

# Palm Sunday

## Holy Week

### Masses and Intentions for the Week

#### Sunday, March 16

**Violet**

Palm Sunday, *I Class*

7:30 AM Chris Walker

10:30 AM Pro populo (*Solemn Mass and Procession*)

#### Monday, March 17

**Violet**

Monday of Holy Week, *I Class*

12:00 PM Dennis and Kristen Schwind & family

7:00 PM Don and Kathy Finck + & family

#### Tuesday, March 18

**Violet**

Tuesday of Holy Week, *I Class*

12:00 PM Robert Lanning

7:00 PM Peggy Nicholas

#### Wednesday, March 19

**Violet**

Spy Wednesday, *I Class*

12:00 PM John and Suzanne Steele & family

7:00 PM Patrick and Lori Trimble & family

#### Thursday, March 20

**White**

Holy Thursday, *I Class*

8:00 PM Donald Farwick +

*Adoration follows the Mass until Midnight.*

#### Friday, March 21

**Black/Violet**

Good Friday, *I Class*

1:00 PM The Good Friday Sermons

Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Solemn Afternoon Liturgy

#### Saturday, March 22

**Violet/White**

Holy Saturday, *I Class*

10:00 PM Special Intention

#### Sunday, March 23

**White**

Easter Sunday, *I Class*

7:30 AM Tom Peter

10:30 AM Pro Populo (*Solemn Mass*)

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## Holy Week Mass Schedule

### Palm Sunday, March 16

7:30 AM Low Mass

10:30 AM Blessing and Procession of Palms  
Solemn High Mass with the chanting  
of the Passion of St. Matthew

### Monday of Holy Week, March 17

12:00 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Solemn High Mass

### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 18

12:00 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Solemn High Mass with the chanting of  
the Passion of St. Mark

### Spy Wednesday, March 19

12:00 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Solemn High Mass with the chanting of  
the Passion of St. Luke

### Holy Thursday, March 20

8:00 PM Solemn High Mass of Our Lord's  
Supper

Translation of the Blessed Sacrament  
Adoration until Midnight

### Good Friday, March 21

1:00 PM The Good Friday Sermons  
Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Solemn Afternoon Liturgy with the  
chanting of the Passion of St. John

### Holy Saturday, March 22

10:00 PM Easter Vigil and Solemn High Mass

### Easter Sunday, March 23

7:30 AM Low Mass with organ

10:30 AM Solemn High Mass

Confession will be available 30 minutes before all  
Masses and from 12:30 until 2:45 on Good Friday.

We welcome back Fr. Jean-Pierre Pilon and welcome  
anew fifth-year seminarian Mr. Marko Rehak, FSSP,  
recently ordained to the subdiaconate, to assist with  
the solemn liturgies.

## Season of Passiontide

The final two weeks of Lent form the season of  
Passiontide. From Passion Sunday until Easter, the  
Church gives herself over entirely to meditation on  
our Lord's Passion. All the crucifixes and statuary  
are covered in remembrance that, from this time  
until His entry into Jerusalem, our Lord no longer  
walked openly amongst the Jews. The psalm *Judica*

*me*, on account of its joyful sentiments, is omitted at the prayers at the beginning of Mass and the *Gloria Patri* is also omitted throughout the Mass to mark the dishonor rendered to the Holy Trinity through the suffering of our Lord.

### **Easter Duty Reminder**

Holy Mother Church attaches a grave obligation for all Catholics of age to make a confession of all mortal sins (since the last worthy confession) and receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season, which lasts until Trinity Sunday.

### **Collection for the Holy Land**

The traditional collection in support of the Church in the Holy Land will be taken on Good Friday. Please be as generous as means allow.

### **Spring Break...**

Please note that the children's choir, girls' and boys' groups, and high school classes will not meet the next two weeks on account of the holydays and Easter octave.

### **Church Cleaning for Easter**

We could use a few volunteers on Holy Saturday morning at 10:00 to get the church cleaned, decorated and ready for Easter. Please consider helping if schedule permits; it is hoped to have all the work finished by noon. Thank you!

### **Please Keep in Your Prayers...**

Archbishop Buechlein; Patricia Wycislo; Jane Doe; Ted Knight; Bridgette Schutzman; Neal Miller Family; Bischel Family; Tom Peter; Joseph Shake; Rosie Rolfes; Virginia Mendel; Brett Feller (Iraq); closure of Planned Parenthood in Bloomington; Don Farwick +; James Peter +; Ed Lachman +; Shirley Heppner +; Martha Deller +; Christine Rosfeld +

### **Contributions – Thank You!**

March 9	\$1164.80 (snow storm)
Window Fund	\$29151.24 (63%)

### **Calendar of Events**

March 16	First Communion Class
March 16	Palm Sunday (Holy Week)
March 20	Holy Thursday
March 21	Good Friday
March 22	Holy Saturday
March 23	Easter Sunday
March 29	Married Men's Solidarity

### **A Final Thought...**

The Cross is suffering viewed in the supernatural light of faith as an instrument of salvation and sanctification, and therefore, as an instrument of love. Seen in this light, the Cross is certainly worthy of love; it is the outstanding means of our sanctification. Our union with God cannot be accomplished except through suffering. St. John of the Cross has explained the means by which the soul is to be purified, *scraped* to the bottom in order to reach this life of divine union. A program of total mortification is required to break all our bonds, for we have within us many obstacles which keep us from being entirely moved by God; and the accomplishing of this work is impossible without suffering. But *active suffering*, that is, mortifications and penances inspired by our personal initiative, is not sufficient. In other words, the Lord Himself must make us suffer, not only in our body, but also in our soul, because we are so covered with rust that our total purification is not possible unless God Himself intervenes directly. To plunge us into passive suffering is, therefore, one of His greatest works of mercy, a proof of His exceeding love.

When God acts on a soul in this way, it is a sign that He wants to bring it to a very high perfection. It is precisely in these passive purifying sufferings that the concept of the Cross is realized preeminently. [...] It is impossible to become united to God without these spiritual sufferings, without bearing this "burden" of God. Suffering and interior desolation enlarge the powers of the soul and make it capable of embracing God Himself.

[...] As the Cross of Jesus was the supreme proof of His love for us, our cross too, should be the finest proof of our love for Him. The Son of God has revealed His infinite love for us by His death on the Cross; in like manner, the reality of our love is made apparent by the acceptance suffering out of love for Him. The Cross is, therefore, both the instrument and work of love, of God's love towards us and our love for Him.

*Divine Intimacy*, ch. 132