

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—March 29th, 2026

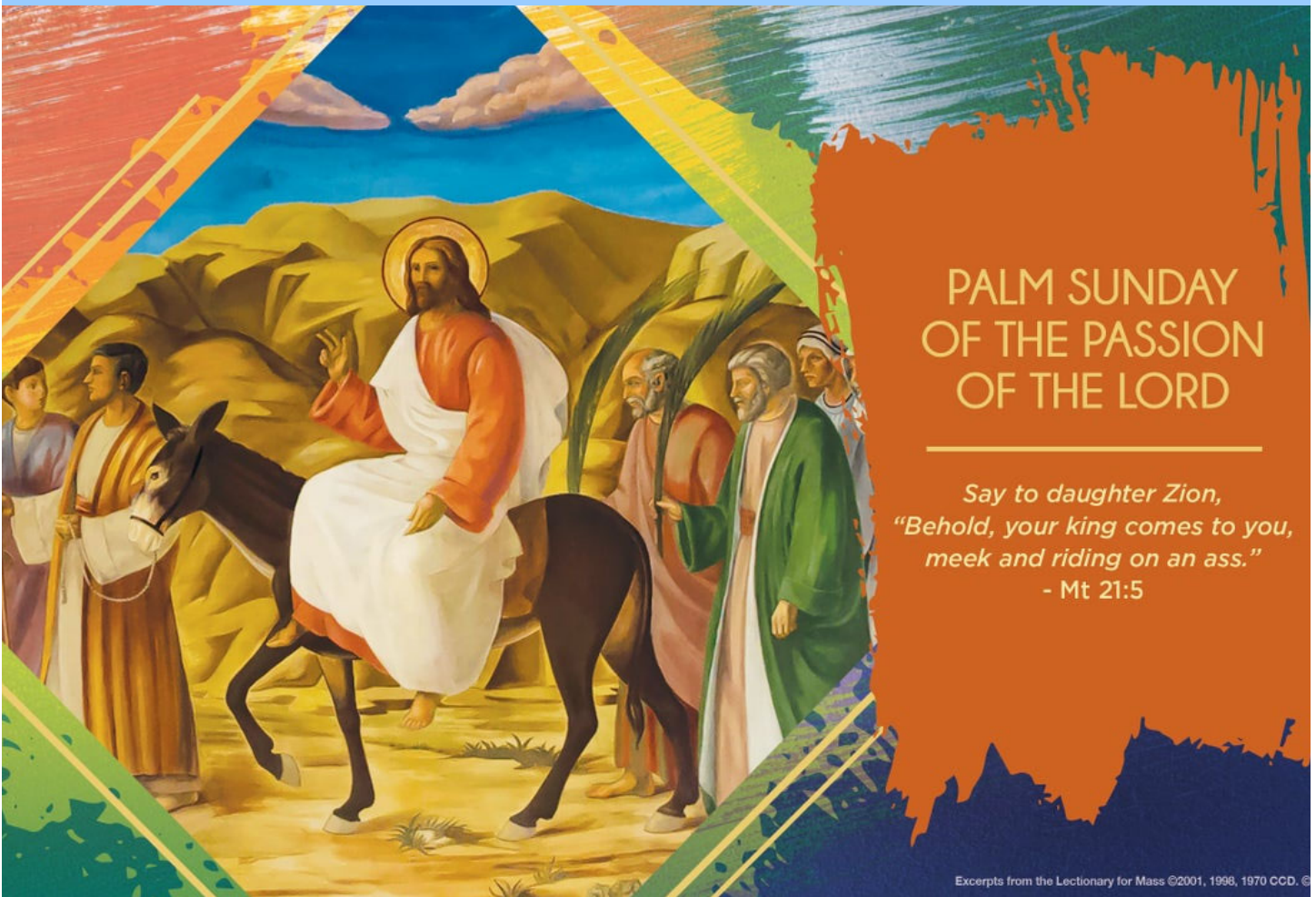
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Mission Statement:

To foster a harmonious, loving and prayerful atmosphere within the parish community that will project the love of Christ!



PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."
- Mt 21:5*

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Welcome to St. Didacus Church

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake
and all that was happening, and they said,
"Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

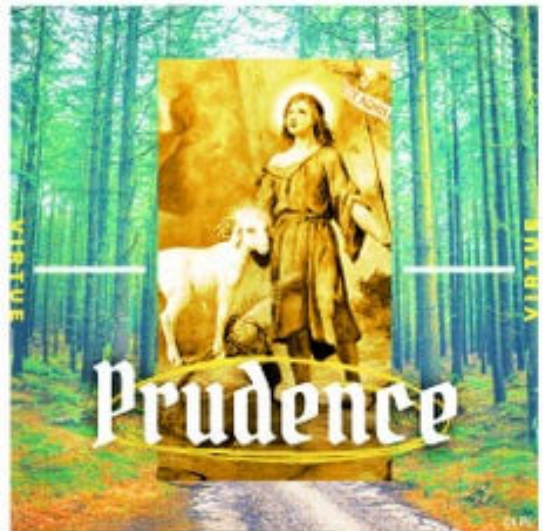
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

Observances for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins
Wednesday: April Fools' Day
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. Prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good.

Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7)**. The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10)**. Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de Marzo de 2026

Domingo: Mt 21, 1-11 (37)/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/Is 50, 4-7/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14-27, 66 o 27, 11-54

Lunes: Is 42, 1-7/Sal 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14/Jn 12, 1-11

Martes: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38

Miércoles: Is 50, 4-9/Sal 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34/Mt 26, 14-25

Jueves: Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16. 17-18/1 Co 11, 23-26/Jn 13, 1-15

Viernes: Is 52, 13-53, 12/Sal 30, 2 y 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17 y 25/Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9/Jn 18, 1\ 19, 42

Sábado: Vigilia de la Pascua de Resurrección: Gn 1, 1-2, 2 o 1, 1. 26-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 (30) o Sal 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22 (5)/Gn 22, 1-18 o 22, 1-2. 9. 10-13. 15-18/Sal 15, 5. 8. 9-10. 11 (1)/Ex 14, 15-15, 1/ Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18 (1)/Is 54, 5-14/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 (2)/Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (3)/Bar 3, 9-15. 32-4, 4/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11 (Jn 6, 68)/Ez 36, 16-17. 18-28/Sal 41, 3. 5; 43, 3. 4 (42, 2)/Rom 6, 3-11/Sal 118, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/Mt 28, 1-10

Domingo siguiente: Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 (24)/Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Co 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt 28, 1-10 o Lc 24, 13-3

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 29 de Marzo de 2026

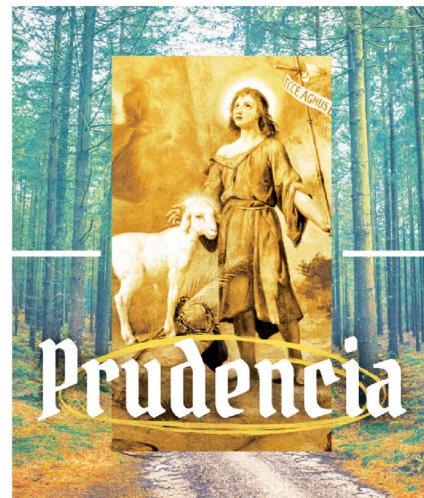
Domingo: Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo; Comienza la Semana Santa

Lunes:

Martes:

Miércoles: Día de los Santos Inocentes

Jueves: Jueves Santo



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como anteojos para un alma
miope por el pecado original.
La prudencia dispone nuestra
razón práctica no solo para
discernir lo que es bueno, sino
para elegir la forma correcta de
lograr ese bien.

**ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS
LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO**
Bendición para Semana Santa
Quédate con nosotros esta
semana, Señor,
viajando cada vez más cerca de
Tu traspasado y Sagrado
Corazón.
Sumérgenos en Tu amor intenso
e imperecedero.
Ayúdanos a encontrar Tu pasión
de nuevas maneras que nos
informen, sorprendan e inspiren.
Amén.

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DE LA SEMANA

VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

Esta semana, vemos cosas que nos rompen el corazón: Dios traicionado. Esta semana, vemos cosas que sacuden nuestra fe: Dios sangrando en una cruz. Esta semana, esta Semana Santa, con todos sus momentos difíciles, puede cambiarnos, si lo permitimos. ¿Estamos listos?

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Prayer

Jesus, help me to treat you like my king.

Mission for the Week

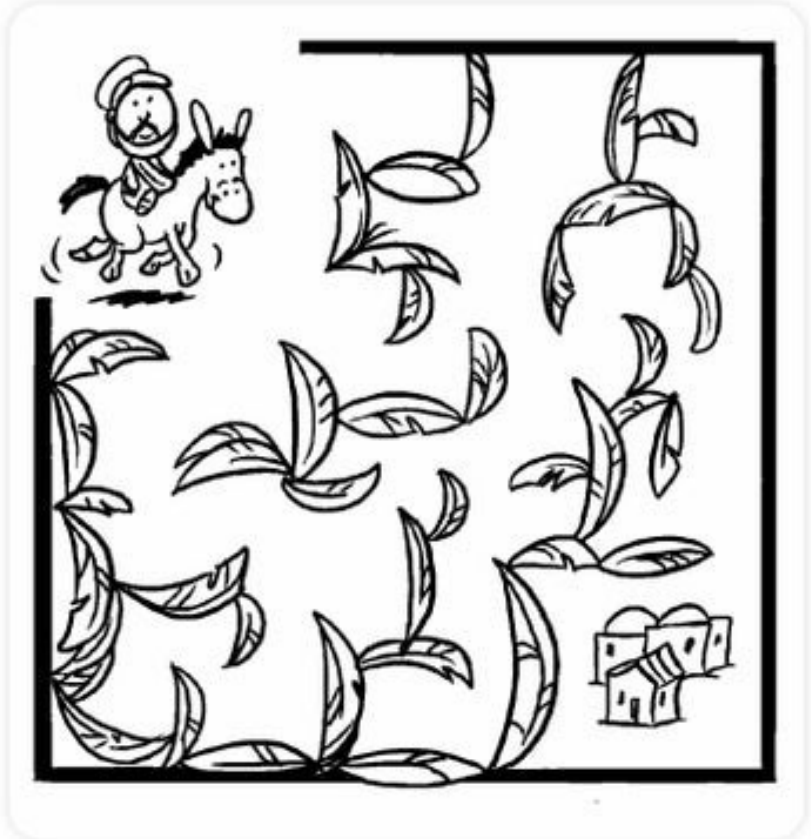
Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.

Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Savior. He would heal the blind, he would raise the dead, and he would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as a gentle king. The people knew Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. They treated him like a king.

Now color the picture! →

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, March 28

5:00 p.m. Matthew Escajeda & Beatriz Lopez may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory. Special Intentions for the safety during deployment of Xavier Marquez

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Patty Ledesma, Lacaro Medina e Elodia Lopez. . Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 29

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory. Happy Birthday Rosalia Lopez

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Lacaro Medina e Ignacio Pulido. Feliz Anniversario de 61 año de Alvaro y Teresa Aguilar. Intencion Especial de la salud de Alvaro Aguilar Jr.

10:00 a.m. Judith Lopez & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Melissa Reynoso & Arlene Zamora

11:30a.m Maria de la luz Bautista & Patty Ledesma, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the safety during deployment of Xavier Marquez. Happy Birthday Mynor Rios

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Maria de Jesus Salazar, Jorge Salazar, Pablo Dillon & Peter Dillon. Special Intentions to the Melgoza Family

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Luis Pulido, Justin Contreras e Elodia López. Happy Birthday Dulce Contreras & Belen Contreras

Monday, March 30

7:30a.m. John Stephen LeePatty Ledesma, Miguel angel Solis & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Jose Luis Solis. Special Intetions to the Recovery of Gustavo Plata.

6:00 p.m Mass Has been Cancelled (intentions to be said at the 7:30 mass)

Tuesday, March 31

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Juan Melendez e Patty Ledesma. Feliz Cumpleaños de Balbina Orduna

Wednesday, April 1

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Fatima Grace Pineda, Jorge Omar Portillo Calderon & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Martha Quintero, Jose Quintero & Patty Ledesma. Happy Birthday Leobardo Alonso Anaya

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday the Last Supper

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday .

Corrected Holy Week Schedule please refer to scheduler below



HOLY WEEK

Lent Reconciliation
March 17, 2026 7:00 P.M

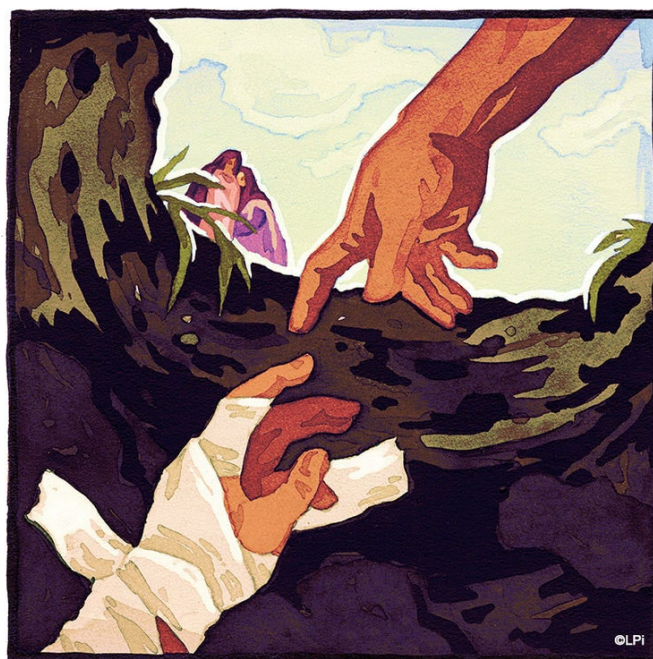
PALM SUNDAY
English Mass: 6:30 AM • 10 AM • 11:30 AM
Spanish Mass 8:00 Am, 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY
Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
Liturgy only
English: 12 PM & 7 PM
Spanish 3pm (Viacrusis) en Vivo en El Estacionamiento
Liturgia: 5pm

EASTER VIGIL
Bilingual: 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
English Mass: 6:30 AM • 10 AM • 12:00 PM
Spanish 8:00 am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm





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Bottled Water/Soda- We will continue to accept donations of Bottled Water and various types of soda . Cans of soda are preferred, 2 Liter Bottles are acceptable. These donations are sold at the various food booths. Please bring your donations to the parish Office right up until the Fiesta.

Our Fiesta is quickly approaching and we need all parishioners to participate in some manner to once again make it a successful event that will benefit St. Didacus Church.

Please keep working on those Raffle tickets and donations.

A sincere thank you to everyone for your efforts and support. May God's Blessing be with each of members of our St. Didacus Family as we begin Holy Week and Prepare for Easter and the Gifts of the Resurrection of our Lord.

