

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28, A.D. 2021



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 27	5:00 PM	†LeRoy Tschoerner, †Bob Howe
Sunday	Mar 28	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 28	10:30 AM	†Pedro Dolores, †Randy Havelka, †Louis Palousek & †Nita Palousek Whitaker
Tuesday	Mar 30	6:00 PM	†Doris Nesrsta, †Mary Susan Tarr, †Henry & Angeline Dillard
Wednesday	Mar 31	7:00 AM	†Louis & Agnes Straka, Michael Barrios & Andrea Chilo & Family
<b>The Sacred Paschal Triduum</b>			
Holy Thursday	April 1	7:00 PM	For All Priests (incense)
Good Friday	April 2	7:00 PM	Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Communion
Holy Saturday	April 3	8:30 PM	Pro Populo (incense)
Easter Sunday	April 4	6:30 AM	Pro Populo
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders for Holy Week & Easter

#### Tuesday, March 30, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman  
Lector: Leo Bringman

#### Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemeč  
Lector: Pinto Nemeč

#### Stations of the Cross - Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S., Martin O.

#### Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 PM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter M., Caleb S., Preston & Heather S.  
Lector: Janine Nemeč  
EMHC: Ray Nemeč  
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

#### Good Friday, April 2, 7:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob V., Samuel W., Martin O.  
Lectors: Leo Bringman (Narrator) & Chris Stefek (Voice)  
Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

#### Holy Saturday, April 3, 8:30 PM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jenna D, Caleb & Amy S.,  
William & Joseph Brousseau  
Lectors: Janine Nemeč and Louis Brousseau  
EMHC: Ray Nemeč  
Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč  
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

#### Easter Sunday, April 4:

6:30 AM:  
Altar Servers: Jenna D., Preston & Heather S.  
Lector: Monica Sherek  
EMHC: Ray Nemeč  
Gift Bearers: Snook Family  
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

#### 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter M., Caleb & Amy S., Lucas B.  
Lector: Jennifer Marquis  
EMHC: James Nemeč  
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek  
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

#### 10:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jakob V., Samuel W., Martin O., Abby H.  
Lector: Kitz Crawford  
EMHC: Daniel Perez  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil  
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, April 4: James Nemeč

#### Attn: Rosary Leaders

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there should be silence before the services, so please do not lead the praying of the Rosary on these evenings. Thank you.

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Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
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& Wed: 5:30-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

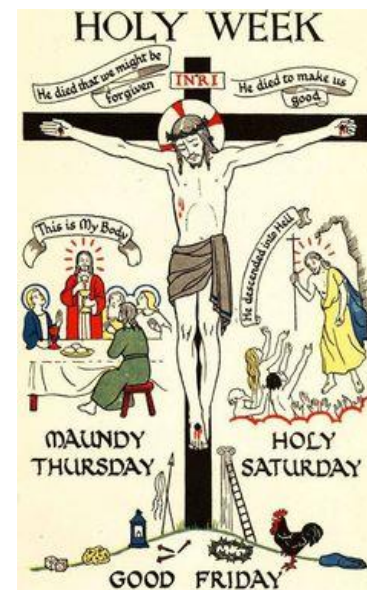
### Parish Contacts & Resources

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Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest before setting a wedding date and at least 9-12 months before the desired date.  
Baptisms: Classes are scheduled based on need. Contact Lucille D'Elia for questions and requirements (737-215-1042)

### Last Week's Collection(s)

March 20/21

Weekly Collection: \$ 4,205.00  
Online Donations: \$ 872.41



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:15

**WE ASK THAT ALL WHO ATTEND MASS WEAR A MASK / FACE COVERING FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF ALL PRESENT!**

**Please try to maintain social distancing between family groups!**

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** this weekend (March 27/28). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**This is your last weekend to turn in an Easter Flower Envelope** if you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies and Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones (located by the bulletins). The memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**Knights of Columbus #4457 Granger** will have a **Fried Chicken Dinner** on Sunday, March 28 at the SSCM Parish Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. Plates are \$10 (*Drive thru only until they run out*).

**During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another and with God!**

***Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls, and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord.***

**The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:**

**St. William, Round Rock: Mon, March 29, 1 – 6 PM**

**Confession Times at Holy Trinity:**

**Tuesday, March 30, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 31, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon, and before and after Stations of the Cross (5:30 – 6:10 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)**

**Please note: There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday.**

**Starting April 1**, we will bring back the Gift Bearers to the weekend Masses. If you have done this in the past, we have you on the list and will schedule accordingly. If you are new to the parish, or any family who would like to participate in this, please contact Monica Snook at the parish office 512-863-3020 or email [holytrinitycc@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinitycc@yahoo.com).

**Fast and Abstinence During Lent:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence and Fridays are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully, and to celebrate more readily, His Resurrection.

**RCIA: No Class** this Tuesday, March 30. Please attend all Holy Week Services. For more information, please contact Lucille D’Elia (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

**REIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Classes this Wednesday, March 31, at 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m., which parents are encouraged to stay and attend, with classes to follow in the RE Bldg. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille D’Elia at our Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).

**NO Pro-Life Adoration or Holy Hour of Reparation** this Thursday, April 1. Everyone is invited to come to the PAC Building after Mass on Holy Thursday to the Altar of Repose and spend some time in adoration until midnight.

We will have a **special collection on Good Friday, April 2**. As requested by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, we will take up the annual collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**Reminder for Good Friday:** It is our Catholic practice and obligation to **abstain from meat** on Fridays during Lent. It is also our obligation to **Fast** on Good Friday – which should last until the Holy Saturday Vigil. These small sacrifices prepare us for the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and bring us closer to Him.

**Don’t forget to return your Ashes to Easter Lenten Container next weekend.** Both your donation and your prayers will help the Missions and all that they do to help spread the Word.



We will have an Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday, April 4, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All children (toddler - 5th grade) are invited to have fun hunting eggs, so don’t forget your baskets!



The Easter season is a wonderful time to baptize your child! To help parents prepare for that most sacred Sacrament we will have a Baptism Preparation class here at Holy Trinity on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The class will be held from 10 AM to 12:30 and parents and godparents should attend. To ensure that we have adequate resources, registration is required. Please contact Lucille D’Elia at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com) by April 7<sup>th</sup> to register for the class.

## Dear Parishioners,

Peace be with you. Thank you to everyone who helped to cover the statues. They really add to the solemnity of these holy days.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. **Thursday through Saturday of Holy Week are the most solemn days of our Church Liturgical Year. This is a very sacred time and we should set aside all other activities so that we are able to attend all of the Holy Week celebrations.** In order to really experience the fullness of these days a person needs to attend every day as the theme of the Redemption is begun at the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday, and ends with the triumphant conclusion upon the celebration of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Our full attention should be given to celebrate these most sacred rites. All services should take priority over any other event because celebrating Holy Week is what we are all about as a Catholic people. Let us do our best to show our love for our Saviour by our faithfulness to these days. All of you should have made a good confession so that you are spiritually prepared to celebrate these holy days. I will be hearing confessions at various times during this week. Please see the schedule in this bulletin.

We will have **Stations of the Cross**, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please try to attend so that your experience of Holy Week will be all that it can be.

We will be having **Altar Server practice** for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday, on Palm Sunday, March 28, following the 10:30 am Mass. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after the evening Mass on Holy Thursday. Practice for Holy Saturday will be on Holy Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Today we recall Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as He rides a donkey, an animal that represented peace, and the people lay palm branches along his path and sing "Hosanna", which comes from Hebrew meaning "save now". It is a cry for salvation. We hear this act of salvation being brought to fulfillment as we read the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in today's Gospel. Today we prepare ourselves for the celebrations of this Holy Week and we reflect upon Jesus' suffering and death. So quickly the people turn against Jesus. We oftentimes do the same thing. We are faithful to our Lord, but, all of a sudden, we turn against Him by living a life of sin and we no longer want to be near Him. May we have the courage to admit when we have done wrong and seek union with God and once again declare Jesus and our King and Lord.

Good Friday marks the beginning of the **Divine Mercy Novena**. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily and experience the mercy of God. We will have our Divine Mercy Devotion on Sunday, April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00 pm. This devotion will consist of the blessing of the image of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Litany, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Vstupujeme do týdne, ve kterém se budou odehrávat největší události naší spásy. Tím nemyslím jen velikonoční svátky, ale je tím každá přítomnost, kterou prožíváme.

Když se známého lékaře Alberta Schweitzera zeptali, zda je pesimista či optimista, tak odpověděl: „Mé vědomí je pesimistické, ale má vůle a naděje optimistické.“ Myslím, že to dobře vystihuje nejen Ježíše v pašijovém týdnu, ale i životní postoj skutečného křesťana. (Vira.cz)

**Domingo de Ramos:** Nuestro viaje Cuaresmal llega a su clímax en esta celebración de la Semana Santa. A lo largo de estos días estamos llamados a experimentar con Cristo un viaje de amor generoso; a morir a todo lo que es pecaminoso en nosotros y a levantarnos a una vida nueva y renovada. ¿Serán la justicia y la caridad renovadas en nosotros durante este viaje? ¿Haremos espacio para aquellos necesitados mientras dejamos que el egoísmo muera en nosotros?

May all of you have a spiritually renewing Holy Week and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



The theme for each month of this **Year of the Domestic Church** is:

**December 2020** The Domestic Church

**January 2021** Vocations

**February 2021** Prayer at Home

**March 2021** Lent in the Domestic Church

**April 2021** Love Your Neighbors

**May 2021** Celebrating Parents

**June 2021** The Gift of Young People

**July 2021** We are God's Children

**August 2021** Eucharistic People

**September 2021** Family of Families

**October 2021** The Witness of Marriage

**November 2021** Season of Stewardship

**December 2021** Hail Mary, Full of Grace

### Prayer for the Diocese of Austin Year of the Domestic Church

*O God, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, "practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity." Teach us the sanctity of human love; show us the value of the Domestic Church; and help us to live in peace with all people, that we may share in your life forever. With the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, we ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.*

### Walk Through Holy Week with Your Children

Activity Objective - To illustrate the events of Holy Week for the children

Lesson Outcome - The children will see what took place between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Materials - Pictures and symbols that are associated with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday

Directions:

- Set up four stations, one in each corner of the room, for the following: Palm Sunday (palms, picture of Jesus entering the city); Holy Thursday (loaf of bread, goblet of grape juice, picture of the Last Supper); Good Friday (cross, crown of thorns, or nails); Easter (Create a replica of the open tomb, with flowers around it.)
- The children will start at Palm Sunday and walk to each station in order: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.
- Describe the day that each station represents and the importance of the events of the day.
- Prepare a simple prayer at each station for the group to pray together.
- Invite other groups to walk through Holy Week, with your children acting as tour guides.



# Palm Sunday and the Passion of Holy Week

MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO, PH.D.

We now come to the Sunday with a split personality. It starts with an upbeat gospel recounting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is a festive affair, complete with a parade route strewn with palm branches instead of ticker tape. But we quickly progress to the stark reading of Jesus' passion, bearable only because we already know its happy ending. Mel Gibson's film did us a favor in reminding us how shockingly brutal the whole business really was. Two names for the same day: Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. I propose a third name: Fickle Sunday.

For the same crowd that was cheering during the parade were jeering a few days later. They'd been wowed by His sermons, fed with loaves and fishes, healed of their diseases, delivered of their demons. But as soon as the tide began to turn, so did they. Their cries of "Hosanna" turned to shouts of a very different kind: "Crucify Him!" Of course, He was not surprised in the least. The gospels tell us that He knew the human mind heart all too well. He was not fooled by all the acclamations and fanfare. Flattery could not swell His head. He had no illusions of grandeur or ambition for worldly glory. In fact, our second reading tells us that He had willingly emptied Himself of heavenly glory in pursuit of His true passion — His Father's will and our salvation. He "set His face like flint." He was on a mission and nothing would deter Him. He barreled through barriers that usually stop us dead in our tracks — fear of ridicule, fear of suffering, abandonment by our closest companions. He was willing to endure the sting of sin to blot out sin, and was eager to face death in order to overcome it.

He did indeed have a "well-trained tongue." His words had mesmerized the crowds, intrigued Herod and even made Pilate stop and think. But now His lips are strangely silent. All the gospels point out that He said very little during His passion, collecting only seven brief statements from the cross. Maybe this was to fulfill the Scripture that said "like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth" (Is 53: 7b). Actually, everything that happened in those fateful hours fulfilled Scripture. Isaiah 50 had foretold the beating and mockery. Psalm 22 lays it all out hundreds of years before it happens: His thirst, the piercing of His hands and feet by Gentiles (called "dogs" by the Jews), and the casting of lots for His clothing. The opening line of this psalm happens to be "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Could it be that the Lord uttered this phrase to remind us that this was all in the plan?

So the virtual silence of his well-trained tongue was to fulfill Scripture. But there was another reason for His silence. Though Jesus was destined to preach on Good Friday, the message was not to be delivered in words. The language of this sermon was to be body language. Good Friday, according to Jewish reckoning, actually began at Sundown on Holy Thursday. So on the beginning of His final day, Jesus gave us the verbal caption of His last and greatest sermon: "This is my body, given for you; this is my blood, which is poured out for you."

"I love you" is not so much something you say as something you demonstrate. Diamonds may be a moving testimony to love, but the laying down of one's life is even more compelling. And though this life is human and therefore vulnerable, it is also divine and therefore infinite in value. A gift so valuable that it outweighs every offense committed from the dawn of time till the end of the world. An act so powerful that it melts hearts, opens the barred gates of paradise, and makes all things new.

(From Catholicexchange.com)

