PALM SUNDAY

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MARCH 23 – SATURDAY Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56 Vigil Readings: See Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Ben Maraan 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47 9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. David – Joe Ruter, Sr 12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

MARCH 25 – MONDAY Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

MARCH 26 - TUESDAY Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 No Mass Tuesday evening

MARCH 27 – WEDNESDAY Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25 9:30 AM – English – Fr. Larry – Marian Wedig 7:00 PM – Healing Mass - Bilingual – Fr. Rudy

MARCH 28 – HOLY THURSDAY Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 9:30 AM - Sung Morning Prayer 7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper – *bilingual* – Fr. Rudy

MARCH 29 – GOOD FRIDAY Is 52:13 – 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42 9:30 AM - Sung Morning Prayer 3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - *English* 5:30 PM – Live Way of the Cross - *Spanish* Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - *Spanish* MARCH 30 – HOLY SATURDAY Gen 1:1 - 2:2; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7 9:30 AM - Sung Morning Prayer No 4:00 PM or 6:00 PM Mass today 8:45 PM – Easter Vigil - Bilingual – Fr. Rudy

MARCH 31 – EASTER SUNDAY Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 9:00 AM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. David – Easter Memorial 12:30 PM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy – Easter Memorial

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Mass Ministry Schedule: Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Sign up sheets for all Holy Week Liturgies and Easter Masses are in the sacristy. All ministers are asked to please consider signing up for one or more of these liturgies. Thank you.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$9,081 Offerings received to-date: \$308,094 Amount needed to catch up: \$12,907 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

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Make it easy on yourself. Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering. To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

EXTRA PRAYERS APPRECIATED: As they prepare for reception of the sacraments next weekend, please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers this coming week.

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 30 winners: Sherrie Sunders, Scott Kaiser, and David Harmon. Each won \$25.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Barbara Kettler (24), Tom Wolterman (24), Brenda Wheelright (24), Molly Bromen (24), Anne Davis (25), Phyllis Randolph (26), Rosemary Welz (26), Debora Schak (27), Tom LeSaint (27), Bill Nastold (27), Francoise Healy (28), Jeff Lalley (29), Tony Mraz (29), Julie Huber (29), Mike West (30).

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, as we journey alongside Jesus as He enters Jerusalem amid cheers and adoration. This pivotal moment, captured in our processional reading, is the essence of Christ's ministry as well as the paradox of His kingship for



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His followers here on earth. Jesus is greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!" Yet, woven into this scene of jubilation is the foreshadowing of Jesus' impending passion and crucifixion. It serves as a poignant reminder of the transient nature of human acclaim and the depth of Christ's sacrificial love. Palm Sunday asks us to reflect on

the humility of our Savior, who willingly embraced suffering for the salvation of humanity. He chose not a throne of gold, but a cross of wood. And His journey from His triumphal entry to crucifixion demonstrates the self-emptying love that we must try to emulate as His disciples.

Today, in Mark's Gospel, we encounter Judas's betrayal, the agony of Gethsemane, and the trial before Pilate. Each of these scenes unveils the depth of Jesus' obedience to His Father's will and His unwavering commitment to the salvation of humankind. In the face of these horrific moments, Jesus remained steadfast in His courage and willingly accepted His fate. The arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane captures Jesus' human vulnerability; in His anguished prayer, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will..." Judas' betrayal is a stinging reminder of greed and ambition, yet Jesus responds with compassion and forgiveness. The trial before Pilate unfolds with stark irony as this Innocent stands before earthly authority, accused of blasphemy and sedition. Pilate ultimately succumbs to the demands of the crowd, condemning Jesus to death. In this moment, we confront the harsh realities of injustice and the cost of discipleship.

The climax of Mark's narrative is Jesus' crucifixion, a scene of profound suffering and redemption. As Jesus hangs upon the cross, abandoned by His disciples and scorned by onlookers, His abuse reaches its climax in His humiliation and suffering, from passersby, priests, and scribes, and even from the corrupt men crucified with Him. Yet in this shocking ordeal, Jesus conquers sin and death, offering salvation to all who believe in Him.

As we commemorate Palm Sunday, let us embrace the humility and strength of purpose of Jesus Christ, who endured suffering and death for our sake. May we follow in His footsteps, bearing our own crosses with courage and faith. And may the palms we wave serve as symbols of our commitment to walk the path of discipleship, trusting in the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please take a few moments and sign up for Holy Week liturgies. The sheets are in the sacristy.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS: Remember your deceased loved ones and help make the church beautiful for Easter by contributing to our Easter flower memorial. The Easter morning Masses at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. will be offered for all who participate.

EASTER EGG HUNT: 12:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday.