

# 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. ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
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 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

## 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

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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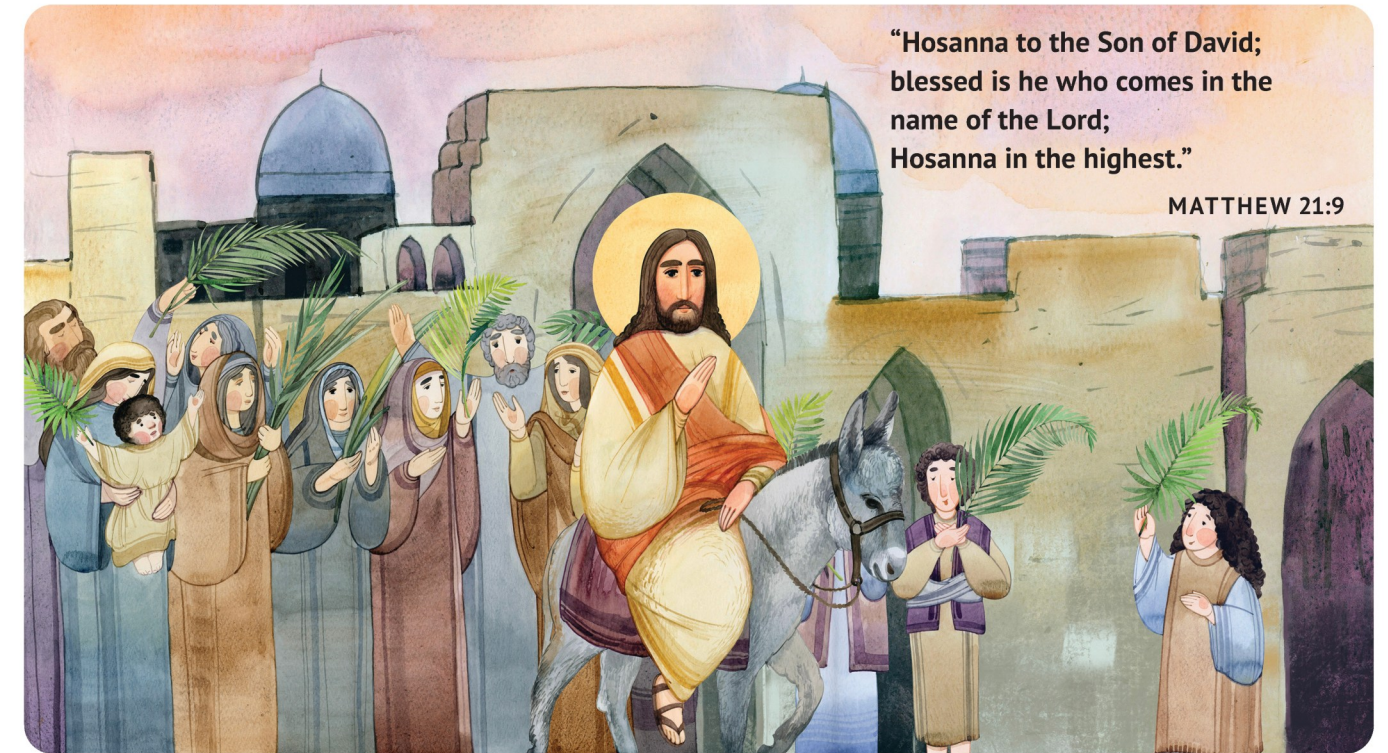
# Our Parish COMMUNITY

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?**



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### Parish Announcements

#### Baskets for Believers

Baskets are due no later than Monday, March 30. Drop off by 12 PM to the Parish office or to Vicksburg Family Development, located at 1205 Monroe St. (8 AM—5 PM). Please be sure to attach the egg to the basket.

#### K of C Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary will host an Easter egg hunt Sunday, March 29, at 1:00 PM located at the KC home. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided.

#### Daily Mass

There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, March 31, Fr. Rusty will be in Jackson for the Chrism Mass.

#### Adoration

Join us for Adoration following Mass on Holy Thursday, April 2. Adoration will end at 8 PM.

#### Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, March 29**  
Mass: 10:30 AM. Mass will begin in the Farrell Hall parking lot.

**Holy Thursday, April 2**  
No 12:00 PM Daily Mass  
Mass: 5:30 PM  
Adoration following Mass until 8 PM

**Good Friday, April 3**  
No 7:00 AM Daily Mass  
Office closed for Good Friday  
Stations: 12:00 PM  
Service: 3:00 PM

**Easter Vigil, April 4**  
No 4:00 PM Mass  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
Morning Mass: 10:30 AM  
**Easter Mon. & Tue., April 6 & 7**  
Office closed for Easter  
No Daily Mass

#### Confession

There will be no confession before Mass on Saturday, April 4, or Sunday, April 5.

### Offertory Summary

Weekly Budget.....\$7,700

#### Online Giving

Mar 16 - Mar 22.....\$1,425

#### Weekend Offertory

Feb 28 & Mar 1.....\$4,835

Mar 7 & 8 .....\$9,020

Mar 14 & 15 .....\$5,433

Mar 21 & 22.....\$5,063

Mar 28 & 29.....\$ , \_\_\_\_

### Special Collections

April 2: Rice Bowl.....\$ , \_\_\_\_

April 3: Holy Land.....\$ , \_\_\_\_



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### Weekend Mass Schedule†

#### Saturday

#Confession 3:15-3:45 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

#### Sunday

#Confession 9:45-10:15 AM

Mass 10:30 AM

### Daily Mass Schedule†

Monday 7:00 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Thursday 12:00 PM

Friday 7:00 AM

† All schedule updates can be found in the Parish Calendar section of the bulletin.

‡ For Confessions during the week, please call the Parish Office.

### Mass Intentions

MAR 30, MON Special Intentions

MAR 31, TUES No Daily Mass

APR 1, WED Bob Coleman, Deceased

APR 2, THUR No Daily Mass

APR 3, FRI No Daily Mass

APR 4, SAT Easter Vigil

To request a Mass Intention for a Daily Mass or the Saturday Vigil Mass, please call, email, or visit the parish office. Each Mass with no intention is offered for all St. Paul's parishioners.

### Parish Calendar

MAR 29, SUN	Children's Church: will not meet
MAR 30, MON	Offertory Counters: Renee Turner and Bruce Ebersole
MAR 31, TUES	No Daily Mass
APR 1, WED	No RCIA
APR 2, THUR	Holy Thursday Mass 5:30PM. Adoration following
APR 3, FRI	Stations 12 PM. Good Friday service 3:00 PM

### Knights of Columbus

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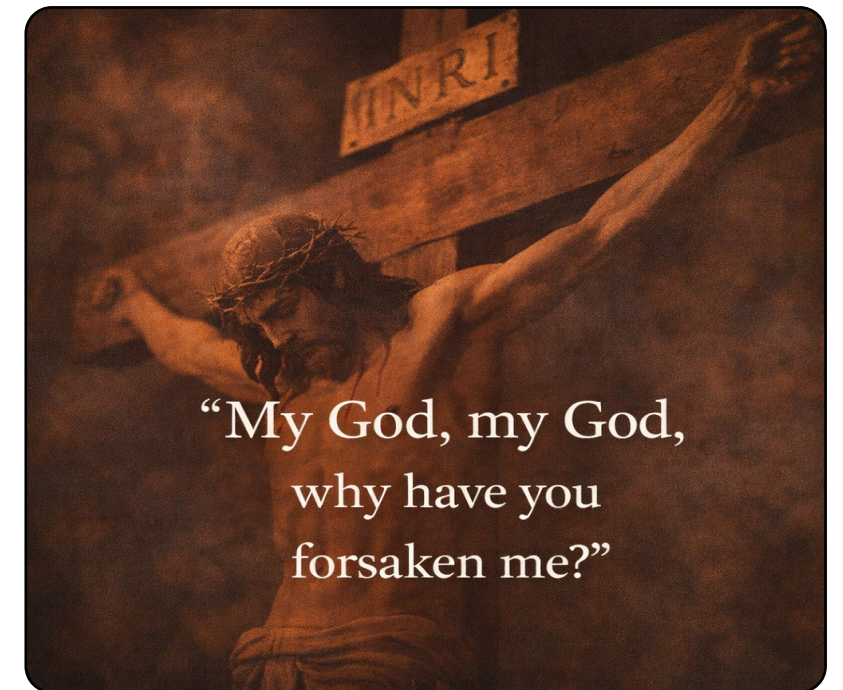
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MAR 29 Ladies' Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt @ 1:00 PM

MAR 31 Rosary @ 6:30 PM followed by 5th Tuesday Social

APR 4 Meals on Wheels 8-11 AM



### Today's Readings

Visit [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) or scan this QR code to find the readings



### Check out our Social Media!



St. Paul Catholic Church

### Sanctuary Flowers

In observance of the Lenten season, no flowers are placed at the Ambo

### Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in urgent need of anointing, please call the church office Emergency Ext 106

### St. Paul Parish Staff

<b>Pastor</b> Fr. Rusty Vincent	<b>Office Manager</b> Ashley Roesch	<b>Office Assistant</b> Janis Koestler
<b>Bookkeeper</b> Beverly Connelly	<b>Maintenance</b> Charles Hahn	<b>Organist</b> Karen Harrison

### Leadership & Ministries

<b>Parish Council President</b> Travis Thornell	<b>Finance Council Chair</b> Bill Fulcher	
<b>Bereavement</b> Story Ebersole	<b>RCIA</b> Connie and David Hosemann, and Bruce Ebersole	<b>Meals On Wheels</b> Jan Jackson, Christy Guizerix, and Rae Perry
<b>Altar Flowers</b> Cynthia Montalbano	<b>Homebound</b> Janis Koestler	<b>Children's Church</b> Ashley Lawrence
<b>Baptism Prep</b> Barbara Hill	<b>Confirmation</b> Jordan Amborn	