

# APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 1st Friday Homeschoolers Event	5 1st Saturday  Extra Choir Rehearsal
6 Passion Sunday  Confirmation Class	7 Passion Week  Lenten Mission	8 Passion Week  Lenten Mission	9 Passion Week  Lenten Mission	10 Passion Week  Lenten Mission	11 Passion Week Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	12 No Roses of Mary  Extra Choir Rehearsal
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday  Stations of the Cross	19 Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Easter Tuesday	23 Easter Wednesday	24 Easter Thursday	25 Easter Friday  All-Night Adoration	26 Easter Saturday  All-Night Adoration
27 Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	28 Adult Catechism Class	29	30	1	2 1st Friday  Homeschoolers Event	3 1st Saturday

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### Repose of the Soul of:

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*

APRIL 13, 2025

## PALM SUNDAY

### Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

### Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass  
Saturdays 4 p.m.

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

### Holy Hour:

Thursday: 7 p.m.



*"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception  
make my body pure and my soul holy."*

PASTOR:

FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



# PALM SUNDAY

*The Liturgical Year*, by Abbot Guéranger, O.S.B.

Early in the morning of this day, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, leaving Mary, His mother, and the two sisters Martha and Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus, at Bethania. The Mother of sorrows trembles at seeing her Son thus expose Himself to danger, for his enemies are bent upon His destruction; but it is not death, it is triumph, that Jesus is to receive today in Jerusalem.

The Messiah, before being nailed to the cross, is to be proclaimed King by the people of the great city; the little children are to make her streets echo with their Hosannas to the Son of David; and this in presence of the soldiers of Rome's emperor, and of the high priests and pharisees: the first standing under the banner of their eagles; the second, dumb with rage.

The prophet Zachary had foretold this triumph which the Son of Man was to receive a few days before His Passion, and which had been prepared for Him from all eternity. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold thy King will come to thee; the Just and the Savior. He is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass" (*Zechariah 9:9*).

Jesus knowing that the hour has come for the fulfilment of this prophecy, singles out two from the rest of His disciples, and bids them lead to Him an ass and her colt, which they would find not far off. He has reached Bethphage, on Mount Olivet. The two disciples lose no time in executing the order given them by their divine Master; and the ass and the colt are soon brought to the place where He stands.

The holy fathers have explained to us the mystery of these two ani-

mals. The ass represents the Jewish people, which had been long under the yoke of the Law; the colt, upon which, as the evangelist says, no man yet hath sat, is a figure of the Gentile world, which no one had ever yet brought into subjection.

The future of these two peoples is to be decided a few days hence: the Jews will be rejected, for having refused to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah; the Gentiles will take their place to be adopted as God's people, and become docile and faithful.

The disciples spread their garments upon the colt; and our Savior, that the prophetic figure might be fulfilled, sits upon him, and advances towards Jerusalem. As soon as it is known that Jesus is near the city, the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of those Jews, who have come from all parts to celebrate the feast of the Passover. They go out to meet our Lord, holding palm branches in their hands, and loudly proclaiming Him to be King. They that have accompanied Jesus from Bethania, join the enthusiastic crowd.

Whilst some spread their garments on the way, others cut down boughs from the palm trees, and strew them along the road. "Hosanna" is the triumphant cry, proclaiming to the whole city that Jesus, the Son of David, has made His entrance as her King.

Thus did God, in His power over men's hearts, procure a triumph for his Son, and in the very city which a few days later, was to clamor for His Blood. This day was one of glory to our Jesus, and the holy Church would have us renew, each year, the memory of this triumph of the Man-God.

Shortly after the birth of our Emmanuel, we saw the Magi coming

## Upcoming Parish Events

### HOLY WEEK Schedule

**April 17 ~ Holy Thursday**  
Mass at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight.

**April 18 ~ Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross at noon.  
Confessions, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 3 p.m.

**April 19 ~ Holy Saturday**  
Vigil Mass begins at 7 p.m.

*There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday, nor at 6:30 a.m. Easter morning.*

from the extreme east, and looking in Jerusalem for the King of the Jews, to whom they intended offering their gifts and their adorations: but it is Jerusalem herself that now goes forth to meet this King. Each of these events is an acknowledgment of the kingship of Jesus; the first, from the Gentiles; the second from the Jews. Both were to pay Him this regal homage, before He suffered His Passion.

The inscription to be put upon the cross, by Pilate's order, will express the kingly character of the Crucified: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Pilate, the Roman governor, the pagan, the base coward, has been unwittingly the fulfiller of a prophecy; and when the enemies of Jesus insist on the inscription being altered, Pilate will not deign to give them any answer but this: "What I have written, I have written."

Today, it is the Jews themselves that proclaim Jesus to be their King: they will soon be dispersed, in punishment for their revolt against the Son of David; but Jesus is King, and

will be so forever. Thus were literally verified the words spoken by the Archangel to Mary, when he announced to her the glories of the Child that was to be born of her: "The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David, His father; and He shall reign in the house of Jacob forever" (*Luke 1:32*). Jesus begins His reign upon the earth this very day; and though the first Israel is soon to disclaim His rule, a new Israel, formed from the faithful few of the old, shall rise up in every nation of the earth, and become the kingdom of Christ, a kingdom such as no mere earthly monarch ever coveted in his wildest fancies of ambition.

This is the glorious mystery which ushers in the great week, the week of dolors. Holy Church would have us give this momentary consolation to our heart, and hail our Jesus as our King. She has so arranged the service of today, that it should express both joy and sorrow; joy, by uniting herself with the loyal hosannas of the city of David; and sorrow, by compassionating the

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, April 14 ~ Monday of Holy Week**  
8 a.m. — Gordon Family

**Tuesday, April 15 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week**  
8 a.m. — Theresa Louiselle, by Eric Smith

**Wednesday, April 16 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week**  
8 a.m. — Private Intention

**Thursday, April 17 ~ Holy Thursday**  
7 p.m. — Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

**Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday**  
3 p.m. — No Mass Intention

**Saturday, April 19 ~ Holy Saturday**  
7 p.m. — Carrie deTar, by Michael deTar

**Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday**  
7 a.m. — Private Intention  
9 a.m. — In Reparation for Bad Communions  
11 a.m. — Pro Populo

*The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.*

Passion of her divine Spouse... [The blessing of the palms gives us] an idea of its importance from the solemnity used by the Church in this sacred rite. One would suppose that the holy Sacrifice has begun, and is going to be offered up in honor of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Introit, Collect, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, even a Preface, are said as though we were, as usual, preparing for the immolation of the spotless Lamb; but after the triple *Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus!* the Church suspends these sacrificial formulas, and turns to the blessing of the palms.

The prayers she uses for this blessing are eloquent and full of instruction; and, together with the sprinkling with holy water and the incensation, impart a virtue to these branches, which elevates them to

the supernatural order, and makes them means for the sanctification of our souls and the protection of our persons and dwellings. The faithful should hold these palms in their hands during the procession, and during the reading of the Passion at Mass, and keep them in their homes as an outward expression of their faith, and as a pledge of God's watchful love.

It is scarcely necessary to tell our reader that the palms or olive branches, thus blessed, are carried in memory of those wherewith the people of Jerusalem strewed the road, as our Savior made His triumphant entry... It is probable that, as far as Jerusalem itself is concerned, the custom [of blessing branches] was established immediately after the ages of persecution. +++