



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 28, 2021 | Palm Sunday

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Ministers for next Sunday, April 4

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Ministers at MGC

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community.
Amen.

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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



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



Holy Week

The Church enters this most holy of weeks of the year and the journey begins as Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a colt into town, and all the people singing Hosanna, yet this soon changes into a call from the crowd to crucify Jesus by the end of the week. Let us enter this week and set aside time to pray, offer sacrifice and be drawn into this Holy Week.

Tuesday March 30- Chrism Mass 10:30 am Live steamed from Christ the King Cathedral.

Wednesday March 31 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service 6:40 pm Mother of Good Counsel

Thursday April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm with 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration to follow Mass at Mother of Good Counsel

Good Friday April 2 - Good Friday Liturgy 7 pm. Mother of Good Counsel

Saturday April 3 - Easter Vigil beginning at 8 pm. Mother of Good Counsel

Easter Sunday April 4 - Mother of Good Counsel
9 am Mass
11 am Mass

Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on the following Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm.

March 28 April 11 & 25

Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

Our teen disciples will meet on March 28 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Confirmation Class will meet on April 18, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Enjoying Peace in Jesus Presence

This Holy Week Mother of Good Counsel invites you to spend some extra time in prayer and reflection. The church will be available for prayer Monday from 12 pm to 5 pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all day. Just ring the door bell and we will let you in to pray as long as you like.

Flowers and Decorating for Easter

If you are willing to donate flowers for decorating the church for Easter please drop them off at Mother of Good Counsel Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning. If you are willing to help decorate the church for Easter please come at 10 am on Saturday April 3.

CRS Rice Bowls

Please turn in your Rice Bowls over the next two weeks. We thank you for your donations to this important work of the universal church. These funds go to support for struggling communities both here in the United States and around the world. If you have missed the collection or using the rice bowl this lent you may still make a donation, either online (www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) or in the collection basket just mark it for CRS and make all checks payable to Mother of Good Counsel.

Pray

Remember this week to hold in prayer those who will be joining the church this Easter season as they make their final preparations to enter the church. Their names are listed on the back of the bulletin.

Tenebrae Celebration

Prepare for the Sacred Triduum:

Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM, Conv. and a Diocesan Schola Choir for a service of prayer and song reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for each of us Wednesday evening at 8 pm at Christ the King Cathedral. The word tenebrae itself means "darkness" in reference to the darkness that came upon the earth when the Lord died on the cross and the darkness held in the heart of the church during the days and hours of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

Live-streamed for those who cannot be with us in person. For options on live-streaming, please go to <https://cathedralctk.org/howtostream>

Our Weekly Offering

for 03/21/21

Loose: \$90

Envelopes : \$370

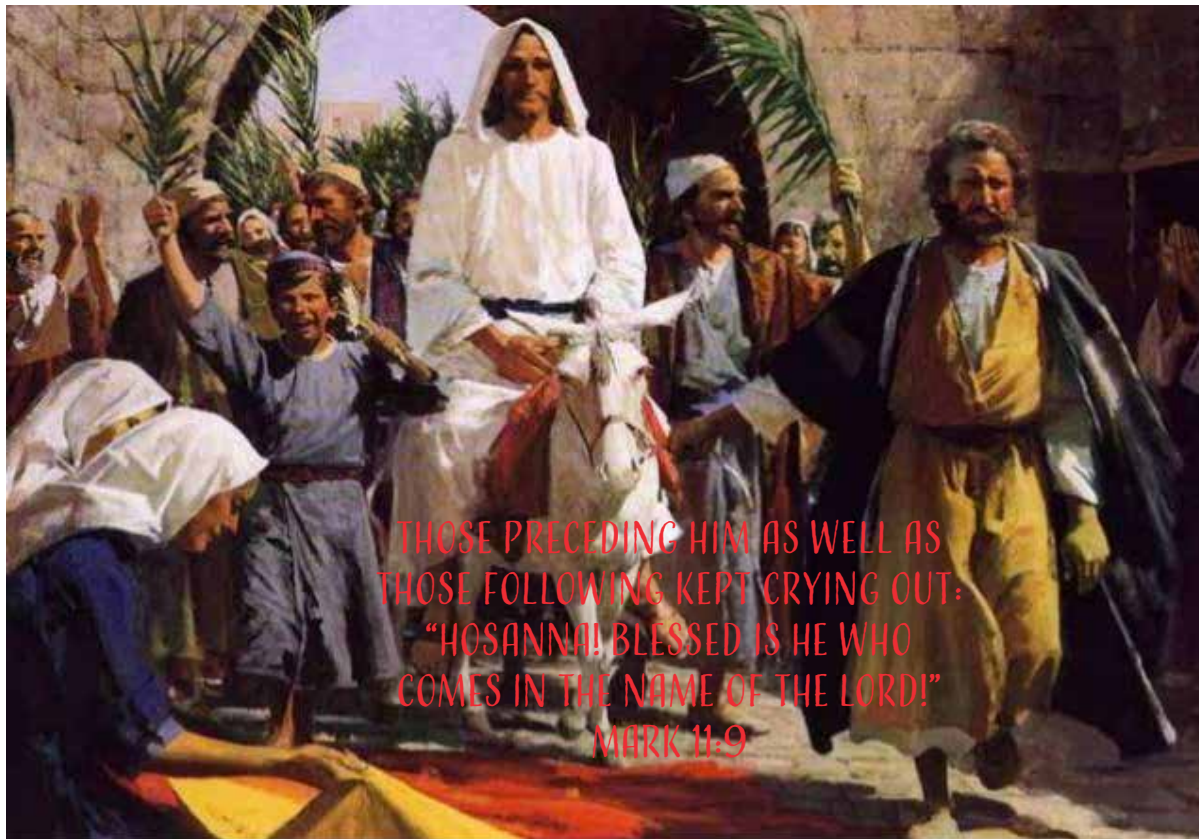
CRS: \$30

Easter Flowers: \$70

Weekly Online Donations: \$0

Total Weekly Offering: \$560





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

How 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.

Monday MARCH 29 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday MARCH 30 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday MARCH 31 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
Thursday APRIL 1 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday APRIL 2 <i>Good Friday</i> Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday APRIL 3 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 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 <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



Readings for the Week



Dear Padre

March 28, 2021

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

Welcome 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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Prayer for the Celebration of Holy Week

Jesus, Our Redeemer and Lord,
Enter into my mind and heart as Holy Week unfolds
and open me to the grace of this sacred time.
Through its symbols and stories, awaken in me an awareness of your great sacrifice,
made so generously on our behalf.
As I gather with other members of my parish family,
fill me with humility, gratitude, and reverence.
From the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday
to the opening of the Triduum on Holy Thursday,
may my focus remain on you.
As I listen once again to the agonizing story of your Passion, death, and burial,
may I learn what it means to say, “your will be done.”
And, throughout the quiet space of Holy Saturday,
may I await, dormant and expectant,
for your rising to new life as Easter dawns.
I ask this in your holy and blessed name.
Amen



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Birthdays This Week:

- 3/29: Mary Catherine Borromeo
- 3/31 Krystina Casimiro & ben Sumalpong
- 4/2 Marlene Geryes

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton and Renee Messer.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

- Prayer Family:**
Waylon Roberts
Cindy Combs
Chet Bailey
Destiny Huff
Natalie Sahay