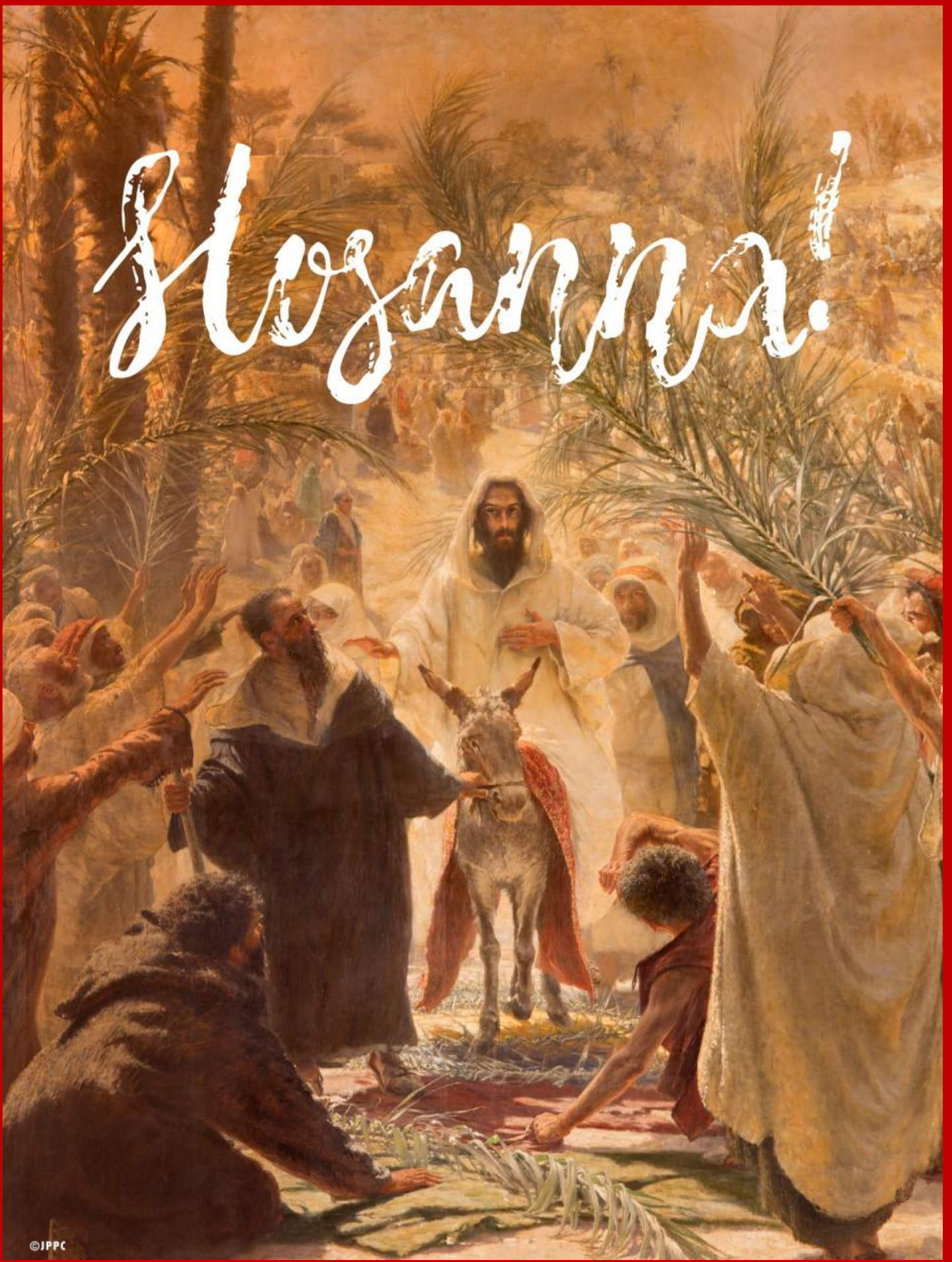


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THE PALM SUNDY OF THE LORD'S PASSION MARCH 24, 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

The Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday
4:00PM Thomas C. Boyle—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
7:30 AM Michelino Paolino & Mafalda Desiderio—Mem.
9:00AM Anne, John, & Michael Kelly—Memorial
10:30AM Thomas Cavanagh—Birthday Remembrance
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Monday of Holy Week
7:30AM Ronald Oliver—3rd Anniversary
12:05PM Judith Joan Tullie—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Tuesday of Holy Week
7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial
12:05PM Elizabeth Loughlin—Birthday Remembrance

SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Wednesday of Holy Week
7:30AM Bill Daly—Memorial
12:05PM Joe Hall—9th Anniversary

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

The Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00PM Deceased Bishops & Priests of Providence Diocese

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00PM The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil
7:30PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish





Dear Parishioners:

We had two grand celebrations last week, honoring St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Both Masses were joyful and faith-filled, and the receptions were lively and fun. I thank all those who helped make these Parish Feasts a great celebration for us.

I also wish to thank Monsignor Seamus Horgan from the Vatican Embassy and Bishop McManus of Worcester, who celebrated the Masses and delivered outstanding homilies. Their presence at OLM is a great honor for us, and I am grateful for their willingness to come and celebrate with us.

It is Palm Sunday, and thus, Holy Week begins today. It is the final week of Lent and the week before Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday and includes the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

On Palm Sunday, the Passion of Our Lord is proclaimed. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, from the Latin *pator* meaning "suffer," refers to those sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption from the agony in the garden until His death on Calvary. The Passion Narratives of the Gospels provide the details of our Lord's Passion. It is a powerful and prayerful way to begin Holy Week.

St. Jose Maria Escriva, commenting on the Passion, said: *"The tragedy of the Passion brings to fulfillment our own life and the whole of human history. We can't let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our*

souls. The Christian is obliged to be altered – Christus, ipse Christus: another Christ, Christ Himself."

Indeed, every Christian must enter into the profound mysteries and prayerful celebration of Holy Week to be altered into another Christ, Christ Himself. So, I encourage you to join us this Holy Week in prayer and devotion on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is at 7:00 pm and includes the washing of the feet. The Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to the Altar of Repose, and adoration will continue until midnight. This Mass recalls the Last Supper and the Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are at 3:00 pm, and the Liturgy of the Good Friday is at 7:00 pm with the Veneration of the Cross. As we recall our Lord's suffering upon the Cross, it is a day on which Mass is not celebrated. It is a day of fasting and abstinence and calls for deep prayer and devotion.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil, the Mother of All Vigils, will be celebrated after sundown at 7:30 pm. It is the only Mass on Holy Saturday. We will joyfully welcome five new members to the Catholic Church. Please pray for them.

Easter Sunday recalls the glory of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. We will celebrate with Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am. There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

Also, during Holy Week, there are opportunities for Confession. Confession will be available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 11:45 am before the 12:05 pm Mass. Also, two priests, including a Dominican Friar, are available on Monday night at 6:00 pm. On Spy Wednesday, there will be two hours of Confession from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with four priests available. We have all these opportunities, including the All-Day Confession this Saturday, to make a good Confession before Easter.

Also, during the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, Solemn Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings will be prayed each morning at 8:00 am. Our Church is open all day, and Holy Week is a good time for all of us to pray with the Lord here in Church.

Holy Week has begun. Indeed, the week that changed the world begins today. I pray you make it a week that changes your world and life. May we enter it with prayer and devotion that we might be altered into "*Christus, ipse Christus: another Christ, Christ Himself.*" Please join us for Holy Week services. Please get to Confession and make your Easter Duty. Let us pray, adore, and rejoice in the great mysteries of our Catholic Faith.

A Blessed Holy Week and Holy Easter to all! Be well. Do good. God Bless

Father Healey

Palm Sunday Commemoration

THE OPENING of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part.

This opening is called “The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem.” The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember. They are to partake in the entry of the Lord.

The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes.

The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.

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Total Raised=\$277,255
Total Number of Pledges=480
Average Gift=\$578



First Communion Class Schedule

Saturday, April 7 : Class following 9am Mass

Confirmation Class Schedule

Sunday, March 24: Class following 5pm Mass

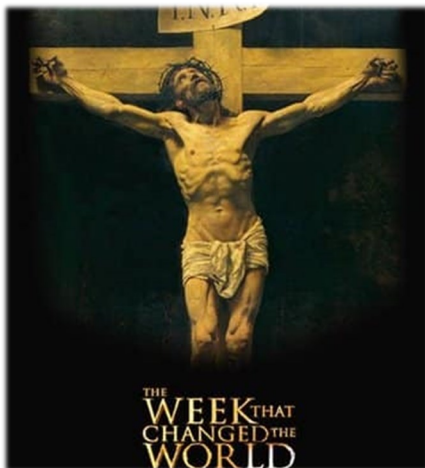
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•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 4:00pm in Mercy House.** All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

•For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



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School Weekly Calendar

- **Tuesday, March 26:** Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm
- **Wednesday, March 27 :**Grade 6 Field Trip to Gillette Stadium
- **Thursday, March 28 :**Holy Thursday; School Dismissal at 11:30 am; There will be No After-School Extended Day
- **Friday, March 29 :** NO SCHOOL: Good Friday

We congratulate the OLM School Basketball Teams Junior (Grades 5 & 6) Boys & Grammar (Grades 7 & 8) Girls on winning the CAL Tournament State Championship! We wish them luck this weekend at the New England CAL Tournament in Manchester, NH! Go Jags!

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In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Ann Gail Shahinian** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

Confessions at 3:00 pm

Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday at 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Palm branches will be blessed at all Masses

Solemn Procession of Palms at the 10:30 am Mass from Mercy Park

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 25, 2024

Masses at 7:30 am & 12:05 pm

Confessions 11:45 am-12:00 pm & 6:00 pm with two Priests

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 26, 2024

Masses at 7:30 am & 12:05 pm

Confessions 11:45 am-12:00 pm

Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, 7:00 pm

SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

Masses at 7:30 am & 12:05 pm

Confessions 11:45 am-12:00 pm and 6:00 pm-8:00 pm with four Priests

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2024

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 12:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

Vigil Mass of Easter at 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

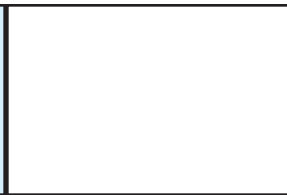
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