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SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 28 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:30 am, Mass, Church *Pro Populo*
10:30 am, Procession with Palms, Gym
10:30 am, Mass, Church (incense) (*Pastor's Intention*)
11:40 am, Community Rosary, Affirmation of Life Memorial

Monday, March 29

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Colm Davis, RIP)
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts, Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 30

No Morning Mass

Wednesday, March 31 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

5:00 pm, Confessions, Church
5:00 pm, Exposition & Adoration, Church
6:00 pm, Benediction, Church
6:30 pm, Daily Mass, Church
7:00 pm, Tenebrae Service, Church

Thursday, April 1 *Thursday of Holy Week*

9:30 am, Morning Prayer, Church
6:30 pm, The Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church

Friday, April 2 *Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord*

9:30 am, Morning Prayer, Church
12 noon, Tre Ore Service, Church
3:00 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church
6:30 pm, Good Friday Liturgy, Church

Saturday, April 3 *Holy Saturday*

9:30 am, Morning Prayer, Church
8:30 pm, Easter Vigil, Church

Sunday, April 4 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:30 am, Mass, Church *Pro Populo*
10:30 am, Mass, Church (incense) (*Pastor's Intention*)

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Stewardship as of March 21, 2021 for
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310
Last Week Collection: \$12,833
Year to date needed: \$657,780
Actual given year to date: \$561,013
Difference: (96,767)
Online Giving:
Total givers: 91
Amount given online: \$6,684



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WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Dear friends,

With the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we enter into Holy Week. Unlike last year, we anticipate celebrating together in the various prayers and liturgies surrounding the sacred Triduum. And this year we are adding new opportunities to gather:

- the traditional 'Service of Shadows' or *Tenebrae* prayers on Wednesday
- Morning Prayer on the mornings of the Triduum (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)
- the *Tre Ore* (three hours) service of confessions, prayers and homilies around the seven last words of Christ on Good Friday.

And all of this in addition to Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, Good Friday service of the Passion of the Lord, the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday Masses! Please take some time to look over the schedule for Holy Week in the bulletin. Although **the dispensation from the normal obligation to attend Masses on Sundays & Holy Days is still in effect**, these celebrations are central to our faith - if you can safely attend, I hope you'll join in these sacred moments.

In the meantime, I'd like to share some reflections I've had over the last several weeks. It was just over two weeks ago that we hit the one-year mark (March 12, 2020) of COVID-19 restrictions taking effect at our parish. It was on that day that Archbishop Etienne became the first bishop in the United States to begin what would become a national and then global effort to slow the spread through voluntary parish closures.

The very next day the staff and I created a modified schedule of Stations of the Cross, confessions, and adoration - I was so proud of their quick response to the new circumstances and their coming together to create opportunities even with the new limitations!and then, less than 24 hours after we sent out that schedule and invitation, we got word of an on-site case of COVID-19. While the affected parishioners recovered with minimal effect (praise God!), we had to completely shut down our parish and school facilities.

I was crushed. We were all crushed. And then, we rallied. Despite the newness of it all, folks flocked to the online Masses - offering prayers and words of support to each other even as Mass was being celebrated. Parishioners called our offices and sent letters of encouragement & support. Folks expressed their support and gratitude for the ongoing efforts, particularly of the parish and school staff, who continued to work in a combination of in-office and remote work.

It hasn't all been easy or pleasant - many have felt the deep cuts of loneliness, frustration, and anger. In a strange but God-guided way, this proved to be a blessing. For myself, I found that the



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last year has forced me to confront some of my own insecurities, frustrations, and anxieties in a blunt and direct way that I would have been otherwise unwilling to undertake. Though these moments have sometimes been punctuated by fierce emotions, they have often resulted in greater understanding and friendship among those with whom they have been shared.

Which brings us to Holy Week 2021. By the grace of God and the work of so many, we find ourselves able to gather for prayer and worship once more. As we respond to this invitation, our first prayers are for those who have suffered over this last year - particularly those who have died, and those who mourn their passing. The passion of the Lord takes on a new depth in light of all of those who have shared in His death over this year, even as we proclaim His resurrection.

We should be mindful, too, of our own need for healing and wholeness. Even as we see the dawn of new hope in our parish celebrations and the world, there continues to be brokenness all around us. We each carry those wounds in our own lives, albeit in our own ways. Especially if we have found ourselves weakened over the last year, this is a time to be aware of our need for Jesus. These days may find us not less but more tempted to bitterness, resentment, and despair - not because we are failing in our faith but because we are drawing closer. As we approach the Lord, these struggles become part of our offering to Him and His healing for us.

As I imagine is the case for us all, I am excited for Holy Week, Easter, and the Easter season. There is a renewed hope springing up around us and we have this familiar but new opportunity to celebrate the One who is at the center of it all. While not all will be able to yet join us, I am looking forward to the celebration of these mysteries together with you. Be assured of my daily prayers for you all, particularly through the intercession of Mary. Let us pray for each other, that these last days of Lent and the coming Easter celebrations may continue to heal and strengthen us as beloved sons and daughters of God.

yours in Christ,
Father Maurer

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters is on hiatus. We will take off Wednesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 7 for Holy Week and Easter. Everyone have a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter. If you have questions regarding any Faith Formation program please email Deacon Kirk at kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org, or call him at (206) 364-7900.

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

The 2021 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference will be Friday evening, April 23 and all day Saturday, April 24 at St. Brendan Parish in Bothell.

Due to state and Archdiocesan guidelines in person attendance is limited and prior registration is required. The conference's mission is to form, challenge and encourage men of the Seattle Archdiocese in their Catholic faith, spirituality and morality. Men of all ages and backgrounds are invited to build up their families through prayer and sacrificial action. For more information, and to register, please go to: <http://www.seattlemensconference.org/>

No Easter Egg Hunt This Year

The Knights of Columbus will not hold an Easter Egg Hunt this year. This was a difficult decision but a necessary one to keep our Knights and the families of the parish safe. Meanwhile, likely a surprise to no one, the Knights continue to do their quiet good works around our parish and school.

Thank you Knights of Columbus for all you do

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Teresa Schoen, Michael Stevens, Bill and Maria Lersch, Vicki Langlot, Ted Gormley

For the deceased...

Sr. Rosemary Antonich, SNJM
Samuel D. Anulacion

Holy Week

The holiest days of the liturgical year begin this week.

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31:

Tenebrae

We will celebrate Tenebrae at 7:00 pm on Wednesday. While most of the ceremonies of the Church are joyous and celebratory, Tenebrae stands in stark contrast; it is sorrowful from beginning to end. Darkness plays a role both figuratively and literally. Traditionally the only light came from the Tenebrae hearse, or large candle holder. The three days leading up to Easter are known as the **Sacred Triduum**. During these three days we commemorate the passion, death and the resurrection of the Lord.

Thursday of Holy Week, April 1:

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, at 6:30 pm. Few days are more beautiful or more filled with meaning than the Thursday of Holy Week. The Last Supper celebrates when Jesus instituted the Eucharist, instituted the priesthood, washed the feet of the apostles and gave a new commandment; for all of us to love one another.

Good Friday, April 2:

Tre Ore

We will celebrate Tre Ore on Good Friday, beginning at 12 noon and concluding at 3:00 pm. Tre Ore is Italian for *three hours* and is a liturgical service held on Good Friday referring to the three hours that Christ was on the Cross. Traditionally there are a series of homilies on the seven last words spoken by Christ.

Stations of the Cross

It is said that Mary retraced the steps of her Son's Passion and the significant events that happened along the way beginning when she lived in Jerusalem but continuing throughout her life. At 3:00 pm on Friday we need go no further than our own church to do the same.

Good Friday Liturgy concludes Good Friday observances at 6:30 pm in the church.

Holy Saturday, April 3:

Holy Saturday is a vigil at 8:30 pm; we keep watch for the rising of Jesus and joyfully receive those into the Church who have spent months in preparation.

Easter Sunday, April 4:

Our joyous celebrations will be at 8:30 am and at 10:30 am in the Church.

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St. Mark Catholic Classical School Registration is Open for Fall 2021

Registration is open for preschool through eighth grade for Fall 2021. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and we will all be in school the first day. All paperwork is online and can be accessed through the school website, www.stmss.org. Find the Admissions tab and scroll down to tuition and affordability.

All new families will be asked to meet with Mr. Kathryn Palmquist-Keck before finalizing their paperwork. Give your child the gift of a Catholic Classical education, creating saints for God.

St. Mark School Lion's Fund

The Annual Lion's Drive 300 X 500 Campaign is the primary fund raising endeavor of St. Mark Catholic Classical School this year. It's simple. If 300 families donate \$500 or more we will meet our goal of achieving at least \$150,000 for our school. This will help support basic needs of our school including teacher salaries.

So far 152 donors have pledged \$89,838 which is almost 60% of our goal. Thank you! Our donations are tax deductible. Send a check made payable to St. Mark Catholic Classical School to either the school or the parish office or donate online directly at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/149/DirectDonate/2105>.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

St. Mark Parish Office Closures

The parish office will be closed beginning Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) through Wednesday, April 7 (Easter Wednesday) reopening Thursday, April 8.

May everyone have a joyous Easter

Sacred Heart Radio

Sacred Heart Radio, 100.3 FM and 1050 AM, is listener supported Catholic radio. You have likely listened to the Mass at 9:00 am on weekdays, but have you explored any of the other programs? Miracle Hunter is Saturday at 4:00 pm and delves into the fascinating world of miracles as it takes listeners on a hunt that explores some of the greatest mysteries and marvels of the Catholic Church.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is coming this week and along with it the 39th annual National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Throughout the Gospel Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially the children. Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church.

Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys are sexually abused before they turn 18.

Reaching out to all victims and survivors of abuse is critical in bringing hope, healing and the love of Christ.

We all can play a role in victim outreach by believing a victim or survivor who trusts us with their story, offering support, compassion and prayers to those who have been abused and helping them to connect with resources.

Help discerning what constitutes abuse can be found at: <https://www.seattlechildrens.org/about/community-benefit/child-abuse-neglect/>

Family Law/CASA Washington provides many resources for coping with all aspects of dealing with abuse from reporting, navigating the legal processes and counseling and healing: <https://www.familylawcasa.org/helpful-resources/dv/dv-victim-resources/>

Daily Mass Cancelations

† Daily Mass is canceled Monday, April 5, for Easter Monday.

† Daily Mass is canceled Wednesday, April 7, for Easter Wednesday

Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449

Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115

Funeral Volunteers: Gini Harmon (206) 364-6834

Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (206) 706-2608

Holyrood Cemetery: (206) 363-8404

Beck's Funeral Home: (425) 771-1234

Harvey Funeral Home: (206) 632-0100

Marian Caskets: (206) 463-6245

HOLY WEEK



Holy Wednesday

Confessions at 5:00 pm

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm

Benediction at 6:00 pm

Daily Mass at 6:30 pm

Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 pm

Good Friday

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

The Passion Play at 11:00 am presented

by the 8th Grade in the Church

Tre Ore 12 noon in the Church

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm in the Church

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am

The Great Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm

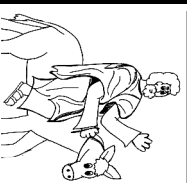
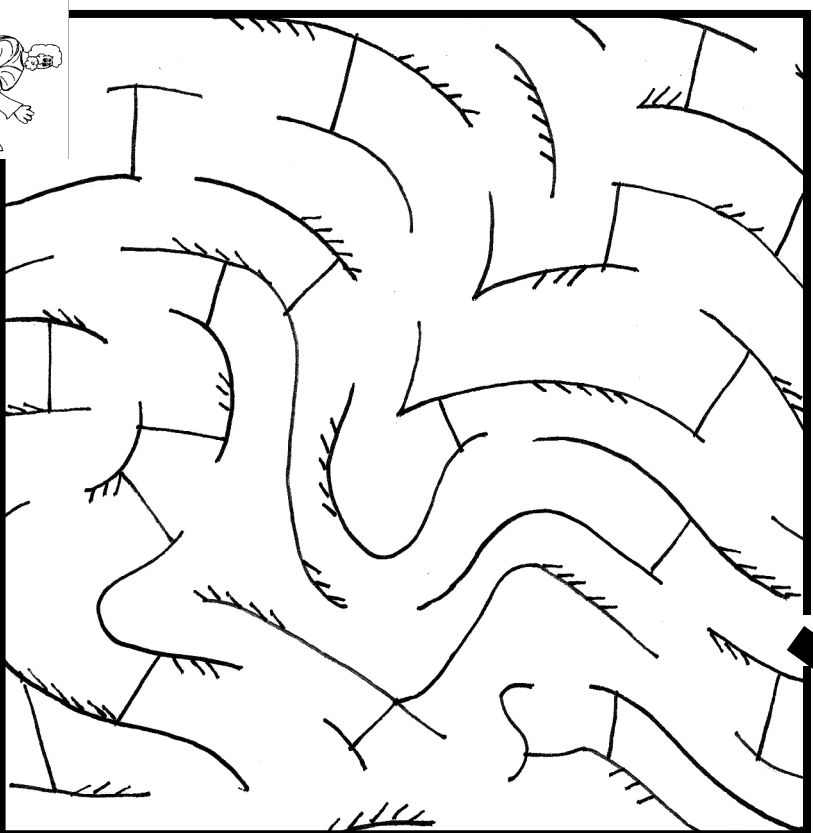
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Easter Sunday

Holy Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am

Palm Sunday

Write the beginning letter of each word to see what people said when they saw Jesus in Jerusalem.

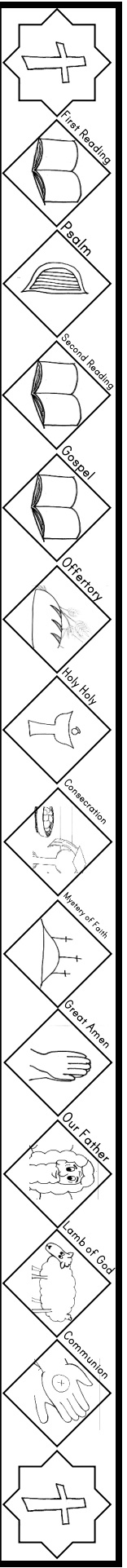


March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday
Color: Red

PWALKJMYPPGODKOWMYPAK	PEOKMEOWKAOJSEI
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?	PGODPWLEKWHYPD

PHAVEOYUUPABANDONEDKWOES

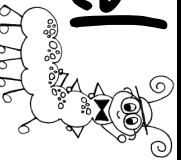
Did you get a palm branch at the beginning of Mass today? Hold your palm quietly during Mass, then take it home and keep it in a special place at your house.



Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Gospel



The priest is going to read a Gospel story at the beginning of Mass today. In the story, Jesus is going into Jerusalem. He is riding on a colt as people wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means, "Hooray!"

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