

PALM SUNDAY—MARCH 29, 2026

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS

1:15 PM ENG
2:15 PM PL
Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS

4:00 to 4:45 PM and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM
Other times by appointment.

1ST FRI. DEVOTION 7:30 to 10 PM

1ST SAT. DEVOTION AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

3RD FRIDAY MASS Mass for Vocations 7:30 PM



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM,
10:30 (Polish) 12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 2 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
None During Lent

**PL PRAYER GROUP
W/ ADORATION**
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES
1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY
1ST WED. 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

YOUTH GROUP
2ND & 4TH MONDAY 6 PM

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is Yours, and You call us to serve You by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
+ Alex Sydlowski, Sr.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

8:00 am + Balbina Zilnicki

9:15 am Intentions of the Mader & Massiello Families

10:30 am + Kamil Wnorowski / + Jozef Piorkowski
(PL) + Stanislaw Terepka (8th A)
+ Roman Osiniak w piata Rocznicie Smierci
+ Henryk Drapala
+ Jerzy, Irena, Zbigniew, Margaret, & Bernard
Alekszndrowicz & Family

12:15 pm + Robert Draper

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

7:00 am + Linda Malloy / + Anne Marie Madden

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

7:00 am Intentions of Deacon Mike & Reina Bonocore
+ Konstanty (A) and Mary Kruk

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

7:00 am + Jim Massiello
+ Souls in Purgatory

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

8:30 am **MORNING PRAYER—NO MORNING MASS**

7:00 am **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Bi-Lingual)**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

8:30 am **MORNING PRAYER & NOVENA (Day 1)**

3:00 pm **Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Eng)**

7:00 pm **Celebration of the Lord's Passion (POL)**

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

8:30 am **MORNING PRAYER & NOVENA (Day 2)**
Food blessings 9 & 11 am, 1, & 3 pm
Flower set-up 9:30 am

7:30 pm **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

6:00 am (POL) + Dariusz Andruszkiewicz

8:00 am + Joseph LaPurka

9:15 am + Ann, Peter, & Donald Krue

10:30 am People of the Parish Living & Deceased
(PL) + Biskupa Markiewicza, Prolata Mireckiego i
Ks. Narkuna
+ Jadwiga (A), Julian Bondarowicz i Ziggy Wilinski
+ Kamil Wnorowski / + Teresa Lul
+ Jan Harasimowicz & + Family
+ Stanisława & Jan Andrychowski
+ Maria i Jan Pawlak
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
12 Noon + Stanley Cichanowicz Jr. (A)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

Walter and Michael Kielkowski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30)
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, March 29: Sunday & Debt
Next Week, April 5: Easter Gift & Monthly School

Thank you for your generosity!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Adoration 12 to 2 PM

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Altar Rosary Meeting 6:30 PM
Grades 5 & 5 Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

No Mass—Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper—Bi-Lingual 7:00 PM

Friday, April 3, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

No Mass—Morning Prayer & Novena 8:30 AM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM (ENG)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion—7:00 PM (POL)

Saturday—April 4, 2026

No Mass—Morning Prayer & Novena 8:30 AM
Food Blessings (9:00 & 11:00 AM, 1:00 & 3:00 PM)
Flower Set-up—9:30 AM
Easter Vigil—7:30 PM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Bodhi Doroski * Cathy Harper * Margaret Lombardo * Lonneka Doroski * Peter Milovich * Valerie Ainsworth * Victoria Weiner * Frank Stepnoski * Mary Jane Macarthur * Bruno Sidor * Nancy Kruszon Walters * Joanne DeMarco * Sandra Kuhlman * Albert Stepnoski * Richard Abbott * Beverly Bullock * Joseph O'Shea * Baby John Krepps * Dottie Bugdin * Jadwiga Luniewska * Wanda Tuminska * Etta Jean Otis * Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles J. Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth * Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Pemiciario * Sammy * Brodie * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Jeffrey Clark * Tom Wisniewski III * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Greffe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht and Hunter Bahnke

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Please keep Deacons,
Nicholas Waldron and Patrick O'Brien,
in your prayers.



GORZKIE ZALE

Every Sunday during Lent
After the 10:30 AM Polish Mass

STATIONS

Every Friday during Lent
ENG 6 PM / POL 7 PM

PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD

By Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA—EWTN

I began these Lenten meditations quoting the First Letter of St. Peter, **“By His wounds you have been healed”** (1 Peter 2:24). Peter is himself quoting a passage from the Prophet Isaiah that we hear on Good Friday: “It was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings He endured,...But He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon Him was the chastisement that makes us whole, **by His stripes we were healed.**” (Isaiah 53:5)

This Holy Week, as we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus, we find healing. **Healing from the fear or despair** that can accompany suffering in our lives or that of our loved ones. St. Leonard, understanding this, set up the *Stations of the Cross* in some 571 places, including the Colosseum in Rome. In his homily on that occasion, he said:

“Try it when sad thoughts trouble you and dark days are upon you; pass over the Way of the Cross, and lo! The clouds will fade quickly away, and a clear sky will shine upon you...Try it for yourself...and you will see how your heart will change” (Fr. Dominic Devas, OFM, *Life of St. Leonard of Port Maurice*, p. 103ff.)

*Jesus, as we consider Your Passion this week, we are astounded by Your love—so great a love! **Heal our fears and despair.** Give us, we pray, a share in Your love and Your strength and Your peace. **Amen.***

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Action: Meditate on the Passion in thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Triduum:

A Spiritual Pilgrimage Triduum:
A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Last Days:

The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie
This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SACRED TRIDUUM (The Catholic Company)

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It's more sacred than Christmas! This is because **Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life**, the very purpose for which Christmas happened.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days the solemnity heightens. Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris ("three") + dies ("day"). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

"Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery" (USCCB).

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament pre-figurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days. Here is a breakdown of each of the three days that make up the Easter Triduum.

HOLY THURSDAY

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional "washing of the feet" ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," a place where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. Many parishes will create space for people to stay and pray with the reposed Eucharist at this altar of repose late into the night, remembering Jesus' request in the Garden of Gethsemane for someone to *"watch and pray"* with Him.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered.

These Good Friday services often take place at 3 p.m., the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross. Often the priest will begin the service by prostrating himself in front of the altar. Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service, in which the priest and the faithful kneel before a cross and kiss it.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the **Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church.**

The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This is also the Mass in which many **OCIA** catechumens (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Paschal mystery: the Resurrection. *"Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'."*

Palm Sunday (March 29)



Do you know the meaning of **Palm Sunday**?

Holy Week begins on Passion Sunday, also known as Palm Sunday. This day marks the arrival of Christ in Jerusalem just days before His crucifixion. Palm Sunday is marked by special traditions and Mass readings. It prepares us to remember Christ's death and resurrection.

The palms symbolize peace and victory.

It was customary during Jesus' time for people to pay homage by laying palm branches—or even clothes—in front of people who were owed a great amount of respect. The Gospel of John tells of how Jesus was welcomed into the city mere days before his death: "When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel.'" ([John 12: 12-13](#))

(Special Note:) If you receive the blessed Palms at Mass on Sunday, do not throw them away or discard them! Instead, return unwanted palms to your parish to be used in making ashes for Ash Wednesday the following year. According to Canon Law (1171), blessed items are to be treated with reverence. **If there is a need to dispose of such items, they must be buried or burned.** The [Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy](#) states: "Palms or olive branches should not be kept as amulets, or for therapeutic or magical reasons to dispel evil spirits or to prevent the damage these cause in the fields or in the homes, all of which can assume a certain superstitious guise. Palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory."

On Palm Sunday, the faithful receive palm branches at the beginning of Mass, followed by a procession. Doing so **invites us to reenact Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.** Palm Sunday has been commemorated in various ways throughout Church History. The Church standardized and simplified Palm Sunday traditions in 1955. With this came the option of an organized procession that begins somewhere outside the church, a solemn procession that begins outside the church, a solemn procession starting inside the church, or no procession at all.

"Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today's celebration: the initial procession with palm branches and the solemn reading of the Passion." – (Pope Francis (April 14, 2019)) On Palm Sunday, we dive deep into Saint Luke's account of Jesus' last days (and moments) of life on earth.

The Palm Sunday Gospel (Luke 22: 14-56) tells us about: The Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' arrest and persecution, Jesus' Passion, Eventually, we read of His crucifixion and death.

Christ's Entry to Jerusalem Was Foretold in the Old Testament

"Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." – Zechariah 9:9

Palm Sunday is a Time for Reflection Before Holy Week

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux offered a homily about the significance of Palm Sunday and the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem: "How different the cries, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him,' and then, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!' How different the cries that now are calling him 'King of Israel' and then in a few days' time will be saying, 'We have no king but Caesar!' What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them."

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2026 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Register online at drvc-faith.org

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