



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

FROM OUR PASTOR

From Chris Carsten's book "Principles of Sacred Liturgy: Forming a Sacramental Vision."

"But how the faithful can best engage these sacramental signs in a fruitful way is another matter. As we have seen, sacraments, sacramentals, and sacramental things require participants to cooperate with them: liturgy is not magic; sacred signs and symbols are not possessive spells that the priest casts over participants, blanketing them with saving grace against their will. Engaging ritual symbols fruitfully requires docility, purity of heart, attentiveness--and human free will. It also requires the intelligent perception of 'sacramental senses'--the eyes and ears which are properly formed by mystagogical catechesis." (p. 156)

What a powerful reminder as we enter Holy Week. There are so many signs and symbols. How do they speak to us? What is their meaning? What do we do with them?

We gather today on Palm Sunday. The sacramental of the day is of course palms. Why? We turn to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. So for us, the use of palms is rooted in the scriptures. What use are they for us today? What did they mean when Jesus entered Jerusalem? Such questions remind us of the richness of our faith and how we express it.

In the ancient world, palms were a way of welcome and sign of respect for a king or victor. They were a sign of triumph and peace. They would be placed along the way that the victor would take, as part of their great entry or "victory lap".

It is not a military or political victory that we celebrate on Palm Sunday. The kind of Messiah that Jesus is, is not what was expected or hoped for as He entered the city. We know how it ends. The Cross is not the glory people expected. Even today taking up our cross is not always the first thing we want to do.

So what triumph do we celebrate? What victory are we marking? Perhaps we have lost a sense of what the palm stands for or simply turned it into a decoration that we have in our homes. Have we conquered sinful habits? Have we won the battle against vices or temptation?

Palm Sunday leads us into Holy Week. It is filled with so many signs and sacramentals. Just the vestment colors themselves are pointing us beyond what we see. We go from purple to white to red and white again. For us to fully grasp what lies before us we need to see with sacramental senses that have been formed. What catechesis have we done to freely enter more deeply these symbols that the Church is using this Holy Week?

Not just the eyes, but the ears too. We use the bells at Mass. They bring our attention to the presence of the Lord. Yet entering the Triduum, on Holy Thursday they fall silent. The bells are not used again until the Easter vigil. How does that sign help us? What does it say to our hearts? The other senses too are engaged by other sacramentals.

Good Friday and the Easter Vigil offer us so much to contemplate. For a fruitful engagement and reception of grace, I encourage you to have open hearts when you experience them.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 12 Noon
Benediction at 6:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of March 28, 2021

Sat. Mar. 27	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Art Vinopal</i>
Sun. Mar. 28	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Cafferty</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tue. Mar. 30	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Kathy Kobylski</i>
Wed. Mar. 31	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Patty Schluter</i>
Thu. Apr. 1	7:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Fri. Apr. 2	1:30 PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Sat. Apr. 3	8:30 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Apr. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Ruth Penzkover</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Bob Penzkover, Patrick Moore and Marty.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson and Ethan Jasinski.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesday evenings following the 5:30 PM Mass.

Easter Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by March 31 in time for the names to be published for Easter.

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your April issue is available on the porch of the rectory. If you are unable to stop and pick it up, please give the rectory a call.

We welcome Myla Rose Bader, daughter of Brian and Claudia (Brownfield) Bader, who is being baptized this weekend.

**Stewardship Corner ~ March 20th & 21st, 2021
(523 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 4,199.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,725.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	8.00
Loose Offering	688.68	317.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 6,249.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 35.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$542,910.80
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$382,792.22

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Monday	Mar. 29	2:00 PM	Facebook Live Stream Rosary
Tuesday	Mar. 30	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
		6:30 PM	Holy Happy Hour
Thursday	Apr. 1	2:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP will be April 28 or 29. If you have items that you wish to save, please remove them by April 25th. You will be able to replace them in time for Mother's Day Weekend.

Scrip is sold during the week at the rectory office. You can stop by to purchase during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.

200 Envelopes Fundraiser:

Please help out by taking one (or two) of the purple envelopes hanging on the board in the gathering area and returning them with your donation before Easter. This year, there will also be an on-line option for making your donations. Please go to:

stp200envelopes.ggo.bid

or use our on-line giving option on our website: stpatricksmaston.com (Click on the green triangle in the upper left corner.)

The money raised this year will be used toward our **"School Boiler Replacement Project"**.

We have collected **\$ 7,189.00** so far.

Thank you for supporting our parish and school!

HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:
Goal—\$41,710
Pledged to date—\$26,972.00
Families—85

Thank you to those families who have already returned their pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please give the rectory a call and we will send one out.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 27th & 28th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie, Jerilynn Kolba
 Servers: Christian Brow
 Musicians: Bill Ryan
 Usher: Bill Powers
 Cleaning: The Ryan Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bridget Gunther, Larry Moore
 Servers: Brayden and Warrick Housworth & Eli Shanke
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Liz Housworth
 Usher: Matthew Gunther
 Cleaning:

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Steve Hesprich, Paul Curran
 Servers: Jonathan Riley
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling
 Usher:
 Cleaning: The Bailey Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 3rd & 4th

Saturday, 8:30 PM

Lector: Jerilynn Kolba, Shirley Buttner, Steve Hesprich
 Servers: Brayden and Warrick Housworth & Nolan Powers
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
 Usher: Bill Powers
 Cleaning: The Powers Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore, Mary Ann Strack
 Servers: Eli Schanke, Seth Schwedrsky
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
 Usher:
 Cleaning: The Bailey Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm, Olivia Lulich
 Servers: Ethan Lulich, Nathan Field
 Musicians: Anna Boppart, Sharon Kelly
 Usher: Eli Boppart
 Cleaning: The Boppart Family

Mauston Community Sharing Pantry News: The 2020 year end stats are in. What a strange year, but the pantry made it through with everyone's help! 600 different families were served. Up to 14 days of food each month were provided. A total 291,427# of food were distributed. Also distributed were 880 senior boxes with 26,400# of additional food.

The generous assistance that the pantry received during the public health emergency allowed the pantry to purchase a new, much-needed refrigerator, a new carport for safer distribution of food, a new trailer to pick up more food and new shelving to store more food purchased. The pantry is now undertaking an exciting new Pantry Project! Now is the time to redo the parking lot to make it safer for unloading food, more parking for those in need, easier for garbage pick-up and safer for those driving up to pick up food. One project and 4 much needed fixes – what a goal! Matching funds will be provided for anyone who wishes to donate to this "Park it at the Pantry" project. You can just write "Park-it" on your check and your donation will be matched.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Come Celebrate Easter With Us!

Holy Thursday

—Mass on Thursday, April 1—7 PM

Good Friday

—Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 2—1 PM
 Good Friday Service—1:30 PM
 (Sign-Up is required for Good Friday Service)

Holy Saturday

—Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 3—8:30 PM

Easter Sunday

—Masses on Sunday, April 4—8 AM and 10 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday

- Masses on Saturday, April 10— 5PM and
 Sunday, April 11— 8AM and 10AM

Adoration & Confessions will follow the 10AM Mass.

The Chaplet will be prayed at 12:30
 followed by a 1PM Benediction.

For our Triduum celebration, the Good Friday Service is the only time that we are requiring a sign up. This is based on past attendance. Please note that we will not have saved pews. This sign up is to help us count those who plan to be in attendance as we are still following social distancing guidelines during our continued global public health emergency. Individuals and couples are asked to sit in the side pews. The middle pews are for families of 3 or more. Ushers will be there to help with the seating. You are able to sign up at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b49acab2ba0fc1-sign1> or on the sign up in the back of church. Thank you. If you have any questions contact Cassandra Thayer at re@stpatriksmauston.com



Good Friday Collection—April 1 ~ Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, we will join with Catholics from around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land to become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Please plan to support this special collection.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK March 28, 2021

WATCH TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.

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