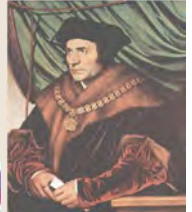




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Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

*Palm
Sunday*

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

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Daily Mass:
Monday – Saturday
8:00 AM

Vigil Mass Times
4:00 PM Vietnamese/English
6:00 PM English

Sunday Mass Times
8:00 AM English
10:00 AM English
12:00 PM Spanish/English
5:00 PM English

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

Adoration: Every Friday 9:00am to 10:00am

Saturday "Drive-Up" Confessions:
12:00pm to 2:00pm

We will continue to livestream all Masses

For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28, 2021

*[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
— Philippians 2:8*

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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Wedding Banns

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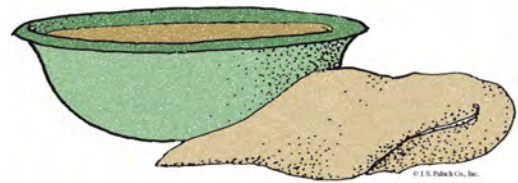
MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention

Monday 3/29	8:00am	†Visitacion Alberto
Tuesday 3/30	8:00am	†Teresa Kreyche
Wednesday 3/31	8:00am	†Leo Godar
Thursday 4/1	8:00am 7:00pm	Prayer Service ProPopulo
Friday 4/2	8:00am	Prayer Service
Saturday 4/3	7:45pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 4/4	8:00am 10:00am	†George Bennett, Sr. †John York

We are in need of ushers for all of our Easter Masses. It is especially important to have plenty of ushers this year so that we can safely manage the social distancing protocols.

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Thank you!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

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

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon

or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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In Christ,
Father John

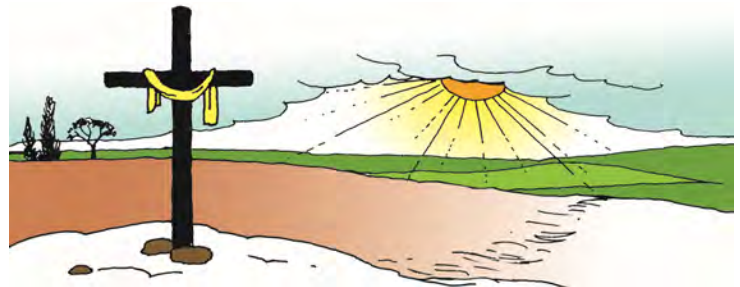
Collections and Expenses

3-8-2021 to 3-14-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$11,120	\$8,788	\$19,908
Believe & Grow	\$2,213	\$925	\$3,138
BGT- Phase 2	\$961	\$3,323	\$4,284
Building Fund	\$265	\$646	\$911
Other income	\$1,662	\$1,276	\$2,938

Regular Expenses	\$47,170
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Building Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property. **Thank you for your generosity!**



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Live Nights are on Sundays at 7 pm. Please go to www.stmirvineym.org/live to join in.

Live Nights dates for the rest of the semester are:

March 14	April 11	May 2
March 21	April 18	May 16
	April 25	May 23



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Confirmation Classes continues to take place online. We are no longer accepting registrations for classes..

Confirmation 1 Classes Dates Are

- Wednesday, March 24 at 7pm
- Wednesday, April 21 at 7pm
- Wednesday, May 5 at 7pm

Confirmation 2 Classes Dates Are

- Wednesday, March 17 at 7pm
- Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm
- Wednesday, April 28 at 7pm

R.E.P. CORNER



First Communion Families:



First Reconciliations are set for March 30th & 31st at 6:00



PM. Please keep reviewing prayers (especially the Act of Contrition) & steps to Reconciliation with your children. Please check with your student's REP teacher for any further details.



During Lent, we invite our 3rd-8th Grade REP classes and their families for Drive Up/Walk Up Reconciliation on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 PM. Call the REP Office for more information.



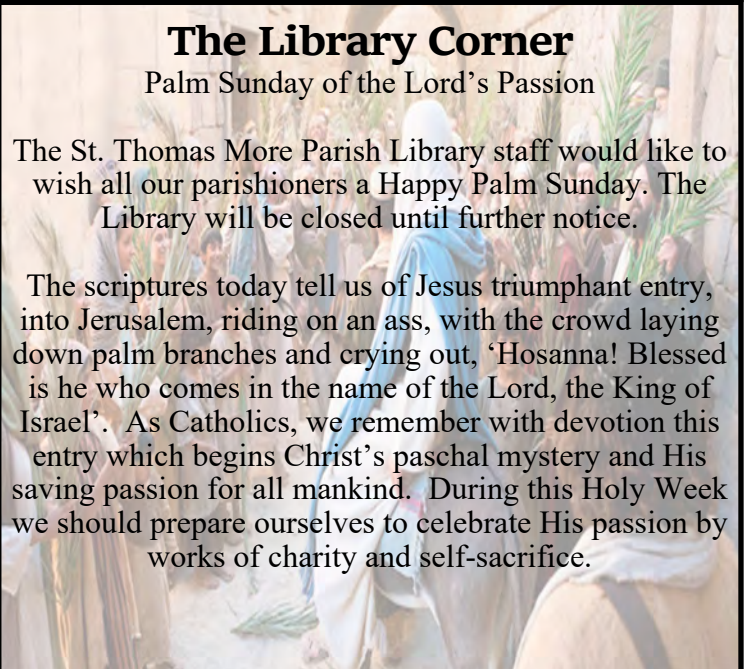
Please keep all of our young people and adults receiving sacraments this coming Easter season in prayer as they continue their preparation.

The Library Corner

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The St. Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy Palm Sunday. The Library will be closed until further notice.

The scriptures today tell us of Jesus triumphant entry, into Jerusalem, riding on an ass, with the crowd laying down palm branches and crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel'. As Catholics, we remember with devotion this entry which begins Christ's paschal mystery and His saving passion for all mankind. During this Holy Week we should prepare ourselves to celebrate His passion by works of charity and self-sacrifice.



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"Any Country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor"
— Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



"Drive-up" Lenten Confessions

Saturday: Noon to 2:00 PM

**No Confessions on
Holy Saturday, April 3**



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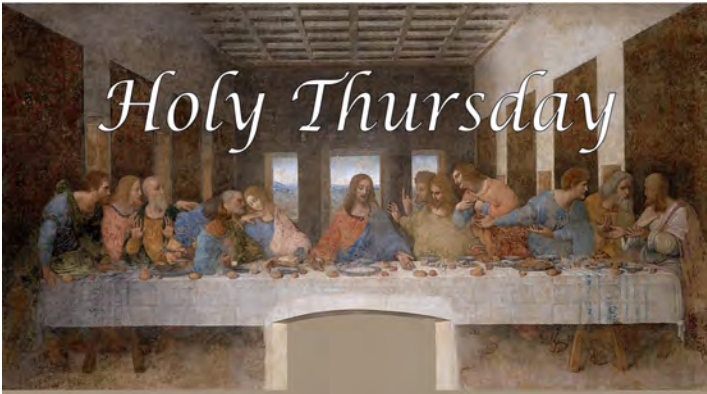
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Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer Service at 8:00 AM

Mass at 7:00 PM

Adoration until 10 PM



GOOD FRIDAY

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 8:10 AM Divine Mercy Novena
- 11:00 AM Stations of the Cross
- 1:00 PM Prayer Service
- 2:00 PM Veneration of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Prayer Service



Holy Saturday

- Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM
- Divine Mercy Novena at 8:10 AM
- Easter Vigil Mass at 7:45 PM

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights. It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

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St. Thomas More Easter Mass Schedule



Sunday, April 4th

Outdoor Sunrise Mass:

(Please bring your own chair)

6:00 am - English

Indoor:

8:00 am - English

10:00 am - English

12:00 pm - Spanish/English

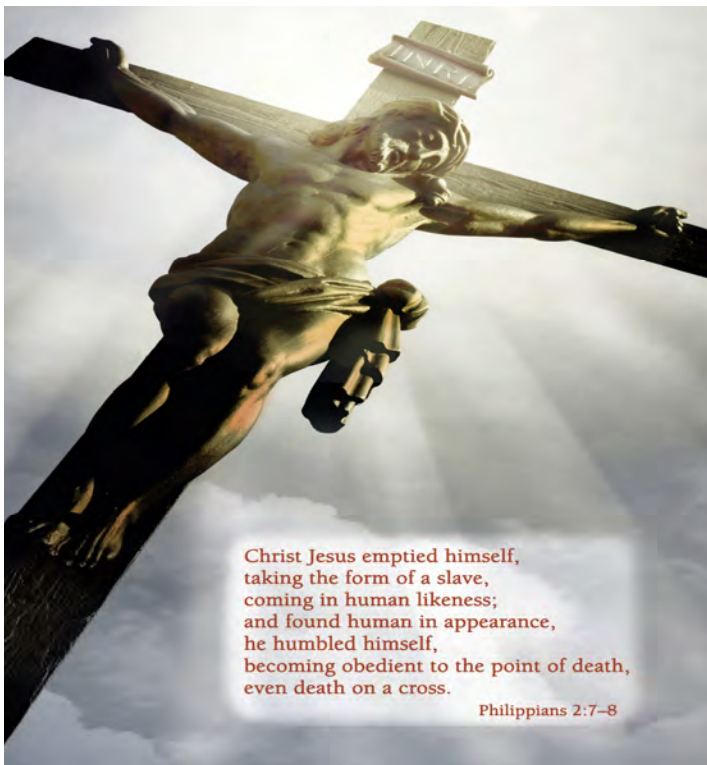
2:00 pm - Vietnamese/English

All Masses will be livestreamed (except 6:00 am)



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Passover begins at sunset
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
- Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence
- Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter



Christ Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8





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Essay Contest 2021




The Knights of Columbus are offering awards of up to \$1,500 to Catholic high school seniors from St. Thomas More Parish

This contest is open to Catholic high school seniors accepted to a Junior College or Four Year College in the Fall of 2021.

Entry forms are available in the Parish Office lobby and can be downloaded from the STM website.

The deadline for essay submissions is April 16th 2021
(Entries will no longer be accepted after the parish office closes on Friday, 4/16/21)

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March 30

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Lenten Regulations:

Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

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When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

A PREVIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and previews its themes and events. Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Roman Missal gives three options for how this can be done, the most elaborate of which begins with the priest, ministers, and the entire assembly outside. The Gospel account of the entry is read, after which palms are blessed and distributed. Then everyone enters the church in procession, singing songs or psalms. However, the joy is temporary; the Passion narrative recounts how, after an intimate meal with his disciples a few days later, Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried. The reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs, while the psalm likewise gives voice to the suffering of the innocent. The reading from Philippians affirms the Incarnation as God's embrace of the entire human situation, including suffering and death.

SUFFERING . . .

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

. . . AND INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

TODAY'S READINGS

Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalms 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24

Philippians 2:6–11

Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]

Palm Sunday
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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