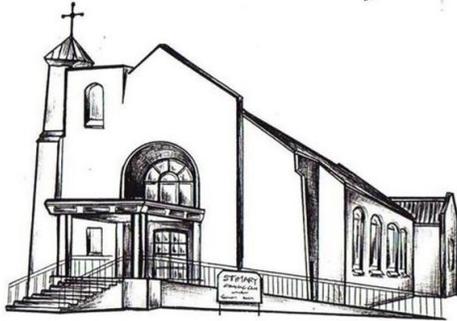


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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, March 29	Monday of Holy Week	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, March 30	Tuesday of Holy Week	7 PM - Amy Marshall	No Mass
Wed, March 31	Wednesday of Holy Week	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Thu, April 1	Thursday of Holy Week	7 PM - Holy Thursday	No Mass
Fri, April 2	Friday of the Passion of the Lord	3 PM - Good Friday	No Mass
Sat, April 3	Holy Saturday	8:30 PM - Easter Vigil	No Mass
Sun, April 4	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 AM - Parish Family	11:30 AM - Parish Family

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Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Request
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Lector Sign-up Sheet: is located in the back of Church. Please sign up!

2020 Contribution Statements: if you would like one, please contact or email Christina Wegman at cwegman696@yahoo.com

Live Mass Streaming: We will continue to live-stream mass for the time being. To access, follow our Facebook Page: StMarys Umbarger.

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry: If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Suzy Hicks or Fr Grant.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7 PM - Umbarger

Good Friday: 3 PM - Umbarger

Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM - Umbarger

Easter Sunday: 9 AM - Umbarger
11:30 AM - Happy

What should I do with my blessed palms?

By Philip Kosloski

Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

After leaving church on Sunday, you may have come home with several long palm branches from the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

You may be asking yourself, "Well, what should I do with these?"

Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

According to the Code of Canon Law, blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from the priest and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments.

Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need.

The obvious question then becomes, "So if I can't throw them away, what am I to do with all these branches?"

Decorate

Over the years many people have used palm branches to decorate their homes. It could be as simple as tucking them behind a religious painting or crucifix, or as complex as a making them into a palm rose. Lacy at CatholicIcing.com has some excellent ideas on what you can do with your old palm branches, and she provides step-by-step instructions anyone can follow.

The benefit of using them as decorative pieces in your home is that the palm branches will be a constant reminder of Palm Sunday and bring to mind the Passion narrative that was read at Mass. This is a perfect way to stay connected to Holy Week throughout the year and honor Christ as the Messiah who came to save us from sin and death.

Burn or bury

Most sacramentals, like palm branches for example, can be burned or buried in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way. Anyone can do this, but if you don't have the ability to burn or bury them, simply drop off your palm branches at the parish office.

Often priests will encourage the faithful to return palm branches to the church so that he can burn the branches and make ashes for Ash Wednesday. This way the liturgical year remains connected and nothing goes to waste.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Spiritually participate in Palm Sunday with this meditation

By Philip Kosloski

This reflection by St. Andrew of Crete teaches us how to participate in Palm Sunday, no matter where we are.

One of the highlights of Palm Sunday is the distribution of palm branches, imitating the actions of the crowd who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Yet the physical palm branches are not nearly important as the spiritual palm branches that we bring to this celebration.

St. Andrew of Crete, an 8th-century bishop, highlighted this spiritual reality in a discourse “On Palm Branches” that is featured in the Liturgy of the Hours on Palm Sunday.

It reminds us of the need to participate in a spiritual way in the Palm Sunday celebrations, welcoming Jesus into our own hearts. Here is a brief excerpt from this reflection that we should all meditate on to better understand the essence of this feast.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children’s holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.

SERENITY PRAYER OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE FOR HEALING OF RELATIONSHIPS

St. Jude, we have problems in our relationship.

Beg almighty God to give us the light to see ourselves and each other as we really are.

Help us to grow daily in self-knowledge and mutual love while at the same time developing our potential to love and be loved.

Help us, St. Jude, to see and root out every manifestation of selfishness, vanity, and childish self-seeking those hidden enemies of love and maturity.

Show us that by learning to love and being filled with love we may compliment and nurture each other as we share our lives together. Amen.

PRAY THIS PRAYER TO ST. DWYNWEN FOR HEALING FROM A BROKEN HEART

O Blessed Saint Dwynwen, you who knew pain and peace, division and reconciliation, You have promised to aid lovers and you watch over those whose hearts have been broken. As you received 3 boons from an Angel, intercede for me to receive 3 blessings to obtain my heart’s desire (state requests). If that’s not God’s will, a speedy healing from my pain, your guidance and assistance that I may find love with the right person the right way in the right time, and an unshakable faith in the boundless kindness and wisdom of God. This I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (CatholicMom.com)

PRAYER FOR ANXIOUS FEELINGS ABOUT THE FUTURE

My Lord and my God: into your hands I abandon the past and the present and the future, what is small and what is great, what amounts to a little and what amounts to a lot, things temporal and things eternal.

PRAYER FOR A PEACEFUL SLEEP THAT GIVES YOU STRENGTH IN THE MORNING

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus receive my soul. Receive my soul, dear Jesus, into your holy keeping. Preserve it from all imaginings that may be displeasing to you. Grant that I may awaken in the morning refreshed, purified and strengthened—able and willing to labor to advance my own salvation and your merciful intentions in regard to myself, to others, and to you. Amen.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or Christina Wegman by email: cwegman696@yahoo.com or by phone: (806)499-3531.

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umberger: Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

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