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A warm welcome to everyone. I am so happy you could join us today. My hope is that you feel at home here at St. Thomas. Together, let us reflect on the Word of God as we partake of the Eucharist. ~ Fr. Glenn

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday);
Saturday 8:00 am: Communion
Service Only

First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Parish Choir)

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website:
www.MyStThomas.org

First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon
Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession)
3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

It is our pleasure to serve you!

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am -1:30 pm

Friday - Sunday: Closed

PASTORAL STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. J. Glenn Diaz, Pastor

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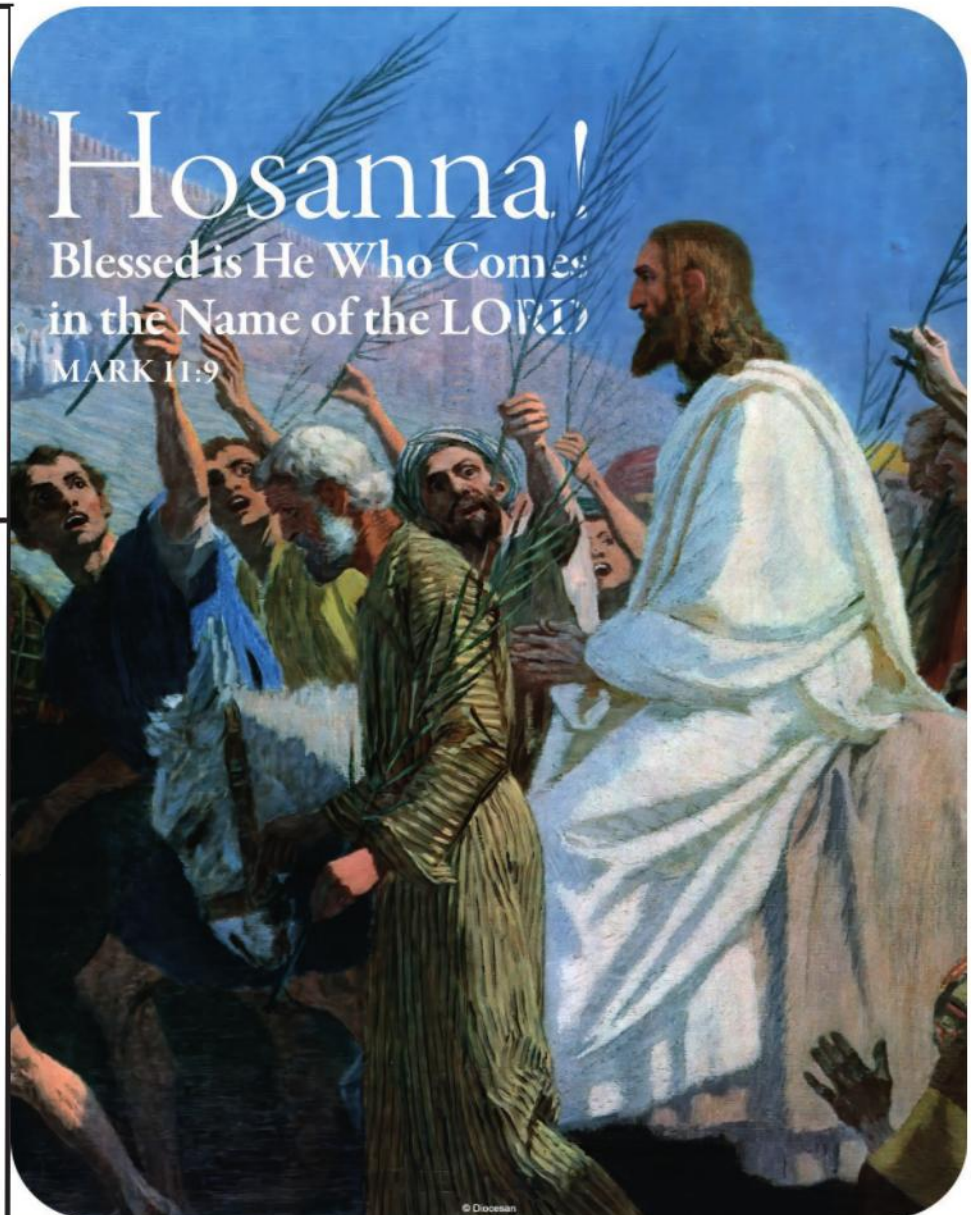
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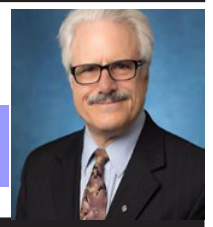


Palm Sunday—The Passion of the Lord
March 24, 2024



TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

24 March, 2024, *Palm Sunday*



24 March 2024 | Palm Sunday, Year B

1. **Palm Sunday**, the last Sunday in Lent, is also known as **Passion Sunday**. It marks the start of Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The liturgical color is red, signifying the blood that Jesus will soon shed for us. **Holy Week** is so sacred, that the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25, is transferred to April 8th this year. On Tuesday, March 26, our Diocese will hold the Chrism Mass at Saint Jude's Cathedral. The bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, blesses three oils, the oil of Catechumens (OS), the oil of the infirm (OI) and sacred chrism (SC) used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the year. The priests of the diocese will also renew their promises to priestly ministry to the bishop. Milestone anniversaries, such as the 25th, 40th, 50th and higher are also celebrated at this mass.
2. Holy week is my favorite time of the liturgical year because we celebrate the Sacred Triduum. This is one great festival that recalls the last three days of Jesus' life on earth when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. It comes from the Latin *tris* (three) + *dies* (day). The Sacred Triduum begins with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday**. Here we relive the institution of the Eucharist, as well as the institution of the priesthood. After the homily, the washing of the feet occurs. It is called the *mandatum* because it was on washing his disciples' feet that Christ gave us the new commandment to love one another as he loved us. The service ends with the procession to the altar of repose and adoration, as we remember Jesus' request in the Garden to "watch and pray." The altar is stripped. **Good Friday** is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. The altar is plain and bare. Good Friday is not a mass, but a communion service. This is the only day of the year no mass is offered. It is always at 3:00 pm, the hour when Jesus breathed his last. The service begins with the priest and deacon prostrating themselves in front of the altar. Veneration of the Cross follows, and then we receive communion. There is no daytime mass on **Holy Saturday**. It is a day of fasting and sorrow before the Easter Vigil begins. The vigil Mass begins after nightfall in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. It is divided into four parts: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If there are candidates for baptism into the Catholic faith, they are baptized, confirmed, and given first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.
3. We will hear two gospels today. The first gospel at the procession of the palms is from **Mark** and proclaims the joyous entry into Jerusalem. Jesus demonstrates his prophetic ability by commanding his disciples to "go into the village" and "untie" a colt. Jesus is both a prophetic teacher and a priestly king. Our second gospel is a reading of the **Passion of our Lord according to Mark**. It begins with a gathering to celebrate the Passover meal, a familiar Jewish ritual, where Jesus inaugurates a new covenant. He washes their feet to inaugurate the Church's ministry of service. The Passion of our Lord is in all four gospels, signifying its importance to the early Church of Jesus' suffering. It shows the transition from the former age to a new age. Mark interprets the Passion in the light of the Old Testament and the resurrection. It is meant to lead us to a deeper understanding of the Passion mystery. **Who is this man that died on the cross under 'Pontius Pilate'? And what does it have to do with me?**

March 6, 2024 | Joseph McEvoy



MASS INTENTIONS // DAILY READINGS // FLOWERS // PRAYER LIST

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am: Our Parish Family
10:30 am: Anthony Medved†
Requested by: Joyce Flotkoetter

Monday, March 25

8:00 am: William R. Morrow, Sr†
Requested by: Loving son, George Morrow & Family

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 am: William† & Norma† Galvin &
Raymond & Emelie Payette
Requested by: Norma Galvin†

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 am: Vincent Rondinelli†
Requested by: Louis Rondinelli

Thursday, March 28

8:00 **NO MASS**
4:30 Mary O'Hara†
Requested by: Tony & Pat Chirumbolo

Friday, March 29

8:00 am: **NO MASS**
3:00 pm: Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30

8:00 am: **NO MASS/NO COMMUNION SERVICE**
3:15 pm—4:00pm: **No Reconciliation (Confession)**
8:00 pm: Joanna Daly†
Requested by: Patrick Daly

Sunday, March 31

8:00 am: Louise Haas†
Requested by: The Rabinowitz Family
10:30 am: Our Parish Family

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Good Friday

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

Saturday

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Altar flowers lovingly donated for the intentions of the Pauley and Chambers Family; requested by Kim Pauley.



LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family who are ill, especially:

Neill Aiken, Peg Laurie, Sheyna Clements, Sandra Boros, Edward & Rusty Ryal, Fred Di Battista, Tonya Leigh & Family, Evelyn Sweeny, Kevin Watson, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Mariann De Pue, Maria Casey, Barbara Diaz, Imre Beke Sr., Dayl Kohorst, Victor & Phyllis Ciosi, Terry Brausch, Karen Ballaban, Gene Koczur, Wayne Stringer, Mark Fuge, Karl Wolf, Gene Dalton, Al Papino, Julia Szucsik, Phyllis Fylak, James McCarthy, Martin Faulmino, Jr., Pat Allard, Rev. Ron Marecki, Joseph Marecki, Lorraine & Richard Kwiecienski, Ron Smeeton, Richard Shelton, Ralph Gianetti, Sandra Marecki, Robert Furciato, Jr, Victoria Budd

Names will remain on our prayer list for three months.
To add or remove a name, contact the parish office.



PRAYER IN OUR LIVES



ROAR OF THE ROSARY

Let this night move you! We believe May 10th will be a powerful evening at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Tampa. It will be a night of bold and holy witness. We will gather at this beautiful venue and shine the light of Christ in a new way to proclaim what is true, beautiful, and good. We will worship Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist, hear from amazing speakers, and give our hearts a reason to hope.

This experience includes a Eucharistic and Rosary Procession. A large monstrance will be carried from the Straz to the Riverwalk and then carried onto a boat to proceed along the Hillsborough River. Everyone along the Riverwalk will be able to adore Jesus and reverence his most holy Presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

This event is sponsored in part by Legatus, Scarpo Family, Guarino Family, Hyer Family, Young Catholic Professionals, Tampa Bay Focus, St. Paul's Outreach, and Spirit FM.

When: Friday, May 10th, 2024 | 6 pm – 10 pm

Where: Straz Center, Morsani Hall, 1010 N Macinnes Place, Tampa

Speakers: Cardinal Raymond Burke, Bishop Gregory Parkes, Mother Adela, and Gus Lloyd

Music: The Vigil Project

This event is *FREE* but registration is required and tickets are limited.



6th ANNUAL MARIAN CONGRESS Saturday, May 11, 2024 – A Day to be Renewed

Give yourself and your family a day of rest and the time to be renewed! Join us for the Diocese of St. Petersburg's 6th Annual Marian Congress. This year's theme is *Mary, Joseph, and the Eucharist: Forming a Holy Family*. Make plans to attend on Saturday, May 11th, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, 5815 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg.

To learn more and to register, visit: www.FloridaMarianCongress.org.





SCHEDULE FOR LENT 2024

Date	Time	Event
Palm Sunday Saturday, March 23 Sunday, March 24	4:30 pm Vigil Mass 8:00 am Mass 10:30 am Mass	Blessing of palms before each mass
Tuesday, March 26	11:00 am	Chrism Mass (Cathedral of St. Jude)
Holy Thursday March 28	4:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet Procession to Altar of Repose; Adoration
Good Friday March 29 Day of Fast and Abstinence	3:00 pm	The Lord's Passion (with communion) & Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday March 30	10:00 am 11:00 am 8:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt Blessing of Easter Food Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday March 31	8:00 am 10:30 am	Easter Sunday Masses

Office of the Bishop

Dedication of Resurrection Cemetery, April 26, 2024

After eight years of planning and construction, the new Resurrection Cemetery has been completed and will be blessed by Bishop Parkes during a ceremony to be held on **Friday, April 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome to attend. If you plan to join Bishop Parkes for this historic event, **RSVP by Friday, April 5 to Tammie Laurito: tammie@resurrectioncemeteryfl.com.**



WE ARE HIRING!

Part-time receptionist position available.

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please stop by the office or contact

KarenR@MyStThomas.org.

SAVE THESE DATES



**Save
the
Date:
Divine
Mercy
Sunday**

Please join us at the deanery celebration of Divine Mercy that will be held at 2:30 pm on Sunday, April 7, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE 11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 4-14, 2024

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



Fr. Glenn is hosting a special meeting for all those interested in joining our *Treasures of Italy Pilgrimage*. Please join us in St. Martin's Hall on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

PARISH FESTIVAL THANK YOU'S

On February 25th, St Thomas the Apostle Church held its 3rd Annual Parish Festival, under the tent, with Deacon Mark as our Emcee. This year's turnout was our most successful to date! **We were able to present Fr. Glenn with donations totaling \$3,971.00 that will be placed in our offertory collection.** Ruthann Pullen outdid herself with this year's featured creation 'The Money Tree,' which was won by Rita Frisbee. Other raffle basket winners included Iris Rose, Lucille Askland, Jack Butler, and Anita Kurtz. Julia Szucsik won the 50/50 raffle. There were many door prize raffles with too many winners to list, but a shout out to LaurieJo Brignola who was able to secure almost all the door prizes for our event. We must give thanks to all the people who made this day fun for everyone; Joe McEvoy and the Knights of Columbus for providing the BBQ and DJ Fred Campbell; the raffle committee- Ruthann Pullen, Beverly McEvoy, Julia Szucsik, Connie Spara, Nancy Sadler, Debra Smith; the welcome committee- Gail Harrison & Sandra Mueller; Marcy Male & the talent showcase participants: Sass with Class, Olivia Gerraghty, Pauline Bouthillier, and Bill & Shelley Baker; Pauline Papino, who baked our St Thomas cake, also headed up the Marketplace bakery with help from Joyce Flotkoetter, Denise Miles, Maria Thibodeau, Sue Baumgardner and Tina Maffia; thanks to the Gerbinos for the wine; many thanks to all the parishioners who contributed their delicious specialties, from cookies, cakes and fudge to meatloaf and potato salad. We are grateful to the Marketplace jewelry and craft vendors for their wares: Kim Pauley, Nancy Sadler, Marie Gettig, Madelyn Prosachik, Anita Kurtz & Maryann DeSimone; the Geraghty family for managing the adult sports challenges; Terryann Caraluzzo and Josie Maglio for taking on the Kids Zone and the YFF dads-Eulices Reyes, Ted & Steve Martin, Sam Nothnagel & Blake Morrow who helped the Knights with set-up and breakdown. Much appreciation to Fr. Glenn and Karen Robben for their assistance and advice throughout the planning process. Most of all we would like to thank our parishioners for joining us and look forward to a bigger and better festival next year. With Gratitude - The Festival Planning Committee



The church is open Monday- Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer.
Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the office.



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass.

Together We Pray!

SUNDAY/COLLECTION	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday Collection: School & Camp Support	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Blessing of Palms before all Masses Mass NO YFF Class Mass
Monday, March 25:	8:00 am 2:00 pm	Mass Bible Study: Mary RCIA Mystagogy Session 6
Tuesday, March 26:	8:00 am 8:45 am	Mass Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday, March 27:	8:00 am	Mass
Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday	8:00 am 4:30 pm	No Mass Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet followed by Procession to Altar of Repose; Adoration
Friday, March 29: Good Friday	8:00 am 3:00 pm	No Mass Passion of our Lord & Veneration of the Cross
Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 3:15 pm—4:00 pm 8:00 pm	No Communion Service Easter Egg Hunt Blessing of Easter Food No Reconciliation (Confession) Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday Collection: School & Camp Support	8:00 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am	Mass No YFF Class Mass

Volunteers are needed to bring communion to our assisted living facilities on Wednesday mornings. Please prayerfully consider doing this vital ministry for our parishioners who are unable to join us at Mass.





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