

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday.....	4:00 pm
Sunday.....	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday.....	7:00 am
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....	10:00 am
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....	10:00 am

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**Please contact the Parish Office to:**

1. **Join the Parish**
2. **Schedule a Baptism**
3. **Schedule a Mass Intention**
4. **Any other questions or concerns**

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**Trustees:** Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

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## PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

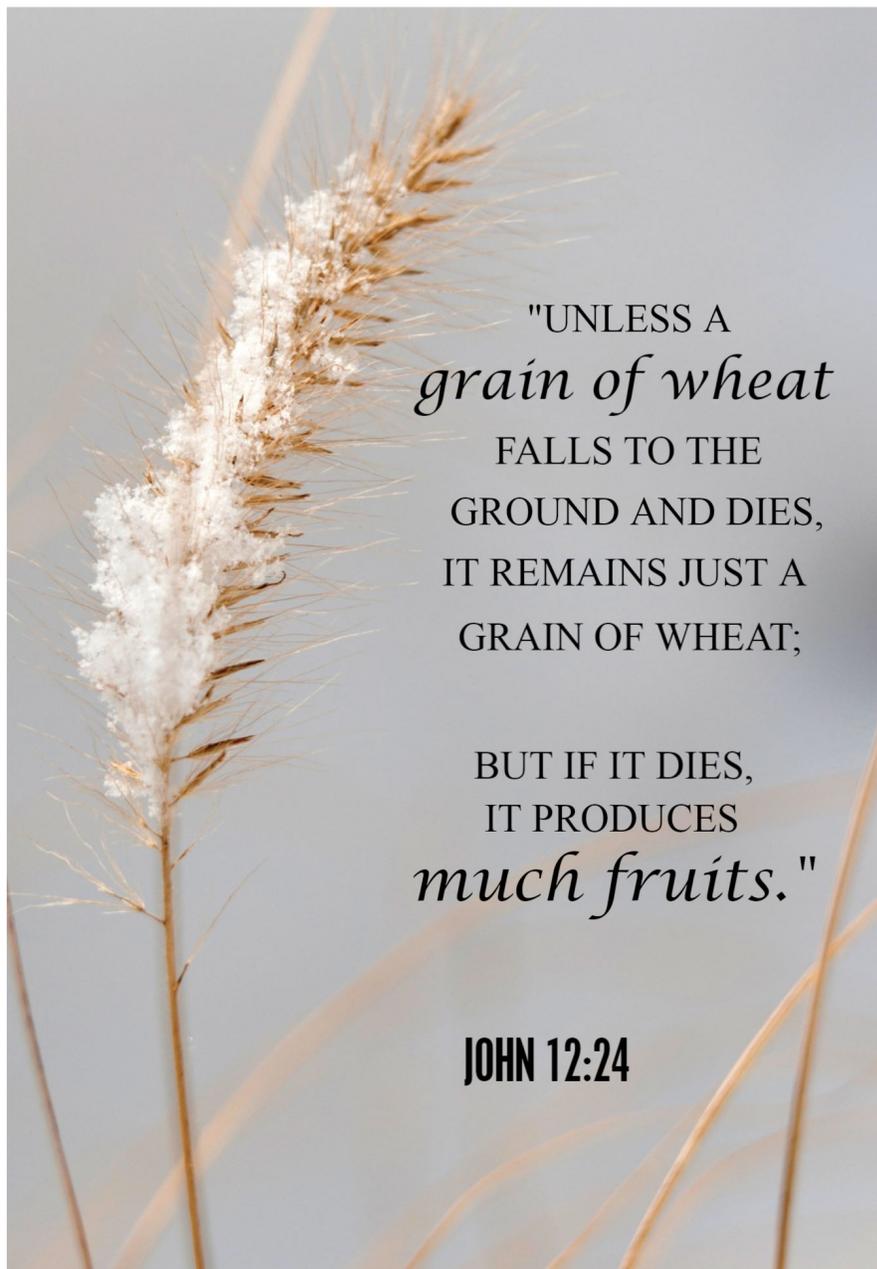
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33



"UNLESS A  
*grain of wheat*  
FALLS TO THE  
GROUND AND DIES,  
IT REMAINS JUST A  
GRAIN OF WHEAT;  
BUT IF IT DIES,  
IT PRODUCES  
*much fruits.*"

**JOHN 12:24**

Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

## From Father Schmeckel:

**This Tuesday, March 19 is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Guardian of Jesus our Savior.** As usual, there is Mass at both 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Tuesday at Blessed Trinity Parish. Thinking of this great Saint, attending Mass and praying for your family are good things to do during these last days of the Lenten Season.

Here is the "Prayer over the Offerings" that is said, before the Preface and the "Holy, Holy, Holy, at the Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph.



*"We pray, O Lord,  
that, just as Saint Joseph served with loving care  
your Only Begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary,  
so that we may be worthy to minister  
with a pure heart at your altar."*

In other words, we ask the Lord to help us to be attentive when we pray at Mass, just like Saint Joseph was attentive and loving to the practical needs and concerns of Jesus and Mary.

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images of the Saints in our churches begins this Sunday. At Blessed Trinity, you will see that the Cross and the statues of the Saints are veiled with violet cloth; at Saint John, you will see the processional cross and the cross on the altar veiled. The purpose of this is to "hone" our senses. Throughout the year, we use music and many images and symbols to help us understand what happens at Mass. This is a very good thing, but in these final weeks of Lent, our churches' decorations, music, and prayers become simpler. We have to listen more carefully and pray more intentionally. The veils on statues and images act somewhat like blinders on a horse. They force us to focus on Jesus alone.

In this week ahead, there are many opportunities for local confessions:

Tuesday, March 19 – 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM at Saint Peter Claver Church in Sheboygan – with multiple priests available all day.

Wednesday, March 20 – 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM at Holy Family Church in Fond du Lac – with multiple priests available all day.

This is in addition to our regular confession times during Lent:

Tuesday, March 19 – 5:00 PM until 5:45 PM at Blessed Trinity Church

Friday, March 22 – 6:00 AM until 6:45 AM at Saint John Evangelist Church

Saturday, March 23 – 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM at Saint John Evangelist Church (ending early for Palm Sunday Mass)

Sunday, March 24 – 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM at Saint John Evangelist Church (ending early for early Palm Sunday Mass)

Please see next Sunday's bulletin for additional times for confessions during Holy Week.

Finally, I want to encourage you to arrange your schedules to attend *all* of the Holy Week liturgies: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil (or Easter Sunday Mass). These liturgies all go together; each of these is just one part of the whole Paschal Mystery.



**Stations of the Cross for Young Children:** Join Fr. Schmeckel as he leads the Stations of the Cross on **Wednesday, March 20 at 4:00 pm** with our First through Sixth Grade Religious Education students. Parents are encouraged to join their children for the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are also welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey with the children of our parish.

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Victor & Helen Kampmann and Thomas McPherson by Family, †Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad, †Edwin & Delores Sabel and Jane Ornelas by Family
Sunday	March 17	St. John's	9:00 am	†Roy Ebben Family by Ken S., †Jerald Greco by Family
Sunday	March 17	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	March 19	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Paul Zillner by Family
Tuesday	March 19	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Thomas McPherson by Family Friend
Wednesday	March 20	St. John's	7:00 am	†Terry Wedewer by Bob & Karen Goldsmith
Thursday	March 21	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Susan Alfonsi by Family
Friday	March 22	St. John's	7:00 am	†Sr. Josephine by K & S Schmeling
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, & Robert Savala by Family
Sunday	March 24	St. John's	<b>8:30 am</b>	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Bill Jens & Zach Mauer by Jens Family, †Wally Guse by Bob & Linda Guse

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Tuesday, March 19 from 5:00 to 5:45 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, March 22 from 6:00 to 6:45 am, Saturday, March 23 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, and Sunday, March 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 am.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR MARCH 23/24

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30 am
Lectors	Colleen Kuhn Susan Vavra	Steve O'Neil Paul Garni
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth Patti Cosgrove	Rich Tauferner Gretchen Free
Ushers	Ken Udovich Randy Miller	John Multer Volunteer
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Sue Kampman

## IMPORTANT MASS CHANGE

### & UPDATE:

The elevator at Blessed Trinity is set to be replaced beginning on **Monday, April 1 (tentatively through June 10)**. Due to this work, the daily Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be moved to St. John Evangelist Parish beginning on **Tuesday, April 2**. Additional information:

- The Tuesday and Thursday Mass time will change to **8:00 am** (currently it is at 9:00 am).
- Tuesday Rosary will begin at 7:30 am.
- Thursday Adoration at St. John Evangelist Parish will begin at **8:30 am** (immediately following the Mass). Note: The church will still be open beginning at 5:45 am for private prayer on Thursdays.

PALM Sunday



## PALM SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday is NEXT weekend March 23/24. Masses will be at St. John Evangelist Parish on **Saturday, March 23 at 4:00 pm** and **Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 am** and at Blessed Trinity Parish at **10:30 am**.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society  
5:30 pm Emmaus 90  
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:45 am Mass  
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education  
4K- Grade 6  
4:00 pm Children's Stations of  
The Cross  
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education  
Grades 7 - 12

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration  
10:00 - 10:45 am Tiny Saints Storytime  
Classroom #5 & 6  
2:00 pm Bible Study

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

6:00 - 6:45 am Reconciliation  
7:00 am Mass  
5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

2:30 - 3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:00-8:00 am Reconciliation  
**8:30 am** Mass



**SOUPER  
SUNDAY**

## SIX SOUPER SUNDAYS

**in LENT:** Soup will be available for a free will donation on Sundays March

17 & 24. Please contact Sharon Reilly 920-980-9622 or email reillys53044@gmail.com if you are willing to provide soup for one or more Sundays. All donations will go towards this years Lenten Almsgiving.

*tiny saints*  
**STORYTIME**  
3rd Thursday of the Month  
**10:00-10:45AM**

**IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**  
STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT  
**ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 607 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER**

Join us for a religious themed story  
activities & crafts themed around the story  
caregiver talking points for conversation

**Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation**  
invites you to

# Young Adult Mass & Social at King Park

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass in the King Park Pavilion followed by food and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.

### Date:

Saturday, April 27

### Time:

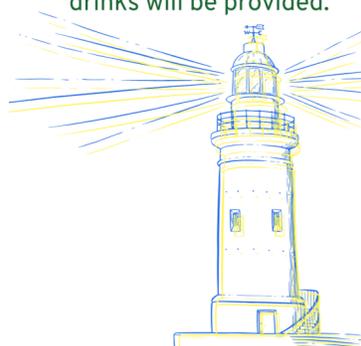
6:30 PM Mass  
Social to follow

### Location:

**King Park Pavilion**  
1615 S. 7th Street  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

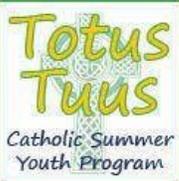
### Questions:

Contact Jacqueline at  
jguilbeault@sjbplymouth.org



**PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

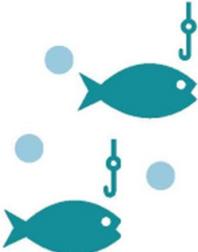
	<b>St. John Evangelist</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>
<b>Palm Sunday Mass</b>	Saturday, March 23: 4:00 pm Sunday, March 24: <b>8:30 am</b>	Sunday, March 24: 10:30 am
<b>Holy Thursday Mass</b> (After Mass, 1 Hour of Eucharistic Adoration)	Thursday, March 28: 7:00 pm	
<b>Good Friday Service</b>		Friday, March 29: 1:30 pm
<b>Holy Saturday Mass/ Easter Vigil</b>		Saturday, March 30: <b>7:45 pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Sunday, March 31: <b>6:45 am</b> <b>8:30 am</b>	Sunday, March 31: 10:30 am



**Grades 1-6 and 7-12 Summer Vacation Bible School:** Totus Tuus is taking place here at St. John Evangelist Parish from **June 23-28**. More information and Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space at the entrance of the Church or on the St John Evangelist website. Registration Fees: \$20.00 per student Grades 1-6, \$20.00 per student / Grades 7-12, \$10 per student. Fees increase after April 1. For more information contact: Jeanne Bitkers, DRE 4K-Grade 6 [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or call the Parish Office 920-452-9623.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**  
Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent. Stations will be offered at 1:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish and 5:15 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish.

St. John's Leaders:  
March 15: Bill McGinnis  
March 22: Teresa Bettag




**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
115 PLYMOUTH STREET / PLYMOUTH, WI / 920-892-4006

## LENTEN FISH FRY!

**Serving 4-6:30 pm • Fridays During Lent**

FEATURING WALLEYE AND THE  
HOMEMADE DESSERTS YOU KNOW AND LOVE!

LARGE - \$15    SMALL - \$12  
VEGETARIAN - \$7

Dinner includes walleye, coleslaw, applesauce,  
bread, homemade dessert, a choice of  
noodles, American potato salad or chips

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2024:

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent and just two weeks from today will be Easter! We journey through these 40 days of Lent to grow closer to Jesus, His Church and ultimately to our true home in Paradise! I am privileged to help with our 7-12th graders in Religious education and often I tell them that if I had to describe my Catholic faith in one word, it would be "freedom." Only in Him are we free to love and free from sin and He gives us the ultimate expression of freedom in His passion, death and resurrection! Truly, the genius of Jesus is that He played to an audience of one...the will of His heavenly Father. We hear this in today's gospel and again in the Garden of Gethsemani on Holy Thursday night. If we try to imitate Christ, so should we follow and obey God's will. However, another word I could use to describe my Catholic faith, besides freedom or love (agape love, meaning sacrificial love-again gaze at a crucifix to see this kind of love on display), would be "paradox." This is a Greek word meaning "distinct opinion." Examples of paradoxes are all over Jesus' teachings...."whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it (Mk.8:35); "if anyone wants to be first, he must be last" (Mk. 9:35); "whoever will exalt himself will be humbled and whoever will humble himself will be exalted" (Mt. 23:12) and those in today's gospel, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit" and "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." (John 12:24-26). The ultimate paradox is Jesus' death on the cross! We have such a humble God, that our King wears a crown of thorns, He was born in a barn, died a criminal and His throne was a cross. When Jesus speaks of his "glory" He means the cross!! It is only by dying that He rose. It is only by His death that we know resurrection. It is only by dying to self that we can really live! We are truly "uplifted" by Jesus being "lifted up" on the cross! Ironically, we call this very day "Good Friday!" See what free and total love looks like-it is hidden, humble and hungry for you to love, know and serve Him. See you at Mass!

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12



### 2024 Seder Meal at St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan:

All are invited to the second Biannual Seder Meal at St. Peter Claver Parish in Van Treeck Hall on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 6PM. We will be telling the story of the first Passover, sharing in the symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder plate, and saying the prayers that will be said at Passover celebrations around the world. \$15 per person or \$35 per family. Register at St. Peter Claver (1439 S. 12th Street, Sheboygan) by March 18th. Space is limited.



## A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

April 10th, 2024  
6:15-7:15pm  
St. John the Baptist

Guest speaker  
**DEACON DAVE SHEUER**



## CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

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- **CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER OPEN HOUSE:** On **Saturday, April 6 from 5:00-5:45 pm** and on **Sunday, April 21 from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm**, stop by after Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish to see the Catholic Life Center renovations, learn more about the Catholic Life Center, and enjoy a treat.

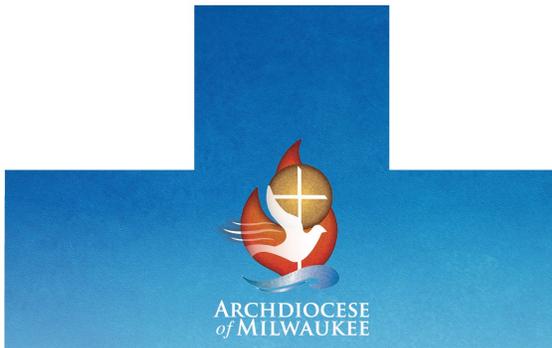
- **St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity Senior Singles 55+:** Come make some new friends by attending the Senior Singles Potluck Social in the new "Café" area in the Catholic Life Center on **Saturday, April 20** after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish. Please bring a food to share. This can be dropped off at the CLC before Mass. So that we know how many to expect, RSVP to Sharon Temme at (920) 400-2516 (call or text) or email [temmesharon197@gmail.com](mailto:temmesharon197@gmail.com).



**2024 Lenten Almsgiving:** Anchor of Hope is a faith-based community non-profit dedicated to providing free medical and support services to women and families facing unintended pregnancies. As a life-affirming medical center, the goal is to help families live abundantly pro-life. Anchor of Hope is completely funded by our local community. Churches, individuals, and businesses make up our family of supporters, allowing us to be a parachurch ministry in Sheboygan County.:

**The mission statement of Anchor of Hope:** A life-affirming clinic encouraging healthy sexual choices, sharing the hope, compassion and truth found in Jesus. **The Vision of Anchor of Hope:** To provide a culture where lives are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and human life is deemed sacred and affirmed by all.

Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes' Lenten Almsgiving will be used to create educational scholarships for mothers seeking to improve their employment status to care for the lives they chose to keep. **Lenten Almsgiving thru March 9/10: \$19,076.00** ~Sharon Reilly, Human Concerns Social Justice Committee



*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*

**12 HOURS of**  
*Reconciliation*

On **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

[www.archmil.org/  
Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice](http://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice)



Scan the code for  
more information.

## **12 HOURS OF**

**RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. Peter Claver Parish (1439 South 12th Street Sheboygan) on **Tuesday, March 19** from **8:00 am until 8:00 pm**. Multiple priests will be available to hear Confessions throughout the day.

## **FINANCIAL: MARCH 9/10,**

**2024:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,455.36

# Dear Padre,

## What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?.... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 18, 2018**