

Assumption Catholic Church



*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

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***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

***March 24, 2024***



***May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Palm Sunday

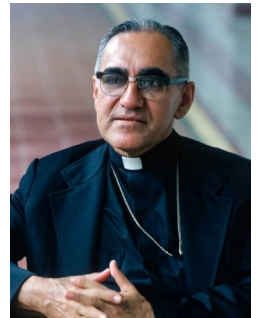
Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey. Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in our hearts and homes? Do our walls echo with the praise of his glory? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of glory! May I wish you all a most blessed Holy Week!

## Saint of the Week... St. Oscar Romero

Born in 1917, St. Oscar Romero became the "voice of the voiceless" in El Salvador. He entered seminary at age 13, and for most of his priesthood, he was quiet and unassuming. Then, civil war broke out, and the poor were being oppressed. Fellow priests were being killed around him.

Leading up to his appointment as Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, he realized that as a follower of Christ he needed to stand against the government's human rights abuses. He spoke out on his radio show and called for the protection of the poor and marginalized. His weekly radio sermons, broadcast throughout the country, were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available.



Feast Day: March 24

On March 23, 1980, Archbishop Romero spoke on his radio show, imploring soldiers to follow God's law above their military orders to kill unarmed civilians. "No soldier is obliged to obey an order that goes against the law of God," he said. "I beseech you. I beg you. I command you! In the name of God: 'Cease the repression!'" Romero was fully aware of the risk of violence and death that faced him when he bravely spoke out. The next day, while celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel, a car pulled up and a gunman fired a single shot, striking and killing Romero.

The Archbishop's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. In 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing him as a martyr for the faith; he was beatified later that year. When St. Oscar Romero was canonized in 2018, Pope Francis wore the same blood-stained belt that Romero wore the day he was assassinated.

Romero is remembered for always speaking out for the poor, and he's inspired individuals and institutions to continue his work long after his death.

Sources: [hallow.com](http://hallow.com) and [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Paul, Connie & Chelsea Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon,

Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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# Jubilee AUCTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

St. Mary's Hall  
Doors Open 4:30 pm  
Auction Begins 5:30 pm

The final fundraiser for our 150th Jubilee celebration...  
you don't want to miss this one!

Plans are now underway for this event which is sure to be a fun and memorable time for everyone! Auction items will include themed gift baskets as well as stand-alone items that will appeal to all: men and women, young and old, thrifty and spendy, loud and quiet!

### Donations Welcome!

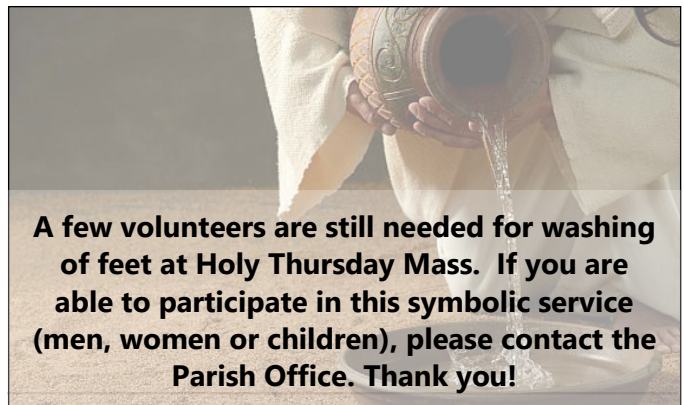
We welcome donations of new and unused items...like those things sitting in your closet that you bought but changed your mind about or that you received as gifts that just aren't "you." This is a great opportunity to help our parish and find a place for those items, both big and small. Items can be left in the Vestibule or dropped off at the Parish Office through April 14. If you have any questions, please call or text Julie Alt at 304-790-5950.

### Join the Fun!

Mark your calendars now to spend an evening of fun with Fr. Thomas and your fellow parishioners and their friends and families! Cost is \$10 at the door and includes pizza, nachos and drinks. Children 18 and under who are not bidding are free.



Our thanks to these Holy Helpers who assisted at last week's Stations of the Cross! Hazel Costello and Beckley Cameron are both students in our Grades 1-2 CCD class. Special thanks to Rosie Landis who has invited our young students to participate in the Stations each week!



A few volunteers are still needed for washing of feet at Holy Thursday Mass. If you are able to participate in this symbolic service (men, women or children), please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

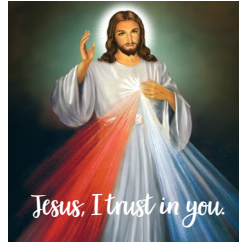
## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 23	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Gina DeMasi .....	The DeMasi Family
		Deceased Members of the Delilo & DiCesare Families .....	Palma & Dino Devic
Sunday, March 24	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Mary Ella Minnich.....	Doug Minnich
		Soul of Norm Groves .....	Sharon Melody & Joe Melody
Monday, March 25	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 26	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 27	5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the DeMasi and Turner families .....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Jean Harber .....	Mary Shannon
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday	
Friday, March 29	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday	
Saturday, March 30	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	
Sunday, March 31	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday	
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday	

**PLEASE NOTE!**  
There will be no weekday Masses the week of April 1 and the Parish Office will be closed.



Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Looking ahead, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday the second Sunday of Easter (this year on April 7). Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of profound significance for millions of Catholics worldwide, emphasizing God's boundless love and mercy for humanity. It invites us to seek forgiveness, reconciliation and spiritual renewal.

### History of Divine Mercy Sunday

In the 1930s a nun from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Sister Faustina, claimed to have received personal visits from Jesus. He revealed an image of himself with two rays emanating from his heart: one red (symbolizing blood) and the other pale (symbolizing water). The words, "Jesus, I trust in you," appeared at the bottom of the image. Sister Faustina was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000. On the same day, he declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

### Retreat with Fr. Ben Cameron

To help us celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and our 150th Jubilee year, a retreat with Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM from the Fathers of Mercy will begin on Divine Mercy Sunday and continue the next two evenings. More details about the retreat—and the plenary indulgences connected to it and Divine Mercy Sunday—will be included in next week's bulletin.

## Holy Week Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Holy Thursday

Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: Mike Landis, Rosie Landis, Beverley Iser  
EMs: Pam Williams, Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale

### Good Friday

Lector: Mike Landis  
Speaker: Michael Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Sue Harber & Jane Placka  
EMs: Rosie Landis, Mike Landis, Jane Placka  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeter: Kenny & Karen Brant

### Easter Vigil

Lectors: Sue Harber, Mike Landis, Doug Minnich  
Servers: Mike Landis, Rosie Landis, Beverley Iser  
EMs: Janet Corley, Mary Wagoner, Sue Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

### Easter Sunday 7 a.m.

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: Rosie Landis & Jane Placka  
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Rosie Landis, Jane Placka  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

### Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Evelyn Cole & Tess Maybury  
EMs: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler, Kelley Kuhn  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Jeff Kuhn

## Holy Week Schedule

				
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:30 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	Vigil Mass 8:00 pm	7:00 am 8:30 am
 MAR 24	 MAR 28	 MAR 29	 MAR 30	 MAR 31

## Your Faithful Stewardship

March 16-17, 2024

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$3,320  
Loose Donations..... \$555  
Easter Flowers..... \$1,143  
Votive Candles..... \$156  
Poor Box..... \$259  
**Total ..... \$5,433**

### Attendance

Saturday, 3/16 ..... 69  
Sunday, 3/17 ..... 120  
**Total ..... 189**

### Upcoming Diocesan Collection

On Good Friday there will be a second collection. The Pontifical Good Friday collection supports the welfare of our Christian brethren in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your support of this important appeal.

