



## **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

Palm Sunday draws us into a moment of profound tension at the heart of our faith. It is a day where glory and suffering meet—where Christ is welcomed with joy yet already walks the path toward the Cross. The Church places us within this movement not as distant listeners, but as participants in a mystery that continues to unfold in our own lives.

There is something deeply revealing in this liturgy. The same crowd that rejoices does not fully understand the kind of King they are receiving. Christ does not enter in power or domination, but in humility, choosing the way of self-giving love. This challenges our expectations. We often seek a God who solves, fixes, and triumphs according to our plans. Yet Palm Sunday reveals a God who loves to the very end—even when that love is rejected.

The Passion we hear is not only Christ's story; it also reflects the fragile and restless nature of the human heart. Within it, we see moments of loyalty, fear, betrayal, and silence. It invites us to ask where we stand, how we respond, and whether our faith endures when it becomes costly.

Palm Sunday is not meant to leave us comfortable. It unsettles us in order to lead us deeper. It opens before us the sacred days in which love will be tested, broken, and ultimately revealed in its fullness.

Let us not rush past this moment. Instead, let us begin to prepare inwardly—with seriousness, honesty, and openness of heart. Let us wait with awareness and intention for what is about to unfold.

This year, we celebrate Palm Sunday with the Vigil Mass on **Saturday, March 28 at 4:00 PM**, and on **Sunday, March 29 at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**. We warmly invite all parishioners to take part in these sacred celebrations and to bring along family and friends.

Let us journey together and prepare our hearts to enter more deeply into the Sacred Triduum.

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### **ENCOUNTER GOD'S MERCY: PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the Church's most profound gifts. It is often called confession, penance, or the sacrament of forgiveness, but at its heart, it is a sacred encounter with the mercy of God. Through this sacrament, the Church invites us to recognize our human brokenness, to humble ourselves, and to acknowledge that we are in need of God's grace. It is not simply about listing sins, but about opening our hearts to transformation, healing, and freedom.

The Church teaches that reconciliation has three essential dimensions. First, it restores our relationship with God, reminding us that no sin is greater than His mercy, and that His love is always ready to embrace us when we turn to Him. Second, it helps us repair our bonds with others, encouraging accountability, humility, and the courage to seek forgiveness where we have caused harm. Third, it allows reconciliation with ourselves, fostering inner peace and the freedom that comes from living in truth and honesty. In confessing our faults, we experience a profound healing—not only spiritually, but emotionally and psychologically—because we place our burdens in the hands of One who loves us unconditionally.

In this spirit, we warmly invite all parishioners to our Parish Reconciliation Service on **March 26th at 6:00 pm.** We will begin with a prayer service, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions, and conclude with the celebration of Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. This is a special time to pause, reflect, and open ourselves to God's mercy. Come as you are, with your joys and struggles, your hopes and your wounds. The Lord waits to meet you with compassion, to restore your spirit, and to remind you that you are deeply loved.

Let us take this moment to humble ourselves, experience God's healing, and be renewed in grace and peace.

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**MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 21 - 27, 2026**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – March 21, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of LENT**

*Ersenio Di Sciullo*  
*Ernesta Ciampini*  
*Marguerite Vincelli*  
*Jeanne Vincelli*

*Rosa Di Sciullo & Family*  
*Children & their Families*  
*Isabel Vincelli*  
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**Sunday, 9:00am – March 22, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of LENT**

*Almerindo & Rita Cappello*  
*Domenica Di Sotto*

*Cappello Family*  
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**Sunday, 11:00am – March 22, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of LENT**

*Jordan & Basil Alexander*  
*Margarita Sanchez de Alonso*  
*David Evans*

*Eunette Smith*  
*Patricia Alonso*  
*Ann Marie Montrichard*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – March 24, 2026 – Lenten Weekday**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – March 25, 2026 – SOLEMNITY – The Annunciation of the Lord**

*Ilario & Stellina Maiolo*

*Family*

**Thursday, 8:30am – March 26, 2026 - Lenten Weekday**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Thursday, 7:00pm**

*Luciano Falciani*

*Antoinette Falciani & Family*

**Friday, 8:30am – March 27, 2026 – Lenten Weekday**

*Margaret McGee*

*Family*