Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 29	*Palm Sunday of the Passion Of Our Lord*
8:00AM	**Ed Emerson**
9:30AM	**The Kos Family**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi** **Giuseppe Carlino** **Beatrice D'Angelo** **Diego Piazza** **John Mondello** **Eleanor & Liberato Manocchio** **Angela & Antonio Iadovito**
Monday, March 30	*Monday of Holy Week*
9:00AM	**Joseph Santagato, Sr.**
Tuesday, March 31	*Tuesday of Holy Week*
9:00AM	**Beatrice Tedesco**
Wednesday, April 1	*Wednesday of Holy Week*
9:00AM	**Sam Perrone**
Thursday, April 2	*Holy Thursday*
9:00AM	**Morning Prayer**
7:30PM	**Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Friday, April 3	*Good Friday*
9:00AM	**Morning Prayer**
2:30PM	**Stations of the Cross**
3:00PM	**Liturgy of the Passion & Death Of Our Lord**
7:30PM	**Liturgy of the Passion & Death Of Our Lord**
Saturday, April 4	*Holy Saturday*
9:00AM	**Morning Prayer**
7:30PM	**Easter Vigil Mass For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Sunday, April 5	*Easter Sunday*
8:00AM	**Lt. Robert B. Cruz**
9:30AM	**Mary & John Muscat**
11:00AM	**Easter Novena**

Today's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of Me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to Him, "Though all become deserters because of You, I will never desert You." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times." Peter said to Him, "Even though I must die with You, I will not deny You." And so said all the disciples. (Matthew 26:31-35)

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Isaiah 42:1-7*** ***John 12:1-11***
Tuesday	***Isaiah 49:1-6*** ***John 13:21-33,36-38***
Wednesday	***Isaiah 50:4-9a*** ***Matthew 26:14-25***
Thursday	***Exodus 12:1-8,11-14*** ***1 Corinthians 11:23-26*** ***John 13:1-15***
Friday	***Isaiah 52:13—53:12*** ***Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*** ***John 18:1—19:42***
Saturday	***Genesis 1:1,26-31a*** ***Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18*** ***Exodus 14:15—15:1*** ***Isaiah 54:5-14*** ***Isaiah 55:1-11*** ***Baruch 3:9-15,34—4:4*** ***Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28*** ***Romans 6:3-11*** ***Matthew 28:1-10***

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort.

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

Awyn Profit
Jack Orlando
Steven Joyce
John Wrenn
Augustin Cisneros
James Nunez
Vincent Wytak
John & Carol Ross
Jeffrey Hyans
Marie LoVolpe
Jessica St. Preux
Al Ciani
Alesha Moses
Nancy McCaffrey
Christoper Wojtalik
Theresa Pacheco
William Goss
Luke Pacheco

Vincenza Papa
Jim Schneggenburger
Anthony Criscuolo
Samantha O'Sullivan
Marilyn Miller
Pat Gravino
John Carmody
Rosario Duran
Vivian Papa
Joel Steinmann
Anna Governali
Tim Graham
Antonio Postiglione
Mario Tamburello
Christopher Araimo
Charles Principato
Jim Kreitler
Humberto Cordova

John Schakir
Margaret Culhane
Benedicto Randazzo
Angelo Niakas
Peter Lopez
Rick Simonsen
Aubrey Madden
Madison Millett
Leonardo Di Marco
Michelle Yashita
The Polychronakis Family
Angel Garcia
Bob Bala
Anthony Fiorino
Joseph Klos
Jan Hengl

Beginning this weekend, our statues will be covered and will remain so until Holy Saturday night.

This is done, as it was done in the past, to allow the faithful when they pray, no distractions in reflecting and meditating on the Crucifix. Let us in the last days of Lent remain close to the Lord as He journeys to Jerusalem to take up His cross and to suffer and die for us.

FOCUS:

Be in step with Jesus, to love and sacrifice with Him.

Consider our King. Entering the world in poverty, Jesus made His triumphal entry riding a colt. Rather than worldly power, Jesus was armed with love. This extraordinary King calls for extraordinary followers. Let us not be in step with this world, seeking glory and riches, but seek to follow Jesus, even to the cross, as we desire to join in His resurrection.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

On Spring Recess Until April 16th
Rectory Basement, St. Joseph Room

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
The Scripture Study Group has completed its study of The Letter to the Hebrews. We will be on spring recess until April 16th when we will begin a new study (to be announced). All are invited to join us on Thursday, April 16, in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory from 7:20PM to 8:50PM.

"...Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matthew 21:9-11)

Grow in Love & Knowledge of Scripture.
All are invited and all are welcome.

The Gospel readings and study are conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided. If you are interested in joining the Study Group, please call the Rectory Office at (718)-728-7801.

THANK YOU to Carmela LoGiudice for making the covers for all our statues.
You are so kind and generous to share your talent.

May the Lord continue to bless you for your service to our parish.

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The week we call Holy brings us face-to-face with Scripture readings that remind us both of the sacrifice and love that won our salvation, and of the personal sacrifices required of us as disciples of Jesus Christ. The details are compelling, and many of us hear, with both our imaginations and our longing hearts, this account of Jesus riding into the city on a donkey. We, too, may ask with some of the residents of the city, *Who is this?* As Jesus willingly enters to meet judgment and death. We can imagine stepping into the crowd, being quick to honor him with our *Hosannas,* and then, in a few days, perhaps joining our voices to another chorus-*Crucify Him!* Such may be our wavering faith.

To strengthen our commitment to Jesus, it is essential to know him more deeply. Our first and second readings provide good insights into who Jesus is and why we should follow him. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks about a Suffering Servant. This reading, prophetic and poetic, foreshadows the gospel account of the Passion and death of Jesus. Jesus will suffer because he is faithful to his Father to the very end. On the Cross, the words from Psalm Twenty-two, *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?* Reveal the depth of his suffering for the sake of our salvation.

The Passion account we hear engages us at the deepest level. Who is this who could cure the sick and raise the dead, but now hangs helpless before his enemies? Our ways of thinking and living may make it difficult to grasp the love that this account reveals to us-love stronger than the threat of death. This type of love is to be the pattern for our lives-dying to sin, dying to our old ways, and learning new ways of living for others.

Asking again, *Who is this?* Can help us live as more faithful disciples of Jesus. It can help us to open our ears and hearts to what is recounted during Holy Week, making this time richer yet with possibilities. And among the greatest of those possibilities is that no mater who we are or where we have been, to day we can begin again.

Have a Blessed Holy Week,
Msgr. Maresca

What Are You Doing For Lent?

To help us in our Lenten journey, the following opportunities will take place in our parish:

1. **Daily Mass** is celebrated each morning at 9:00AM Monday through Saturday.

2. **Eucharistic Adoration** occurs Monday through Saturday, 8:00AM to 8:50AM. We encourage everyone to make an effort to spend time in the presence of our Lord. The Blessings are countless.

3. **Reconciliation Monday** is Monday, March 30, 2026. What a wonderful experience to meet Christ, who forgives our sins, who calls us to repentance, and loves us as His followers. Confessions will be heard from 2:00PM to 4:00PM & 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

In addition, confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00PM to 4:30PM.

4. All are welcome to join the **Scripture Study** group which meets every Thursday from 7:20PM to 8:50PM. The group is for everyone who wishes to more fully understand the Word of God.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, the annual collection for the Holy Land is taken up during the service. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines.

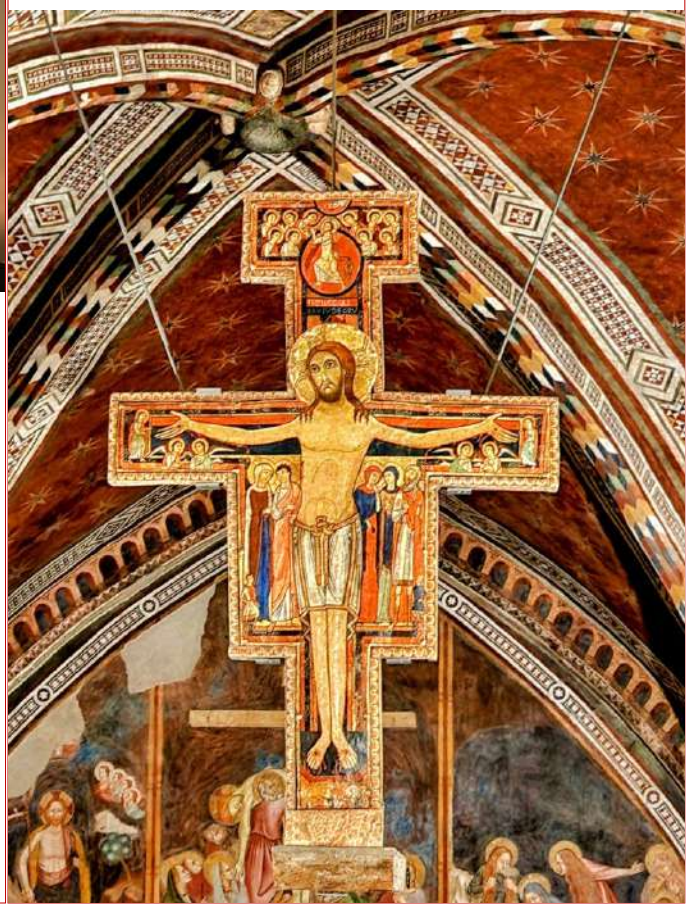
Please be as generous as your means allow.

A Prayer for Lent

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Said to have been written by St. Francis of Assisi, a plenary indulgence is granted each Friday of Lent to the faithful who, after receiving Holy Communion, devoutly recite this prayer before an image of Christ crucified. On other days of the year, the indulgence is partial.

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus
while before Your face I humbly kneel,
and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You
to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of
Faith, Hope, and Charity; true contrition for my sins,
and a firm purpose of amendment,
while I contemplate, with great love and tender pity,
Your five most precious wounds,
pondering over them within me
and calling to mind the words which David,
Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus:
"They have pierced my hands and my feet,
They have numbered all my bones."
Amen.



EASTER CANDLE DONATIONS

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RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, March 30, 2026

Confessions Heard From 2:00PM-4:00PM & 6:00PM-9:00PM

Come and experience Christ, who loves us, forgives our sins, and calls us to repentance.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." (CCC 1457)
"Grave sins" here means "mortal sins" so, accordingly, "serious sins" in the *Catechism* are to be understood as mortal. Keep in mind that for a sin to be mortal, three conditions must be met: grave matter, full knowledge, and complete consent (CCC 1857).
A sin of grave matter which lacks either of the other conditions is not a mortal sin. In such a case the matter is grave but the sin is not. *The Catechism* explains, "One commits a venial sin...when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent" (CCC 1862).
***taken from Catholic Answers www.catholic.com**

EASTER CANDLE

If anyone would like to make a donation and memorialize the Paschal Candle, please come to the Rectory and speak with Tara.

All Paschal Candle memorials will be listed in the Bulletin throughout the Lenten & Easter Seasons.

Holy Thursday St. Vincent de Paul Collection

On Holy Thursday, the collection taken up during the Mass will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your generosity to the poor.

Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Saturday 8:00AM to 8:50AM

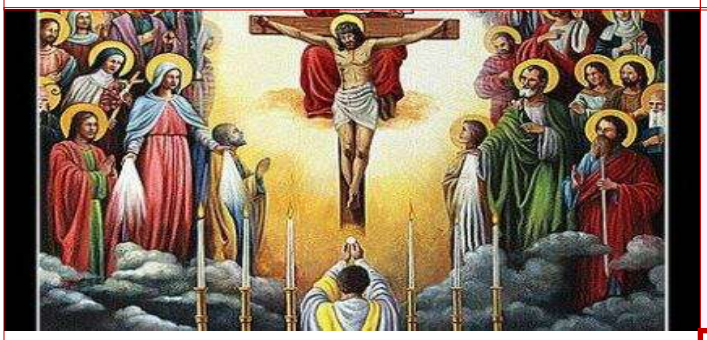
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic worship is therefore precisely the expression of that love which is the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation. This worship springs from the love and serves the love to which we are all called in Jesus Christ. A living fruit of this worship is the perfecting of the image of God that we bear within us….We must always have this reality before our eyes."

We encourage everyone to make an effort to spend time in the presence of our Lord. The Blessings are countless.

Receiving Holy Communion

For those who have difficulty walking up the aisle to receive Holy Communion, may I suggest that you sit in the front row on either side to save yourself some steps. The priest, deacon, or minister will come down to you in the pew and give you Holy Communion. However, if for some reason you need to sit towards the back of the Church, please let the usher know and they will inform the priest, deacon, or minister, and we will come back to you to give you Holy Communion when we finish those in line.

Thanks,
Msgr. Maresca



The March Lector & Minister Schedule **can be found by scanning this QR code, and then selecting the month you wish to view.**

2026 Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book is now open.

Masses:
Masses are $20.00.

The Purgatorial Society has an enrollment for one year:
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00.

Memorials:
Altar Bread,
Wine,
Sanctuary Lamp,
or Altar Candles
are $75.00.

Altar Flowers are $100.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

"Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother, or sister? If you think this may be so, contact the Vocation Office at:

(718)-827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

Diocese of Brooklyn Vocation Office

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

March 21/22: **$4,229**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For March 21/22, 2026

5:00PM	**108**
8:00AM	**45**
9:30AM	**150**
11:00AM	**144**

Total: 447

Second Collection On April 4/5, 2026

There will be a Second Collection at both the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 4th and at all Masses on Easter, Sunday April 5th, for the support of our Retired Priests.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

My Easter Gift to the Church

You may return your Easter Gift to the Church Envelopes in any collection. Please prayerfully consider your gift. Your Easter Gift will go toward the operation of our parish with all of its programs, services, and maintenance.

I am so appreciative of your generosity throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2026 has begun in our Diocese. I first want to thank all those who supported the appeal last year. I appreciate your generosity.
This year our goal has been reduced to **$33,760.** The theme is: ***"One Church, Diverse Ministries. United Mission."***

I ask you to prayerful reflect on what you are able to contribute to support the appeal.
The monies contributed goes to Vocations, Care for retired priest, Faith Formation, Catholic Charities, Chaplaincies, Catholic Migration Services, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.
Please make every effort to support this appeal and help us reach our goal.

I share the words of Jesus to His followers: "The measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

THANK YOU for all your effort.
God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

Easter Novena Masses & Easter Flowers

You may return your Easter Novena Mass and Easter Flowers envelopes in any Collection.

The *Easter Flower Remembrances* will be printed in the Bulletin.

Please write the names legibly so we are able to print them correctly.

The *Easter Novena Mass* Envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the Easter Season at all Masses.

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Calendar of Events

This Week

March 29 - April 4

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord
Girl Scout Cookie & Bake Sale After All Masses

Monday, March 30
Reconciliation Monday
Confessions Heard from 2:00PM-4:00PM
And 6:00PM-9:00PM
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH

Tuesday, March 31
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, April 1
1/2 Day of School
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, April 2
Holy Thursday
School Closed
9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3
Good Friday
School Closed
9:00AM Morning Prayer
2:30PM Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord
7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord

Saturday, April 4
Holy Saturday
9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass
NO CONFESSIONS
NO 5:00PM MASS

HOLY WEEK

Next Week

April 5 - April 11

Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday
Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, & 11:00AM

Monday, April 6
Easter Monday
School & Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7
School Closed
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, April 8
School Closed
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, April 9
School Closed
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, April 10
School Closed

Saturday, April 11

All Are Invited To Attend Services During Holy Week

As we begin the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Jesus showed His love in His desire to remain with us always through the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus invites us to intimacy, the intimacy of eating a meal together, the intimacy of His becoming our very food and drink so that He might share His life with us. The intimacy of remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection so deeply that Jesus is present among us.

Jesus invites us into a relationship that is so strong and so deep that it will enable our faith to grow even deeper. This Holy Thursday, let us spend some quiet moments with Jesus present in the Eucharist and tell Him of our hearts' desires.

Good Friday is a day of mixed emotions. As we think of the pain our gentle Jesus suffered we cannot help being sorrowful. At the same time, however, we have reason to rejoice. Through His suffering and death on the cross Jesus has completed His mission on earth. He has opened the way for us who believe in Him to share in the joy of His resurrection.

As we prayerfully recall Christ's passion, we see in it a reason to hope. Being God's divine Son, Jesus could have overcome His oppressors, but He freely took this suffering upon Himself out of love for us. If we believe in Him and, like Him, trust in the love and mercy of the Divine Father, we too, can triumph over death.

May this Holy Week be a source of strength, hope, and courage for each one of us as we accompany Jesus through these celebrations.

God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: March 29, 2026

Palms will be given out as you enter the Church and will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass.

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, & 11:00AM

Holy Thursday: April 2, 2026

9:00AM Morning Prayer

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: April 3, 2026

9:00AM Morning Prayer

2:30PM Stations of the Cross

3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord

7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord

Holy Saturday: April 4, 2026

9:00AM Morning Prayer

NO CONFESSIONS

NO 5:00PM MASS

7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026

Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, & 11:00AM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca V.F., Pastor

LENT 2026

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat = a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February "Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).			18 *Ash Wednesday* Attend Mass and receive the cross of ashes — a sign of humility and repentance.	19 Fast from social media for one evening each week.	20 Remember to abstain from meat today. Pray for those who can't afford to have meat.	21 Spend five minutes in silent prayer each morning or night during Lent.
22 Stay after Mass and pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.	23 Pray the Morning Offering before checking your phone.	24 "Peace begins with a smile" (Mother Teresa). Resolve to smile at everyone.	25 Pray for one specific person by name today.	26 Worry closes the heart. Replace it with trust, "Jesus, I trust in You."	27 Even when things go wrong, be patient, starting with yourself.	28 Fulfill a commitment or promise you've been putting off.
1 **March** Read Matthew 17:1-9. Where does God want to transform your heart, prayer, and life?	2 Today, pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who always need our prayers.	3 Read the daily Gospel and meditate on one line that stands out to you.	4 Today, choose silence instead of complaining.	5 Pray for Christians experiencing persecution. Pray for a conversion of heart for the persecutors.	6 Return love for Love. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, where He waits in love.	7 Avoid gossip and change the subject when it starts. If it's untrue, unkind, or confidential, don't say it.
8 Read John 4:5–42. Where do you go when life feels messy? What if Jesus met you there?	9 If your responsibilities permit it, choose one weekday this week to attend Daily Mass.	10 Practice patience intentionally with one difficult person.	11 Skip a meal and donate the money saved from fasting to the poor box.	12 First thing today, tell God, "Thy Will be done!" — and really mean it!	13 Give up a small luxury - drive-thru coffee, streaming, take-out meals - just for today for God.	14 Do a hidden act of service without seeking thanks.
15 *Laetare Sunday* The priest wears rose for the halfway point of Lent. Enjoy a small treat to celebrate.	16 Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes and ask how you can help.	17 *St. Patrick's Day* Pray for missionaries and catechists who, like St. Patrick, bring the faith to every corner of the world.	18 Experience God's mercy and attend Confession this week.	19 *St. Joseph's Day* Say an extra prayer for your father. Don't forget the priests — spiritual fathers.	20 Buy food or hygiene items for a local pantry.	21 Take a mini-retreat. Reserve time to silence your phone, light a candle, and be with Jesus.
22 Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the Pope and your bishop.	23 Give the gift of a spiritual bouquet — a note recording prayers said for someone who needs them.	24 Think before you speak, especially before responding in annoyance or anger, recall the presence of God.	25 *The Annunciation* We celebrate Mary's "yes," which opened the way for Christ's coming. Pray the Rosary in her honor.	26 Set out a box and fill it with gently used items, books, or clothes. When it's full, bring it to its destination.	27 Abstain from recreational screen-use between 12:00pm and 3:00pm in honor of Jesus' final hours on the Cross.	28 Visit a church or chapel for 10 minutes of quiet if possible.
29 *Palm Sunday* Read Matthew 27:11-54, accompanying Jesus through His trial, Passion, and Death.	30 This whole week, practice the Heroic Minute and get up the moment your alarm rings.	31 Say grace slowly and intentionally, with gratitude, before meals today.	1 **April** Today is the day, Judas plotted to betray Christ. Take time to seek forgiveness or to extend it, if needed.	2 *Holy Thursday* Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank Him for the Eucharist, the Mass, and the Priesthood.	3 *Good Friday* Pray the Stations of the Cross. Your presence and love today consoled Him then.	4 *Holy Saturday* Thank God for His blessings this Lent. Consider which practices you will continue.

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A Prayer for Holy Week

Heavenly Father, as we walk through Holy Week, open our hearts to witness Your Son's sacrifice anew. In the noise of daily tasks and worldly concerns, help us pause and turn our thoughts toward Calvary.

Lord Jesus, You carried Your cross out of love for us. May each step we take this week honor Your journey. Let our Lenten sacrifices unite with Your suffering, and remind us of the price paid for our salvation.

Holy Spirit, guide us through these solemn days. From Palm Sunday's hosannas to Easter morning's joy, keep our souls attentive to the mystery of redemption, that we might die and rise with Christ in glory. Amen.

"*A Prayer for Holy Week*" is a prayer to the Holy Trinity to guide the faithful through the sacred days of Holy Week leading to Easter. This contemplative prayer invites us to journey alongside Christ during His Passion, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. Each verse addresses a different Person of the Trinity: The Father, who sent His Son; Jesus, who carried the Cross and endured His Sacred Passion and Resurrection; and the Holy Spirit, who guides our spiritual pilgrimage. This prayer encourages us Christians to pause amid life's distractions, unite their Lenten sacrifices with Christ's suffering, and remain attentive to the profound mystery of redemption that unfolds during this most solemn week of the liturgical year.

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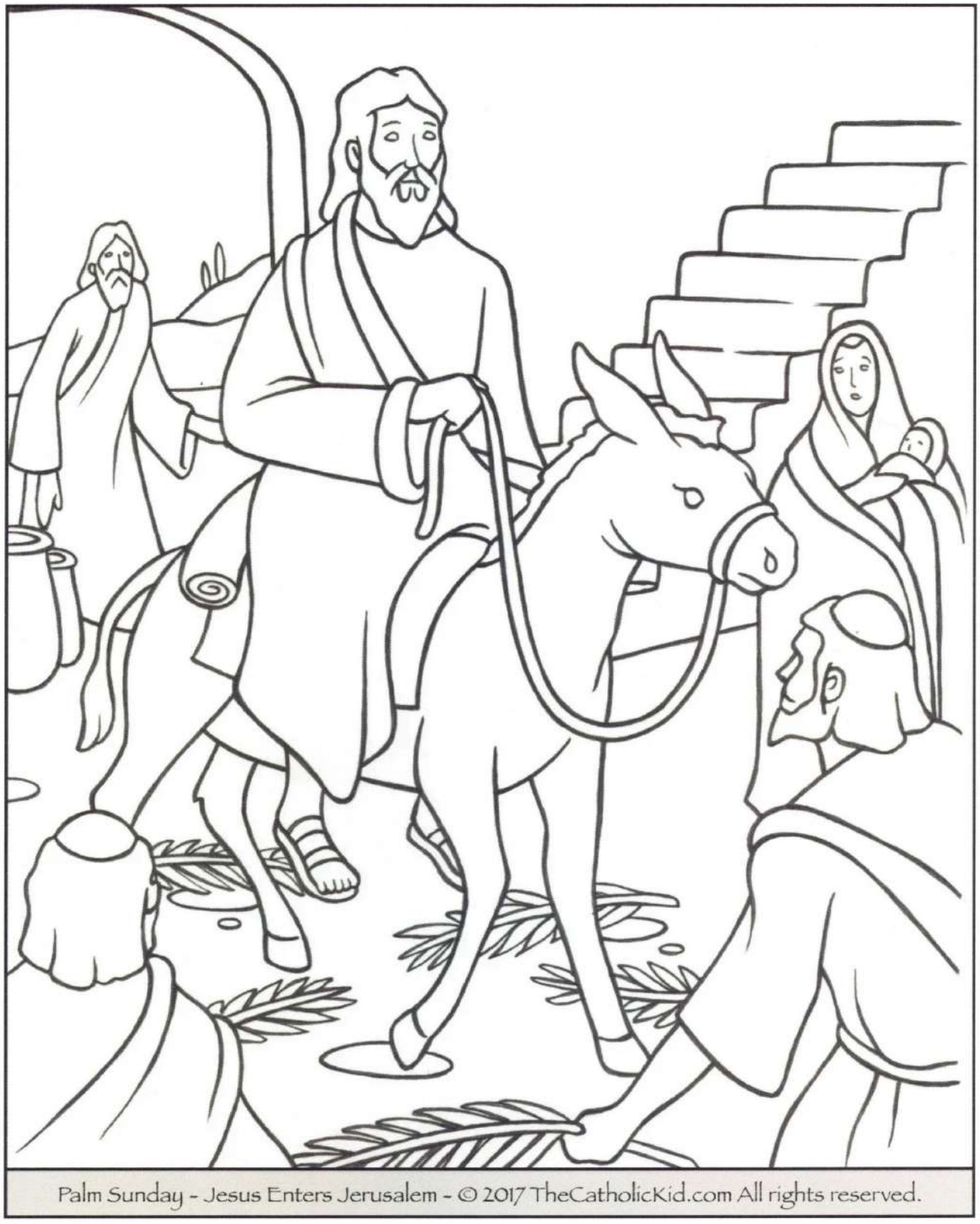

What happened when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?

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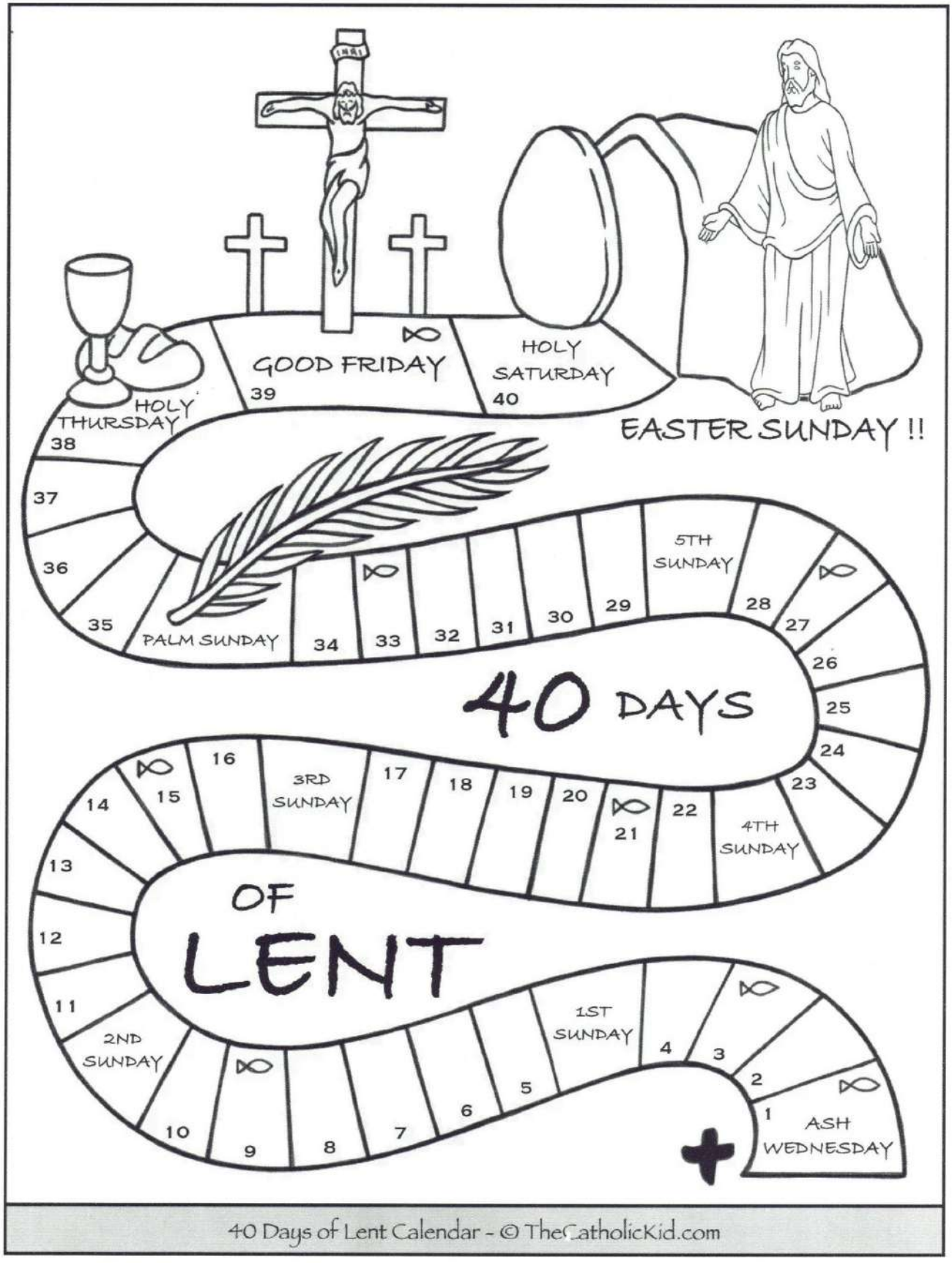

Lector & Minister Schedules

The Triduum And Easter Lector & Minister Schedule will be published separately.

Thank you for your understanding.

April Lector & Minister Schedule

	Divine Mercy Sunday April 11-12	Third Sunday Of Easter April 18-19	Fourth Sunday Of Easter April 25-26
Lectors			
Saturday 5:00PM	Debbi Skinner	Josephine Corso	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00AM	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30AM	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza
Sunday 11:00AM	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey
Ministers			
Saturday 5:00PM	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	*****	*****	*****

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PROUDLY PRESENTS

RADIO BINGO

FRIDAY - MAY 8, 2026

DOOR PRIZES!!

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
BINGO STARTS AT 7:00PM

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Join us for the best party in town! There's awesome music, people, raffles and games that are guaranteed to get you in your party mood . Don't miss out and we will see you there!

St. Francis of Assisi Girl Scouts

COOKIE SALE!!

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH & SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

OUTSIDE OF CHURCH AFTER ALL MASSES

Sat 5pm - Sun 8am-9:30am-11am

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, 45TH STREET & 21ST AVENUE, ASTORIA, NY

Adventurefuls	**Lemon Ups**	**Trefoils**
Do-si-dos	**Samoas**	**Tagalongs**
Thin Mints	**Exploremores**	**Toffee-tastic**

Religious Education Registration

Those who have not yet registered for Religious Education classes can do so Sunday at the School. Classes have begun but registration is open.

For any questions, please contact Sr. Francesca via email or phone:
dre@sfaacademy.org 718-278-0259 ext. 121

Catechist Needed

We are currently in need of a Catechist for our 7th Grade Class.

If you are interested, please contact Sr. Francesca at
718-278-0259, ext. 121, or dre@sfaacademy.org

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you someone, or do you know someone who:

...has expressed interest in becoming Catholic?

...was baptized as a Catholic as a child but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) focuses on learning about the Church and teachings of the Faith to prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation during the Easter Season.

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