

Dear Padre,

How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Ex 14:15–15:1 Is 54:5–14 Is 55:1–11 Bar 3:9–15, 32–44 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

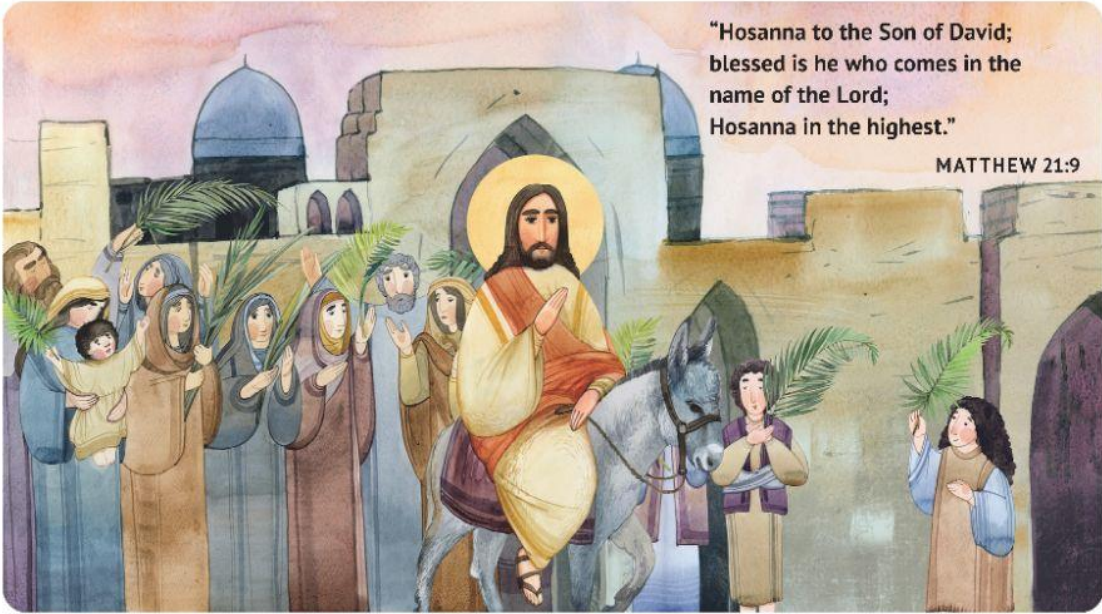
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)
Matthew 21:1–11 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11
Matthew 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54



From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

Reflect

How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?



Weekly Bulletin

March 28-29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Parish Office: 254 - 647 - 3163

Website: stritacatholicranger.org

Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse - April 11th

April – Child Abuse Prevention Month. You are invited to the Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse, celebrated by Bishop Olson on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM at **St. Mary of the Assumption, Fort Worth**. This Mass holds a solemn and meaningful place in the life of our Diocesan Church. It is a time for us to come together as a community of faith to pray for healing, to offer reparation for the grave sins of abuse, and to renew our shared commitment to safeguarding the vulnerable. By gathering in prayer, we give visible witness that the Church stands firmly with those who have suffered harm. We remain steadfast in our commitment to justice, healing, and restoration, and we ask God to bring comfort, strength, and hope to all.

St. Andrew Breakfast - April 18

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning April 18, 2026 at **St. Patrick Cathedral**, 1206 Throckmorton St, **Fort Worth**, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. *Please reserve your spot by April 16, 2026, through the Vocations Office or by calling 817-945-9321.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Donna Boschart, Jane Dooly, Jax Jordan

MASS INTENTIONS

For the repose souls of **+William "Bill" Johnston**, requested by Rosalie Johnston and Holy Rosary Altar Society, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco.

STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

8:30 AM: Confession/Adoration

9:00 AM: Mass

RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

March 2026 - For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

STEWARDSHIP

March 21 & 22, 2026

St. John \$ 866

St. Rita \$ 1,176

St. Francis \$ 568

Holy Rosary \$ 1,650

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our safe environment coordinator is **Katrina Briseno**. You can call/text her at **325-864-3892**. Her email is gijoe4b@gmail.com.

PASSION PLAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help us make another successful year for the Passion Play. It is such an amazing gift we are able to give our community. **We meet Sunday, March 29th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the land, 12901 Interstate-20, Eastland.** For more information contact **Martin Esquivel at 254-631-2757 or Father Joseph.**

Holy Week Schedule

No Children's Catechesis Classes on Wednesday during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

5:45 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier in Eastland (Spanish)

7:30 p.m. at St. Rita in Ranger

After Mass until midnight in Ranger - Silent Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday Passion Play, April 3rd - Day of fast and abstinence

3:00 p.m. at the All Saints Family Activity & Youth Center - Passion Play (English)

5:00 p.m. After the Passion Play will be Passion Service (Bilingual)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4th

8:00 pm at St. Rita in Ranger (Bilingual), includes OCIA celebrations

Easter Sunday, April 5th

8:00 am at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco

9:30 am at St. Francis Xavier, Eastland (Spanish) - Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

11:30 am at St. John, Strawn

EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Adoration/Confession

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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