



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 28, 2021

*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

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

**H**ow 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.

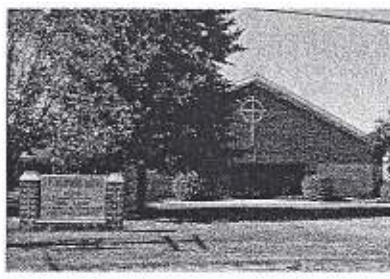
*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### *For Reflection*

- ★ *How steadfast have you been in your support of others?*
- ★ *Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.*



**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and  
Thursday - 9:00am  
Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

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**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

No Events Scheduled

**\*\*Emergency Phone\*\***

**For All Three Churches**

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -  
5:30 PM (Suspended)**

**Adoration Room**

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM  
Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

**Divine Mercy Prayers**

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

March 26 - Fish Fry (Takeout Only)

**St. Patrick Church  
(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.  
Arlington, IL 61312  
Phone: (815) 894-2006

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

**\*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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**\*\*Office Hours\*\***

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.  
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**\*\*Facebook:** Use Link on Home  
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

March 6 - Sausage Making

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of March 29, 2021**

<u>Monday</u>	**Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM	Offered For
<u>Tuesday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT	Special Intention
<u>Holy Thursday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 7:00PM**HT	† Julie Joiner
<u>Good Friday</u>	Stations of Cross **Facebook Link - Noon **STM (Confessions Following Here Only)	† Wayne Pinter
	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 3:00PM **HT	† No Intention (No Confessions Here)

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**

**Weekend of April 3-4, 2021**

<u>Saturday:</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 7:45PM HT	Offered For
<u>Sunday:</u>	St. Patrick, Arlington - 9:00 AM (No Streaming)	† For The Parishioners
	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 11:00 AM**STM	† For The Parishioners
	**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)	(Not Available Easter Sunday)
	(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)	

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00  
St. Patrick - \$0.00  
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen  
At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm  
Saturday 3pm - 5pm  
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?  
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -  
?  
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -  
? & ?

**\*\*Mass Intentions\*\***

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

**\*\*Recurring Special  
Church Events\*\***

Wednesday's - Mass/Rosary - 6PM  
(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook - 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In March-April

*The Confessions on  
Good Friday will be following  
the Stations of the Cross at St.  
Thomas More Catholic  
Church.*

St. Thomas More Ravs

A BIG Thank You is in order for the Rav Twisters for their contribution to keep St. Thomas More Church financially stable. Everyone has enjoyed the tasty ravs but now it is time for the Rav Twisters to rehabilitate their fingers! And enjoy the summer!

Thank you to everyone who supported the church through the purchase of the ravs!

Lent – Jesus' Importance

After having presented the video series on Jesus' life by the Augustine Institute during Lent. There will be a presentation of the two videos about Jesus' Passion and death this Tuesday afternoon at 3PM. The length of the afternoon will likely be 1-1/2 to 2 hours with a break halfway through. The videos take us to Jerusalem to the places Jesus walked and experienced along with the Sacred Scripture that applies to the time of Jesus' Passion. The videos are very well done. The videos are from the series called "Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth & The Life".

Confessions

This week's confessions will be:

Tues - Mar. 30 - 1:30-2:30pm - St. Thomas More

Wed - Mar 31 - 11:30 - 12:30pm - St. Thomas More

Fri - April 2 - After Stations - in St. Thomas More in the northeast corner of hall.

Saturday April 10 confessions will be at St. Thomas More in hall at 10:30-11:15am.

This Week's Update

We come to another Palm Sunday which begins the Holiest Week in the Catholic Church. Last year at this time, we were stuck at home celebrating Holy Week while the church's were closed. Thankfully this year we are able to have limited capacity. And this year Jesus is calling us to remember His suffering as we live our lives.

With so much to be thankful for in our lives, have we kept Jesus as the center of our lives? Jesus is the one for whom we should truly be thankful! He went through His Passion and Death on the Cross because of His love for us.

So knowing that Jesus was willing to die for us. Have we been willing to change our lives to put Him first in our lives? If we think about it, all of our sins are because of our selfishness and lack of humility. We see what we want and go after it without any concern for who our pursuit may hurt. So now is the time to make use of our time to show God we love Him with our whole being. And make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before we celebrate Easter next weekend! May God always be with you! -

Fr. Pat Fixsen

# Dear Padre,

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

**W**elcome 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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## 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



## Calendar

**Monday**

MARCH 29

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

MARCH 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

MARCH 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**

APRIL 1

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**

APRIL 2

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday**

APRIL 3

Holy Saturday

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

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or

Mk 16:1-7