

Dear Friends,

We are coming to the end of our Lenten journey as we celebrate Palm Sunday this weekend. We will hear the Gospel of our Lord's Passion according to St. Mark. We have heard this familiar Gospel on previous Palm Sunday Liturgies. After hearing Jesus' Passion this weekend, here is something to ponder.....how do you think the people involved felt? Did Peter believe Jesus when he was told that he would deny Jesus? How do you think Peter felt when Jesus told him that, or when he realized he denied Jesus? How do you think Mary felt seeing her Son persecuted and die? Can you imagine the fear and confusion of the Beloved Disciples, Peter, James, John and Mary Magdalene? Were Veronica and Simon reluctant and fearful in helping Jesus, or were they cheerful givers? Always remember.....Jesus died for each of us, for our salvation because of His love for us.

Triduum liturgies are as follows: Reservations are required due to Covid.

Triduum reservations open Thurs March 25th 9am

HOLY THURSDAY -April 1 Mass at 6 PM (English) and 8 PM (Polish)

GOOD FRIDAY-April 2 Stations of the Cross/Service 3 PM (English) and 7 PM (Polish)

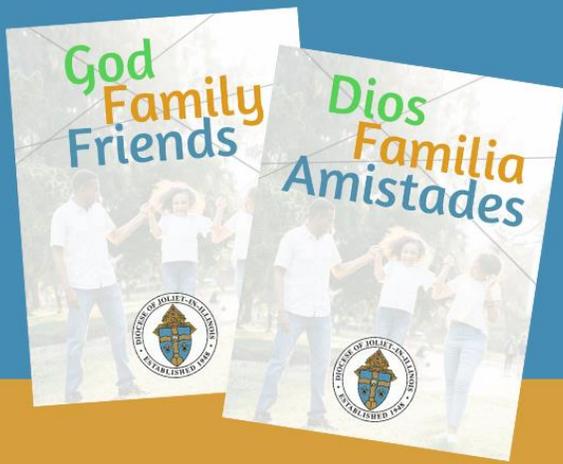
EASTER VIGIL-APRIL 3 Mass 7:30 PM (English)

EASTER SUNDAY-April 4 Resurrection Mass at 6 AM (Polish), Masses 8:30, 10:30 AM (English), 1 PM (Polish)

Attached is God, Family, Friends to use with your children, grandchildren, or neighbors in your Domestic Church for Palm Sunday. You will be receiving another issue soon for the Triduum. Go to our parish website and click on "Reserve A Seat" to register you and your family. Join us!! We would love to see you at Mass or during the Sacred Triduum.

Our Mother of Good Counsel, Pray For Us!

~Janet



Helping families focus
on what matters most

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Themes: Jesus, the King, willingly suffered and died for us

GOD

Mass

Our weekend Mass is now livestreamed. Check our parish website for the link; www.omgccc.org. Click on "Livestream Available" or you can go directly to our Vimeo link, <https://vimeo.com/omgc>, where you can view our weekend Mass. Join us in person by registering through our parish website, simply click on "Reserve A Seat", choose your Mass time, enter your information and you will be registered.

Readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032821.cfm>

Gospel Video

<https://youtu.be/1s8gKEadTL8>

Lectio Divina Guide

<https://catholicdotbible.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/palm-sunday.pdf>

Palm Sunday Video for teens

<https://youtu.be/Y3Vor55BoE0>

25 things for your family to watch for during Palm Sunday & Holy Week

<https://bit.ly/3f4V3UI>

FAMILY

Coloring Page

<https://sermons4kids.com/es/palm-sunday-colorpg.htm>

Real palm activities

<https://www.catholicicing.com/10-things-to-do-with-palms-from-palm-sunday/>

Dinner Activity and Conversation:

If you were unable to be in church to re-enact Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem at Mass today, do it as a family before dinner! Find a statue or picture of Jesus that someone can carry in procession to the dinner table. Instruct your family to lay down their paper palm branches as Jesus approaches and shout loudly and joyfully, "Hosanna in the Highest!" Place Jesus at the center of the dinner table.

Imagine that Jesus is the Grand Marshall of a parade, and your family has been given the job of arranging all the details for his visit and his parade. How do you think you should prepare?

- Where should we have Jesus stay?
- What should we get him to eat?
- Where should the parade to be held?
- Who would we call to Jesus' parade?
- What media coverage would we arrange?
- Our planning is almost complete! Let's check-in with Jesus...
- Do our plans reflect Jesus' style?
- If you were Jesus, would you choose to ride a big fancy horse or a donkey in the parade? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus chose a donkey?
- How can we prepare to have Jesus enter and remain in our hearts?
- What can we do as a family to honor Jesus as our King this week? (Choose one and do it!)

SPRING CLEANING - MAKE ROOM FOR GOD!!

The first three days of Holy Week (March 29-31 this year) are traditionally days of "Spring Cleaning" as Catholic families prepare their hearts and homes for the Easter Triduum. Your family may not be hosting the typical Easter gathering with family and friends this year, but we encourage you to vigorously clean your home - or part of your home - as though you were expecting the most important of guests.

Invite your children to imagine that they are hosting an important group of friends, or their favorite athlete or movie star - what needs to be done to clean and get ready before they arrive? Make some room! As you purge your closets and dust the rugs - mop the floors and clean out the couches - ask your family to silently think about what needs to be cleaned out of their life to make room for God. By clearing out the junk (TV, video games, laziness, etc.), we create space for God to occupy. When you take a family rest break, share what you have all been thinking about making room for God.

FRIENDS

This has been a tough year for many people and our country - and even some families- have been divided over politics, over how to respond to the pandemic and more. Which of your friendships or family relationships are strained because of arguments or past hurts? How might you be called to extend mercy and compassion through a phone call or by writing a letter? Jesus reconciled humankind to God - can you seek to reconcile your relationship with that person?

