
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday (Year B)



Hosanna

in the Highest!



This Sunday, called “Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion,” has two halves to it, palms and passion, as you might have guessed. They stand in jarring contrast to each other.

First, the palms proclaim Jesus' kingship.

The palms we hold during the ritual procession are an imitation of what the local people did long ago, the ones who lined the road. This opening part of the ceremony is more than just another historical reminiscence, it is a proclamation today of Jesus as king. It is the first half of the jarring contrast.

Does such a total surrender represent kingly action?

You may not have noticed the kingly aspect specifically, but there are multiple clues in the First Gospel. (i.e., the reading that takes place just before the palm procession). First, he rode on a colt, an animal that was used for royalty's entrance into a city. Second, the disciples spread their cloaks over the colt's back as they would for someone royal.

Then the crowds along the way treated Jesus as a kingly hero. They spread out their coats on the roadway and covered them with palm branches cut from the fields. It was a symbol to soften the pathway for the kingly one: to keep the dirt off of him. And they cried out, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

The King.

Second, the soldiers do their best to destroy any kingship in Jesus.

The Mass itself and its Passion Reading follow. They show the ridicule Jesus' kingship was put to, a fool's tale. Soldiers tie him up and yell “King of the Jews.” It is their derogation of this poor, ridiculous captive.

They jam a “royal” crown on his head, one made of thorns. They wrap a fake robe of purple around him (the color reserved for kings because of its rarity in that era). They spit on him. They strike him. They laugh. They make a tortured fool out of this great “king.”

The First Reading had already told us why such torture happened. Because the King chose it. The reading says, I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

You or I would have cried out, “My God, why have you abandoned me?” The Responsorial Psalm says exactly these words, and Jesus will say them from the cross.

But are these the words of a king? Does such a total surrender represent kingly action? What do you say? No!

But scripture says the opposite.

Yes.

Jesus, king of kings, “did not regard equality with God as something to cling to”—for safety or honor or for whatever other reason. As the greatest king he emptied himself out, became like a slave, obedient even to death on the cross (Second Reading). This, in allegiance to God and in service of the people.

On this day of the king, Jesus knew who he was, even under the worst duress and strife. He was and remains the one who loves, no matter what. We have here the opposite of the kind of greatness we always imagine: service of God's people as the true basis of rulership.

A good ruler pulls a kingdom together and makes it safe, a place of abundance. If they accomplish such a goal, no kingly suffering would be too great. Palm/Passion Sunday is a large-scale revelation of kingship's true meaning, a vision we in the United States certainly need today.

Real love.

If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

Strangers No Longer, 3rd Annual Banquet, Sunday, April 14, 2024, 1:00pm-3:30pm. Please join us at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (26601 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091). Donation: \$30.00 per person. For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 819-2867 or Mike Clyne (313) 570-1471 jmclayne@comcast.net. Share in a celebration of SNL's achievements and growth with friends, food, entertainment, and fundraising baskets and auction!

Mass Live Streaming News! You now have options for watching our Sunday Mass – even if you “don't do FaceBook” or look at the parish website. Now you can watch on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@St.CharlesBorromeoDetroit>; you can watch the live stream on Facebook without having an account by doing a google search for **st charles borromeo parish detroit Facebook**, the page will appear, scroll down and look on the right side for "watch live" and click. You can also continue to watch on our Facebook page *St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI*

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal: **Today, March 24, 2024: Knights on Bikes; March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday – No Meal; April 7, 2024: Maryanne Flores Bible Study Group; April 14, 2024: Sponsor Needed; April 21, 2024: Colleen & BK; April 28, 2024: St. Lucy Parish; May 5, 2024: Sponsor Needed; May 12, 2024: Mother's Day – No Meal; May 19, 2024: Sponsor Needed.**

Nativity Pantry News We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Spaghetti Noodles, Cereal, and Peanut Butter. Although thank you never seems to be enough, we still say THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated items for the Easter Bags. The children of the families in the pantry will be so thrilled to get a surprise Easter morning.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Most glorious King,
 blessed are You Who continuously comes to us,
 leading the way to Heaven.
 Hosanna in the highest!
 As I begin this most Holy Week,
 commemorating Your gift of salvation,
 I pray that this commemoration will also be a real
 and transforming participation in
 Your life, death, and resurrection.
 Amen.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Patricia Alexander
 James Bramlette
 Marianne Burns
 June Buersmeyer
 Mary Canaday
 Aaron Cole
 Chinyere Crutcher
 Joy Harris
 Joan Jackson
 Les Kirby
 Michael Martin
 Bruce McDonald Sr.
 John Nahas
 Richard Nahas
 Gloria Parham
 Ronald Parham
 Vertis Park, Sr.
 Earlene Park-Williams
 Elizabeth Pilette
 Cynthia Richardson
 Gregory Richardson
 Linda Simpkins
 Alicia Smith
 Anna Tyler
 Theresa Williamson
 Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 24, 2024

Lisa Little
 Gerald Miller

March 31, 2024

Monsignor Daniel J. Trapp

April 07, 2024

John Pilette
 James Callahan

April 14, 2024

Dr. Donald Burkhardt

April 21, 2024

Clair Bianchi
 Grace Bono Panizzoli

April 28, 2024

Roger Sinclair
 Stephen & Catherine Bogotaitis

TODAY'S READINGS

Mark 11: 1-10
(Jesus' Triumphal Entry)

Isaiah 50: 4-7
(Christ's Suffering)

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
(Christ's Abandonment)

Philippians 2: 6-11
(Humility)

Philippians 2: 8-9
(Obedient to Death)

Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47
(Christ's Passion)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2024

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 25: Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalm 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12: 1-11

Tues., Mar. 26: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wed., Mar. 27: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26: 14-25

Thurs., Mar. 28: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; First Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 34; John 13: 1-15

Fri., Mar. 29: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalm 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Philippians 2: 8-9; John 18: 1 – 19: 42

Sat., Mar. 30: Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a; Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalms 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Genesis 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14: 15 – 15: 1; Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54: 5-14; Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55: 1-11; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3: 9-15, 32 – 4: 4; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42: 3, 5; 43: 3, 4; Romans 6: 3-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16: 1-7

Sun., Mar. 31: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; First Corinthians 5: 7b-8a; John 20: 1-9

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewards Care

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"
 – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to live **Stewardship** by being the answer to someone's prayer.

COLLECTION INFO

March 17, 2024

Collections \$ 688.50
 Online \$1,128.00

TOTAL \$1,816.50

+DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY

Lent and Easter Triduum/Mass Schedules - 2024

ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA

Ash Wednesday 9 AM
 Fridays 6 PM Stations
 Holy Thursday 6 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12 PM Stations/Rosary
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 10 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI. 48214
 313.921.4107
www.saintamparish.org

SACRED HEART

Ash Wednesday 12 NOON & 5 PM
 Fridays 12 NOON Stations
 Holy Thursday 5 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12 NOON
 Easter Vigil 9 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 8 AM Mass & 10 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI. 48207
 313.831.1356
www.sacredheartdetroit.com

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Ash Wednesday with Sacred Heart
 Fridays with Sacred Heart
 Holy Thursday with Sacred Heart
 Good Friday 12 NOON in Church
 Easter Vigil with Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday 12 NOON Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit, MI. 48207
 313.921.9225
www.stelizabethdetroit.com

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Ash Wednesday 12 NOON
 Fridays 6 PM/Stations
 rotate every week w/St. Charles
 Holy Thursday with St. Charles
 Good Friday 12:30 PM/Stations 1st
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48213
 313.922.0033
www.nativitydetroit.org

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Ash Wednesday 6 PM
 Fridays 6 PM/Stations rotate
 every week w/Nativity
 Holy Thursday 6 PM Mass
 Good Friday 6:30 PM Mass
 Easter Vigil with Nativity
 Easter Sunday 11:30 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI. 48214
 313.331.0253
www.stcharlesdetroit.org



APRIL 12, 2024

9 am - 3 pm

PREACHERS

Chaplain. Bridget Theodoroff
BR. Igor Di Bliqy OFM CAP

DAY OF REFLECTION

Call at 248-651-4826

GRIEF RETREAT



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Rectory Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

Pastoral Team

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage



**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit
Mass Times**

Friday: Mass 11am
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord
Mass Times**

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am
Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica
Mass Times**

Wednesday, 9am
Sunday 10am

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. raginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.

St. Charles Borromeo Calendar

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	2
3 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	9
10 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	16
17 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Mass at St. Charles 6:30pm</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>NO 11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Good Friday Mass at St. Charles 6pm</i>	30 <i>Easter Vigil</i> <i>Mass at Nativity 8:30pm</i>
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>NO Community Meal</i>						