

On Triumphal Entries

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Consider the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem & our participation in it.

Hosanna to the Son of David

A very great multitude attend Jesus along His procession into Jerusalem. They lay garments before his path; they wave palm branches; they shout: "Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."

The entry of Christ into Jerusalem

This is the day, if not the Incarnation itself, which *Abraham saw & was glad*: "Abraham, your father, rejoiced that He might see my day: he saw it & was glad." (Gospel of last Sunday) In spirit, many Abrahams were present at this *happy* entry of Jesus into Jerusalem: these spread garments along His path to honor His feet, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings & preaches peace" (Is 52:7); these wave palm branches, symbols of victory, to honor His eternal Kingship & to witness man's rescue by His victory, "thanks be to God, who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:57); these shout, "*Hosanna* to the son of David." "*Hosanna*," St. Augustine relates, is a *magis affectum*, a great shout of delight; it is a Hebrew word expressing praise or joy & is akin to, "hurray."

My entry into church

When I woke up this morning, did I anticipate, desire, long for, my entry into church, to honor those divine Feet which have given me the Gospel of Peace; to give thanks for His kingship which won for me such a Victory; to shout my *hosanna*, if only in my heart, to express my joy to be in His presence? Or did I get out bed thinking: "Ah, I wish I had a tummy ache, so I didn't have to go to church."

What is *my triumphal entry into church* like today? Am I wearing my best garments to honor Christ who, once more, descends from a mountainous heaven to bring us His peace? Do I come waving a palm branch of my anticipated *final* victory over sin? Do I have a voice of joy & thanksgiving... at least in my heart?

The entry of Christ into me

When I receive Holy Communion do I know what I am doing? I am receiving this same Jesus Whom Abraham *saw His coming & was glad*.

Would that every Catholic could rise from a Sunday bed with eager desire to meet once more their victorious King at Holy Mass; and, while brushing their teeth & tongue, they would avert, with pious care, to making a remote preparation of receiving such a gracious God, as if laying down a garment, a welcome mat, for His feet at the gates of another Jerusalem; and, while processing thereto, carry a firm conviction of their victory over sin; and, without pause or complaint, sing from the heart: *Hosanna Filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini*.

To end, two thousand years before Christ, Abraham *saw His coming & was glad*. We, two thousand years after His birth, now have Him, not by foresight, but in reality: body, blood, soul & divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. Do we rejoice? Are we glad?

Said again, personally, "Would I *gladly* be doing something else on Sunday?"



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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026, A.D.

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Church Office Hours: 8:15 am to 4:15 pm, Monday – Friday

Bookstore – open Sundays after the 9 am & 10:30 am Masses and 1st Saturdays after the 9 am Mass.

Baptism: Contact the parish three months before a birth.

Marriage: Contact the parish six months before a wedding.

Inquiring about the Catholic Faith? Call the office.

Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass (at the church)

9 am low Mass (at the church)

10:30 am high Mass (at the church)

1 pm low Mass (at the church)

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
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Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 03-29	Palm Sunday	1/R&V	
Mon 03-30	Monday of Holy Week	1/V	
Tues 03-31	Tuesday of Holy Week	1/V	
Wed 04-01	Wednesday of Holy Week	1/V	
Thu 04-02	Holy Thursday	1/W&V	
Fri 04-03	Good Friday	1/B&V	
Sat 04-04	Holy Saturday	1/V	
Sun 04-05	Easter Sunday	1/W	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 03-29	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (9 am) Fr Austin's intention (fra) (10:30 am) Margaret Kafel + (frf) (1 pm) Needs of SFdS	rb J LaPlante
Mon 03-30	(6:30 am) Fred Burdette (9 am) Fr Favole	rb T&H Brame rb S&C Calta
Tues 03-31	(6:30 am) Dr T Paul Thigpen + (12 noon pm) Maximino de Jesus	rb J Sanchez rb M Diaz
Wed 04-01	(6:30 am) C Lam Mah (9 am) Eliza Kolodzy	rb K Kolodzy rb A Garstin
Thu 04-02	(7:30 pm) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
Fri 04-03	(3 pm) n/a	
Sat 04-04	(9:30 pm) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
Sun 04-05	(7 am) No Mass (9 am) Mr Dominic Rumore (frh) (10:30 am) Adeline Maria Hdez Sanchez (frf) (1 pm) No Mass	rb Tate family rb J Sanchez

Today, palms will be blessed at the 7 am Mass only. Please take a palm from the table in the vestibule with you when you enter your pew. Father will bless palms as you hold them and blessed those on the table for others too take later. After the blessing, the ministers alone will process once around the church while you remain in your pew, standing (a symbol of your participation in the procession.) After a last prayer, Mass begins immediately with incensing of the altar.

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, only two Masses, 8 am low & 10:30 am sung.

Last week's collection: cash \$5,314.64; online \$4,725.00 total: \$10,039.64.

Attendance: 7 am-74; 8 am-202; 10:30 am-318; 1 pm-106; 700total souls.

This Holy Week, Holy Monday, staff meeting (1 pm); Holy Thursday, *Tenebrae* (10 am to 11:30 am), Mass of the Last Supper (7:30 pm); Good Friday, (Divine Mercy Novena begins), *Tenebrae* (10:00 am to 11:30 am); Confessions (1 to 2 pm), Stations (2 pm), Good Friday Service (3 pm); Holy Saturday, *Tenebrae* (10 am to 11:45 am), Churching of Catechumens (12 pm to 2 pm), Easter Vigil Mass (9:30 pm).

SFdS is preparing for its annual Easter Egg Dash! Find the donation bin in the social ready for your Easter eggs and fillers. You may also drop of easter egg baskets. Thank you for your generosity.

The St. Francis de Sales Choir is looking for singers with the ability to read music and sing harmonies. Experience with chant is not required. Practices are on Sundays at 9:15 am before the 10:30 am High Mass. If interested, please contact Rose Graebner at rgraebneramd@gmail.com.

Dear Faithful, 3/28/26
Our new Sunday Mass schedule will be: • 7:00 AM Low Mass • 9:00 AM Low Mass • 10:30 AM High Mass • 1:00 PM Low Mass
 Recently, you were informed by email that we can no longer use the gym for worship and that **all liturgies have returned to the church**. I apologize for the surprise and inconvenience this has caused. Perhaps the good Lord is inviting us to enter more deeply into His Passion during this time.
 In the meantime, the social hall has been set up for overflow seating for up to 60 souls. To help everyone participate more comfortably, I kindly ask that parishioners distribute themselves across our four Sunday Mass times. For example, if you normally attend the 8:00 AM Mass, please consider coming to the 7:00 AM Mass instead. If you usually attend the 10:30 AM Mass, please consider attending the 1:00 PM Mass. Also, because the social hall is being used for overflow seating, the Sunday social and the Bookstore will be closed this weekend. Please feel free to enjoy fellowship outdoors in our green space area **after Mass**. frh

2026 AAA status at SFdS as of March 24, 2026: \$58,975.50 owed; \$6,930.00 pledged; \$19,332.00 paid (32.78% of goal); from 62 donors (15.5% of parish).
Thank you for your support!

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

Continue to unite yourself more & more with our Lord. Plunge your heart into the charity of Hos, and say always with your whole soul, "May I die & Jesus live!" Our death will be a happy one if we have died daily.