

March 24, 2024

Palm

Sunday

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to  
Jesus and put their cloaks  
over it. And he sat on it.  
Many people spread their  
cloaks on the road, and  
others spread leafy branches  
that they had cut from the  
fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

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For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Holy Thursday Mass 4:00pm  
Holy Thursday Mass 6:00pm at St. Anne's

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Good Friday Mass 12:15pm  
Good Friday Mass 5:00pm at St. Anne's

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm at St. Anne's

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:30am

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1,2,3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 221-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rb 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16) 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,25 (Lk 23:26) Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42  
Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-22 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b); Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1); Ex 14:15-1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b); Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a); Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3); Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; (Jn 6:68c); Ez 36-17a,



# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Anne Church

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Rod McGuire

**EMCs:** Karen Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey, Mindy Godfrey

**Ushers:** Mike Murphy, Leva Murphy

**Altar Server:** Mike Lubbers



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 26

For the Intentions of Jolre McMillian

Thursday, March 28

For the Intentions of Jolre McMillian

Friday, March 29

For the Intentions of Samanthe Herrick

Saturday, March 30

No Mass

Sunday, March 31

For the Intentions of the Parishioners



Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

**OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



As you can see, many folks came to the Catfish Dinner Friday night and all had a good time and enjoyed their dinner. The next one is March 22.....hope to see you there!

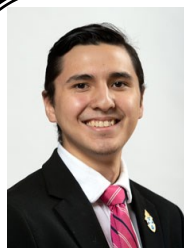
*God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:*

Karen Finkeldei - 3/26, Mickey Fontenot - 3/26

*May you have many more!*

The Family of Gus Midden would like to thank Father Joseph, the choir and the parishioners that helped make our Dad's Celebration of Life one to remember. The luncheon was wonderful and we know everyone worked very hard. Thank you all so much!

The Midden Family



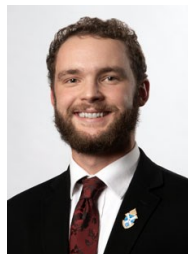
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for the month of  
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**Pedro Alvarez**

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For more information  
on our seminararians, go to  
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**Elijah Bailey**

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**GIFT SHOP**

*March Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun., 3/24	9:30-4:00	Elworth
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Tues., 3/26	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
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	1:00-4:00	Barnett
Fri., 3/29	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 3/30	10:00-1:00	P. McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R. McGuire
Sun., 3/31	9:30-12:00	R. McGuire

*Good Friday Collection*

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers .

*Holy Thursday Collection for Seminararians*

This Collection for Seminararians was started in 2009 and has raised over 4 million dollars, all of which has been used for Seminarian education and formation. The cost of educating one seminarian is \$41,000 per year. Currently there are 25 Seminararians, with 4 more joining in the fall. Your help is needed to help prepare these young men for the priesthood. Every gift is an expression of faith. Please give generously.

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

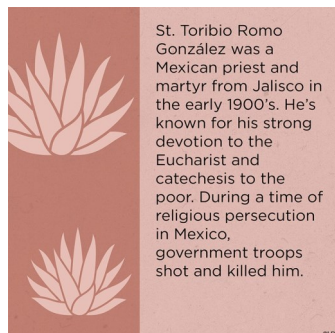
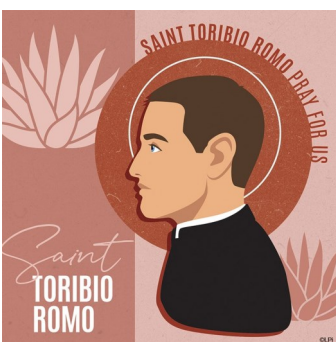
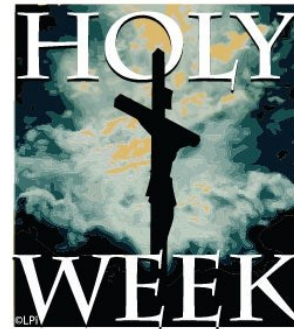
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around...and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church

**Lenten Challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

-Father John Muir



## PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

*"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:  
"Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!  
Hosanna in the highest!"  
- Mk 11:9-10

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

### Second Reading

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

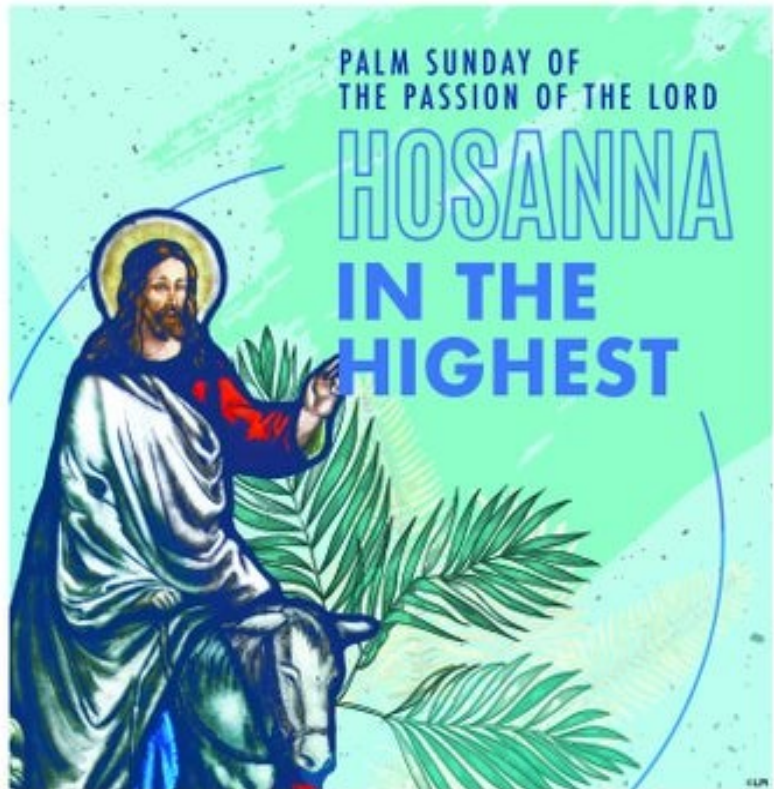
### Gospel Reading

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?



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