

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

**4:00 PM Buss Ranson-Mary Giannola**

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

**10:00 AM St Patrick Parishioners (Pro Populo)**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**8:00 AM Peggy Thackery-Beverly Horrigan**

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

**6:15 PM Barb Luken-Tony Losekamp**

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**4:00 PM Peggy Thackery—Ginger Beasley**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**10:00 AM St Patrick Parishioners (Pro Populo)**

**For March 26& 27, 2022**

**Attendance at Masses: 357**

<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 5,863.00</b>
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Lent</b>	<b>\$ 1,042.00</b>
<b>Cost of Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 6,990.00</b>

**April 15, 2022: Good Friday Collection: The Passion of the Lord, 12:10 pm -please put your offering in the collection basket which will be in the back of church.**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

**Thursdays: after the 6:15 PM Mass  
Fridays: 8:45 AM at SMOW  
Saturdays: 3:00-3:30 PM at St. Pat's**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (937-210-1280)**

**Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM -12:00 PM  
Wednesday: 5:00-7:00 PM**

**Dates: Week of March 22, 2022  
Money Spent: \$435.00      Clients: 29  
Needs: Detergent, Deodorant Thank you!**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of preparation before the feast of Easter. In the Roman Rite, the celebration of Mass has particular traditions that make it look much different than a typical Sunday Mass. Many of these traditions are centuries old, having roots in the early Church, based on the events that occur in the Gospel passages. The differences are meant to enrich our celebration of Jesus' Passion, immersing us into the events in a unique way to help our souls ponder the beauty and riches of the Paschal mystery.

**Why does Mass begin with a procession?** Besides imitating Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, the sanctuary of the church is naturally a place that symbolizes heaven, with the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Why palms or other plants are used for the procession** Biblical scholars often translate the branches people used for Jesus' triumphal entry in generic terms, such as in the Gospel of Matthew, "The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road" (Matthew 21:8).

The branches are meant to be a symbolic gesture, symbolizing the need to lay down our hearts before Jesus, allowing him access into our inmost being. This is why, even if you don't have branches of any sort for your celebration, you can still participate in the spiritual theme of Palm Sunday.

**Why does the priest wear red?** Red is the color of blood and symbolizes love, fire, passion, and the blood of sacrifice. Red is worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, any day related to Jesus' Passion, on Pentecost and on the feast days of those who died for the faith (martyrs).

**Why are statues and images veiled?** It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

**Why is the Gospel reading so long?** For Roman Catholics, the weekly Sunday Mass readings are extremely short when compared to the Passion narrative that is recited (or sung) every year on Palm Sunday. However, did you know that *every* Sunday may have been like that in the early Church?

**Why does the congregation participate in the Passion reading?**

Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Church's liturgical calendar, entirely focused on Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection. A recurrent theme throughout the week is a call to accompany Jesus during this most painful part of his life on earth.

Palm Sunday opens Holy Week with a solemn recitation of Jesus' Passion, and typically this involves each person having a role. When celebrated in a church, the parishioners often take the role of the crowd. This culminates in the entire congregation saying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" In this instance we recognize the role our sins have in Jesus' crucifixion and how Jesus suffered and died for us, even though we weren't even born yet.

**What should I do with my blessed palms?**

After leaving church on Sunday, you may have come home with several long palm branches from the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. You may be asking yourself, "Well, what should I do with these?"

Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from the priest and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**

**Intention:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offered by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

We will make every attempt to get them on the date you request; however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this, first-come, first-served.

***MASSE INTENTION BOOK WILL OPEN  
NOVEMBER 30, 2022 FOR 2023.***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:**

Mon. Apr 4: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20  
 Tues. Apr 5: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30  
 Wed. Apr 6: Dn 3:14-20,91-92, 95 (Ps)Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42  
 Thurs. Apr 7: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59  
 Fri. Apr 8: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42  
 Sat. Apr 9: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps)Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56



**Sun., Apr 10, 2022**  
*Lk 19:28-40 (procession)*  
*Is 50:4-7*  
*Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24*  
*Phil 2:6-11*  
*Lk 22:14-23:56*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

That Man is You, (RCIA RM) 7:00 am, Saturdays.  
 Every Wed 7:00 pm Choir Practice for Lent & Easter

**The Rosary** will be recited Saturday at 3:30 pm,  
 and Sunday at 9:20 am before Mass.  
 Volunteers are needed. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937-441-0645

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

If you are or know of parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** “Holy Week is ordered to the commemoration of Christ’s Passion beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem”

**PALM SUNDAY:** April 10, 2022, 10:00 AM

**HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’ SUPPER** April 14, 2022, 7:00 PM

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)** April 15, 2022, 12:10 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT:** APRIL 16, 2022.. 9:00 PM.

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:**

**ST. PATRICK, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022,** 10:00 AM

**ST MARY OF THE WOODS, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022** 8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM

**Prayer for Ukraine**

God of infinite mercy and peace, we pray for the people of Ukraine who are experiencing fear, violence and death. We entrust all their families to You, and we pray that they may not yield to discouragement or despair but be heralds of hope. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, spread your maternal mantle over all people of goodwill who live in the great nation of Ukraine. We pray in this moment of crisis that people throughout the world may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Bring peace to all troubled hearts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.