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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 24, 2024**

**Parish Mass Schedule**

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Monday-Friday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday 9:00am and 5:30pm  
Saturday 8:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday-Friday 4:45 to 5:15 pm  
For appointment, contact  
Parish Office

**Rosary Prayed**

Every Sunday: 8:10 am

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday Closed

**Parish Contacts**

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**Pastor**

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*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord, the king of Israel."*



**Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church!**

We welcome you to St. Joseph Catholic Church. If you are new to this area or are returning to the practice of our Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Parish. Please call or stop by the office so we can meet you. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please sign our Visitor book located in the back of the Church.

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## A Message from Fr. Pat

Why do we read the Passion on Palm Sunday?

Around 2000 years ago, Christ entered the city of Jerusalem greeted by crowds throwing branches and coats before him and shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Just a week later, after a multitude clamor for Pilate to "crucify him!", Christ is nailed to the cross. On Palm Sunday we hear both of these accounts, but why? Why would we celebrate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on the same day that we commemorate his death on the cross when those events occurred a week apart?

Traditionally, Palm Sunday was dedicated to celebrating Christ entering Jerusalem and Good Friday was dedicated to remembering Christ's death. However, church attendance in the US became more sporadic and fewer people were willing or able to attend mid-week services. This meant that many people would celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter, and completely miss out on hearing the story of Christ's crucifixion.

Because of this reality, the writers of our current Prayer Book compromised a bit when creating our Palm Sunday liturgy. The resurrection without the passion does not fully tell the story of Christ's sacrifice for us, and so we hear the story of Christ's crucifixion on Palm Sunday.

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May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Pat



# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00 PM**  
**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**ADORATION AFTER MASS**  
**UNTIL 11:30 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 3:00 PM**  
**PASSION OF THE LORD**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 7:00 PM**  
**EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**  
**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

### **Scripture Readings**

Palm Sunday 3/24/24	Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15
Monday 3/25/24	Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11
Tuesday 3/26/24	Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday 3/27/24	Isaiah 50:4-9a Matthew 26:14-25
Holy Thursday 3/28/24	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
Good Friday 3/29/24	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil Saturday 3/30/24	Easter Vigil Readings

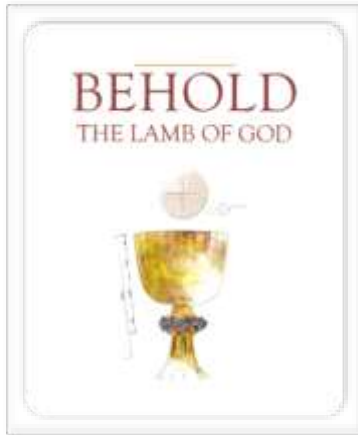
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISH FAMILIES WHO ARE ILL:

Caleb Bartholomew, Lucy Bell, Martha Carmichael, Jeremiah Coleman, Paul Copeland, Harold DesVirnes, Carolyn Emerson, Michael Espree, Shannon Evans, Jeanne Firth, Richard Firth, Michael Flores, Davis Gonzales, Audrey Hogan, Tim Holley, Vincent Jackson, Nelson Jones, Timothy Jones, Glaydes Knight, Merrie Lee, Joshua Linton, Shawndra Malonson, Marie Mangria, Anne McDowell, Russell McLaughlin, Rosemary McQuay, Lemont Pass, Robert Patterson, Carolyn Porter, Debra Renshaw, John Rich, Bertha Roby, Marilyn Archer, Johnny Archer, Mechelle Rosier, Tony Scott, Anna Mae Smith, Sean Smithers, Lily Townsend, Ronald, Townsend, Sally Valentine, Steve Vasek, Alma Williams, Ezzie Thrash, Reginald Ramsey, Charlena Archer, Harold White, Aubrey Patterson Jr, Anthony Floyd, Hazel Johnson, Theresa Cook, Samuel Horton, Wendy William, Nadia Nissa, Stephanie Peterson, Senaya Youngblood, Jase McClendor, Bob Mickelson, Steven Wilken, Melanie Row, Ethel Gober, Yvonne James, Leslie Poe, Dwight Hoffman, Bob Kelly, Cathy Buck, William Ford, Al Powers, Louis Myers, Richard Loiselle and all the people who have no one to pray for them.



## THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY COMMUNION

Why does Jesus give himself as food and drink?



He does so because he loves us and wants to be united to us in Scripture, the body expresses the whole person. And the blood is seen as containing life. So when Jesus gives us his Body and Blood to consume, he is expressing his desire to give his entire self to us and fill us with his life.

### **AMEN GENEROSITY      *Also Our Story***

*He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil2:8)*

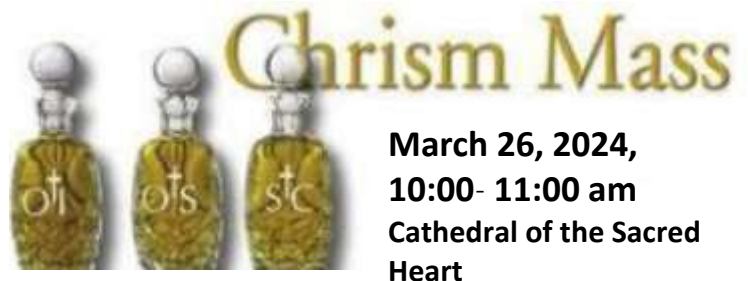
This tells us all that we need to know about faithful serving and sacrificial giving as a disciple of Jesus. If you and I are not changed by the Passion of Jesus Christ, we miss the point. The greatest love story ever includes our chapter. How should we live, die, and rise? It is still being written. This is also our story.

### Online Giving

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St. Joseph  
Pray for Us!



**March 26, 2024,  
10:00- 11:00 am  
Cathedral of the Sacred  
Heart**

In this annual liturgy rich in symbolism, the Bishop gathers with the priests serving in our diocese to renew their fellowship and commitment to priestly ministry. Additionally, at this Mass each year, the Bishop blesses the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumens and consecrates the holy chrism, all of which will enrich the sacramental life of the diocese in the coming year. Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1212 E. Moreno Street, Pensacola).

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, March 25th	5:30 pm	Betty Alice Bent+
Tuesday, March 26th	5:30 pm	Parish Prayer list
Wednesday, March 27th	9:00 am	Ora Wyer Carter+
	5:30 pm	Souls in Purgatory+
Thursday, March 28th	7:00 pm	Kenny+
Friday, March 29th	3:00 pm	Lillianna Schuetz Birthday
Saturday, March 30th	7:00 pm	Ollie Simmons+
Sunday, March 31st	8:30 am	Intentions of the Parish
	11:00 am	Intentions of the Parish

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**The Gloria Green Caring and Sharing Outreach Ministry** has opportunities to volunteer, sponsor or both. We are looking for groups of 5-6 people to prepare and deliver lunches to the homeless on Saturday mornings. If you're interested, get your group together and select a Saturday with a second and third choice. Once this is done, contact DeeDee Green at 850 723-3390 to discuss details. If you want to sponsor a Saturday, it is \$200 for 100 lunches. It will take approximately 2-2 1/2 hours.

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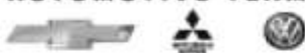
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