

# Dear Padre,

**I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?**

**W**elcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.*

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 29

*Monday of Holy Week*

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

MARCH 30

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

MARCH 31

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

APRIL 1

*Holy Thursday*

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### Friday

APRIL 2

*Good Friday*

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday

APRIL 3

*Holy Saturday*

Gn 1:1-2:2 or

1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or

22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

### Sunday

APRIL 4

*Easter*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or

Mk 16:1-7





# PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021



## St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

*Pastor: Reverend Fr. David Milton*

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### St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Sat 5 pm Int Donor

Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Sun 9am Parish

March 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Int Donor

Mon 8am Int Donor

Wednesday 6pm **No Mass**

**Thurs 7pm Mass & Adoration**

**Fri 3 pm. Station & Passion**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 7 pm Easter vigil**

April 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am parish

**April 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm No Mass**

### **Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am Parish



**From Father David's Desk...**

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

## Empty Praise

How could anyone think that the joyous cry “Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not.

Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

### *For Reflection*

- How steadfast have you been in your support of others?
- Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.

With prayers and blessings

**Fr. David**

### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 55,**

Identifiable.2, 687.00 Loose: 219.21; Total: \$2,906.21. Children: \$ 0. ACH: 5.00

**OLC STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable \$ 60 .00 Loose: 51.00 \$Total: \$ 111.00.

**The Diocese of Biloxi** will have an opening in the Finance Office for an accounting and payroll specialist. The position requires minimum of a two year accounting degree, general ledger, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll experience. Must have worked with Excel and Word. Experience with QuickBooks is a plus, but not required. A copy of the job description is available on the Diocese of Biloxi web-site in the Finance Office. Please respond to this advertisement by April 10, 2021 by sending your resume to Tammy DiLorenzo, Director of Finance at [tdilorenzo@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:tdilorenzo@biloxidiocese.org).

**No First Friday Adoration:** Since Good Friday is April 2. Those who would like to come adore Christ may come to the small chapel at any time

**Easter Flowers.** Donations are being accepted for Easter Flowers for the altar.

**Upcoming Second Collection:** For Fr. David’s order March 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks

| MASS                                  | LECTOR           | SERVERS          | USHERS        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sat March 27 <sup>th</sup> 5pm        | Mike West        | Austin s         | Mike West     |
| Sun March 28 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am | Sandra Ammons    |                  | Terry Mitchel |
| Sun March 28 <sup>th</sup> 9 am       | Eddie Duran      | Paige and Kane   |               |
| Sun March 28 <sup>th</sup> 6pm        | Matthew Marchand | Blake and Haiise |               |
| Sat April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm         | Mike West        |                  | Mike West     |
| Sun April 4 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am | Sandra Ammons    |                  | Terry Mitchel |
| Sun April 4 <sup>th</sup> 9 am        | Kim wood         |                  |               |
| Sun April 4 <sup>th</sup> NO Mass     | No Mass          |                  |               |

**School Subsidy for 2021:** Students attending a catholic school have the opportunity to get a tuition subsidy from their parish church. Please get the subsidy form from your child's school and then meet with me. Thanks.

**Dispensation for Sunday Mass Attendance:**  
The dispensation for Sunday Mass attendance has been cancelled.

### **Triduum Schedule:**

**April 01:** 7:00pm mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration after Mass until 10:00 PM

**April 02 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**  
3:00 PM *Stations of the Cross* followed by *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*.

**April 03 - Easter Vigil-** 7:00 PM Easter Mass

**April 04 - Easter Sunday**

OL of Chartres 7:30 AM Mass

St. Ann 9:00 AM Mass

**Father David will be on retreat Easter Week, April 5-9<sup>th</sup>, no weekday masses.**

**K of C Easter basket:** are raffling off a handmade Easter Basket valued at over\$ 70.00 and weighs about 17 pounds of candy. Tickets are .50 cents each or 2/\$1.00 or \$5.00 a book of tickets. For tickets see Garland Moran, Johnny Moran or call at 228-669-3038. Drawing will be on April 3rd. Thanks

**Eater egg Hunt:** will be March 28<sup>th</sup>, in St. Ann's hall, after the 9am Mass. Raffle tickets \$1 will be for a beautiful wreath. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Divine Mercy Novena:** starts on Good Friday. Those who would like to pray as a community come at 3:00pm every day for the Divine Mercy Novena. Thanks

### **PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shampo.