

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021



The Entry into Jerusalem

MARK 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. 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. 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!"

Easter Triduum Schedule

From April 1-4, we will have some of the most beautiful and prayerful liturgies of the entire year as we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. These days are known as the Triduum (Latin for "Three Days"), beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and extending until the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday, April 1 — 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 2 — 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3 — 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4 — 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

EXPLORE THE GOSPEL



Either before or after a Sunday meal together, have a designated member of the family read the Gospel. Other family members should listen attentively. Then have each family member share an insight about the Gospel.

Discuss the following questions as a family:

- Notice how the crowds sang "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" as Jesus came into Jerusalem. We also sing those same words in the Mass, when is that? Why do you think we sing those same words at that specific point of the Mass?
- As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds welcomed him and praised him. A few days later he was arrested, condemned to death, and killed. What happened?



TIPS FOR EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

- Read the upcoming Sunday Gospel a few days before the weekend. Listen to what God is saying to you personally.
- Select a part of the story ahead of time and share it with your children. Have them listen for this part of the Gospel during Mass.
- Don't be afraid to let kids ask honest questions. Be honest if you don't know something. Tell your child you will look into it and get back to them.



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FAMILY PRAYER

Placing of Palm Branches



After dinner or at another time on Palm Sunday, gather as a family and place your blessed palms in a prominent location, such as behind a crucifix, behind a sacred image, or near a designated prayer area in your home. Choose one person to be the leader and another to be the reader. You can then pray together using the following format.

Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We have come to the last days of Lent. Today we heard the reading of the Passion. That story will remain with us as we leave Lent behind on Holy Thursday and enter into the three days when we celebrate the mystery of Christ's passing through suffering and death to life at God's right hand.

Reader: Listen to the words of the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:10-11): [We are] always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. Blessed are you, God of Israel, so rich in love and mercy. Let these branches ever remind us of Christ's triumph. May we who bear them rejoice in his Cross and sing your praise forever and ever.

R. Amen.

End with the Sign of the Cross.

Families are encouraged to share what they are doing to celebrate each Sunday by using the hashtag **#ReclaimingSundays** on social media!

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FAMILY FUN

Weaving Palms



After going to Mass on Palm Sunday, your family will likely have lots of palms that you don't know what to do with! One fun activity is to try weaving the palms into a beautiful design. You may want to do an internet search to find a video showing the steps for each pattern. Some different designs include crosses like the one pictured, roses, and braids. Make sure to weave the palms when they are still green and bendable!



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Unleavened Bread

In the Passion narrative read on Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples are preparing for the Jewish feast of Passover. One food item that was consumed on the feast of Passover was unleavened bread, a flatbread made without any rising agents such as yeast. Make this simple recipe to serve with soup or pasta, or top it with hummus and vegetables for an easy snack.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 c. + 2 T. flour
- 1 c. cold water
- 1T. olive oil
- 1/2 t. salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine the salt and flour together in a large bowl. Stir in the water and oil until the dough comes together. Knead for 5 minutes.
2. Separate the dough into 7 pieces and roll into balls. Roll out each piece on a lightly floured surface. The flattened dough should measure approximately 6-7 inches.
3. Preheat a skillet over medium-low heat.
4. Cook each round in a hot skillet for 2 minutes on each side.

Submit your own favorite snack, dessert, or dinner recipe online at www.stmarysbismarck.org/reclaiming-sundays