



**Pope Francis  
Prayer of Protection from  
Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, Joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection. O Holy Mother of God Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**FR. BARRY WILL SAY A PRIVATE MASS FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS :**

**Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Barbara Reilly from Connie & Bill Cussen

**Monday, April 6**

Barry Savage from Julia Jackson

**Tuesday, April 7**

Blanch Gersine from Carol & Larry

**Wednesday, April 8**

George & Clara Rosen from The Mohr Family

**Thursday, April 9, Holy Thursday**

**Friday, April 10, Good Friday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday**

**Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Kyle Plush from Mary Fisher

### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

#### **ARCHDIOCESE DIRECTIVE NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL AFTER EASTER**

For your convenience here are some alternate ways for Mass:

EWTN has Masses daily at 8am, 12pm and 7pm

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

MARYTV.TV

<https://marytv.tv/english-mass-in-medjugorje-13/>

On-line only

Immaculate Heart of Mary 8am daily

<https://www.church.ihom.org/>

**MY SOUL HOLDS FAST FOR YOU; YOUR RIGHT HAND SUPPORTS ME.**

~Ps 63:9

**REFLECTION:** Love of God inflames us with a desire to contemplate his beauty. This contemplation is in turn the cause of greater love for God on your part.

~St. Thomas Aquinas

**PRAYER:** God of goodness, teach me to love You with all my heart, mind and soul. Grant that I may ardently desire to contemplate You and grow in Your love.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and those in heaven and on Earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Being at home during the pandemic would be a good time to do some downsizing, spring cleaning and working on our prayer life. I am praying for all of you.

Fr. Barry

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Carol Coors** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

**BRINGING THE FAITH HOME** - With kids out of school and public Masses and religious education classes temporarily suspended, parents may feel cut off or overwhelmed with how to teach and share the beauty and joy of the Catholic faith. To help with this, the staff of The Catholic Telegraph has identified 7 fun resources to help parents and children learn and live their faith at home. Find these at <https://bit.ly/CTFaithHome>.

**INSPIRING PRODUCTS FROM THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH** - Subscribe to **The Daily Divina**, a beautiful way to start each day focused on praying with God's word, and **The Ember**, a weekly email with relevant, local, and inspiring content that will keep you up to date on news that matters and help you connect your faith to daily life. Both are free and sent to your email inbox. Sign up at [www.thecatholictelegraph.com/digital-subscriptions](http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/digital-subscriptions).



**Opening Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow  
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

Palm Sunday is a commemoration of highs and lows, exaltation and tragedy. We enter the church bearing palms singing Hosanna, and only minutes later we cry in unison, "Let him be crucified." The liturgical juxtaposition represents fickle humanity. Profound themes of betrayal, trust, friendship, power, and humility are present in the gospel reading from Matthew.

The taunts of the crowd sound like school yard bullies or even the rants of thugs. Their mocking requests for Jesus to come down from the cross and then they will believe are derisive. The attitude that says God can save him if he's really God's son is likewise sarcastic. Humanity itself is reflected in the crowd's behavior—in its willingness to put to death, after a sham trial, someone it turned on after only recently praising. There is a mob mentality at work and it should give us pause, not only for what happened in Jesus' day but for how such actions continue today. False testimony, deceit, betrayal, even physical force and violence leading to death are all prominently on display. The crowd, humanity itself, is only too eager to believe the worst, to mock, taunt, scourge, and kill the incarnation of love itself. Then, humanity has the gall to test God, telling God to rescue Jesus if he's really his son.

Of course, to be God's son means that Jesus trusts the Father to the point of enduring all things up to and including death. God's vindication will come not in bringing Jesus down from the cross, but in raising Jesus from the dead. God's ways are not human ways. We demand action from God that we can see with our own eyes. But there were no witnesses to the actual resurrection, only the risen Christ. The response demanded by God of humans is faith. When faced with deceit, lies, violence, and death, God has another way, and we are invited to enter into this new way of life.

**Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you were unjustly condemned and put to death by the power of the state. May we place our hope not in human rulers but in you alone. May we be prepared to speak on behalf of those who face injustice. Give us the grace to see your face in those who suffer today. In your name we pray. Amen.

**For Reflection:**  
• Throughout the Lenten season we have prepared to enter into Holy Week by our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How have your Lenten practices strengthened and nourished you this Lent?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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**Gospel** Matthew 27:11-54 (shorter form)  
or Matthew 26:14-27:66 (longer form)

(Citation adapted for length. For full text, see your Bible.)

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him,  
"Are you the king of the Jews?"  
Jesus said, "You say so."  
And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,  
he made no answer. . . .

Pilate said to them,  
"Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"  
They all said,  
"Let him be crucified!" . . .  
he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"  
They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him. . . .

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah."



Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

Now all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

**Readings for the week:**

Palm Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Matt 21:1-11 Isa 50:4-7 Ps 22:1-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Matt 28:14-27:66 or 27:11-54	Isa 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 John 12:1-11	Isa 48:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5b-6ab, 15 and 17 John 13:21-33, 35-38	Isa 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Matt 28:14-25	Exod 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 118:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15	Isa 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Hab 4:14-18, 37-9 John 18:1-19:42	Exod 14:15-15:1 Gen 1:1-2:2 (plus other readings) Rom 6:3-11 Matt 28:1-10	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 John 20:9 or Matt 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35