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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026



May you find Christ here...may you take 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, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Palm Sunday

Jesus went up to Jerusalem with full awareness of what awaited him—betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Yet the people of Jerusalem stood ready to acclaim him as their Messianic King. Little did they realize the price this King would pay to inaugurate his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding upon a colt, was a clear fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy found in the book of Book of Zechariah (9:9): "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom—a kingdom of peace and eternal life. The colt itself was a sign of peace. Thus, Jesus entered Jerusalem in gentleness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured through the Cross and Resurrection, which would soon unfold during the sacred feast of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life to all who welcome his reign. Does the King of glory find a gracious welcome in our hearts and homes? Do the walls of our lives resound with praise for his glory? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, be the King and sovereign of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility, so that you may be honored as the King of glory. May I wish you all a most blessed and grace-filled Holy Week.

Readings for Next Sunday, Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Saint of the Week ... St. Francis of Paola

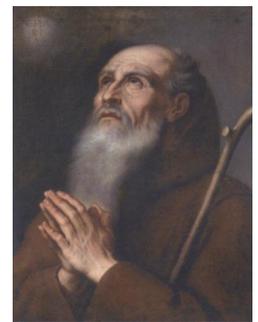
After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Francis of Paola began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis founded the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use his gifts to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

At the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany by advising a marriage between the ruling families, and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land.

Francis died in 1507 at the age of 91 while at the French court. He is the patron saint of sailors because many of the miracles attributed to him were related to the sea.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day April 2



Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Wanda Gahr, Marilyn George, Kathy Golaski, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco,

Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman*, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Toni Shillingburg, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis, Davis Wilson.

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This Week's Birthdays

March 31	Alex Mangold Daniel Mangold Tucker Newlin Davis Pritts
April 4	Tillie Selders Jay Stanislawczyk
April 5	Jacob Starcher

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

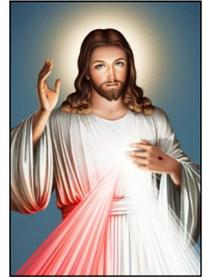
Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:30 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	Vigil Mass 8:00 pm	8:30 am
MARCH 29	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5

Divine Mercy Novena

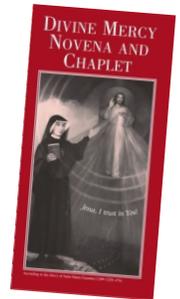
In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine-day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and end on the Sunday of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter).



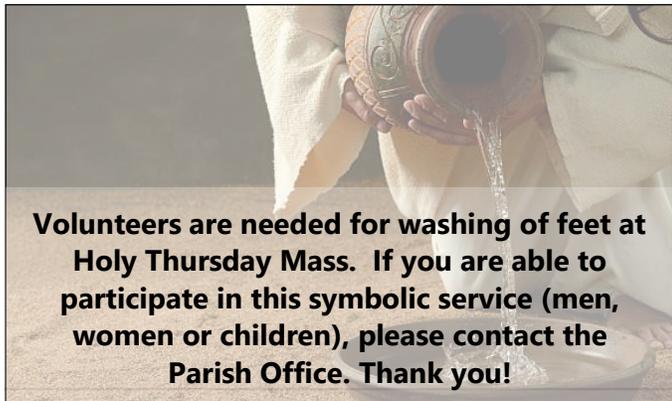
During this novena, Jesus asks that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people. The novena below comes from these private revelations of Saint Faustina as recorded in her diary.

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of my mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to my heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of my mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of my Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of my mercy. On each day you will ask my Father, on the strength of my bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues to the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). Pamphlets to help you to pray the novena are available in the Vestibule. ►



Thank you to sisters Isla, Charlotte and Cecelia Delilo for assisting with the Stations of the Cross last week!



Volunteers are 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 28	4:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish	Assumption Parish
Sunday, March 29	8:30 am	Soul of Mary Ella Minnich	The Minnich Family
Monday, March 30	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 31	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 1	5:00 pm	Soul of Richard Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, April 2	7:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish (Holy Thursday)	Assumption Parish
Friday, April 3	7:00 pm	Good Friday	
Saturday, April 4	8:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish (Easter Vigil)	Assumption Parish
Sunday, April 5	8:30 am	People of Assumption Parish (Easter Sunday)	Assumption Parish



The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land supports Christians and sacred sites in the Holy Land. It funds humanitarian aid, education, parish ministry, and maintenance of shrines.

The collection is taken up on the day of the saving Passion of our Lord, Good Friday. The gesture of making an offering, even a small one like the widow's mite, allows our brothers and sisters to continue to live, to hope and to offer a living witness to the Word made flesh in places and on the streets that saw his presence.

Thank you

Your Faithful Stewardship

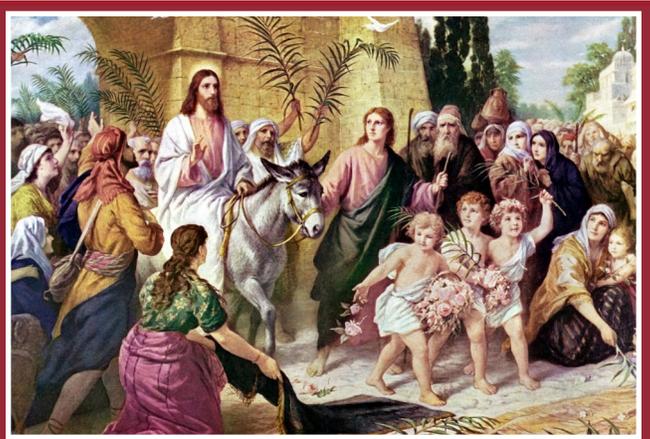
March 21-22, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,500
Loose Donations.....	\$1,362
Easter Flowers.....	\$785
Repairs & Maintenance	\$10
Poor Box	\$344
Votive Candles	\$129
Total	\$5,130

Attendance

Saturday, 3/21	87
Sunday, 3/22	126
Total	213



As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest!

CCD Dates to Remember!

April 5	Easter / No Class
April 19	Confirmation
May 3	First Holy Communion
May 10	Last Class / Registration for Next Year
May 17	Senior Graduation

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process!