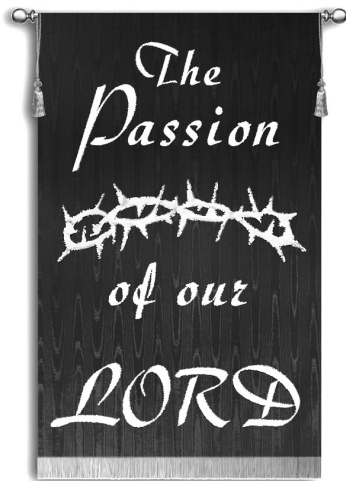


## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Daily Mass every Thursday at 9:30am. (Rosary @ 9:10)
- Bible study sessions are currently cancelled. Updates in future bulletin.
- Women's' Club Meetings meet regularly each Second Monday of the month /11am .  
Any & All women of the parish please join us .
- Collecting "To Go" hot drink cups with lids for the parish during the month of March.
- Parish Picnic at Hamilton Farm - Sunday April 26 1424 West End. More info to follow NOTE DATE CHANGE



### The schedule for Holy Week will be :

- HOLY THURSDAY MASS—7:30PM
- GOOD FRIDAY—5:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FOLLOWED BY THE PASSION OF THE LORD.
- EASTER VIGIL MASS—8:00PM
- EASTER SUNDAY MASS—12:30PM

Women's Club News \*Collecting "to-go" hot drink cups with lids during this month.

Cleaning our church for the Easter Season—Thursday March 26th at noon.

Holy Week Lunch First Baptist Church 102 Church St./Monday March 30 .  
Noon Service—lunch 12:30

Decorating the church for Easter - Saturday April 4th at 11am

Save the date: Sunday April 26th Parish Picnic—this is a change of date! More info to come.

Help St. Joseph Church become financially stable.



Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: [stjcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:stjcoordinator@gmail.com)

Or to Bob Renaud~ [brenaud65@gmail.com](mailto:brenaud65@gmail.com)



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Catholic Church



### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)**

**Saturday( Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm**

**Sunday 12:30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays  
(or by appointment)**

**All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.**

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Thursday 9 am to 10:30 am & Saturday pm (Fr Agustin)

**110 W End St, Chester SC 29706**



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

UPCOMING FEAST

- 29 St. Ludovico of Casoria
- 30 St. Peter Regalado
- 31 St. Stephen of Mar Saba
- 01 St. Hugh of Grenoble
- 02 St. Francis of Paola
- 03 St. Benedict the African
- 04 St. Isidore of Seville

Mass Readings for Palm Sunday, Year A

Procession with Palms - Gospel --- Matthew 21:1-11  
 At The Mass - 1st Reading --- Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Responsorial Psalm --- Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 2nd Reading --- Philippians 2:6-11  
 Verse Before the Gospel --- Philippians 2:8-9  
 Gospel --- Matthew 26:14-27:66

MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

LECTOR: Sat. V. Paragon/ TBA

E.M: Sat. P. Hamilton/TBA

LECTOR: Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant

E.M: Sun. K. Hutto/TBA

WEEK of Feb 28th OFFERING:

Envelopes	\$1540.00
Loose	\$46.00
<b>Total: Under Budget</b>	<b>\$1586.00</b>
Other: candle ,refurb, special	\$5.00
<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>\$1847.00</b>

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT**

ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY

If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.

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PALM SUNDAY

As soon as the Church obtained her freedom in the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, holding a procession in which they carried branches and sang the Hosanna (Matthew 21, 1-11). In the early Latin Church, people attending Mass on this Sunday would hold aloft twigs of olives, which were not, however, blessed in those days.

This Palm Sunday procession, and the blessing of palms, seems to have originated in the Frankish Kingdom. The earliest mention of these ceremonies is found in the Sacramentary of the Abbey of Bobbio in northern Italy (beginning of the eighth century). The rite was soon accepted in Rome and incorporated into the liturgy. The prayers used today are of Roman origin. A Mass was celebrated in some churches outside the walls of Rome, and there the palms were blessed. Then a solemn procession moved into the city to the basilica of the Lateran or to Saint Peter's, where the Pope offered a second Mass. The first Mass, however, was soon discontinued, and in its place only the ceremony of blessing was performed. Even today the ritual of the blessing clearly follows the structure of a Mass up to the Sanctus.

The Catholic Church continues in deep tradition to honor the scriptures and the Passion and Death of Our Lord which followed Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, known as Palm Sunday.

**ADORATION** after the 12:30 mass today until 3pm

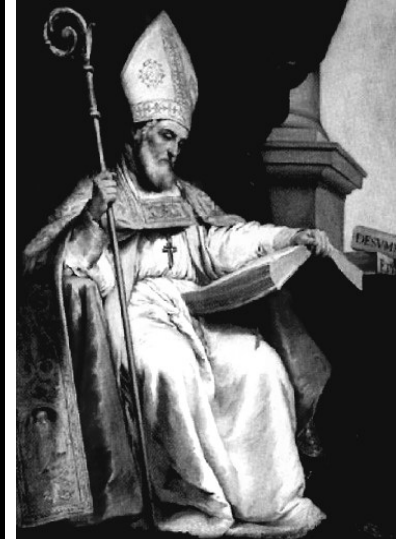
*"Could You Not Stay Awake but an hour With Me?"*

MEANING BEHIND THE palm branches

THE PALMS SYMBOLIZE PEACE AND VICTORY!

It was custom during Jesus' time for people to pay homage by laying palm branches—or even clothes—in front of people who were owed a great amount of respect.

The Gospel of John tells of how Jesus was welcomed into the city mere days before his death (John 12: 12-13)

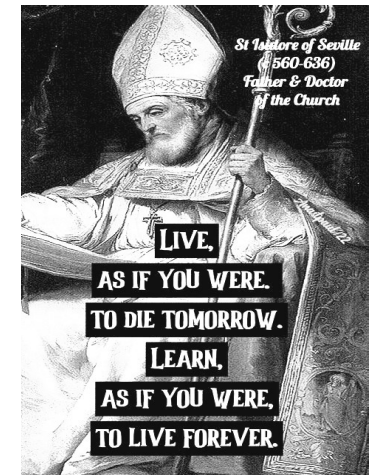


**St. Isidore of Seville**  
560 - 636  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Memorial - 4 April  
Patron Saint of the Internet

Holy Humor



Coffee With the



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pray for us!

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where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.



O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

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