

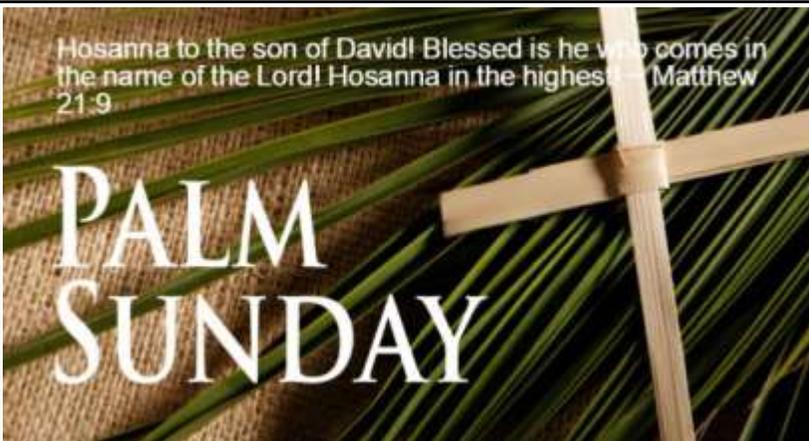
# St. William Parish

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April 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday



This weekend, we not only hear the story of Christ's Passion from Saint Matthew but also at the beginning of Palm Sunday Mass each year we hear an account of Jesus entering Jerusalem. As Jesus arrives and enters the city, he becomes aware of the challenge and struggle that lies ahead of him. Often glossed over, I find this gospel reading of Jesus' entrance into a place that leads to his torture and ultimate death only to rise from the dead into a new existence of eternal life and joy appropriate for us during this time. As we begin our third week of physical distance, anticipating our Easter holiday in a way never thought imaginable, we too have entered into our own "Jerusalem," facing uncertain challenges and struggles. However, just like Jesus, who exits Jerusalem raised from the dead and filled with new life and joy; we too will exit

this "Jerusalem" filled with new life and joy! It begins next Sunday as we renew our faith, strengthen our belief, and celebrate the life we have been promised! Next Sunday as Jesus comes out the tomb, may we do so as well with the hope, belief, strength, and courage knowing that this too shall pass and when it does we will be even more strong and resilient!

No doubt this coming Holy Week will be like none ever. There will certainly be a sense of emptiness and loss as we miss celebrating together the Lord's Supper, His Passion and Cross, and the Great Easter Vigil. I encourage you to take time this Thursday, Friday and Saturday to recall these central events of our faith and the meaning behind them. On Thursday, as you eat your supper, recall how the Eucharist gives us life and purpose. On Friday, as you say your prayers, remember the Cross and take a moment of quiet to reflect on the cross we now bear and how in doing so we are made strong and courageous. On Saturday, as you get outside for a walk and fresh air, take notice of the new life that is beginning to happen around us. The freshness of nature should remind us of the new resurrected life we now share in Christ. I also encourage you to watch on television or on-line, and take part in the best way you can, the services of Holy Week. Next weekend, Easter Sunday Mass from our church will be available on-line on the parish website. It will be an honor and privilege for me to celebrate this Mass for you. Be sure to let other parishioners and family members know that they will be able to access Mass through our parish website next weekend.

Finally, please know that I continue to remember you daily in my prayers for your well-being, safety, and good health. Equally, I would like to thank you for your concern for me. I am doing well and managing to stay active and occupied! I would also like to *THANK YOU* for your continued support of the parish. Your faithfulness, kindness and generosity have been overwhelming and comforting. Please remember that the Church building remains closed and it is asked that no one enter the building without checking at the office first. Thank you for your cooperation. **ALSO PLEASE JOIN THE PARISH APP IN ORDER TO RECEIVE UP-TO-DATE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS!!**

*Have a Good Week and Stay Safe!*  
*Fr. Balash*



To all who continue mail, drop off, or use myEoffering to make their current weekly contribution. With limited office hours, if you plan to drop off your offering, you can place it in the mailbox at the main entrance. It is checked daily 12:00noon, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. I very much appreciate and am grateful for your support during these unusual circumstances as we continue to meet our financial obligations. I will keep you up to date as we continue to move forward.

THANK YOU!  
Fr. Balash

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 29, 2020 (WK 38)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 6,927.29*	\$ 279,703.99*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 276,900.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (172.71)	\$ 2,803.99
<b>Performance</b>	98%	101%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 609.29 LAST WK — \$ 25,441.54 YTD  
Special Donations ~ \$500.00  
Envelopes ~ 150 out of 552  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 2.00 (2 out of 62)

**Pot-of-Gold: #486 drawn on 4/1/20. No Winner.**  
**Winner would have received \$338.**

**CELEBRATING PALM SUNDAY**

View our YouTube video “Preparing for Palm Sunday” at <https://youtu.be/zOfzNV7gqcU> with tips on how to prepare your home to celebrate Palm Sunday.

Take a picture of your prayer space or a “selfie” with your prayer space and email it to [tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org). Pictures received will be included in a Palm Sunday video post.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Easter Sunday Mass from Saint William will be available On-Line Easter Sunday Weekend on the Parish Website!

*Check the website later this week for additional details!*



**ON-LINE HOLY WEEK SERVICES FROM ST. COLUMBA**

- ❖ **Palm Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. [www.wfmj.com](http://www.wfmj.com)
- ❖ **Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper:** 5:30 p.m. [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org)
- ❖ **Good Friday – Passion of the Lord:** 3:00 p.m. [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org)
- ❖ **Holy Saturday -- Easter Vigil:** 8:00 p.m. [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org)
- ❖ **EASTER SUNDAY MASS:** from St. William [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

**Scripture that will be proclaimed THIS WEEKEND** or visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for the Readings

~ April 5, 2020 ~  
**Palm Sunday**

**Matthew 21: 1-11**

*When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples ...*

**Isaiah 50: 4-7**

*The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary ...*

**Philippians 2: 6-11**

*Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped ...*

**Matthew 26:14 - 27:66**

*One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me ...*

**OHIO BISHOPS EXTEND SUSPENSION OF MASS**

Following the “Stay at Home Order” the Bishops of Ohio have extended the temporary suspension of all Masses and liturgies through **Sunday, May 3, 2020**. All are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this period and are encouraged to view Mass on television or on-line.

**Spiritual Communion via Televised or On-Line Mass**

The Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. The way to make an Act of Spiritual Communion is listed below and can be adapted based upon personal and family needs:

1. Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
2. Watch Mass on television or on-line, or if unable, take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. Scripture readings can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). A schedule of televised Mass is available at [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) under Media tab.
3. Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
4. Pray the Lord’s Prayer.
5. Offer a prayer for healing, strength, or forgiveness or any prayer available during the coronavirus pandemic. If viewing Mass, offer a prayer during the normal time of Communion.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

6. Close with the sign of the cross.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

*Our Sincere Sympathy*

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Donna Gardner**

*Mother of Marianne Fleischer*

**Mary Saxon**

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Online Mass**

Daily Mass is available at [www.CatholicTV.org](http://www.CatholicTV.org)

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED *myEoffering*?**

 Remain current on your weekly offerings by signing up for myEoffering today. Electronic giving is safe, secure and easy! Information can be found on the parish website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org) Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction step to establish your account. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

**LENTEN RICE BOWLS**

Due to the current circumstances, Lenten Rice Bowls can be held onto until we resume normal operations at the parish, or if desired, they can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for cooperation.



**“SHEPHERDING ONE ANOTHER”**

This past week, as we continue to cope with the absence of Sunday Mass, we began a new outreach called “Shepherding One Another.” A group of parishioners have volunteered to be your “*contact*” with the parish during this time. They have begun making courtesy phone calls to all parishioners to check in and make sure everyone is doing OK in these unusual circumstances. We will be making “*contact*” with you throughout this period as a way to “stay connected” while we physically distance! Be on the lookout for a phone call coming soon!



**LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM ST. COLUMBA EVERY SUNDAY**

Every Sunday Mass is live-streamed for from Saint Columba Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. on WFMJ-TV’s website. Go to [www.wfmj.com](http://www.wfmj.com) and click on “Weekly Faith Services.”

**CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD FOR HOLY WEEK**

Celebrations of the Word for Holy Week – Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday – are now posted on our parish website. These are not meant to be a replacement/substitute to watching Palm Sunday Mass and the Liturgy of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil) on television or live-streamed, but rather as a supplement to these ceremonies. They provide a nice opportunity for families or small groups to pray and remember these important events of our faith as we prepare for Easter next weekend.



**PARISH APP**

**URGENT ~ PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!**

During this time it is important that we stay connected. Circumstances are changing daily and the BEST way to stay in touch, get news to you, and keep as many as possible informed is through the Parish APP. Text APP to 88202 to download myParish APP. Select our parish and follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



**A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US DURING THIS TIME**

by Pat Maciejewski

Lord, God,  
creator of all good things,  
help us in these days of concern and unrest,  
of the unknown and maybe even panic.  
Be with all medical personnel,  
and all in charge of keeping us safe and calm.

We trust in you, O Lord,  
to give us the strength and courage,  
words and actions,  
that we might need in the days and weeks ahead.

Keep us prudent in caring for ourselves,  
our loved ones, and all others,  
We implore you, O God, to send  
your healing and spirit into the whole world.  
Remain with us, grant us peace.

AMEN





# POPE FRANCIS

A picture for you to color...



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