



"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest."

MATTHEW 21:9

From Jubilation to Desolation

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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 is 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. ●

Reflect

How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?

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**Adoration Room at
STM Site**
Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info
Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site
in the Confessional between
10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran
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Ongoing Parish Fundraising: STM Rav/Tort. Sale | call 815-252-2215 (leave name/phone #/order) \$9.00/bag

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CCD Classes

Sunday, March 29th — NO CCD Class

Sunday, April 5th — NO CCD Class

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of March 30, 2026

Monday	03/30			† No Mass
Tuesday	03/31	9:00 am	STM Site	† No Mass— Peoria Chrism Mass
Wednesday	04/01	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Bob McCook
Thursday	04/02	6:00 pm	STM Site /Holy Thursday	† Joe Allen Kurtz
			Adoration after Mass until 10pm	
Friday	04/03	3:00 pm	HT Site / Good Friday	†

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of April 4 - 5, 2026

Saturday	04/04	7:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site/Easter Vigil	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	04/05	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site/Easter Sunday	† Bob Lehn/Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Palm Sunday - Hosanna To The Heavenly 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”)

THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: Holy Thursday Adoration: The faithful are strongly encouraged to spend some time with the Eucharistic Lord in the Adoration Chapel from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. You will make Jesus very pleased, even if you can only be with Him for 10 or 15 minutes that evening. Of course, a longer time would be great. A signup sheet will be provided in the back of the churches.



Good Friday: According to Catholic customs, we will have a collection for Holy Land as requested by the Holy Father.

Easter Vigil: All Catholic faithful members of our churches are invited to the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil which will take place at STM at 7:00pm. The Easter Vigil is known as the “mother of all vigils.” It is the “greatest and most noble of all solemnities,” according to the Church traditions.

Easter Flowers: Easter is a perfect time to remember deceased family members with easter flowers. Please remember to turn in your Envelopes, flower donation are \$20.

Cemetery Clean up: HT & SP cemeteries will begin spring cleanup. Please remove winter decorations.

Heartfelt Words of Gratitude

The 2025-2026 season for the ravioli/tortalach fundraiser at STM will be ended Tuesday, March 31st. 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.

Next Confessions

No Confessions on
Sat. April 4th

Latest Offering's

March 22nd Weekend
St. Barbara Parish
Total Collections:
\$2,070.25

Dear Padre,

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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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	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 Mt 28:1-10	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to "prepare the Passover" of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to "prepare"?

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

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