THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 28, 2021

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna!
in the highest

Mark 11:9,10

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday @ 10:45 am

Inside the Chapel

RECONCILED with God

HOLY WEEK / EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 28TH
THE PASSION OF THE LORD
10:00 am in the church

HOLY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 1ST
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:00 pm in the church
Altar of Repose immediately following Mass
in the Chapel until 12 midnight

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 2ND
Stations of the Cross ~ 12:00 noon
Friday of the Passion of the Lord ~ 1:30pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS ~ APRIL 3RD
8:30 pm in the church

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 4TH
MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
10:00 am in the church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Palm Sunday

Evelyn Alesna — Mark Whitters

Holy Thursday

Wanda Robinson — Daniel Sute

Good Friday

Jonathan Jackson — Gail Bond

Easter Vigil

Gail Bond — Daniel Propson
Hailey Busby — Wanda Sanders

Easter Sunday

Bob Thomas

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTION

Sunday, March 28, 2021

For the Special Parish Intentions of

Presentation Our Lady of Victory
and
St. Scholastica

† PRAYER LIST †

Maeola Blackmon, Wayne Bradley, Fr. Burr, Sarah Diggs, Ruth Donaldson, Marjorie Greene, Darlene Harris, Caldonia Ingram, Jerree Martin, Fr. Tim Mazur, Emily McGhee, Marsha Price, Priscilla Propson, Nellie Richards, Doris Robinson, Deacon Sanders, Alexander Stubbs Jr., Edward Sutton, Arline Timbers, Monika Uriel, Marilyn Worde, Gwendolyn Worthy

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Rhea Sanders
Pocahontas White
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If you have a March birthday and we missed you on this list, please let us know by calling 586.596.2089 or email sisjeanine@aol.com.

FIRST READING

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
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

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

GOSPEL

They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with,
"Hail, King of the Jews!"
and kept striking his head with a reed and
spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

SUN 3/28 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

MON 3/29 Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

TUE 3/30 Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WED 3/31 Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

THR 4/01 *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/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 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

FRI 4/02 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

SAT 4/03 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] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

SUN 4/04 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 or Lk 24:13-35

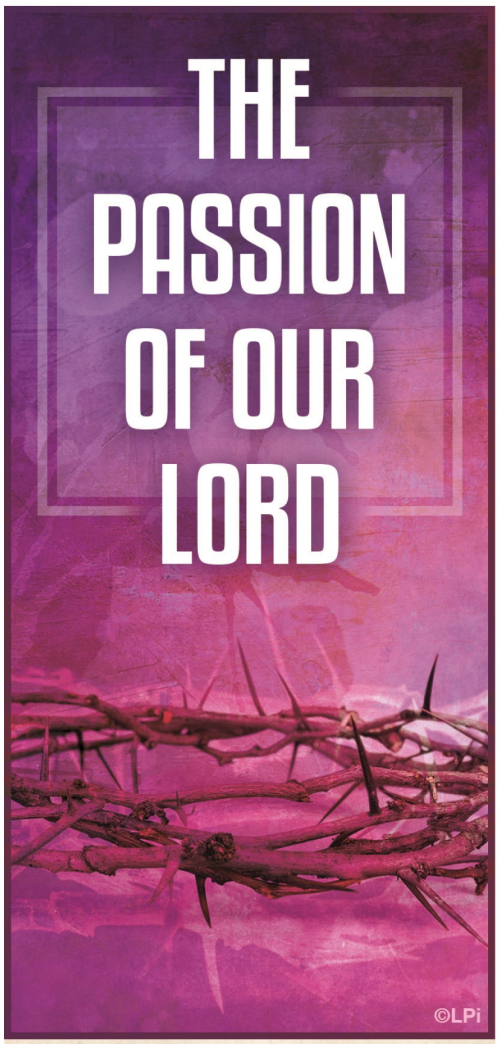
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

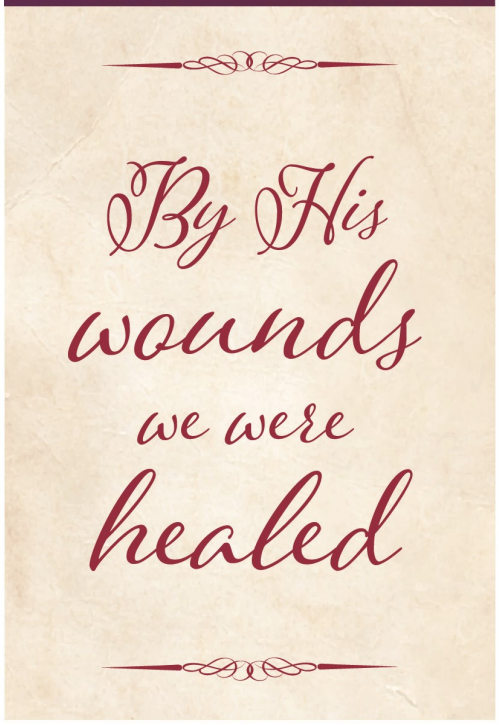
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
Thursday: Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day
Friday: Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Sunday: Easter Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!





READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

PRAYER

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

KIDS CORNER

Find and circle ten things that are different:

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: One half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office **Marriage:** Weddings must be arranged at least six months in advance

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† Ave Maria Radio ~ 990 am

†Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo
Monday~Friday 8am~10am

† Christ is the Answer~Fr. John Riccardo
Monday~Friday 11am

† Kresta in the Afternoon~Al Kresta
Monday~Friday 4pm~6pm

† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line
Monday~Friday 3pm

† Catholic Answers
Monday~Friday 6pm~8pm
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