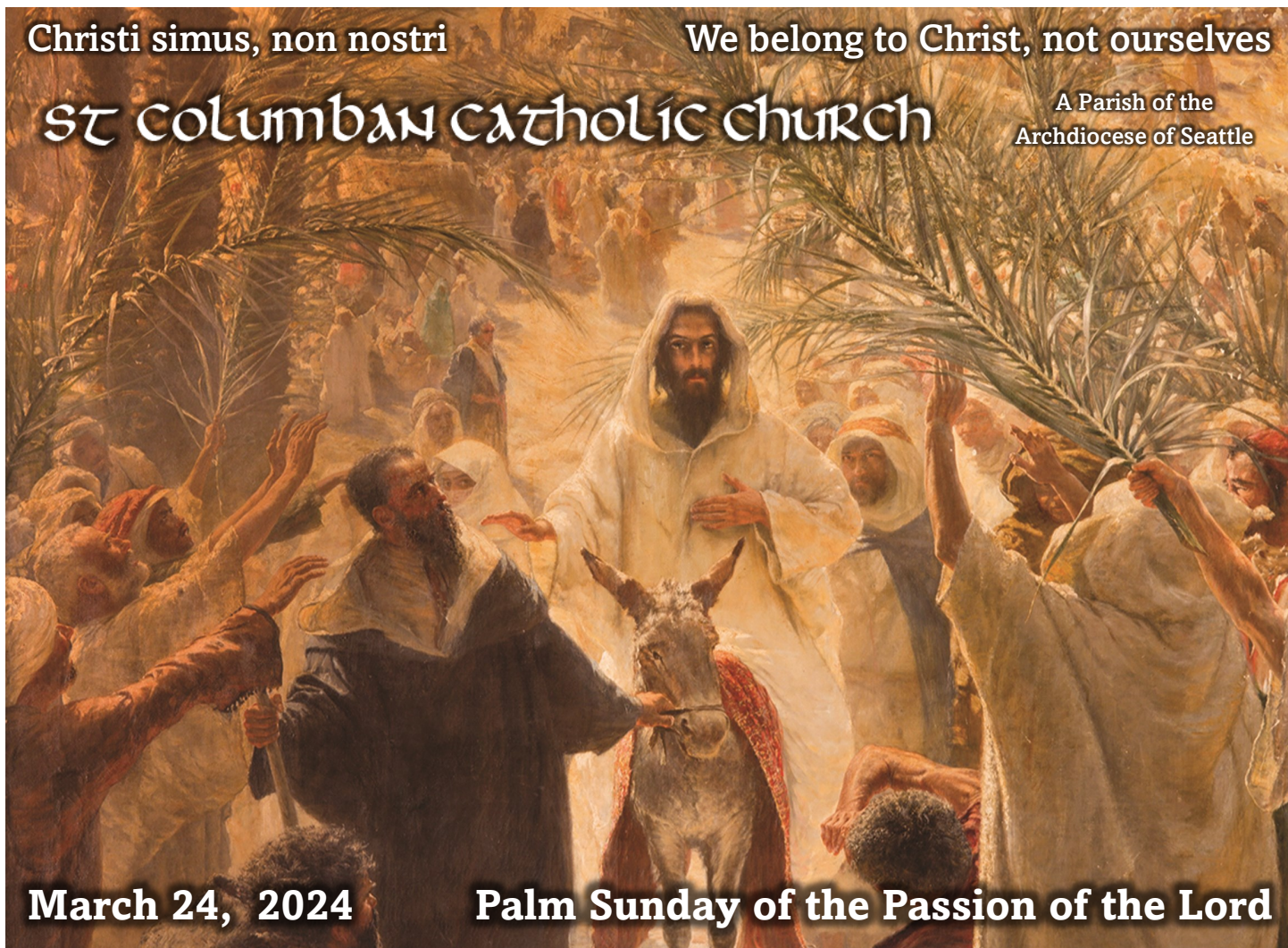


Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:00 AM (Tuesday-Friday, Except First Fridays)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 PM

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Baptism & Wedding Preparation Contact the Parish Office

St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM

First Friday Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

Parish Office Hours at St. Columban Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Friday by appointment

Sacramental Emergencies: 208-572-5251 The church may be open for prayer during office hours upon request.

Sunday: Mass begins in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of Palms

Entrance to the Hall Antiphon: *Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; the king of Israel. Hosanna in the highest!*

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10

Procession to the Church Antiphon: *The Children of the Hebrews carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying Hosanna in the highest!*

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22: *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation: *Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Communion Antiphon: *Father if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

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Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY March 25

Rosary Prayer Group 7 p.m. Church

TUESDAY March 26

Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Church

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY March 27

Spy Wednesday

Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Altar Society Weekly Cleaning of the Church 9:30 a.m.

TENEBRAE 7:00 p.m. Church

THURSDAY March 28

Holy Thursday

NO 9AM Mass

NO Sunday Scripture Study

HOLY THURSDAY MASS 7:00 p.m. Church

Followed by Adoration in the Parish Hall

FRIDAY March 29

Good Friday ☩

No 9AM Mass

NO Homeschool Enrichment

Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. Both Locations

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 p.m. Church

SATURDAY March 30

Holy Saturday

No Confession, No 5pm Mass

EASTER VIGIL 8:00p.m. Int.: Pro Populo Church

Mass begins outside under the Portico.

Parishioner candles will be lit in your pew, not outside.

SUNDAY March 31

EASTER SUNDAY

NO Confession at St. Peter

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 a.m. Int.: Pro Populo St. Peter

No Religious Ed or Confirmation Classes

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 a.m. Int.: Pro Populo Church

EASTER EGG HUNT 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Please gather in the Parish Hall after Mass for instructions

Important changes to be noted

Monday April 1st

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

April 2nd-April 5th

NO DAILY MASS OR FIRST FRIDAY

We proclaim the Roman Catholic faith to the communities of McKenna, Nisqually, Rainier, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm in southeast Thurston and southwest Pierce counties.

Our community has grown since its origins at the former St. Margaret Mary Church in McKenna, and our current church in Yelm is named for the Irish-born 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

Are you registered? Registration ensures that we know you are here, makes us aware of your needs and gifts, but most of all it helps us to welcome you to the parish! Stop by and introduce yourselves! The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 2:00pm or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org/

Announcements

Please be aware of email scams! Official emails will only originate from our staff emails with our domain saintcolumbanyelm.org or from flocknote.com, or ccbchurch.com. We will never directly solicit for non-official donations or items to purchase by email or text. Donations and fundraisers will always be announced during Mass.

Fasting and Abstinence on Good Friday

The current law of the Church obliges those age 14 and over to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those age 18 through 59 are also obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as one full meal and two other meals which, when combined are less than a full meal.

Announcements continue on page 4.

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youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

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ONLINE GIVING

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stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Parish Finance Council Joseph Judge (St Columban), Mari Evans (St Peter)

A Word from Father Thompson

For many years I have been intrigued by the fact that Jesus Christ in his resurrected glory still bears the wounds of his passion. You would think that the victor over sin and death would put behind him the marks of these conquered foes, yet Jesus Christ chooses to keep them; not only that, he chooses to make the wounds of his passion part of his eternally glorified body; and not only *that*; when Thomas initially doubted the Resurrection, Our Lord used his wounds as the proof of his identity. It would be one thing to see someone you thought was dead alive and well. It would be something far more miraculous to see that same person alive, and yet bearing mortal wounds that do not limit or pain him anymore. Christ's choice to retain his wounds is a lesson for us, especially for those who perhaps feel far from God and their faith.

The world, the flesh, and the Devil proclaim a false hope of glory without suffering, but Christ retaining the marks of the Passion proclaims that the way to the Resurrection necessarily passes through the Cross. Salvation, though freely given to us by God, is still not without cost, and we cannot receive our share in the Resurrection without a willingness to endure suffering of our own. Christ's wounds teach us that our difficulties in life are not signs that God has abandoned us or is angry with us. Our pain is not God's positive will, rather he gives meaning and hope in our suffering if we offer it in union with the suffering of Christ. Suffering is often a barrier to faith for many people, but the glorious wounds of Christ teach us that it should not be.

A second, related, lesson from the wounds of the resurrected Christ is that our pasts are not a barrier to glory. Past difficulties are no barrier at all to God's ability and desire to give us his salvation. Though Christ himself was sinless, his wounds are evidence that he bore the full weight of our sins, and so assure us that our past sins and mistakes--no matter how evil or shameful--can be overcome by God's grace. Some find themselves distanced from God because they don't believe themselves worthy of forgiveness, of that their sins are too great. No one is beyond redemption. God's mercy and love is more powerful than any sin we could possibly commit.

Jesus Christ living eternally despite his wounds, and indeed his wounds being one primary way he can be recognized as the Risen One, also teaches us that God's mercy and love is so immense that He can and will transform and glorify our wounds as well. Our pasts cannot be undone, but by Grace our old scars and shames can be made glorious proofs how great God's power and love is: that he can give us life and joy in spite of our pasts.

Happy Easter!

In Christ




Loving God,
we join with
others of
your people
here asking
you to hold
in Your hands all of our
homebound brothers and
sisters and those who
have asked for our
prayers



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Robert Fisher, Marcella Thornton, Chad Peterson, Bob Bacon, John O. Callahan, Gary Henslee, Theresa Gonzales, Betty Tretheway, & Alicia Espino.

FOR THE DECEASED

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

FOR OUR EXTRAORDINARY INTENTIONS

All those in harm's way, especially Timothy Soulliere (currently on mission in Israel) and those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE POPE FOR MARCH:

For the new martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

The church may be open for prayer during office hours upon request.

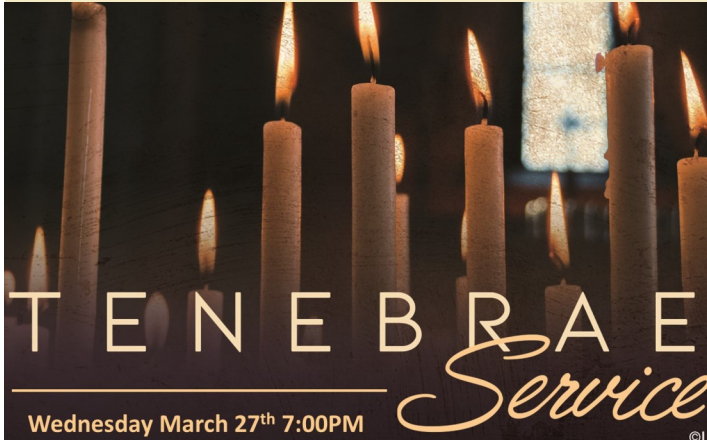
Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

*To add a name to this list or request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office. All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes. St. Columban Prayer Chain: Confidential and private prayer chain. To join, contact the parish office.

Ministries & Events

Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for many years, we encourage you to share your time, talents and treasures in support of the mission of our parish community. Contact Jennifer Langham at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with a group: 360-458-3031x1 / jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Outside Events & Notices

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: April 12-14, 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Experience, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321. Follow WWME on Instagram and Facebook!

Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 projectrachel@ccsww.org If you are suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk alone. We offer a compassionate and confidential environment for those who suffer the effects of an abortion. Find hope and healing after abortion at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

Financial Stewardship Report

March 10, 2024

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,669.75	\$501.00
Online Giving	\$2,138.34	\$540.00
Net	(\$991.91)	\$41.00
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$212.92	\$0.00
Sacramentals	\$35.00	\$17.00
(Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)		
Flowers	\$85.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$180.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$25.00	\$0.00
Second Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00

Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.

Daughters of Mary

daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

All women of the Parish are invited. Next monthly meeting is **Tuesday, Apr 2nd at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share!

2024 Spring Bazaar & Outdoor Sale is happening Saturday May 4th in the Parish Hall. Donations of books, DVD's, stationary, baked items, plants starts and gardening supplies are needed. Contact the parish office for drop off information.

Liturgical Ministries

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers

Knights of Columbus

kofc@saintcolumbanyelm.org
Council 17152 and Assembly 3742 meets monthly third Wednesdays of every month. Next meeting **Apr. 17th at 5:30 p.m.**

Open to all Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and to the defense of the priesthood.

Next Sunday Breakfast Apr. 21st following the 10:30 Mass. Knights please come help starting at 8 a.m. All Parishioners are welcome to eat; donations accepted.

2024 Spring Bazaar & Outdoor Sale is happening Saturday May 4th in the Parish Hall. Donations of gently used items such as yard furniture, tools, gardening and camping supplies are now being accepted. Contact the parish office to schedule a drop off or contact John Scotto for pick-up (206) 805-9279

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

360-458-1904
Our chapter is composed of parishioners who provide assistance and prayerful healing to those in need in our community. Members meet monthly and monitor the helpline daily.

St. Peter Circle

360-264-4856
Second Tuesdays every other month, beginning at St. Peter Tenino. Next meeting is Tuesday May 14th at 9:30AM.

Prayer Groups

Rosary group Mondays 7 PM in the Church,
Spanish Group Tuesdays 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Faith Formation

Elementary Religious Education

Links to related articles & blogs will be posted in the emailed bulletin and on our social media channels.



Faith Formation: Grade K-12

March 31 NO Class (Easter) Easter egg hunt after 10:30 am Mass.
Meet at the large hall.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

April 7 Class
April 14 Class
April 21 Class

Did you know? In the United States, palm branches are blessed before Mass. Sometimes they are blessed outside the church so that a short, symbolic procession back into the sanctuary can take place before the start of Mass. Since the palms we receive are blessed and are sacramentals, they should always be disposed of reverently, either by burning or burial. In most churches, the leftover palms are burned and the ashes used for the next year's Ash Wednesday celebration.

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Español

At St. Columban, we provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn about their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and community service.



Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)/Adult Faith Formation

RCIA classes have come to an end. Please stay tuned for the 2024-2025 registration link.

A continuation of last weeks introduction to the precepts of the Catholic Church.

The Second precept: You shall confess your sins at least once a year (unless there is mortal sin).

CCC 2042 The second precept ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

Can. 719 §1. For members to respond faithfully to their vocation and for their apostolic action to proceed from their union with Christ, they are to devote themselves diligently to prayer, to give themselves in a fitting way to the reading of sacred scripture, to observe an annual period of spiritual retreat, and to perform other spiritual exercises according to proper law.

§2. The celebration of the Eucharist, daily if possible, is to be the source and strength of their whole consecrated life.

§3. They are to approach freely the sacrament of penance which they are to receive frequently.

§4. They are to obtain freely necessary direction of conscience and to seek counsel of this kind even from the moderators, if they wish.

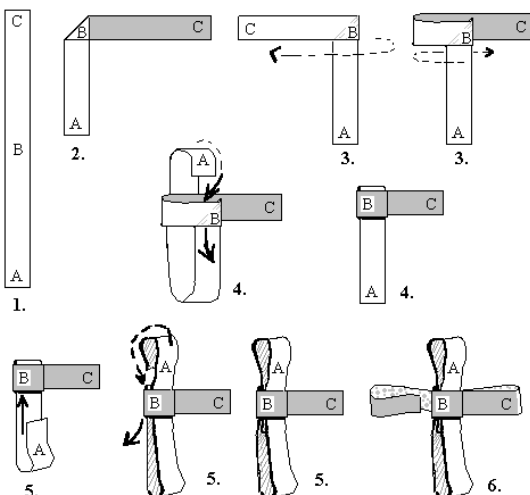


Blessed is
he who
comes in
the name of
the Lord,
the king of
Israel.



Youth Ministry & Confirmation (Grades 6-12)

HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



"Why did Mother Superior order new clothes for the convent during Lent?"

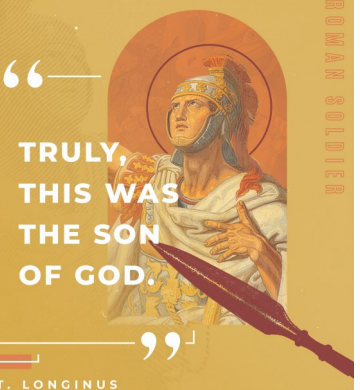


"It's the season of improved habits."



FUN FACT!
A "habit" is the word used for the uniform worn by certain men and women religious, a way to demonstrate being set apart for the Lord.

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From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

559 How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David". Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (*Hosanna* means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass". Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord", is taken up by the Church in the "*Sanctus*" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover.

Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Mass Readings:



First Reading: *I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.* (Is 50:7)

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

Psalms: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?* (Ps 22)

Second Reading: *He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.* (Phil 2:8-9)

St. Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

Gospel: *They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—.* (Mk 15:22)

We hear today St. Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?

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Liturgy Note: the *Tantum Ergo*

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. During the procession, the choir will chant the *Pange, Lingua, Gloriosi*. This Latin hymn was written by Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) for the Feast of Corpus Christi and summarizes our belief in the True Presence of Christ Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. The last two stanzas (called, separately, *Tantum ergo*) are also sung at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. Printed here are the words in English, for your prayer and meditation this Holy Week and for the Month of the Blessed Sacrament.

1. Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory,
Of His Flesh, the mystery sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our Immortal King,
Destined, for the world's redemption,
From a noble Womb to spring.
2. Of a pure and spotless Virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man, with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in solemn order
Wondrously His Life of woe.
3. On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the Paschal Victim eating,
First fulfils the Law's command;
Then as Food to all his brethren
Gives Himself with His own Hand.
4. Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature
By His Word to Flesh He turns;
Wine into His Blood He changes:
What though sense no change discerns.
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns.
5. Down in adoration falling,
Lo, the sacred Host we hail,
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail:
Faith for all defects supplying,
When the feeble senses fail.
6. To the Everlasting Father
And the Son who comes on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

The *Divine Mercy* Novena begins on Good Friday

This Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed everyday for nine days starting on Good Friday and ending on the weekend of the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. The intentions for each day are: Day 1, ; Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, ; Day 5, Day 6, Day 7, Day 8, Day 9.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Using a set of Rosary beads, begin with the Sign of the Cross.

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you! (Repeat three times)

Our Father... Hail Mary...

I believe (Apostles Creed)...

For every decade:

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:

V. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

R. in atonement for our sins and those of the

whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:
V. For the sake of his sorrowful Passion,
R. have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclusion

Repeat three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times)


Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY



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24 MAR PALM SUNDAY
 5:00 pm (March 23rd) Vigil Mass at St. Columban
 8:00 am Mass at St. Peter (Tenino)
 10:30 am Mass at St. Columban

28 MAR HOLY THURSDAY
 7:00 pm Mass at St. Columban
 8:00 pm Hour of Adoration in the Hall

29 MAR GOOD FRIDAY
 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at both locations
 7:00 pm Good Friday Service at St. Columban

30 MAR HOLY SATURDAY
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Columban

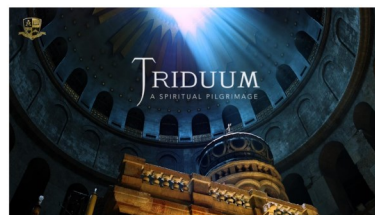
31 MAR EASTER SUNDAY
 8:00 am Mass at St. Peter (Tenino)
 10:30 am Mass at St. Columban
 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt at St. Columban

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press.

Go to formed.org/signup and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership.

Once logged-in access these suggestions at watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed



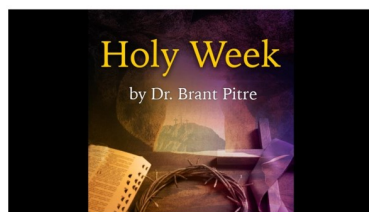
Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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 real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Faithful Departed Eternal Rest Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

From the Archdiocese

A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

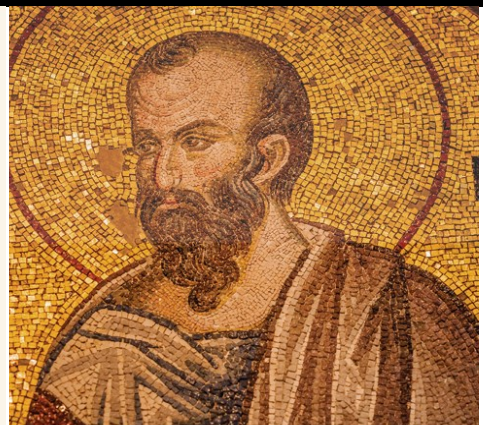
Under the Spiritual Direction of Most Rev. Frank R. Schuster
 Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle, Washington
 Group Coordinator: Ms. Erin Oest-Larsen

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Land Only Program

11-Days: October 8 to 18, 2024



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

— MARK 11:9 —

— SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 —

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

St. Toribio Romo González was a Mexican priest and martyr from Jalisco in the early 1900's. He's known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and catechesis to the poor. During a time of religious persecution in Mexico, government troops shot and killed him.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/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) or 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/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

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The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:
“Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
Hosanna in the highest!”
- Mk 11:9-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

Second Reading

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

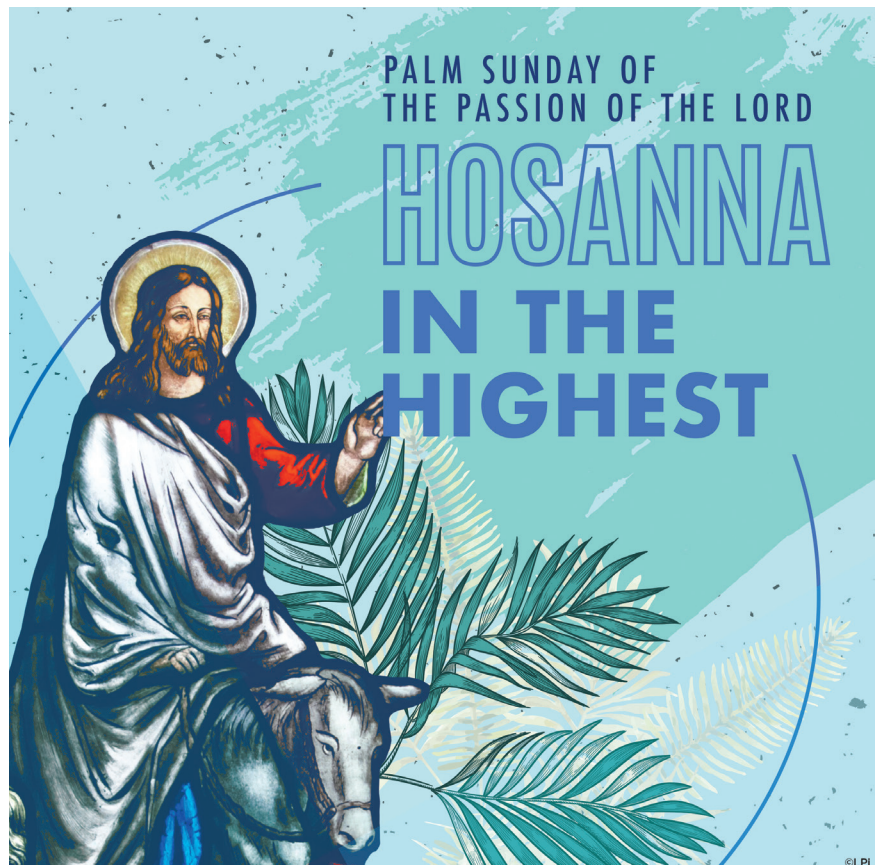
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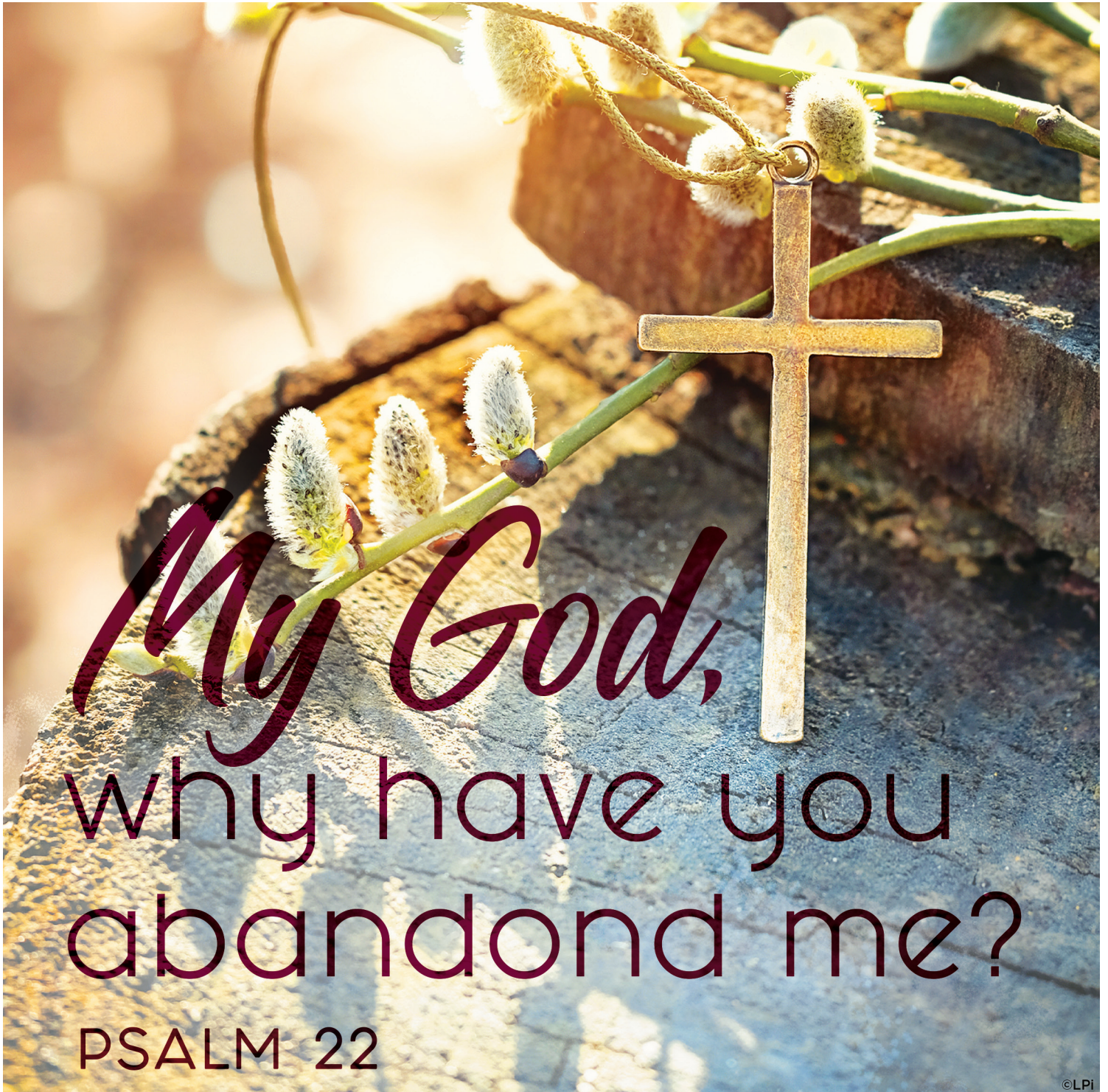
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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Prayer

God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.

Mission for the Week

Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.

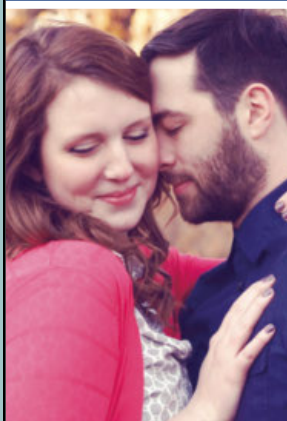
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