

Notes from Barb!

- † Palm Sunday Bake Sale today!
- † At Easter we will begin offering the Precious Blood. If you would like to be an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, please let me know.
- † **Holy Thursday Mass will be at Sacred Heart at 6pm. Fr. Todd Riebe will be presiding. We need a total of 12 people to have their feet washed. If you are interested, let me know.**
- † **Good Friday will be at the Village at 3pm.**
- † **Easter Sunday....get here early to get a seat!**

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Mystery of Suffering

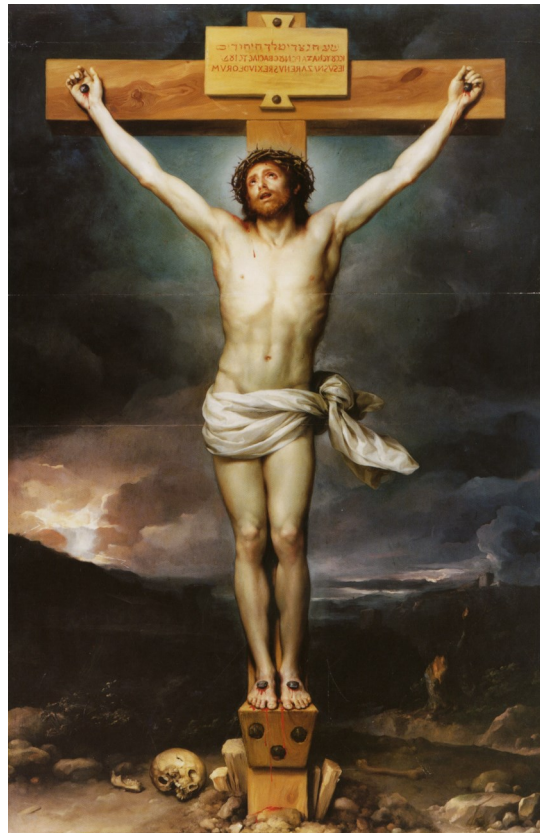
The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance.

Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.


We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	April 2	April 9 Easter
Lector	Caleb Fleschner	Chris Mangia
Gift Bearers	Steve & Pam Norris	Mahady Family
Ushers	Matt Breneman & Charlie Cummins	Steve Norris & Waylon Robertson
Eucharistic Ministers		Kelly Stafford & Pam Norris
Counters	Sue Heck & Karen Harris	Tom McKinney & Kay Jatzcak
Cleaners	Sheila Stultz & Linda Dubois	Off week
Coffee & Donuts	Parish Bake Sale	Off Week

GOOD FRIDAY

Lector: Steve Norris **Candlebearer:** Kelly Stafford


Don't miss the Resurrection Egg Hunt TODAY!



Our Religious Education Program will be hosting a Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A on Wednesday April 26. Please consider going to Chick-Fil-A anytime that day and be sure to mention St. Mary's Spirit Day! Proceeds will be used toward Vacation Bible School costs.

Prayers Please for:

Louise Arnold, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whallon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatzcak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, Doug Hand.



If you have people on the parish prayer list, please contact Barb to update her on their conditions.

Mass Intentions:

April 2 Andrew Arnold
 April 9 St. Mary's Village Parish

If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00. We are now scheduling masses for May through July.

We have purchased new altar candle holders that we will begin using on Easter. They cost \$962. If you would like to make a donation to sponsor these candle holders, please see Barb.



Fundraising

This week we kick off our Gift Card Raffle. Please pick up your letter detailing our goals and how you can help. Those not picked up will be mailed.

There will also be a Spring Vendors Fair on May 6. Flyers are available in the rack at the church entrance

Birthday Blessing to:

Jena Robertson 4-2
 Chris Mangia 4-2
 Jackie Wrin 4-3
 Louise Arnold 4-8
 Sophia Scully 4-8



Happy Anniversary

John & Theresa Klotz
 4-8



Finance Report

	Mar. 26	Budgeted	Additional Donations	
Sunday Collection	\$2231	\$2308	Easter Flowers	\$70
Galvin Fund Donations	\$ 30	\$ 115	Catholic Relief Services	\$20

Did You Know?

Palm Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday before Easter each year and marks the start of Holy Week.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem with His disciples to celebrate Passover. When they reached the Mount of Olives, He sent two of the disciples to retrieve a donkey colt for Him to ride. He instructed them to untie it, and if anyone asked them why they were doing so, to tell them that the Master has need of it. They did as He instructed, and brought the colt to Him, laying their cloaks over it for Him to sit on it.



As He rode into the city, people spread their cloaks and palm branches in the road, proclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The spectacle attracted the attention of those in the city, and many wondered who He was.

The entry into Jerusalem is documented in all four gospels, with slight variations in each account. The donkey symbolizes His peaceful coming; He is coming to seek and to save the lost. He is coming as the sacrificial lamb, to atone for our sins. In Luke's account, we see Him weeping over Jerusalem, demonstrating His sorrow for its coming destruction, as well as for those who reject Him and the salvation that He brings.

In all accounts, Christ is shown great honor. The onlookers lay their garments down in front of Him, and wave palm branches – a demonstration of victory, usually reserved for royalty. The onlookers shout "Hosanna," an expression of praise and adoration, which is also related to the Aramaic word for Savior and echo Psalm 118, which was part of the Hallel, a song traditionally sung at the temple during Jewish festivals.

This victorious entry reminds us that although Christ endured great sorrow and suffering, ultimately, He is victorious over sin and death.

Today, the celebration of Palm Sunday opens Holy Week. The priest blesses palms and distributes them to the congregation, and they are used in a procession through the church, recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The palms are either kept and used as a reminder of Christ's victory throughout the year, or are burned and used as the ashes for the next year's Ash Wednesday service.