

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Closed from 12 pm - 1 pm)
Office Closed April 3rd

REGULAR SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS
8:30 am - English & Livestreamed

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:30 pm - English

SUNDAY MASSES
8:00 am - English

10:00 am - English & Livestreamed

12:00 pm - Español

ADORATION
Saturdays from
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays at
11:30 am & 4:30 pm

SACRAMENTS
Please call the parish office

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HOLY THURSDAY

11:15am - Stations led by the school [Eng]
7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper [Bilingual]
8:00pm - 8:30am - Adoration [Parish Hall]

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion [Eng]
7:00pm - Stations led by Ministerio Bendicion [Sp]

HOLY SATURDAY|EASTER SUNDAY

Saturday - 8:00pm Easter Vigil [Bilingual]
Sunday - 8:00am [Eng] 10:00am [Eng] and 12:00pm [Sp]

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WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

FR. ALBERT VAN DER WOERD



Holy Week has started!

For a long time now, the Church has been preparing, spiritually and mentally, for this sacred time. This week, we walk with Jesus in Jerusalem, as he is hailed as a new king at Palm Sunday, is betrayed on Wednesday (Spy Wednesday), as he celebrated his Last Supper and instituted the Eucharist. We witness his crucifixion on Good Friday and rejoice in his resurrection at Easter. This week, the palms came in at the office, and we are collecting all the other necessary items to celebrate this week liturgically, like the Easter Candle, torches, procession candles, etc. Be assured that this will all be ready for you when you participate in the Holy Triduum.

A new thing for Holy Week is that we have planned a movie night on Wednesday, April 1, in the Hall. We will be screening "Triumph of the Heart" about the martyrdom of Saint Maximillian Kolbe in Auschwitz, during WWII. The movie is a testimony that even in the most difficult of circumstances, there are people who rise up to their calling of being Christ for others. No betrayal can prevent God from working through his disciples. It is good, as disciples of Christ, to know what evil forces we are up against. They haven't changed much throughout history. Even the more we will appreciate that Christ's resurrection is not just a private event. The whole Church rises with him.

By now, all of you who are registered in our database must have received our Easter letter. There are now over 3,000 households in it. All people who, at some point, have reached out to Saint Mark for services. Even though not all will be able to participate in the Easter liturgies, we wanted to make sure that you have the opportunity to renew your commitment to Saint Mark, so that we can continue to be prepared to walk with you in the journey of our beautiful Catholic faith.

March 2026	Cash/Envelopes	Online Giving	Weekly Totals
Sunday March 1st	$7,830.30	$2,209.00	$10,039.30
Sunday March 8th	$7,665.00	$3,543.00	$11,208.00
Sunday March 15th	$8,296.00	$2,783.00	$11,079.00
Sunday March 22nd			
Sunday March 29th			



Reaching 65% of our monthly goal of $50,000.

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MENSAJE SEMANAL DE NUESTRO PASTOR

P. ALBERT VAN DER WOERD



¡La Semana Santa ha comenzado!
Desde hace tiempo, la Iglesia se ha estado preparando, espiritual y mentalmente, para este tiempo sagrado. Durante esta semana caminamos con Jesús en Jerusalén: es aclamado como rey en el Domingo de Ramos, es traicionado el miércoles (Miércoles Santo), celebra la Última Cena e instituye la Eucaristía. Somos testigos de su crucifixión el Viernes Santo y nos alegramos en su resurrección en la Pascua. Esta semana ya hemos recibido las palmas en la oficina y estamos reuniendo todos los demás elementos necesarios para celebrar dignamente estos días, como el Cirio Pascual, antorchas, velas para las procesiones, entre otros. Tengan la seguridad de que todo estará preparado para ustedes cuando participen en el Santo Triduo.

Como algo nuevo, hemos organizado una noche de cine el miércoles 1 de abril en el Salón Parroquial. Presentaremos la película *"Triumph of the Heart"*, que narra el martirio de San Maximiliano Kolbe en Auschwitz durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Esta película es un testimonio de que, incluso en las circunstancias más difíciles, hay personas que responden a su vocación de ser Cristo para los demás. Ninguna traición puede impedir que Dios actúe a través de sus discípulos. Como discípulos de Cristo, es importante reconocer las fuerzas del mal a las que nos enfrentamos, las cuales no han cambiado mucho a lo largo de la historia. Y así podremos apreciar aún más que la resurrección de Cristo no es un acontecimiento privado: toda la Iglesia resucita con Él.

A estas alturas, todos los que están registrados en nuestra base de datos ya deben haber recibido nuestra carta de Pascua. Actualmente contamos con más de 3,000 hogares registrados: personas que, en algún momento, han acudido a San Marcos en busca de servicios. Aunque no todos podrán participar en las celebraciones de Pascua, queremos asegurarnos de que tengan la oportunidad de renovar su compromiso con San Marcos, para que podamos seguir caminando con ustedes en el hermoso camino de nuestra fe católica.

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Domingo 1 de marzo	$7,830.30	$2,209.00	$10,039.30
Domingo 8 de marzo	$7,665.00	$3,543.00	$11,208.00
Domingo 15 de marzo	$8,296.00	$2,783.00	$11,079.00
Domingo 22 de marzo			
Domingo 29 de marzo			



Alcanzando 65% de nuestra meta mensual de $50,000.

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MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA



SATURDAY VIGIL	MAR 28	5:30PM -	Juan Salvacion Mora +
SUNDAY	MAR 29	8:00AM -	Leita Murray
		10:00AM -	Susan Murphy +
		12:00PM -	Mauricio Sernas +
MONDAY	MAR 30	8:30AM -	Enrique Orozco Frutos
TUESDAY	MAR 31	8:30AM -	Leita Murray
WEDNESDAY	APR 1	8:30AM -	David Kristopher Cervetti +
THURSDAY	APR 2	7:00PM -	Danny Garcia
FRIDAY	APR 3	3:00PM -	Julio Ojinaga

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED | APRIL 4TH | DISTRIBUCION DE ALIMENTOS CERRADO



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SAFEGAURD THE CHILDREN | PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Encourage children to practice personal boundary safety rules

All children should know their personal boundaries and know that they have a right to be safe in their own bodies. Encourage children to speak up and say "no" when they feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. They should know to get away from an unsafe situation as quickly as possible, and to tell a safe adult what happened. When a child says they don't want to show affection, an adult should prioritize that child's boundary. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Anime a los niños a practicar las normas de seguridad sobre los límites personales

Todos los niños deben conocer sus límites personales y saber que tienen derecho a sentirse seguros en su propio cuerpo. Anime a los niños a expresarse y decir "no" cuando se sientan asustados, incómodos o confundidos. Deben saber que deben alejarse de una situación peligrosa lo antes posible y contarle a un adulto de confianza lo que ha sucedido. Cuando un niño dice que no quiere mostrar afecto, un adulto debe dar prioridad a los límites de ese niño. Para más información, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "Cómo abogar directamente por la seguridad y el bienestar de los jóvenes" (How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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3-2-1 Family Catechesis

A quick guide for living the Catholic way at home

by Maryam Fitchew



When the Palms Go Quiet

Dear Families, *most Palm Sunday resources for families do one of two things: they teach the story of the palms and the donkey, or they explain the theology of the Passion for adults. But almost nothing lives in the space where you actually are as a parent, sitting in the pew with a confused child who was just waving a palm branch and singing, and now the whole room has gone quiet and the heavy, weighing tragedy of our Lord is about to unfold. This week's 3-2-1 is for that moment. A few simple ways to prepare your child for the shift that Palm Sunday asks of all of us, from Hosanna to silence, and to trust that our children can hold more than we think.*

3 Anchors for the Passion (By Age)

1. For the littlest ones (under 5): It's ok if they can't fully follow the story, being in the presence of God is enough. Let them sit in your lap, color quietly, hold a palm. You are their anchor. When the mood shifts, whisper: "We're listening to the story about how much Jesus loves us." If they're wiggly or noisy, there's nothing to be embarrassed about. Jesus knows the hearts of children more than anyone. They belong there just as they are.

2. For younger kids (5–8): Give them concrete moments to listen for throughout the reading. "Listen for when Jesus's disciples fall asleep in the garden." Or "Listen for when the rooster crows." One image they can grab onto. That's their anchor through a long reading, and it gives you something real to talk about after: "Did you hear it?"

3. For older kids (9 and up): Give them a person to follow through the whole story. "Watch Peter, listen to what he promises and what he actually does." Or "What happens to Judas after he makes his choice." Let them track a character like a thread through the reading. On the way home, ask questions: "What do you think would have happened differently if Judas asked Jesus for forgiveness?"

Cuando las Palmas Se Callan

Queridas familias, *la mayoría de los recursos de Domingo de Ramos para familias hacen una de dos cosas: enseñan la historia de las palmas y el burro, o explican la teología de la Pasión para adultos. Pero casi nada vive en el espacio donde ustedes realmente están como padres — sentados en la banca con un niño confundido que hace un momento estaba agitando una palma y cantando, y ahora todo el salón se ha quedado en silencio y la pesada tragedia de nuestro Señor está a punto de desplegarse. El 3-2-1 de esta semana es para ese momento. Unas maneras sencillas de preparar a sus hijos para el cambio que el Domingo de Ramos nos pide a todos, de Hosanna al silencio, y confiar en que nuestros hijos pueden sostener más de lo que pensamos.*

3 Anclas para la Pasión (Por Edad)

1. Para los más pequeñitos (menores de 5 años): Está bien si no pueden seguir toda la historia — estar en la presencia de Dios es suficiente. Déjalos sentarse en tu regazo, colorear en silencio, sostener una palma. Tú eres su ancla. Cuando el ánimo cambie, susúrrales: "Estamos escuchando la historia de cuánto nos ama Jesús." Si se mueven mucho o hacen ruido, no hay nada de qué apenarse. Jesús conoce el corazón de los niños más que nadie. Ellos pertenecen ahí tal como son.

2. Para niños pequeños (5–8 años): Dales momentos concretos que escuchar durante la lectura. "Escucha cuando los discípulos de Jesús se quedan dormidos en el jardín." O "Escucha cuando canta el gallo." Una imagen de la cual agarrarse. Esa es su ancla durante una lectura larga, y les da algo real de qué hablar después: "¿Lo escuchaste?"

3. Para los más grandes (9 años en adelante): Dales una persona que seguir a lo largo de toda la historia. "Fíjate en Pedro — escucha lo que promete y lo que realmente hace." O "¿Qué le pasa a Judas después de tomar su decisión?" Que sigan a un personaje como un hilo a través de la lectura. De regreso a casa, haz preguntas: "¿Qué crees que hubiera pasado si Judas le hubiera pedido perdón a Jesús?"



2 Things to Remember

1. ***Never end at the tomb****. In my catechesis training, we are taught to never tell a young child "Jesus died" without finishing the sentence: "Jesus died and rose from the dead." The Passion reading on Palm Sunday ends at the burial. Your children need to know at every age, in whatever words fit that the story isn't finished yet.*

2. ***The sadness is real, and it's not the end.*** *The San Damiano crucifix, the cross St. Francis of Assisi was praying before when he received the call to rebuild the Church shows Christ alive on the cross. Eyes open, wounds visible, but risen. The nails gone. A halo where the thorns were. Death and resurrection in one image. When you tell your child the story of the Passion, hold that mystery together too. You don't have to soften the hard parts. You just remind them of where the story will lead.*

1 Prayer for Palm Sunday

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." — Prayer Before a Crucifix, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

A prayer short enough for your smallest child to memorize and deep enough to carry your whole family through Holy Week.


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of the HEART
THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
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La Pasión de San Maximiliano Kolbe
FREE MOVIE NIGHT ~ DONATIONS WELCOMED!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 7PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

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CHRISM MASS
MISA CRISMAL

March 30 - Monday | Lunes
6:30pm - Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

MOVIE NIGHT
NOCHE DE PELICULA

April 1 - Wednesday | Miercoles
7:00pm - Parish Hall
Triumph of the Heart
A feature film about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over death

HOLY TRIDUUM
TRIDUO SANTO

April 2- Holy Thursday | Jueves Santo
8:30am - Morning Prayer [Eng]
11:15am - School Stations of the Cross [Eng]
7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper [Bilingual]
8:00pm - 8:30am - Adoration [Parish Hall]

April 3- Good Friday | Viernes Santo
8:30am - Morning Prayer [Eng]
3:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion [Eng]
7:00pm - Stations of the Cross led by Ministerio Bendición [Bilingual]

April 4 - Holy Saturday | Sábado Santo
8:30am - Morning Prayer [Eng]
8:00pm - Easter Vigil [Bilingual]

April 5 - Easter Sunday Masses | Misas del Domingo de Pascua
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm [Sp]

Ways to give!

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April 12 - Sunday | Domingo
5:30pm - With Easter Reception to follow in the Hall



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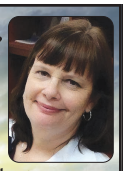
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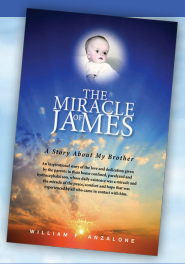
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The Miracle of James

By William F. Anzalone

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Bill Anzalone is donating 100% of the net proceeds from the purchase of this book to charities and organizations associated with special needs of children and adults.

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