



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.”
- Mt 21:9

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Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays and Saturdays: 4:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION MARCH 29, 2026



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March 28-April 5

Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion

Sat 5:00 pm

The Intention of Marilyn Ruddy

Sun 8:30 am

Parishioners of Saint Paul's

11:00 am

The Intention of the sons of
Carla Trenary

5:00 pm

The Intention of Marilyn Ruddy

Mon 5:00 pm

Teddy Shriner

Tues 5:00 pm

Matthias Ambrose Bell

Wed 5:00 pm

Catholic Extension Society

Holy Thursday of our Lord's Supper

Thurs 6:30 pm

Catholic Extension Society

The Easter Vigil

Sat 8:00 pm

Parishioners of Saint Paul's

Easter Sunday of our Lord's Resurrection

Sun 7:00 am

Edin Vaske

9:00 am

Kay Tencick

11:00 am

Bob Burnett

2026 Lenten Project



For our Lenten Project this year, we are supporting Ark Regional Services, a Laramie nonprofit that helps people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries increase their independence and actively participate in their communities. Ark provides residential support services, employment opportunities and support, equestrian services, and educational classes across a variety of subject matters and areas of interest. To donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Newman Center and include "Lenten Project" in the memo, or click [here](#) to donate online.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

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Upcoming Events

Communal Reconciliation
Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm

Adoration and Praise
Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 pm

Mom's Group Gathering
Thursday, April 16, 6:00 pm

Bingo with Ark Residents
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, April 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy

Communal Reconciliation

Experience the healing power of God's mercy as we gather for communal reconciliation on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm in the Worship Space. Prepare for Easter as we support and pray for one another, recognizing our weaknesses and our need for God's love.



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy.



Holy Thursday Simple Meal

This year, we continue our tradition of sharing a simple meal as a community before the Holy Thursday Liturgy. The meal will begin at 5:30 pm in Bishop Newell Hall; please join us and bring a dish to share.



Adoration and Praise

Our next evening of Adoration and Praise will be on Wednesday, April 8 at 8:00 pm in the Worship Space.

Bingo with Ark Residents

Join us in Bishop Newell Hall on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 pm for an afternoon of bingo and fellowship with residents from the Ark. All are welcome to attend!



THANK YOU
for your generosity

March 22 donations: **\$7,752.52**
Our 10% tithe for the Lenten Project: **\$775.25**

Parish offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6, to allow our staff time to rest after Holy Week.

Holy Week Liturgical Ministers

We are in need of liturgical ministers for our Holy Thursday and Easter Liturgies. If you would like to serve, please click [here](#) or call the parish office at 307-745-5461 to volunteer.



Parish Mom's Group

St. Paul's Newman Center is starting a mom's group for mothers of all ages to grow in fellowship with one another. The group will meet once a month, and the first meeting is on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fireplace Room. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lillie Rodgers at lillie@newmancenter.org or click [here](#) to join our mom's group on Flocknote.

2016 Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday • April 2

5:30 pm • Simple Meal (Please bring a dish to share)

6:30 pm • Eucharist of our Lord's Supper
(Incense will be used)
Adoration following Liturgy until 12:00 midnight

Good Friday • April 3

9:00 am • Morning Prayer
3:30 pm • Liturgy of our Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday • April 4

9:00 am • Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Celebration of our Lord's Resurrection • April 4

8:00 pm • Easter Vigil Eucharist
(Incense will be used)
Reception following to welcome the newly baptized

Easter Sunday of our Lord's Resurrection • April 5

7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am • Liturgy of the Eucharist
There will be no 8:30 am or 5:00 pm Liturgies on Easter Sunday.



Bringing Home the Word

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)
March 29, 2026

The Art of Dying

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

When I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends who were about my age had the same experience. There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—or so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and

housing. Many of us around the same age thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We've grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we're not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet, death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death, there is no life—in this life or in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, which is something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week, we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death. †

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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
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Sunday Readings

Matthew 21:1–11

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.

Isaiah 50:4–7

The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced.

Philippians 2:6–11

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [and]...humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Matthew 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54

Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Who has sacrificed for you?
- Have you “paid it forward” with gratitude?



Hosanna! Save Us, We Pray!

The Redemptorists

At the beginning of the Palm Sunday liturgy, we echo the crowd's cry of "Hosanna!"—welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem with palms in hand. The word comes from Hebrew and means, "Save us, we pray!" Originally a cry for help, it had become a joyful shout of praise by Jesus' time: "Lord, grant salvation!" When the people cried, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" they were declaring Jesus to be the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of ancient longing expressed in verse 26 of the same Psalm 118. In today's language, they might have acclaimed, "Hooray for Jesus, the one who saves us!" Many of these people, including his closest disciples, believed he had come to restore David's kingdom. Though their understanding was misguided, Jesus accepted their praise, knowing their expectations would soon be challenged.

Meanwhile, others—Roman authorities, religious leaders, even Judas—responded with disbelief, hostility, or betrayal.

Their choices led Jesus to suffering and death. Still, he warned, pleaded, and invited them to the truth. To Judas, he said, "One of you will betray me," making a last appeal to his conscience, which sadly fell on deaf ears and a hardened heart.

This Passion Sunday, let us not reflect on Jesus as a victim of circumstance but as the divine King, freely choosing obedience and love. As St. Paul writes in Philippians, "Though he was in the form of God... he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6–7). Jesus' humility did not negate his divinity—it revealed it. †

"Hosanna!" was a joyful shout of praise by Jesus' time: "Salvation is here!"

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From *"Our Holiest Week: A Practical Guide to the Liturgies of Holy Week"*

We might expect the gospel for the Mass of the Lord's Supper to be one of the accounts of the institution of the Eucharist. Instead, the Church presents Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. (See John 13:1–15.) And, not only do we hear about Jesus washing their feet, but we also see and experience it. The leader of the parish community takes off his Mass vestment, takes water and a towel, and washes feet. Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist that will be shared the next day during the liturgy of Good Friday is taken in procession to a tabernacle prepared for it, and the church is readied for Good Friday: the altar is stripped, and crosses are removed or covered.

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.



So that we may enter into this Holy Week and pray together with other believers for the salvation of the world, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 30–April 4

Monday of Holy Week: Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week: Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday of Holy Week: Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 / 1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

Good Friday: Is 52:13–53:12 / Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 / Jn 18:1–19:42

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 / Mt 28:1–10



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