

# Dear Padre,

**How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?**

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●

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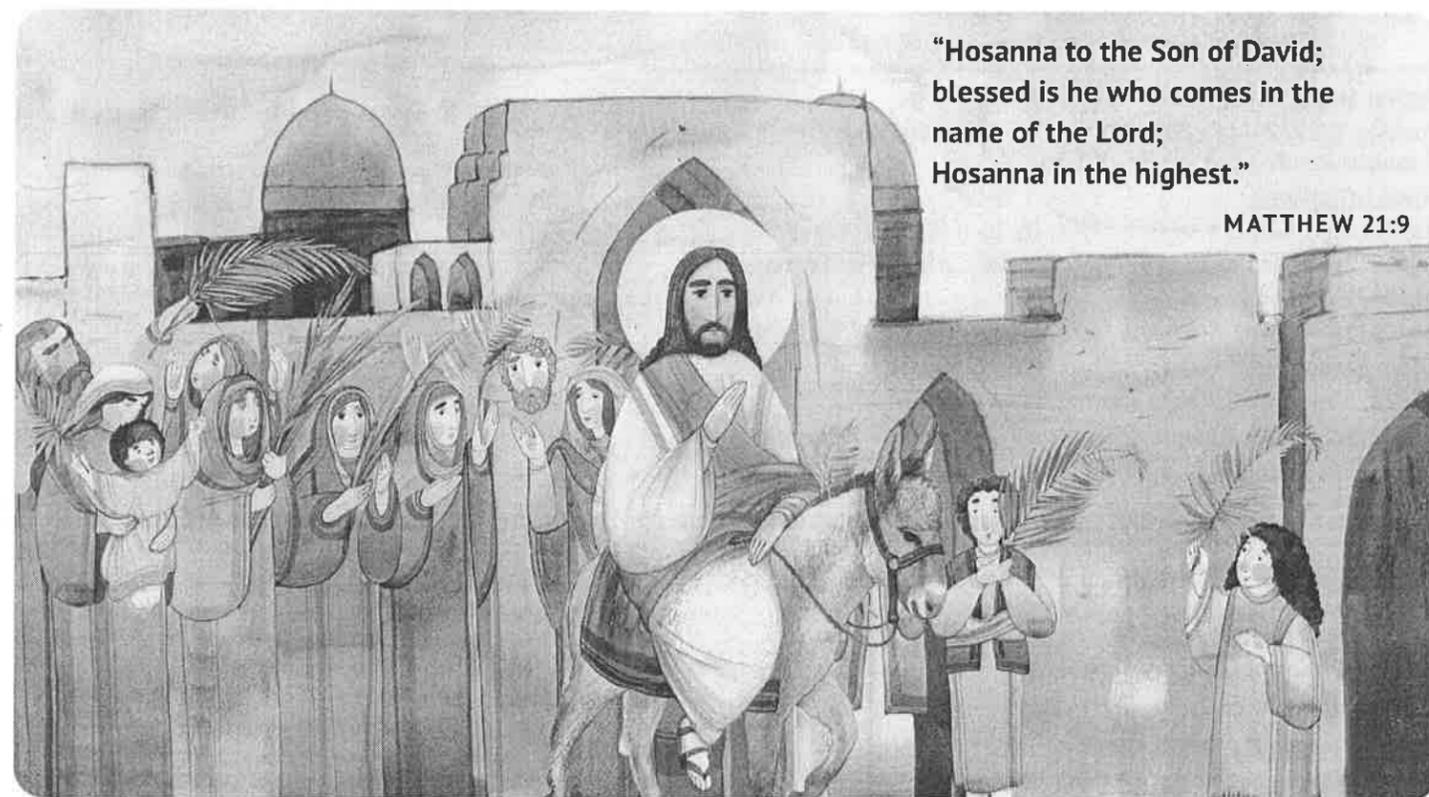
# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2026

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)**

Matthew 21:1–11 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11

Matthew 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54



“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

## From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

### Reflect

**How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Ex 14:15–15:1 Is 54:5–14 Is 55:1–11 Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?**

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

Office hours are Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 am—5:30 pm.

If there is an Emergency you may call Corinne at 715-250-2109 or

Father David at 920-228-1814. Thank-you.

St Mary's Mass schedule in Black Creek: Saturdays @ 4 PM,

Sundays @ 8 AM, Tuesday—Friday @ 7:30 AM

Father David Greskowiak—Administrator

Sunday 3/22/26 = \$1,518.00 Attendance = 107

Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

**Mass Intentions**

03/29/26— Remem. of Bob Letter by Tom & Carol Weyenberg

04/02/26 — Health of Brent Reichert by Cathy Ashenbrenner

04/04/26— For World Peace

04/05/26— Remem. of Ann Herb & Gayle Herb by Charlie Herb

**Mass Servers –**

03/29/26— Alex & Reagan Krings, Nina Drossart

04/02/26— Alex, Reagan Krings

04/03/26— Landon & Natalie Fischer

04/04/26— Malachi Gray, Jared Peters

04/05/26— Landon & Natalie Fischer, Nina Drossart

**Ministers of the Word –**

03/29/26— Sam Krings, Randy Short

04/02/26— Mary Peeters

04/03/26 — Mary Peeters, Sam Krings

04/04/26— Jerry Nowak, Anita Wegner

04/05/26— Anita Wegner

**Hospitality**

03/29/26— Amy Guyette, Anita Wegner, Rene LaFond

04/02/26— 04/04/26— Volunteers

04/05/26— Keith Pennings, David Nowak

Liturgical schedules are available at each entrance of the church and also on our website under Trumpet. Thank you for all you do for our parish.

RE NEWS: WED. April 1<sup>st</sup> RE class is canceled (Spring Break)  
Wed Apr. 8th 6:30pm LAST RE Class

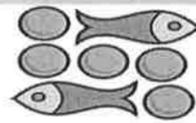
**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

Wednesday April 15 4—6 PM

Saturday, April 18 9—11 AM

Thank you for all the donations so far this year!!

March Report 36 Families, 96 Individuals, 24 Children



Mass Intentions that are available for the year of 2026:

October 18, 25; November 26 Deer Hunter's Mass; December 20, 25 Christmas Day, 27, and New Years. You may contact the office.

**Happy Birthday!**

March 29 Donna Svetnicka; 30 Joseph Renner; 31 Reid Bohm

April 02 Jamie Diemel; 04 Andrew Evensen; 05 Benjamin Diemel;

08 Makayla Gray, John Carpenter, David Patza; 10 Thomas Pionek;

11 Carrie Rasmussen, Austin Strayer; 12 Wyatt Erb, Joey Krings;

13 Darlene Pionek; 14 Gabrielle Seefeldt, Linda Reif, Harper Hill;

16 Jim Hackel, Mary Herb; 17 Isaac Guyette; 18 Aubrey Hartleben;

19 Aaron Peeters, Cloe Zuleger; 20 Mellissa Hutter; 29 Sandy Heinemeyer,

Steve Short



**2026 Bishop's Appeal**

**"Be the Light"**



Creating A Faith-Filled Culture in our Parishes

The Lord has blessed us in so many ways! Our parish family continues to reach out and be with people through the joys and challenges of life.

Thanks to the support of the Bishop's Appeal, the Church has found innovative and effective ways to connect with people and share gifts.



Please give generously at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give)

We invite everyone who is able, to please participate in the Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$14,805.00. As of 24 March we have received 35 gifts of \$9,728.00. Thank you! We are 66% of our way there.

If you have already given, thank you so much. If you haven't given before, please consider making your first gift this year. Every gift makes a difference. Those who are able may want to join the Crozier Society with a gift of \$500 or more, which helps these ministries to reach even more people.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2026 Bishop's Appeal. You may have received a pledge card at home in the mail. If you have not, we have materials at the entrances of the church. You can also visit [www.catholicfoundation.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundation.org/give).

Thank you for helping St. Lawrence Parish and our Diocese share the light of Christ.

**Palm Sunday**-Palms are available at the entrances of the church. Please feel free to take one and then take your seat in the pew for the start of Mass.



**World's Poor Collection**

We will have a second collection this Sunday after Holy Communion for the World's Poor. Please feel free to use the envelope attached to the bulletin.

Please indicate which fund(s) you would like your donation to go to. If you pay by check please make the check out to St. Lawrence Parish. Thank you for your support.

**Holy Land Collection**

We will have the customary collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, 3 April. Please feel free to use the special envelope in the bulletin

**Reflection on Palm Sunday of Lent**

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: "Palm Sunday of Lent Year A: Sunday March 29, 2026" found on the "Young Catholics" website—[young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com):

**Suffering and Abandoned**

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A show the joy of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and the deep suffering he faced in the days that followed. The people welcomed him with cheers, waving palm branches and calling him their king. But soon, everything changed. He was betrayed, arrested, and sentenced to death. The same crowds that praised him later called for his crucifixion. Jesus endured pain, rejection, and humiliation. He was beaten, mocked, and left to carry his cross alone. Even his closest friends abandoned him. Peter, who had promised to stand by him, denied knowing him three times. Judas, one of his own disciples, betrayed him for money. In his suffering, Jesus felt completely alone.

On the cross, Jesus cried out, asking why God had forsaken him. This moment shows his deep pain, but it also connects him to anyone who has ever felt abandoned. People sometimes feel distant from God in times of suffering. Jesus understands this because he experienced it himself. Even in his darkest hour, Jesus remained faithful. He did not fight back or seek revenge. He trusted that his suffering had meaning. Palm Sunday Year A reminds people that suffering is part of life, but they are never truly alone. Jesus knows what it is to feel abandoned, and he walks with them in their pain.

**Where Am I?**

Palm Sunday Year A invites people to place themselves in the story of Jesus' passion. There were many different people involved, each with their own reactions. Some welcomed Jesus with joy. Others turned against him. Some stayed close, while others ran away. It is worth asking, where would we have been? Would we have been in the crowd, cheering for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem? Or would we have been annoyed by the commotion, not wanting our routine disturbed? When Jesus was arrested, would we have stood by him, or would we have denied knowing him like Peter?

Maybe we would have been like Simon of Cyrene, carrying the cross without wanting to, forced into service. Or perhaps like the women who stood by Jesus at the cross, refusing to leave him even when things got dangerous. Would we have helped, like Joseph of Arimathea, who gave Jesus a tomb? Or would we have joined the crowd in mocking him? Palm Sunday Year A challenges people to reflect on their own faith. Do they stand by Jesus only when it is easy, or do they follow him even when it is hard? It is easy to say we love God, but our actions show where we truly stand.

**Am I Willing to Follow?**

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A show that following Jesus is not always easy. He does not promise an easy life. He asks people to follow him in humility and service, even when it leads to suffering. Are we willing to follow him in this way? Jesus showed what true love looks like. He put others before himself. He accepted suffering instead of running from it. He forgave even those who hurt him. This is not the way of the world. The world teaches people to seek power, comfort, and success. Jesus teaches them to serve, sacrifice, and love.

It is easy to admire Jesus from a distance. It is harder to live as he did. Following him means choosing kindness over selfishness, patience over anger, and trust over fear. It means carrying our own crosses, whatever they may be. It means forgiving when it is difficult and loving even those who hurt us. Palm Sunday Year A asks a simple but difficult question: Are we willing to follow Jesus, no matter the cost? He showed the way, but each person must choose whether to walk it.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**St. Lawrence in Navarino**

**Palm Sunday**—29 March

Mass: Sunday—10:00 A.M.

(Confessions after Mass. No Stations of the Cross.)

**Holy Thursday**—2 April

Confessions: 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper—5:30 P.M.

(Adoration at the Altar of Repose to follow.)

(The Washing of the Feet will be an open invitation to the congregation rather than pre-assigned.)

**Good Friday**—3 April (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Passion of the Lord Service—3:00 P.M.

(Confessions afterward.)

**Holy Saturday**—4 April

Easter Vigil Service—8:30 P.M.

(This liturgy will include the Reception of the Elect into the Church through the holy sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.)

**Easter Sunday**—5 April

Mass—10:00 A.M.

**St. Mary's in Black Creek**

**Palm Sunday**—28/29 March

Mass: Saturday—4:00 P.M. (Confessions at 3:00 P.M. and after Mass.); Sunday—8:00 A.M.

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday and Wednesday, 31 March & 1 April—7:30 A.M.

(Confessions after both Masses.)

Wednesday, 1 April, Stations of the Cross—5:00 P.M.

(Confessions afterward—5:30-6:30 P.M.)

**Holy Thursday**—2 April

No 7:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: 11:00 A.M.—12:00 noon

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30 P.M.

(Adoration at the Altar of Repose to follow.)

(The Washing of the Feet will be an open invitation to the congregation rather than pre-assigned.)

**Good Friday**—3 April (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Confessions: 11:00 A.M.—11:45 A.M.

Stations of the Cross—12:00 noon

Passion of the Lord Service—1:00 P.M.

**Holy Saturday**—4 April

Easter Vigil Service—6:30 P.M.

**Easter Sunday**—5 April

Mass—8:00 A.M.

