



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Finally, after days preparing ourselves (I hope you did and helped your children as well) for the most important event of our faith, we are here! Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, or Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, in which we commemorate our Lord Jesus Christ entering into the Holy City of Jerusalem, beginning His passion, death and resurrection.

With this commemoration we begin **HOLY WEEK**. Yes, this week is called Holy Week because in this week there are many important and holy events which will be celebrated: the Chrism Mass, the Last Supper of the Lord with the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders to the priesthood, the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, the most holy night when the Church is awaiting the triumph over sin and death through the resurrection of the Lord on Holy Saturday night.

This is really the **HOLY WEEK**, but did you prepare properly for this? With sacrifices? Fasting and abstaining from meat? Doing charitable works? Having courage to say “NO” to temptations? “Drinking the Life-Giving water?” “Washing your eyes at the Pool of Siloam?” Getting out of “your tomb” of sin or bad habits? (Gospels of Lent, year A)

We still have a few days left to “check” all of the above. There will be **NO** meaning at all to come and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord while you continue rejecting or ignoring the voice of God calling us to **repent, reconcile and change!**

We do not come to Church like a machine but like the beloved children of God. We show our sincere love to the Lord who accepted a horrible death for our sins by truly repenting for the sins we have committed, by avoiding any occasions which may lead us to sin, by fulfilling our obligation, duty or task because of “the spirit” of the laws, by following the example of Jesus on the cross asking His Father to forgive those who crucified Him, even “advocating” for them: “they know not what they do.”

Friends, once again, how are you preparing for the “peak” celebration of this week?

May we share in the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ who freely put our guilt upon himself, who willingly died for us while we are still sinners. And may we one day share in the resurrection of our Lord in heaven. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 2
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass - The Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 3
Noon - Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
5:30 p.m. Via Crucis

Holy Saturday - April 4
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, Holy Mass for the Candidates

Easter Sunday - April 5
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
11:30 a.m. Holy Mass - En Español

Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.





Our Parish Office will be closed beginning Thursday, April 2nd at 12:30 p.m. through Monday, April 6th. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m.

The envelopes are available at the entrances of the church for those who would like to contribute to our Easter flowers.



The devotion of the Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Sunday following Easter, for the mercy of a good life and death. Those praying the novena are asked to say a prayer of special intentions on each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

No OCIA-Adult Education on

Monday night March 30th or Monday, April 6th.
Deacon David and Education team



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski



Please pray for our parishioners and

all men and women in the armed forces:

Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards,
Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez and Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 28

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls, † Antonio Cruz Arango
† Lisa Salas by Dee Moffitt

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 A.M. † Flora M. Bandi by Martha Schroeder
All Priests, living & deceased
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Alfonso Trujillo, † Guillermina Nunez

Monday, March 30

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Jose Antonio, Joyce Mielnik

Tuesday, March 31

3:00 P.M. Chrism Mass at St. Mark in Huntersville

Wednesday, April 1

NO CONFESSION - NO MASS

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Good Friday

3:00 P.M. Good Friday Service
5:30 P.M. Spanish Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday

8:00 P.M. For the Candidates

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 A.M. † Gonzalo Barriga,
† Lisa Salas by Dee Moffitt
All Priests, living & deceased
11:30 A.M. † Marciano Diaz Ordaz,
† Antonina Arango Diaz
† Marciano Diaz Acevedo

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