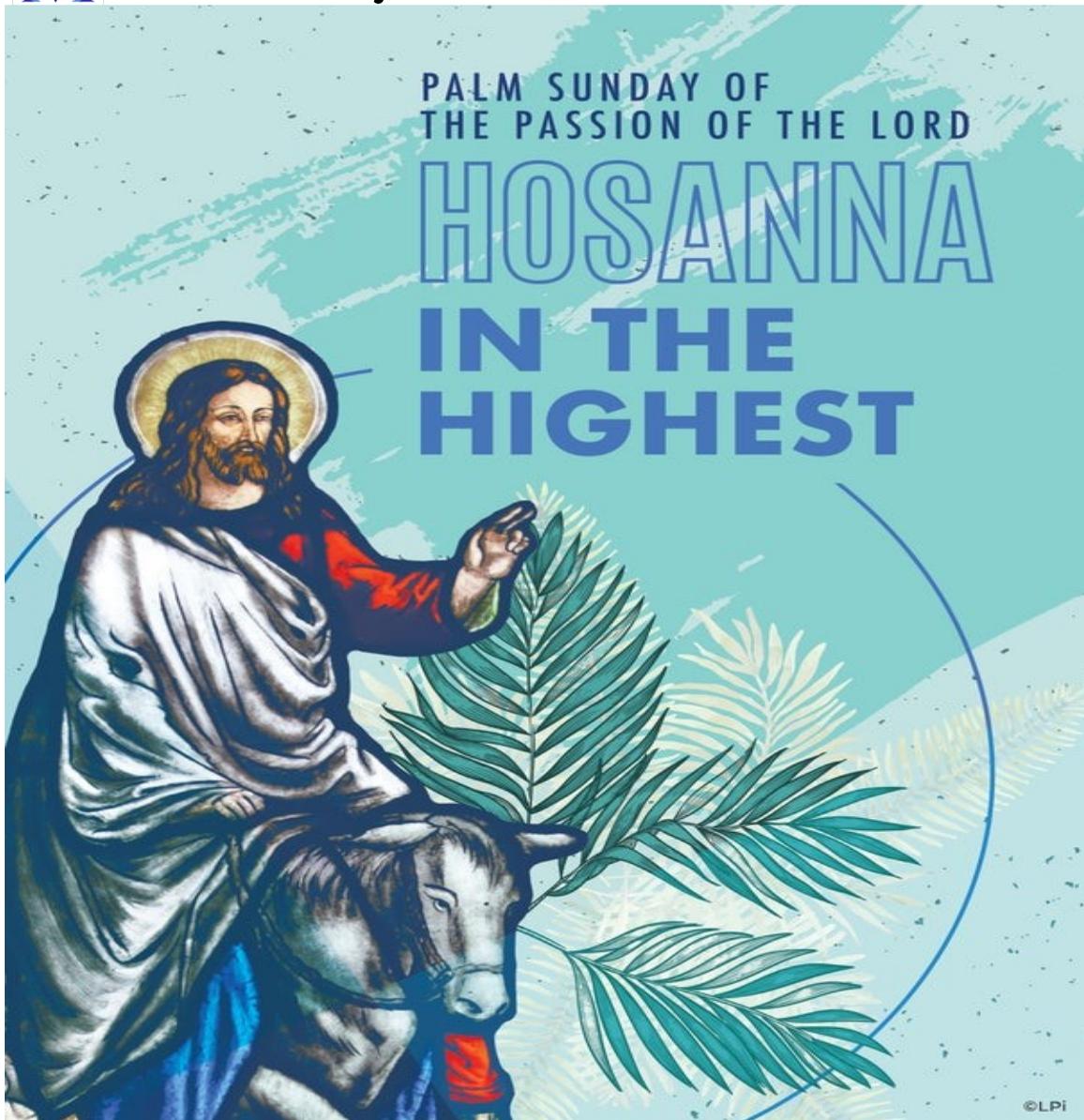




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Mass Schedule and Intentions

4/9: Malta 4:00 P.M. Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Knights of Columbus

4/10: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 AM: Nancy Dahl r/b Julie & Gary Howell

Saco - 12:30 PM: Helen DePuydt r/b Terry Hunder

4/11: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Ethal Hoover & Family r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

4/12: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Julie & Gary Howell

4/13: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Special Intentions r/b Lana Fortin

4/14: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM: Repose of Jerry Depute r/b Kathy & Paul VanHoudt

4/14: Holy Thursday Mass—6:30 PM: Repose of Ruth & Richard Taylor r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

4/15: Malta—12:00 PM—Good Friday Service: Cleo Phillips r/b Maynard & Mary LaFond

4/16: Easter Vigil—7:30 PM: Repose of Elenore Emond r/b Maynard & Mary LaFond

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.

Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

4/10: Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

4/11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr; Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalms 27:1-3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

4/12: Tuesday in Holy Week; Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalms 71:1-6, 15 & 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38

4/13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr; Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25;

4/14: Holy Thursday; Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

4/15: Good Friday; Tax Day; Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

4/16: Holy Saturday; Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31; Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24, 35; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalms 16:5, 8-11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Psalms 19:8-11; Ezekiel 36:16-18-28; Psalms 51:12-18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Luke 24:1-12

4/17: Easter Sunday; Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 or, Luke 24:13-35

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco—12:30 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Zayden Mathh, Tana Mount, , Lesley Robinson, Lana Pekovich, Myrtle Hould, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Lew McNamara, Ray Shores, Jerry Depute, Eleanor Emond, Helen DePuydt, Lydia Abrahamson, Selma Sticha, Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one

Everyday Stewardship

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

“My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?”

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest

moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

God's truth is his wisdom, which commands the whole created order and governs the world. [33] God, who alone made heaven and earth, can alone impart true knowledge of every created thing in relation to himself. CCC 216

Pope Francis' Intention

Health Care Workers

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

Fr. Felix

Palm Sunday-2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, in the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapters 40-55, there are four short passages that are known by scholars as the Songs of the Suffering Servant. Today's first reading is the third Servant Song. These four songs are about a mysterious figure whose suffering brings about a benefit for the people. Jesus saw aspects of His own life and mission accomplished in the Servant Songs and the Church refers to them in this time of solemn meditation on the climax of Jesus' life.

The Second Reading of today is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of Who Jesus is and how His mission saves us from sin and death. It is a message that St. Paul received from those who had been converted to Christ. "Jesus was Divine from all eternity. But he didn't cling to that. Rather He emptied Himself and became human, even unto death by crucifixion. So, God highly exalted Him, giving Him the highest title in the universe." We, by reading this passage today, are joining

the first people who ever pondered the meaning of Jesus' life and mission.

The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception which Jesus received from His admirers, who paraded with Him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. Two-and-a-half million people were normally present to celebrate the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus permitted such a royal procession for two reasons: 1) to reveal to the general public that He was the promised Messiah, and 2) to fulfill the prophecies of Zechariah (9:9) and Zephaniah (3:16-19): "Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion.... see now your King comes to you; He is victorious, triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey..." In the second part of today's Gospel, we are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like: Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience, Herod who ridiculed Jesus and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

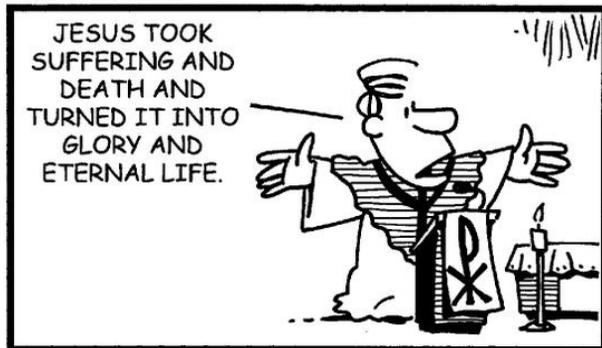
Today, with the beginning of Holy week, we focus on the heart of the mystery of Salvation. It is the mystery of dying and rising, the mystery of humiliation and exaltation.

death and resurrection we, ourselves, experience a great liberation, a 'Passover' from various forms of sin and enslavement to a life of joy and freedom, Amen.

Let us pray in this holy mass for the grace that, by identifying ourselves with the 'mystery' of Jesus' suffering,



PALM SUNDAY



Gospel Meditation

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord own projects, problems occur.

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



Sacrificial Giving for 4-3

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Direct Deposit

Malta:	\$1,693.46	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$192.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$N/A	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday evening. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Anyone wishing to purchase and donate a Lily or spring flowering plant are asked to do so after April 10th (closer to 16th if possible) and leave them in the vestibule or drop them downstairs on a designated table where they will be cared for until Easter decorating on Holy Saturday.**
- **Fr. Felix celebrates the anniversary of his ordination on April 11th. Congratulations Fr. Felix..**
- **Mass Intentions for this Sunday are:**

Malta—all parishioners

Dodson—Nancy Dahl

Saco—Helen DePuydt

Holy Week Schedule is:

April 14th—Holy Thursday Mass is at 6:30 P.M.

April 15th—Good Friday Service is at 12:00 noon

April 16th—Easter Vigil Mass is at 7:30 P.M.

Easter Sunday Masses are at the regular scheduled time.

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Palm Sunday (April 10, 2022. St. Mary's Malta Mass begins at 10:30AM, Sacred Heart in Dodson is at 8:30AM and St. Francis in Saco is at 12:30PM.)

Palm Sunday presents its own unique liturgy, featuring a procession of the congregation into the church along with, of course, the distribution of palms. It is during this service that the entire Passion story is read aloud as we begin Holy Week.

The liturgical color for Palm Sunday is red, please consider wearing red clothing as a symbol of unity. At St. Mary's, everyone is invited to join the procession starting in front of the Religious Education Center promptly at 10:30. Palms will be available for all.

Holy Thursday – April 14th, 6:30PM Mass, St. Mary's Malta.

Lent technically ends on Holy Thursday as we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus's final meal with his disciples in which he institutes the Eucharist. Following this Mass, the altar and worship space are stripped bare, and the Blessed Sacrament is processed out from the altar to a "Altar of Repose" or chapel.

The **washing of the feet** is a sign of humility and equality on the part of Our Lord Jesus Christ, it also teaches to serve others. Thank you to the following parishioners who will share and experience this for us all - Sally Austin, Edward "Corky" LaBrie, Terri Cole, Dianne Salsbery, Brian Depuydt, Barb Sunford, Mary Lundstrom, Marcella McEwen, Wade Hasler, Wilma Mavencamp, Bobby Cole and Mike Ereaux.

And finally, there is the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** by the people during the night, just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during His agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas. There is an Adoration schedule in the vestibule of the church, please consider taking a period in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday, April 15th at 12 Noon, St. Mary's, Malta

Good Friday, is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. We will gather for the distribution of communion, veneration of the cross and stations of the cross.

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 16th 7:30PM Mass, St. Mary's Malta.

By most ancient tradition, this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord and where the faithful, carrying lighted lamps in their hands, look for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them sit at his table.

The Easter Vigil starts with the blessing of the Easter fire, lighting of the Pascal candle and Processing into the dark church and everyone having candles lit during the procession. After the homily we will have a Candidate who will join the church by receiving the sacrament of baptism and confirmation. This is a special and joyous occasion, please consider attending this celebration.

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection, Dodson 8:30AM, Malta 10:30AM and Saco 12:30PM.

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

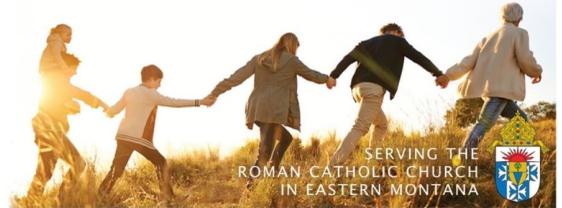
Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

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