



## On Becoming Human

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ometimes human beings seem to be evolving into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life.

Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us. ●

### Reflect

***Am I a condemning or a forgiving person?  
Do I accept forgiveness when it is offered?***



[Jesus said,] "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you."

JOHN 8:10–11



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## Confession Info

Confessions: Saturday morning, alternating between STM & HT 10:30 am-11:15

## Upcoming/Ongoing Church Events

Fundraiser: STM Rav/Tort | call 815-252-2215 (leave name/phone number/order) | \$9.00/bag

## CCD Classes

Sunday, April 6th-Children's Mass/ K-5th Grade

Mock Confessions for 1st Communion Kids



Sunday, April, 13 NO CCD CLASS

## Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of April 7, 2025

Monday	4/7			† No Mass
Tuesday	4/8	9:00 am	STM	† Catherine Hunter
Wednesday	4/9	5:30 pm	HT	† Ellen Enerson
Thursday	4/10	9:00 am	HT	† Gladys & Ivan Hassler
Friday	4/11	9:00 am	STM	† For the Purgatory Souls
		6:00 pm	HT	Stations of the Cross

## Mass Intentions for the weekend of April 12-13, 2025

Saturday	4/12	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	4/13	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Mary Jane Smith



## Palm Sunday - Hosanna To the Suffering King

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:38-40

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we will commemorate on Palm Sunday was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we approach Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible by the people He came to save. (excerpted from "mycatholic.life")

### Church Announcements

#### Holy Week

Please review your Holy Week bulletin schedule for Mass and service times and locations.



#### Used Palms

A reminder: the old palms have been blessed and need to be disposed of properly. They must not be put in the trash. The proper way is to have them burned and to bury the ashes underground. If uncertain what to do, please bring your old palm to the church.

#### Heartfelt Words of Gratitude

The 2024-2025 season for the ravioli/tortalach fundraiser at STM ended Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. A special thank you to all who came so faithfully once or twice a week to make the product, especially those who came from neighboring towns. It has been a very successful year thanks to all your time, efforts, and sacrifices. A special thank you to Ilene Shaw; we would not have been as successful without her. A report will follow soon.

#### Latest Offering's

March 30th Weekend

HT - \$838

Catholic relief/Eastern Europe Coll: \$449

STM - \$667

Catholic relief/Eastern Europe Coll: \$275

SP- \$150



#### Confessions

Sat. April 12

10:30 am-11:15 am

St. Thomas More

in the confessional



# Dear Padre,

**A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?**

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning "three days." In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity's most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus'] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.***



PIXELS / PEXELS

**HOMILY, MALTA, APRIL 3, 2022**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

April 7

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62

Jn 8:12–20

### Tuesday

April 8

*Lenten Weekday*

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

April 9

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

April 10

*Lenten Weekday*

Gn 17:3–9

Jn 8:51–59

### Friday

April 11

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

April 12

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

April 13

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Lk 19:28–40

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49