

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

Glory and honor and praise to you, Son of David!



- Sun 29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
+Bob & Diane Phelps (Mancha Family)
+Melina Valles (Patricia Adami)
- Thr 02 Mass of the Lord's Supper**
06:00 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
- Fri 03 Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross/Holy Communion**
06:00 pm
- Sat 04 The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night**
07:00 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Jose Luis Martinez (Patricia Adami)
+Margarito & Virginia Nieto (Patricia Adami)
+Javier Mancha (Mancha Family)

Psalm Sunday

"In the palm procession our heart feels a joy mixed with sadness at sight of the Master's seemingly ephemeral triumph, prelude of suffering and death" (Archbishop Luis Martinez). Today's Mass recognizes that Jesus' full glory and kingship would only come about when he was lifted up. Our greatest sorrow and shame is our great relief—the cross. Jesus' experience of being loved and hated, of being welcomed and then rejected, provides us strength to endure the caprices and injustices of our own life.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Matthew 21:1–11 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11
/ Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11–54

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The adoring crowds, chanting "Hosanna to the Son of David" (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus in not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

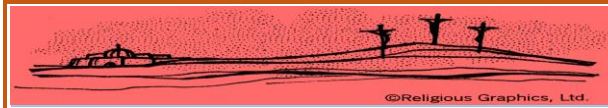
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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: THE HOLY LAND

During this Lenten Season, the Church through tradition turns her eyes towards the sites made Holy by the life and labor of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is so very fitting that on Good Friday, April 3, when our attention is on our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion, we are asked to take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. With this collection, we can protect more than the stones of ancient shrines. We can physically benefit the persons living in the Holy Land with support for various pastoral, social and educational institutions. Let us contribute to the success of the Holy Land Collection through our expressions of charitable concern. Thank you very much for your generosity to this most important collection. Fr. Nolasco

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco and Michelle Angela Nelson.



Holy Week Schedule

March 29 – April 5

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6p

Good Friday—Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross/Communion at 6p

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil of the Holy Night at 7p

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and leads to the celebration of the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

There is a dual nature to the liturgy of Palm Sunday. On this day we hear two Gospels: the gospel story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Mass; and the proclamation of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during the Liturgy of the Word. The joyful shouts of "Hosanna" are soon replaced with "Let him be crucified!"

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the central liturgical celebration of the Roman Catholic Church. The three liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are, in fact, ONE continuous liturgy that commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Thursday

"This is my body that is for you. . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood. . . Do this in remembrance of me."—1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Good Friday

"Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world."—Adoration of the Cross

Easter Vigil

"This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld."—Exsultet: The Easter Proclamation



Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,350.00

Loose: \$ 165.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 3.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,518.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 807.82

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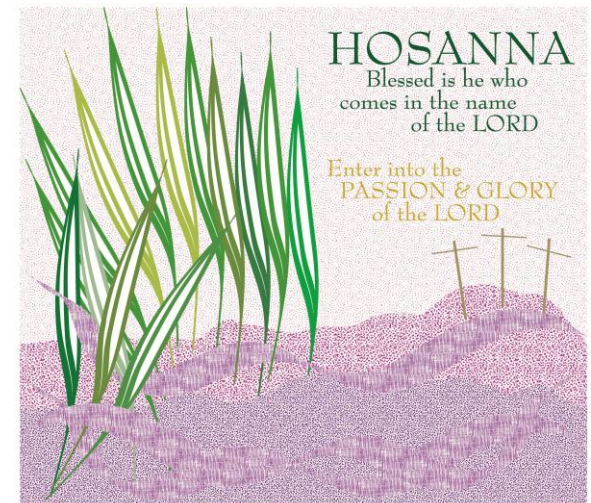
How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means "Anointed One." The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God's help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* ("Holy Oils")—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●

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