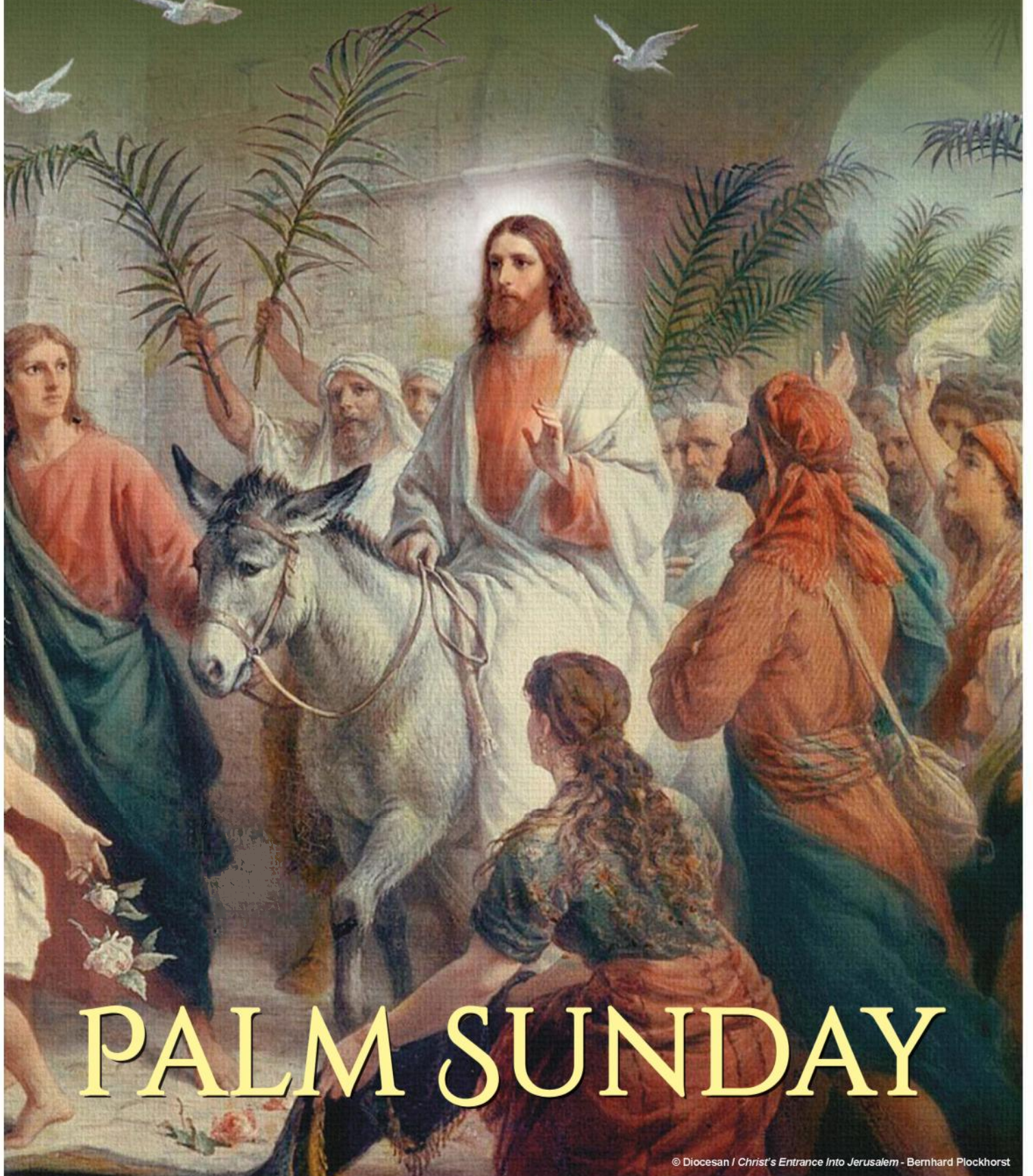


**“Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the LORD!”**

Mark 11:9



PALM SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23

8:30AM Raul S. Rodriguez by Aguilar Family
4:30PM †Filiberto Garcia Jr. Anniversary by Sylvia Garcia

Sunday, March 24

8:00AM MPB Parishioners
10:30AM Ismael Hernandez Birthday by Parents
12:30PM †John Arguell by Leonor and Fred Chavera
7:30PM Naven Garcia by Rick McCabe

Monday, March 25

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell
†Concepcion Rhode by Robert Rhode
†Bodie L. Justice by Sandra Lozano
†Eva Montez by Richard Montez
†Isaac R. Lopez by Jiminix Family
†Joe Gutierrez by Lamar Graves
6:00PM †Agapito G. Botello by Irene Valdez

Tuesday, March 26

8:30AM †Joe D. Lopez & Agustin C. Perez by Janie Lopez
6:00PM †Jim Pocza by Lynn Dornbusch

Wednesday, March 27

8:30AM †Buski Itobore by Family
6:00PM †Dora Sanchez by Irene Ledesma

Thursday, March 28

8:30AM NO MORNING MASS
6:00PM Joe L. Gomez Family by Rick McCabe

Friday, March 29

8:00AM-11:00PM 2:30PM Confessions
3:00PM Passion of the Lord (Adoration of the Cross)
6:00PM Stations of the Cross
7:00PM Tenebrae

Saturday, March 30

8:00PM †Aurora Vega & Tommy by Adame Family



Religious Education Classes

PKD-5th Grade - St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

Middle & High School - Great Hall

PK3 - 5th Grades 8:45 or 11:45am
6th Grade 8:45am
7 - 8th Grade 1:45pm
9 - 12th Grade 5:00pm

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

Alexis Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry
email: mpbccym@gmail.com

Tina Villegas - Director of Religious Education
email: mpbreled@yahoo.com

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon with the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist at the Mass.

Please consider becoming an altar server if you are a Catholic in good standing, male of 7+ in age and have received Baptism, 1st Communion, and in a sacramental marriage (if married).

Training will be provided. For more information and /or to volunteer, please contact Joseph Hernandez at 361-854-3800.

The Sanctuary Candles are lit in the Church, St. Jude Chapel, and Adoration Chapel. These candles are perpetually lit for two weeks for your special intention in a high place of honor which lets us know that Jesus is physically present in the Eucharist. They can be in memory of a loved one, for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or any intention. The cost is \$15.00.

Week of March 17, 2024-March 30, 2024

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions of the Powell Families by John Powell

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions of the Powell Families by John Powell

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Antonio Isidro by Family

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

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, 36-3

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

Thursday: Holy Thursday *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

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 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: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn1:1—2:2 or Gn 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; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 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; Rom 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: The Resurrection Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Parents Night out

Enjoy a night out without kids!
Parents night out sponsored by our high school youth group raising funds to attend the Steubenville Youth conference. Babysitting provided on **April 6th** from 6-9 pm in St. Juliana great hall. Food and entertainment will be provided for your children. Pricing at \$20 per 1-4 year old and \$10 per 5-12 year old. For more information or to register your children visit <https://vbspro.events/p/nightout1> or email mpbyouthonfire@gmail.com

Twenty minutes before every Sunday mass the deacon will lead us in praying the rosary. Please join us in praying for your special intentions as well as those of the whole world.



Each week, a Traveling Vocations Crucifix will be presented to a different Parishioner. The Family / Individual presented with the Crucifix, will pray for an increase in vocations within our diocese and particularly within our Parish. To participate, please visit the Parish Website mpbchurch.org under ministries and sign up.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest, Fr. Joseph Lopez at 361-854-3800 or via email: jlopez@mpbchurch.org



Quinceanera Retreat

The Quinceanera Retreat dates for 2024 have been scheduled for April 6, July 13 and October 26. A Quinceanera retreat is a requirement for a Quinceanera Mass. Retreat Fee is \$125.

For more information and to register please contact Tina at mpbreled@yahoo.com or 361-854-3800

The Church office will be closed March 28-April 1 in observance of Easter. The church office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 2, 2024

If you are doing your spring cleaning, and want to donate any items for this year's rummage sale, please contact Krystle Martinez at 361-562-1142 for more information.

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, March 24

8:30AM RCIA **FC**
8:45/11:45AM CGH **SMG**
8:45 6th Grade CGH **SMG**
1:45PM MS RE **GH**
5:00PM HS RE **GH**

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, March 27

9:45AM WINE **C1**
3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
6:45PM WINE **GH**
7:00PM KC Officers **C1**

Thursday, March 28

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, March 29

6:30PM Stations of the Cross **C**

Saturday, March 30

Sunday March 31

Legend:

C - Church
C1-C2 - Classrooms in Family Center
FC - Family Center
GH - The Great Hall in Family Center
BR - Brides Room
RG - Rose Garden
Sch - MPB School Building
SJC - Saint Jude Chapel
SMG - St. Maria Goretti

Please Pray For:

Brenda Uhlarik, Gabriella Zielinski, Ron Uhlarik, and for all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." You are greatly needed! Hours for adoration are available, contact Alice Polansky at 361-737-6360.





Sacred Triduum & Easter 2024

Holy Thursday

Confessions: 5pm

MASS of the Lord's Supper: 6pm

Good Friday

Confessions: 8am – 11am (chapel), 2:30pm

The Passion of the Lord (adoration of the cross): 3pm

Stations of the Cross: 6pm

Tenebrae: 7pm

Holy Saturday

Confessions: 8am – 11am (church)

Easter Vigil MASS: 8pm

Easter Sunday

(Confessions 30 min. before every Mass)

MASS: 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

- No 7:30pm Mass

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One Minute Meditations

Fasting to detach

"Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their 'shame.'

Their minds are occupied with earthly things"

(Philippians 3:19). We tend to eat and drink so freely that we forget God, who gives us that which we eat and drink. Fasting, especially during Lent, helps us to detach from the things of this world and remember Him. Catholics are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on Fridays.

Believe in God

Believing in God means more than just saying He exists. Believers serve God, give time to Him, and put Him first. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform works of charity and you will act on your baptismal promises.

"Yet even now,' says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments'"
(Joel 2:12).



Preparing hearts for Easter joy

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

Purifying our hearts: Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

Opening up to love: Mother Teresa

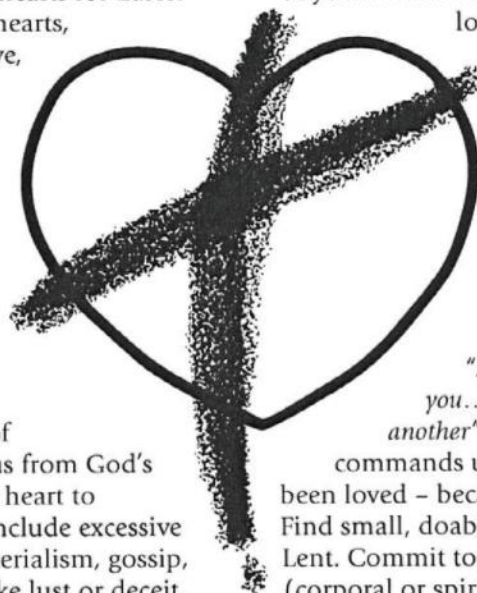
wrote, "Have you seen...how [Jesus] looks at you with love?... Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart.

Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

Put love in action:

"Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). God

commands us to love as we've been loved – because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (corporal or spiritual). Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout Lent and beyond.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics cover statues during Lent?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as "Passiontide." The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God.



This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

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Romeo Librado Plazola
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We celebrate your baptism into the Kingdom of God and the Catholic Church! Let us continue to pray for the new members of our faith.


Children's Liturgy of the Word is available at the 10:30am & 12:30pm Sunday Masses.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help please contact Tina Villegas at mpbreled@yahoo.com or 361-854-3800.

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St. Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your son, you rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.
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