

St. Mary's Church

303 W. St Mary's St. Minooka, IL



Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, Classical Iconography Institute

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Meditations on Sunday Readings and Famous Art

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Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

Understanding the Palm Sunday Icon

The icon for Palm Sunday is known as "Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem" and recounts an event found in all four gospels (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19). This icon is intended to depict the exultant welcome the Son of God received as He entered into His city and His kingdom. The arrival of the Messiah on the back of a colt (or donkey) would have been bewildering to the Jews because 1) they expected a military Messiah to free them from Roman occupation and 2) they expected the Messiah to come only for them and not the gentiles. The donkey symbolizes an animal of peace and a colt is representative of the gentiles-- so either animal would have been confusing to the Jews of Jerusalem. A king entering a city on a horse meant war; a king arriving on a donkey meant peace.



The Icon's Geometry

The underlying geometry of this icon creates movement that subconsciously directs our attention to the focal point-- heavenly Jerusalem. The mountain and city walls serve as a geometric funnel directly to the city of Jerusalem. Even the palm in background is angled in the direction of the city as is the lowered head of the colt/donkey. Every line points to heavenly Jerusalem.

The Language of Symbolism

Buildings- In iconography, buildings often represent the Church. In this 15th century icon painted by the Novgorod school, the city of Jerusalem anachronistically depicts a temple with a cross on top, making this reference to the founding of the Church very clear.

Scroll- the scroll in Jesus' left hand indicates He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. A scroll in the hand tells the viewer that this person has authority and wisdom. It is also a reference to Revelation 5:5 as "the one who is worthy to open the scroll."

Cruciform Halo- If you look closely, Christ's halo contains a cross, which denotes His glorification. No halos of saints or angels contain the Cross of Salvation. Only three arms of the cross are visible, making up a Holy Trinity.

Inscription- Above Christ's head are the letters "IC" and "XC", the four-letter abbreviation of the Greek words for Jesus (IHCOYC) Christ (XPICTOC).

Christ Looking Back- Jesus is the bridge between the disciples and the heavenly Jerusalem. In some icons, he looks back at his disciples and followers as though to encourage them to persevere through this difficult phase. In other icons, He looks forward toward His glory as he leads his Apostles. Typically, the two most visible disciples behind Christ are Peter and John who are the pillars of the church. Behind them, the Apostles may sometimes look a little confused and fearful because they don't understand why Christ is returning to a place of danger where Jewish authorities were planning his murder.

Children- Child's play conveys a visual reminder of Christ's words, "Anyone who will receive the kingdom of heaven like a little child will never inherit it." Children are shown climbing the palm tree, and sometimes laying branches down or their outer tunics before the Messiah. Laying garments beneath someone's feet is a symbol of total surrender. By removing their outer garments, the children expose their white tunics, which like baptismal gowns, represent purity and innocence. Sometimes a child is shown pulling a thorn from the foot of another child who acquired it by climbing a palm tree, demonstrating that spiritual ascent can be painful or difficult.

And so we begin our entry into Holy Week, welcoming the Lord on Palm Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule



Recurring Events During Lent:

Weekend Masses:

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 7:30am, 9:00am,
and 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday through Friday at
8:30am

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 9:00am at St. Mary's
Fridays at 12:00 PM & 6:30
PM at St. Ann's, Channahon

Confession:

Thursdays from 7:30am to
8:20am
Saturdays from 4:00pm to
4:45pm

Adoration:

Thursdays from 7:30am to
8:20am
Saturdays from 4:00pm to
5:00pm

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Masses - March 24,
2024:

7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Confession with 6 priests present -
March 26, 2024

Tuesday from 6:00pm to
7:00pm at St. Ann's, Chan-
nahon

Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024:
7:00pm Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper

Good Friday - March 29, 2024:
3:00pm The Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024:
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses - March 31,
2024:

7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am



**Thank you to all who bought 50/50 tickets
at our Corned Beef Dinner.**

**The total for tickets sold was
\$1,920**

**The Winner, Caryn Fox, won half and donated \$200
back to go towards the
Scholarships.**

Thank you to ALL



Minooka Senior luncheon



**Minooka Senior luncheon is Wednesday
March 20th. Please call 815-467-2322 to
reserve your spot. Looking forward to
seeing you at St. Mary's Parish Center.**

**Doors open at 11:00 and lunch is served at
12:30.**

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who donated the beautifully decorated and delicious desserts and Irish soda bread for the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Once again your generosity was overwhelming. We received many compliments on how fantastic the variety of bakery was. Because of your generosity we had enough bakery to serve over 1000 people!

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to cut, plate and serve the desserts. With your help we were able to keep a great variety of desserts available for the entire dinner. It always amazes me when people come and ask for a specific dessert that we had last year. Thank you for all your help.

The containers that were not disposable are on the Office porch. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

St. Mary's Grief Share Program

Monday evening parish center

Spring Session 04/1- 5/20

6:00 p.m – 7:30 p.m

To register call parish office

Mary 815-467-2233 or Kathy 467-4228

Congratulations

On Being Named
CCW 's 2024 Woman of
the Year



Marie Moretti has been a member of St. Mary's in Minooka for 30 years. She currently is the Corresponding Secretary for the CCW and previously served as co-chair for the Community Commission. Marie bakes for parish functions, serves at funeral luncheons, helps with the Spring Tea, Anointing of the Sick Mass, and with the Giving Tree. She has served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for over 15 years, previously taught kindergarten Religious Education classes and helps with the Minooka Community Helping Hands Food Pantry. She and her husband Al have four children and five grandchildren. In her retirement after 18 years as a ParaPro in the Minooka Early Childhood Program, she enjoys baking and spending time with her family.



Mass
Coordinator

Lector

Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy
Communion

Altar
Servers

Saturday,
March 30
5:00pm

Jeanne Rapp
Pat Favero

John Mooney
Carolyn Healy

Marie Mooney
Sue Hulbert

Lauren Klimchak
Libby Nugent

Sunday,
March 31
7:30am

Nita Caruso

Rose Ruettiger
Lucy Feeney

Katie Liberatore
Cindy Creasman

Kevin Looney
Casey Looney

Sunday,
March 31
9:00am

Chris Gregory

Vic DelMastro
Mike Schramm

Erica Schramm
Barbara Novak

Patsy Manetti
Louis Manetti

Sunday,
March 31
11:00am

Kathy O'Hagan
Kath Williamson

Cathy Fouts
Kelly Klepec

Cheryl Nelson
Bruce Ukockis

Sarah Folsom
Alex Folsom
Jordana Junco
Gage Ross

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24	7:30am	+Paul Pullara	Peggy Kabinski
	9:00am	+George Beutel	The Family
		+Mary Lou DelMastro	DelMastro Family
	11:00am	+Denny Glenn	Pat & Al Smania
Monday, March 25	8:30am	+Jeff Struna	The Skwarzinski
		+Francis R. Dollinger	Jo Ann Dollinger
Tuesday, March 26	8:30am	Harriet, Mickey, Pat McDonald & John Brown	The Family
Wednesday, March 27`	8:30am	Intentions of our Pastor	
Thursday, March 28 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm	Mitzi Haley	
Friday, March 29 The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm		
Stations of the Cross	7:00pm		
Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil	7:30pm	OCIA Candidates	
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday	7:30am	Intentions of our Pastor	
	9:00am	Scott Tezak	The Family
		Lottie Gaydula	Sharon Gaydula
	11:00am	Nancy Reichen	Denise Tonarelli
		Deb Rinne	Denise Tonarelli



Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone

Homilies from Fr. John
To listen to Fr. John's
weekly homilies,

search "Honiotes" on any
major podcast app
or follow this link:
<https://buzzsprout.com/1373725>

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Please Remember St. Mary's in your will or trust

As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations.

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Director of Faith Formation - St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Parishes, Joliet IL

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Parishes is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation. The Director of Faith Formation (DFF) will be primarily responsible for coordinating different faith formation activities at our parishes. Job Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in a related field or background in theology. A theology certificate may also qualify. Proficient with Microsoft Office products and social media and communication. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, conflict management skills, and a strong ability to multi-task. Ability to comply with diocesan safe environment policies along with a valid driver's license and reliable means of transportation. This individual must be a practicing Catholic who supports the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. The DFF must act as an example and role model in personal life. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please submit resume to Pastor Fr. Jerome Kish at frkish@outlook.com.



Police & Firefighters
Special Intention

If you would like a
candle lit outside for a



Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Bill Reed
Larry Goodwin
Karen Lombardo

Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Baker Family
Bayley Webb
Aberie Skiba
Kathy Ly
Fred Lotarski

Lorenzo Benitez
Marlena Benitez
Judy Stafford
Ruth Kesselring
Olivia Arenella
Lisa Pelton

Robert Fonck
Marilyn Wilkens
Gerald Magolan
Joe Overbeck
Sheila Tonger
Molly Schramm

Jerry Moreno
Connie Hamilton
Jim Novotny
Ralph Westbrook
Phill Wizorek
John Prell

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email
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MASSES:

Saturday- 5:00pm

Sunday- 7:30am (simple chant)
9am and 11am

Weekday - daily at 8:30am

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Wed 8am-4pm

Thurs- 10:30am-4:00pm

Fri- 8am-12pm

OFFICE PHONE: (815) 467-2233

NEW PARISHIONERS:

St. Mary's Parish warmly welcomes everyone to our community. Please call the Parish office to register at

815-467-2233 or

Office@stmarysminooka.com

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:45pm

And upon request

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT:**

Thursdays - 7:30am-8:30am

Saturdays - 4:00pm-5:00

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Six months preparation required.

Visit the website for more information.

**SICK, HOMEBOUND AND
HOSPITAL VISITS:**

Contact the parish office if you would like communion, if you would like someone from St. Mary's to visit you in the hospital, or if we can help you in any other way. Privacy policies do not permit the hospital to contact us directly.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK - Please call the parish office at 815-467-2233.