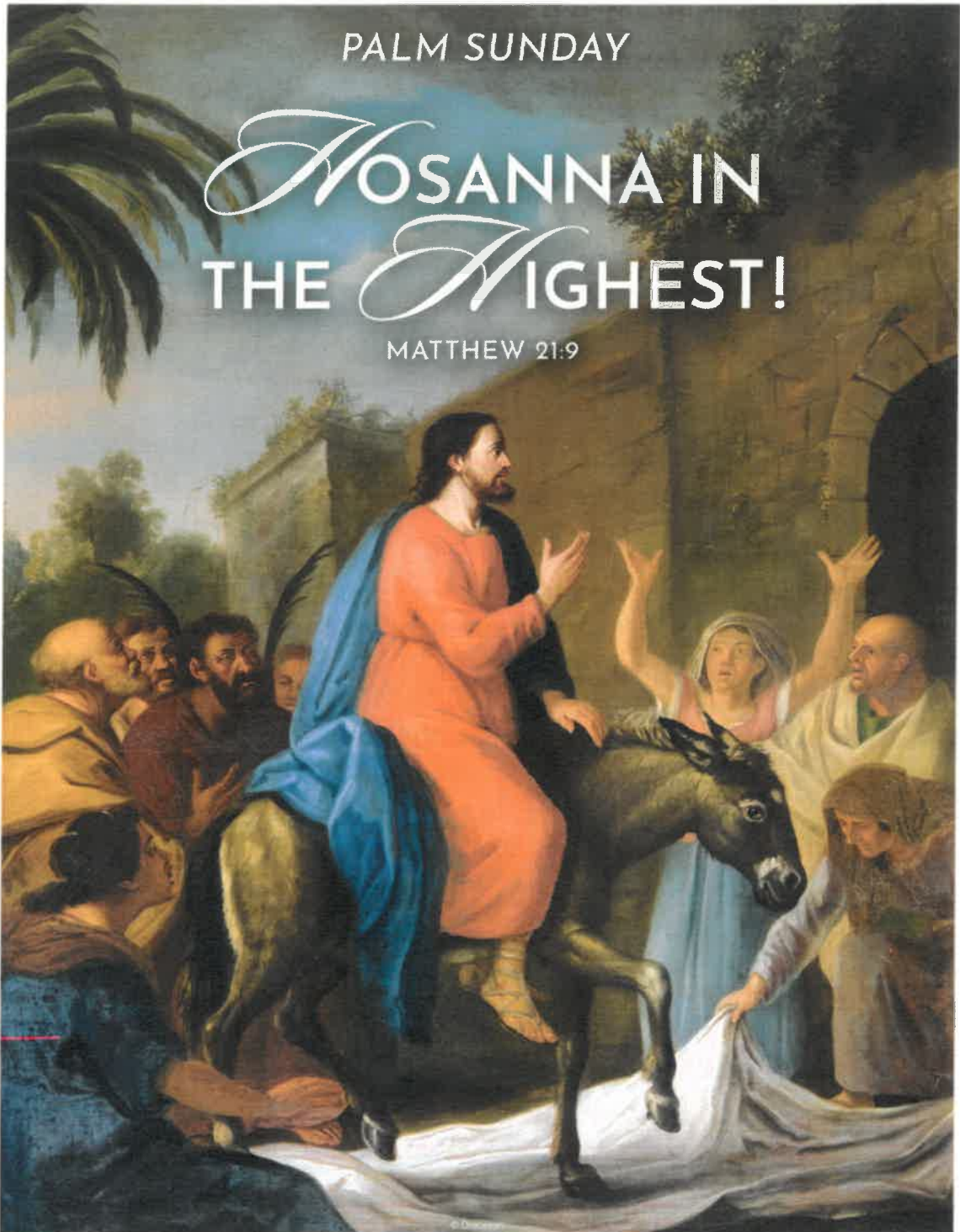


PALM SUNDAY

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THE *HIGHEST!*

MATTHEW 21:9





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 29, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

March 28	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Ken & Cindy Smith Parish Family of St. Patrick
April 1	5:30pm	Communion Service
April 2	7:00pm	HOLY THURSDAY +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Ken & Cindy Smith
April 3	3:00pm 7:00pm	Good Friday - STATIONS OF THE CROSS Passion of Our Lord - Adoration 1 hour after Service
April 4	7:30pm	Easter Vigil - Parish Family of St. Patrick +Deceased Members of Phelan & Elkan Families
April 5	9:00am	Easter Sunday - +Stromski Family
April 8	5:30pm	Communion Service



Church of St. Mary

EASTER BASKET BLESSINGS AT:

ST. ROSE - WILMINGTON - 12:00 NOON

ST. JOSEPH - MANHATTAN - 12:00 NOON

Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 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 Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rm 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
(Afternoon or Evening) 54

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
3/22/2026

St. Patrick Day - \$472.00

Sunday - \$1240.00

Maintenance - \$100.00

Easter Flowers - \$80.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

Thank you for your faith filled support.

STATIONS OF THE
CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 - 3:00PM

LEADER:

AMY PFEIFER



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Holy Thursday

APRIL 2, 2026

7:00PM

WASHING OF THE FEET

SIGN-UP SHEET

IN VESTIBULE



Our Blessed Mother
Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK

'My appointed
time draws near.'



Jesus Wept

We might think Jesus had nothing to cry about. After all, he knows that the life we experience after earthly death is the point at which our eyes are opened and our hearts are completely filled at last. He knows that he will soon raise Lazarus from the dead, and everyone will be rejoicing and their sorrow forgotten. So, why did he weep?

It seems he wept at the sight of others' sorrow; he saw Mary and the others grieving over Lazarus' death and became "perturbed and deeply troubled," and he wept. This is a profound insight into the very Heart of the Savior – a compassionate heart truly entering into the sorrow of others and reaching out to alleviate their pain.

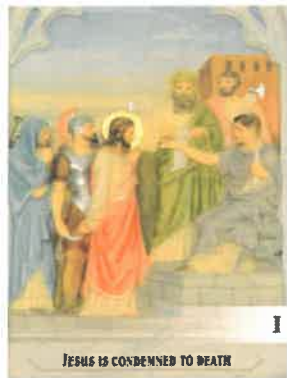
He is again "perturbed" when some of the bystanders suggest that he was unable to do anything about this, that he should have done something earlier to save Lazarus. What caused this agitation was not that he took personal offense at their doubtfulness. His Heart is always for others first! His pain was caused by their continued lack of faith, which was detrimental to THEM, not to him. He is the Savior and Redeemer, who calls them to believe and trust.

Jesus is also a Teacher, who does not miss any "teachable moment." So, as he is about to perform this extraordinary act, he wants to make sure that the lessons are understood clearly. One of these lessons is that Jesus only does what the Father wills, that his power over sickness and demons and death itself is the will of the Father and comes from the Father ("Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me.") but it is truly also HIS power. In the Gospel, Jesus never asks the Father to do the healing, the casting out, or the raising from the dead; he speaks directly for himself. "He cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out."

In this one scene, Jesus is accomplishing many things, "for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it":

- **Jesus** shows he is beyond any fear of perceived danger by returning to the people who had rejected him and tried to stone him to death.
- **Jesus** reminds the disciples that he walks by a greater light, and they can too.
- **Jesus** strengthens the faith of those present and declares, "I am the resurrection and the life."
- **Jesus** raises the one he loves, four days after he died.
- **Jesus** restores a brother to two grieving sisters.
- **Jesus** demonstrates his divine power to the bystanders and the disciples.
- **Jesus** draws many others to believe in him.

This Lent, has my faith deepened? Do I believe that whatever God allows is for a greater good, for His greater glory? Do I trust that his love and mercy never fail and will ultimately relieve every sorrow? Is my heart freer to receive the fullness of redemption in Christ?



JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS



JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME



JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

GOOD FRIDAY
STATIONS
AT 3:00PM



SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY THE CROSS



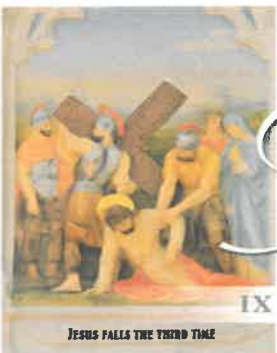
VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME



JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN



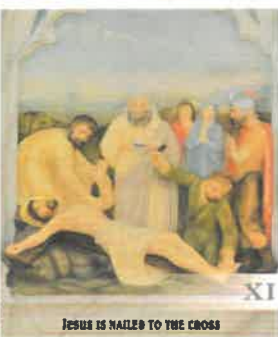
JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

STATIONS
OF THE
Cross



JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Station photographed at St. Joseph
Marion, Carroll, in Fort Wayne, Indiana
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JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



JESUS IS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS



JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB



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DATE & TIME	LECTOR	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	SERVER (2 each night)	USHER (2 each night)
March 28 5:45pm	Sherrie Ashley Amy Pfeifer	Cindy Smith		
Holy Thursday April 2 - 7:00pm	Linda Cakora	Cindy Smith		
Good Friday April 3 - 7:00pm	Jerry Kinsella Sue Nugent	Cindy Smith		
Easter Vigil April 4 - 7:30pm	Mark May	Jerry Kinsella Carmen Kinsella Paul Engler		
Easter Sunday April 5 - 9:00am	Mark May	Linda Cakora		

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

—Rev. James Field

**COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM**

Please Remember our sick;

especially: Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE
A LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER
LIST.**



**ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO
DECORATE FOR HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER**

**PLEASE CALL SUE NUGENT AT
815-790-4286**



Palm Sunday My Will Be Done

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. That might sound odd, considering how the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is in distress. I suppose I could identify with them as they show weakness when Jesus needed strength. But I am really comforted by Jesus' words. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his

Father, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39), I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it's comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father's will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." But how often do we still take the easy way out? Ever hear someone tell a lie or spread gossip that hurts a person's reputation? We can choose to do nothing (the easy way) or gently reproach the other with a simple question, "What would Jesus do?" When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it's none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done"?

Luke's Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, "When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden. and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father's will. Our temptations continue every day as we face frustrations, desire for things we can't have, unanswered prayers, or our own weaknesses. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what *we* think is best, at least remember to say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

Tom Schmidt