



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 28, 2021

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

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

Those preceding him as well as  
those following kept crying out:  
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord!”

MARK 11:9



## Empty Praise

**H**ow could anyone think that the joyous cry  
“Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise?

Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### *For Reflection*

- ✧ *How steadfast have you been in your support of others?*
- ✧ *Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.*



# Dear Padre,

## I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

**W**elcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.*

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 29

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1–7

Jn 12:1–11

### Tuesday

MARCH 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1–6

Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

### Wednesday

MARCH 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4–9a

Mt 26:14–25

### Thursday

APRIL 1

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14

1 Cor 11:23–26

Jn 13:1–15

### Friday

APRIL 2

Good Friday

Is 52:13–53:12

Heb 4:14–16, 5:7–9

Jn 18:1–19:42

### Saturday

APRIL 3

Holy Saturday

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

Mk 16:1–7

### Sunday

APRIL 4

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or

1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or

Mk 16:1–7



# Immaculate Conception Parish Family

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## MARCH 28, 2021 - PALM SUNDAY

### Mass Intentions

Monday, March 29th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, March 30th	<b>5:30 PM Mass</b> - Mont. City +Don & Claire Benny
Wednesday, March 31st	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> - Jonesburg
Thursday, April 1st	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Mont. City +John & Zita Welter
Friday, April 2nd	<b>7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion</b> - Mont. City
Saturday, April 3rd	<b>8:00 PM Mass</b> - Mont. City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, April 4th	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> - Jonesburg
	<b>10:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City +Delores Schmidt



**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
<b>February 2021</b>	\$75,568.00	\$65,558.17	\$10,009.83
<b>Fiscal Year July - Feb. 2020-21</b>	\$401,808.84	\$393,260.46	\$8,548.38
<b>Needed Weekly</b> - \$ 11,835.50			
March 7th -	\$11,900.32		
March 14th -	\$ 5,646.81		
March 21st -	\$ 9,863.40		
March 28th -	This information will be listed in next week's bulletin.		

Last Week's Envelopes: 43 of 179

*With God all things are possible*

*(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 3:30 to 4:10 PM Saturday or call for an appointment. Additional times have been schedule for Lent. See page 2

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Hartley.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

**To Become a Catholic:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

### Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

### Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

## HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

	Lectors	Servers
<b>Palm Sunday - Saturday Mass-5:00 PM</b> (March 27, 2021)	Reader 1 - Dennis Benney Reader 2 - Beth Roesner	Jacob Roesner Reed Pottebaum
<b>Palm Sunday - Sunday Mass-10:00 AM</b> (March 28, 2021)	Reader 1 - Michael Smith Reader 2 - Richard Schierhoff	Maddy Queathem Chase Queathem
<b>Holy Thursday - 8:00 PM</b> (April 1, 2021)	Gary Hoette	Maddy Queathem Chase Queathem Elizabeth Schierhoff
<b>Good Friday - 7:00 PM</b> (April 2, 2021)	Reader 1 - Michael Smith Reader 2 - Richard Schierhoff	Landon Pottebaum Reed Pottebaum Elizabeth Schierhoff
<b>Holy Saturday - 8:00 PM</b> (April 3, 2021)	Reader 1 - Beth Cobb Reader 2 - Dennis Benney	Emerson, Hudson, & Fallon Schroeder Jacob Roesner Kendra Rakers
<b>Easter Sunday - 10:00 AM</b> (April 4, 2021)	Michael Smith	Zander Beck Noah Beck Carl Smith

**Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church is:**

Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, March 29th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, March 30th	5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Wednesday, March 31st	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, April 1st	8:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, April 2nd	7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion - Mont. City
Saturday, April 3rd	8:00 PM Mass - Easter Vigil-Mont. City
Sunday, April 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass -Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, March 29th	7:00 PM - RCIA
Tuesday, March 30th	
Wednesday, March 31st	
Thursday, April 1st	
Friday, April 2nd	12 Noon - Living Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 3rd	
Sunday, April 4th	

### *Wedding Anniversary*



*Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!*

*Richard & Gayle Adams - 32 years of marriage on April 1st.*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvement	\$ 35.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 100.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 00.00
Special Collections:	
3 in 1 Collection	\$ 296.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00

This information will be undated next week.

### **Holy Week**



As Holy Week is approaching, I thought it might be good to explain what will be happening in these days that focus so clearly the work of our redemption.

We begin with **Palm Sunday**, a day of triumph for Our Lord when He enters to the sound of rejoicing by the crowds waving palm branches, but it also is a day when we hear St. Mark's account of Our Lord's Suffering, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial. We take our blessed palms home to remind us of this day that heralded our salvation.

Lent officially ends at noon on Holy Thursday. It is then that the Church begins the observance of the Sacred Triduum, three days that are the very heart of our Catholic Faith. On **Holy Thursday** we join with Our Lord and the Apostles in the Upper Room where we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when Our Lord gave us the great gift of His Most Holy Body and Blood in the Eucharist. At the end of the Mass that night, we are asked to spend some time in quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but our vigil does not end as we prepare to remember Good Friday.

**Good Friday** is a day in which we fast and abstain in order to unite our hearts and minds with that of Christ Jesus as we remember His Passion and Death. Stations of the Cross will be offered at noon at

Immaculate Conception Church with the children performing the Living Stations. A collection will be taken up to assist the charitable work of the Ministerial Alliance. At 3:00 PM, the hour at which Our Lord laid down His life on the Cross, Stations of the Cross will be offered at St. Patrick's. Then at 7:00 PM, the Liturgy of the Passion will be observed at Immaculate Conception.

**Holy Saturday** during the day is one of quiet reflection and prayer in our homes as we contemplate Christ Jesus lying in the tomb. Then as darkness falls, we see the Light of Christ shine in the Easter Vigil that will be at Immaculate Conception at 8:00 PM during which time we hear the ancient prophecies and rejoice in the news of the Risen Christ. We renew our Baptismal promises and sing songs of joy and gladness that Our Lord is truly Risen.

Then, on **Easter Sunday** we will gather together at St. Patrick's at 8:00 AM Mass as the sun rises to greet the glory of Easter Morning and then at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception to add our songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord who has triumphed over the grave and called us to the glory of being called the children of God.

Because the Easter Triduum is seen as one continuous liturgy, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are so closely linked that they are to be celebrated in the same location each year. This gives a continuity to what we are remembering and what is revealed to us about God's Plan for our salvation. This year the Sacred Triduum will be held at Immaculate Conception but everyone from St. Patrick and any other surround parishes are welcome to take part in witnessing these wonderful expressions of our Faith that are presented through the scriptures, through our prayers together, and in the unity that we share as members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

I hope that all of us will prepare well for Holy Week this year as we receive the news of great joy that Jesus Christ has died for our sins, has risen from the dead, and who brings us the promise of eternal life.

God bless all of you!

Fr. Hartley

## Immaculate Conception School News



March 26th - NO SCHOOL - Diocesan PD Day  
- KC Fish Fry  
March 29th - April 5th - Easter Break  
April 2nd - Good Friday - Living Stations of the Cross at 12PM  
April 6th - School Resumes

ICS is now enrolling for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

### ECLC Happenings

As you step quietly into the school lobby, you will hear the giggling and excitement coming from little voices in the ECLC room. Their enthusiasm is because they are learning about Spring and Easter and what both of them mean. One cannot help but smile at these little treasures from God.



ECLC is now enrolling for Preschool and school aged summer care with our ECLC program. For more information, please contact Peggy Brower at (573) 564-2679.

### IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**



### 2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (March 28th - April 4th)

March 28th - **PALM SUNDAY** (Beginning of HOLY WEEK)  
8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick  
10:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception-Rosary at 9:30 AM  
\*5:30 PM -7:00 PM Confessions -Immaculate Conception  
March 29th \*5:30 PM -7:00 PM Confessions - St Patrick  
March 30th - 5:30 PM Mass - Immaculate Conception  
March 31st - 8:30 AM Mass - St Patrick  
April 1st - **HOLY THURSDAY** (Easter Triduum Begins)  
8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper - Immaculate Conception -  
Followed by Veneration of the blessed Sacrament until  
10:00 PM  
April 2nd - **GOOD FRIDAY** - Day of Fast and Abstinence  
12 PM - Living Stations of the Cross - Immaculate Conception  
3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - St. Patrick  
7:00 PM - Liturgy of the Passion - Immaculate Conception  
April 3rd - **HOLY SATURDAY**  
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil - Immaculate Conception  
April 4th - **EASTER SUNDAY** -  
8:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick  
10:00 AM Mass - Immaculate Conception

*\*Please note the changes to when and where confessions will be held.*

## Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

April 9, 2021 - 5-8:00 PM - Martinsburg's Famous Fried Chicken Dinner -  
American Legion Hall, Martinsburg  
April 16, 2021 - 12 Noon - 1:00 PM - KOC Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti  
Luncheon, Knights of Columbus Hall

### St. Vincent DePaul Collection



Next weekend will be the monthly St Vincent DePaul collection. A basket marked with St. Vincent DePaul will be placed in the church vestibule for you to leave your donation. Please make sure to write "St. Vincent DePaul" on the envelope. Thank you for your assistance in helping others.

### Liturgical Ministers

After Easter will begin assigning Liturgical Ministers for weekend Masses. Watch for this in future bulletins.

### Capital Campaign Update



As you may have guessed, all of this rain is not helping with a starting date for the concrete work. Just as soon as the weather allows, concrete removal and replacement will begin. We are looking forward to that.

Our current total of pledges and donations remains at \$209,000 on our way to \$850,000. Pledge cards can be dropped in the basket after Mass or dropped at the office at the Rectory. We are grateful for each donation and we ask for your prayerful consideration in helping us with our Capital Campaign.

### School Track Schedule

The following is a schedule of school track events held here in Montgomery City. We are asking all who are able to attend to please come support and cheer our students on as they demonstrate their athletic abilities.



April 15th - 4:15 PM  
May 3rd - 3:45 PM  
May 7th - 4:15 PM

**Please keep in your prayers the following people:**

**Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susan Ryan**

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for:** Karen Clark, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Donna Bell, Susan Schipper, and Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck).

*Contact the parish office to have someone added*



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*





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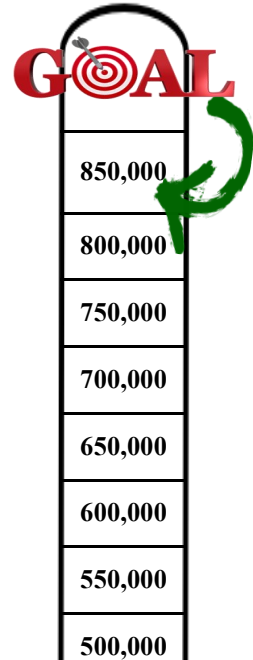
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