrooms, the garden — in any place where we pass our time — that they may remain there throughout the year. Why should we do that? Because at the end of the procession the priest says this prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Redeemer, we have carried these branches and sung solemn praises in Thy honor. Graciously let Thy grace and blessing rest wherever these branches are brought; with the power of Thy right hand defeat every evil influence and deception of the devil while granting Thy protection to those whom Thou hast redeemed; who are living and reigning with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen."

The palms are not instruments of magic; they are not like superstitious amulets supposed to possess any power or virtue of their own; but they are the visible signs of the powerful prayer of God's Church which calls down the blessing of God upon all the places where they are put. We who have faith in the Church should have faith in her prayers, and make use of their power to our sanctification and protection.

—From Preparing for Easter by Clifford Howell



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Mass Schedule:

Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Holy Days at 12 Noon

Confession before Mass or by Appointment

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8:30 am Mass 4th Sunday of Lent	31	1	2 Stations 5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm Soup	3	4	5
6 8:30 am Mass 5th Sunday of Lent	7	8	9 Stations 5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm Soup	10	11 10:00 am Food Bank	12
13 8:30 am Mass Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 6:00 pm Mass Holy Thursday at Krebs	18 3:00 pm Good Friday Service	19 8:30 pm Mass Holy Saturday at Krebs
20 8:30 am Mass Easter Sunday	21	22	23 9:00 am Mass	24	25	26
27 8:30 am Mass 2nd Sunday of Easter	28	29	30 9:00 am Mass	1	2	3