



Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Palm Sunday, we turn our eyes and open our hearts to contemplate the heart of our faith: Christ died and rose again in glory so we could know the fullness of his love – now and forever.

God's incomprehensible love for us entered the world as a tiny, vulnerable infant and grew into a man who fearlessly, humbly, and selflessly accepted God's plan for him.

It is difficult to hear the story of what Jesus endured and even imagine the pain and degradation he felt. The Gospel of Luke shows the violence of our Lord's ordeal, using words such as *contemptuous, sneered, jeered, flogged, and crucified*. The people who had lauded him as he entered Jerusalem because of the miracles he performed and the healing he provided became the raucous, spitting crowd who screamed crucify him! and insulted him as he dragged himself to Calvary.

Christ's courage and resolve are more than heroic, for he knows who he is and what his mission is. He is God made man sent to show us the depth of God's love for humanity. He sets his face *like flint*, trusting that his Father will sustain him through the pain and suffering, even death on a cross. He sacrifices himself in this ultimate act of love, to show us that nothing is greater than the love of our Father. In his suffering and sacrifice, Jesus shows us that the ultimate act of love is forgiveness.

Faced with this unfathomable love, how do we respond? The reading from Philipians, one of the earliest Christian hymns, tells us:

*Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.*

We respond to Christ's suffering and death by imitating him. We are to remember who we are and what our mission is: We are children of God destined to live life to the fullest. We are his disciples called to spread the Good News of his love and mercy. In this Holy Week, we can reflect on what this means for our lives. It may mean putting the needs of others before our own, or being more welcoming to those we don't know well. It may mean emptying ourselves of pride or resentment to heal broken

relationships, including forgiving others, even if we have suffered because of their actions. And it definitely means being humbly obedient to God, trusting that he will sustain us in the sacrifices we make and the actions we take to share his love with others.

In the coming week, let us walk with Christ each day to grow in our ability to imitate him in love and humility. And as we prepare to celebrate the love of God for us manifested in the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, we pray for the grace that will strengthen and sustain us on that walk.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Marco

Events Calendar	April 11 — April 17	
Mon: 1:00 pm	Church Decorating	
Tues: 7:00 pm	Penance Service	
	7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study
Thurs: 9:00 am	Morning Prayer and Confessions	
	1:00 pm	Church Decorating
	7:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	After Mass until Midnight:	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri: 9:00 am	Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions	
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)
	7:00 pm	Service of the Lord's Passion
Sat: 9:00 am	Morning Prayer and Confessions	
	1:00 pm	Church Decorating
	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil

**MASS INTENTIONS** may be requested at the parish office during regular office hours (M—F, 8 am—4 pm) in person or by phone (301-863-8144 x11), or by e-mailing [julian@ihmrcc.org](mailto:julian@ihmrcc.org). Your desired date may not be available. We now have the ability to accept Mass intention stipends online (but only **after** the date has been accepted by the office).

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** Did you know our very own Immaculate Heart of Mary offers you the opportunity to participate in Perpetual Adoration? Some may ask "What is Perpetual Adoration?" Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members unite in the adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament with the goal of adoring The Blessed Sacrament perpetually (24 hours a day). If you are interested, please call our adoration coordinator, Jeff Harmon, at 240-538-5017 or email [adoration@ihmrcc.org](mailto:adoration@ihmrcc.org) for more information.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



April 11 — April 17

<b>Monday</b>	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>George Walter Thompson, Jr. (L)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Chan Family (L)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Rev. Michal Sajnog (L)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17- 18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56
<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

There are Ministry Booklets available on the table in the main foyer. Here's a spotlight on two of our ministries:

**At the Well** – Provide support and encouragement for people who are divorced or separated. There are 12 once-a-week evening meetings, and a monthly meeting for prayer and fellowship. Coordinators: Judith and Wayne Gwyn, [atthewell@ihmrcc.org](mailto:atthewell@ihmrcc.org)

**Eucharistic Minister to Chesapeake Shores** - Bring the Eucharist one Sunday a month to Catholics at Chesapeake Shores. Be prepared to offer prayers. Starts at about 9:45 on Sunday and takes about an hour. Must have the skills of an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, and learn prayers and routine from the coordinator. Coordinator – Tim Brosnihan 240-538-8996 [timbrosnihan@aol.com](mailto:timbrosnihan@aol.com)

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm. Any child who has received First Communion is encouraged to learn how to serve Our Lord as an Altar Server!

**DECORATING FOR EASTER SEASON** Schedule for decorating the hall, church and foyer for the Easter Season. Help needed:

Monday, April 11th at 1:00pm - decorations need to be brought down from the attic, ect. (Climbing up and down stairs)

Thursday, April 14th at 1:00pm - preparing the hall and making ribbons, preparing for window sills, ect.  
Saturday, April 16th at 10:00am decorating begins until completed.

Saturday, April 16th at 1 pm—Preparing the sanctuary decorations.

Any questions call Millie at 301-863-8144. Thank you for taking time to help us decorate for the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

**FORMED** To sign up to Formed, the premier site to access Catholic Media online, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and press “sign up” and then “sign up as a parishioner”. Type in the ZIP code of the parish “20653”, follow the directions to create an account, and then enjoy!

**ALTAR FLOWERS/SANCTUARY CANDLES** If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candles in memory or for special intentions of a loved one, please call the Parish Office or email at [cindy@ihmrcc.org](mailto:cindy@ihmrcc.org).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### THE SICK

#### THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Louise Shafer, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Bill Wagoner, Vincent Campanella, Joseph Hugh Weiland, Rylee Corliss, Rose Marie Weiland, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell, Marie C. Williams, Jim Hoffman, Kaylee Klier, David Kalil, Wanda Slate, Jim Brown, Enedina Melendez

*Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting [bulletin@ihmrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@ihmrcc.org), or call the Parish Office.*

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Follow us on



# APRIL 9 & 10, 2022

**MEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION** on Monday, April 11 at 7 pm at St. Cecilia's. Nothing makes us more like our Lord than carrying His Cross. How should we respond to the crosses of our everyday lives that invite us to be united to His redemptive passion? This month's talk, "Power of the Cross," given by Fr. Larry Swink. Evening includes Adoration, talk, Confessions and Healing prayers.

**WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION** on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm at St. Celilia's. Do you wonder sometimes if you are not praying the right way? What does it mean to pray like Jesus did with His Father in the Garden? This month's talk, "Going to the Garden in Prayer," given by Fr. Larry Swink. Evening includes Adoration, talk, Confessions (6PM), and Healing prayers.

**EASTER SUNRISE MASS** All are welcome to join Father Wyble from Holy Angels Catholic Church for Easter Sunrise Mass on Coltons Point. This Mass will be celebrated overlooking the beautiful St. Clements Island and will begin at 6:10am with an expected sunrise at 6:28am. Don't miss out on this beautiful opportunity. Chairs are provided, parking is available behind the St. Clements Island Museum. If you need additional information, feel free to contact Holy Angels Rectory at 301-769-3332.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES: POSITIONS AVAILABLE** Catholic Charities' Angel's Watch Emergency Shelter in Waldorf is looking for both full time and part time employees for Program Assistants, Receptionist, and Social Work Manager. These positions must be applied for on the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington website, under 'career opportunities.' The website will have a summary of each position as well as a description of essential duties and responsibilities.

**SUMMER CAMPS AT RYKEN** St. Mary's Ryken offers summer camps conveniently located in the heart of Leonardtown. The beautiful waterfront location on the St. Mary's Ryken campus allows us to offer a variety of indoor and outdoor camps for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. New Camps in 2022: Eating your way your science, Hiking (local parks in SMC) and Kickball! Camps begin in June 20 and run through July 28. Visit [www.smrhs.org/SummerKnights](http://www.smrhs.org/SummerKnights) to sign up today!

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Please email your submission to [bulletin@ihmrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@ihmrcc.org) by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES PAISH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH TEAM** Parish leaders are invited to join the Catholic Charities Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Team. Come and save lives! The team brings helpful and lifesaving information to parish groups to raise awareness about domestic violence and community resources that can help families suffering abuse. Using provided curriculum and monthly training by zoom, volunteers offer short presentations to parish groups virtually or in-person during September and October each year. Catholic Charities staff and trained volunteers assist presentations. For more information contact [Laura.YeomansDV@CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.YeomansDV@CC-DC.org).

**SUMMER FUN!** High School and Middle School Via Christi Youth Group Camping Trip, July 25-28 at Rocky Gap Maryland State Park with Fr. Larry Swink! Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Sailing, Kayaking, Volleyball, Swimming, Hiking, and more! Only \$25. Space is limited so register ASAP before May 4 with Cookie Pontzer, [cookiepontzer@gmail.com](mailto:cookiepontzer@gmail.com) or 301-672-0075.

**HEALING PRAYER SERVICE** St. Mary's in Bryantown is hosting a Healing Prayer Service at 3pm on Divine Mercy Sunday April 24 with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction and opportunities to receive prayers for healing.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** On Saturday, April 30 from 9 am until 2 pm at Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. To sign up visit [WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG) then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner. You can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). After registering for your donation appointment, use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." To learn more, visit [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass).

**IHM CRAFTERS** IHM crafters, as part of our 75th Anniversary celebration we would like to raffle off some of your creations throughout the year. The funds will be used to help with this year's anniversary celebration costs. If you are interested in donating, contact Dennis DeCarlo (301-863-5133, [decarlodp@verizon.net](mailto:decarlodp@verizon.net)) or Anne Krech (301-373-6106, [kamp-krech@md.metrocast.net](mailto:kamp-krech@md.metrocast.net))



If you or someone you know is inquiring about the Catholic faith, please let them know to email our RCIA coordinator at [RCIA@ihmrcc.org](mailto:RCIA@ihmrcc.org).

April 10, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

## **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

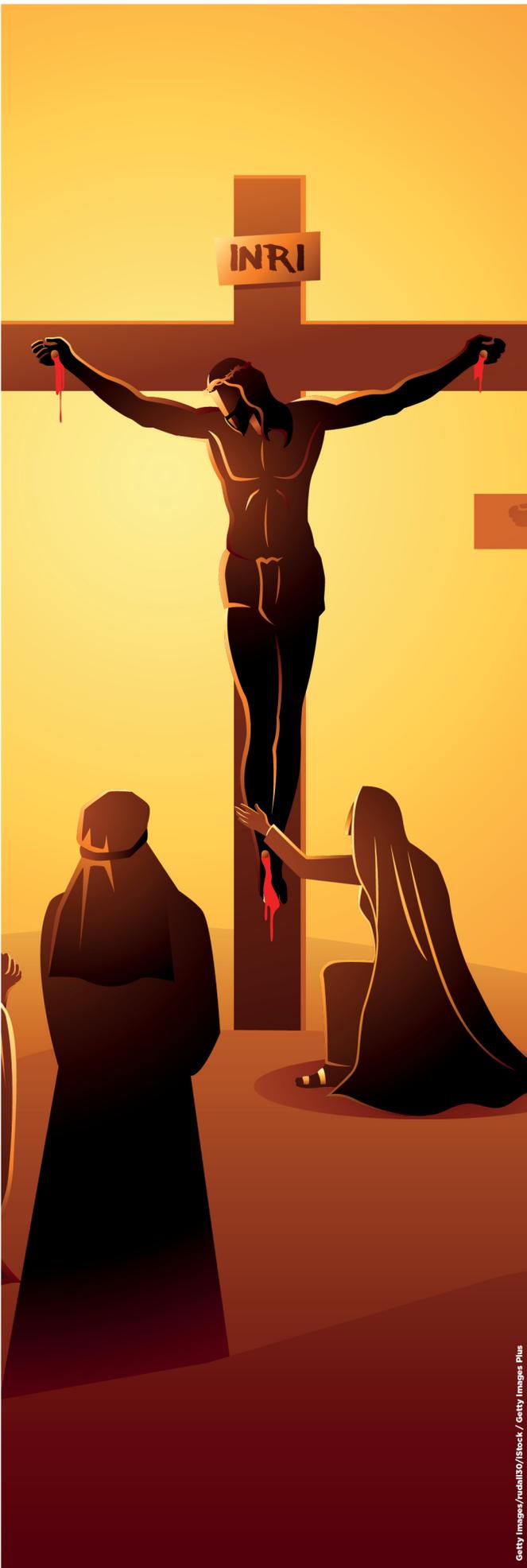
Palm Sunday can seem like a study in contrasts. We hear the jubilant account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then we listen to the Passion narrative, reminded that Jesus' kingship bears little resemblance to royalty as we perceive it. He will suffer and he will die. As Paul describes it, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." Jesus tries to explain this to the disciples, who don't fully grasp the events about to take place, instead quarreling over who would be the greatest. Yet even in this chaos of misunderstanding, Jesus continues to teach them, promising that those who stand by him in his trials will join him in the kingdom of heaven. There are certainly times when we fail to fully perceive and understand all that the Lord is teaching us, or why we are undergoing certain trials and difficulties. As we enter into Holy Week, we can ask Jesus to help us understand the meaning of the cross in our own lives, using this time to reflect on the meaning of his sacrifice for each of us.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

As we listen to the Passion narrative, we hear Peter betray Jesus, the soldiers jeer at him, and a passer-by being told to carry Christ's cross. Only Luke's account describes the two criminals, one of whom demanded that Jesus "save yourself and us." The second criminal rebukes him, asking Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." After Jesus dies, the centurion glorifies God, a good man takes him down from the cross, the women prepare his body for burial. As we enter Holy Week, we will have time to reflect on Jesus' last days, but also on the individuals in the crowd the day he died. How did they react? How would we have reacted? What can we learn from the women who stayed beside Jesus, the criminal who looked beyond his own pain and sin to see Jesus as Messiah, and even Peter in his initial betrayal? During the week ahead, we can also make an effort to attend each liturgy of the Triduum, using this time to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter.

**PRAYER** Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.



**IHM COOKBOOK: RECIPES NEEDED!** As part of our 75th Anniversary celebration, we are putting together a parish cookbook. If you would like to contribute recipes, there are two ways to do so: online or in paper. In either case, please submit your recipe(s) as soon as possible, and in no case later than May 5.

*Online Submissions:* <https://www.typensave.com/> using username IHM75cb and password pickle907.

*On Paper:* please submit to parish office (typed or block letters preferred, please include your name and contact information in case we have questions). You can bring it in, mail it in, or drop it in a collection basket.

For all submissions, please note the following tips to avoid confusion and make sure we have a consistent format.

*Recipe Writing Tips:*

Only 1 ingredient per line.

List ingredients in order used.

Include container sizes, e.g. (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.

Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.

Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g. "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like "Combine first three ingredients."

Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking and/or freezing times.

Use the following standard abbreviations:

**c.** cup(s), **tsp.** teaspoon(s), **T.** tablespoon(s), **lb.** pound, **lbs.** pounds, **oz.** ounce(s), **sm.** small, **med.** medium, **lg.** large, **approx.** approximately, **pkg.** package, **pkgs.** packages, **pt.** pint(s), **qt.** quart(s), **gal.** gallon(s), **env.** envelope, **ctn.** container(s) / carton(s), **opt.** optional, **g.** gram(s), **mg** milligram(s), **No. 2** number 2 can, **doz.** dozen, **L.** liter(s), **reg.** regular

More information about the cookbook will be given shortly.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF IHM** Our food pantry provides food to those who need assistance. We'd like to have you help us bag groceries from the food in our food pantry for our clients, or to pick up food from grocery stores in our area that donate to us. We do this throughout the week, excluding weekends. We have meetings just once a month. If you'd like to volunteer in our food pantry, please call 301-863-8193 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 am, which is when the pantry is open. Leave your name and number and we will work to get you started as soon as you'd like.

**MASS IN THE PARKING LOT** As a reminder, during IHM's weekend Masses we have in-parking lot options available. While parked at IHM, if you tune to 99.7 FM you can hear the Mass broadcast live. If you park in the second, smaller parking lot, we will bring out Communion at the appropriate time.



**ALMOST IMMACULATE IHM THRIFT STORE** is in need of help! Please stop by the store during operating hours to check out what we do. Then, if you want to help, please contact Deacon Mike 240-542-8369. We are located in the Kerr House (white building at the street entrance). The thrift store is open Fridays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donations (no clothing) accepted during those hours. The thrift shop supports the food pantry and our local community, so stop by and see what

**IHM MEN'S GROUP** Join us every Saturday morning, 7-8:30AM in the Large Classroom for Fellowship and Spiritual Growth. Each week we preview the scripture readings for the coming weekend and then watch and discuss a video. Currently we are viewing Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" Series. Upcoming episodes include, "Word Made Flesh, True Bread from Heaven", "A vast Company of Witnesses", and "The Fire of His Love". For more information contact Mark Baysinger (240-925-2677 or nbay9@hotmail.com).



**IHM MUSIC MINISTRY** If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with the parish, there is a place for you in this ministry! Please call Mary at 240-434-8876 (leave a message!).

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND DINNER AND AUCTION** Join us for a whimsical night of fun and festivity celebrating the beautiful community of St. John's School on Saturday, April 30, at 6 pm in the Monsignor Harris Center. It will be an event not to be missed! You will enjoy an evening of delicious food and competitive bidding that sponsors the early education of the children at St. John's School. Come and bid on many live and silent auction items to take home your special prize. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Your ticket price includes dinner and an auction paddle. Beer, wine and top shelf drinks will be available throughout the evening for purchase. Everyone must be 21 or older to attend! Doors open at 5:30PM. Opportunities for sponsorship are still available. Purchase your tickets online and contact us at <https://auctria.com/auction/SJS2022>