



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2018

### Sunday, March 25

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:30 **DE** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Gus Juengling from Julia Jackson

12:00 **BW** Mary Rizzo from Joan and Family

### Monday, March 26

12:10 Jerry Stoeckle from Nick and Mauree Martino

### Tuesday, March 27

12:10 Mary Dillon from Carol and Larry

### Wednesday, March 28

12:10 Poor Souls in Purgatory from the Sieber Family

7:00 Stations of the Cross and Benediction

### Thursday, March 29

Mass of the Last Supper

7:00 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

### Friday, March 30

12:00 Holy Friday Services and Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 31

*Holy Saturday*

**BW** 8:30 Benefactors of St. Rose

**Sunday, April 1** *The Resurrection of the Lord*

7:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

9:00 **BW** Mary Rizzo from Joan and Family

10:30 **BW** Susan Castleberry from Hap

12:00 **BW** Ron Koettters from the Family

St. Margaret Hall is seeking volunteers who may want to Volunteer some of their free time in helping at our facility here in Cincinnati. Training is provided and it is an excellent way to practice the works of mercy. There are several openings and time are flexible, so that it is not a hardship for anyone wishing to help their former friends and neighbors. For more information call 513-751-5880X609 or sreulaliae@stmargarethall.com

The Comboni Missionaries Auxiliary will hold its bi-monthly Rummage Sale on April 6th, 9AM-2PM, Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Road, 45255 . Furniture, Clothing Housewares."

## From the Pastor's Desk

Pregnancy Center East will be hosting our Banquet For Life the evening of Thursday, April 19 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. - This fundraising dinner supports the Center's mission to offer women life-giving alternatives to abortion. Follow-up care includes single parent support, material assistance, mentoring and post-abortion healing. Chastity education is provided for local Catholic schools. Tickets are \$75 each for adults, and \$50 each for guests under 21 years of age. For reservation information, call 513-321-3100, or go online to: [www.SupportPCE.com](http://www.SupportPCE.com)

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2018

#### Stations of the Cross

*Wednesday, March 28*

7:00 PM

#### Holy Thursday

*Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, March 29th at 7PM*

#### Good Friday

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Stations of the Cross*

*Friday, March 30th at 12:00 PM*

#### Easter Vigil

*Saturday, March 31st at 8:30 PM*

#### Easter Sunday

*7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 PM*

The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land Shrines.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. If you are interested in an itinerary, call the office at 513-871-1162.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for Holy Week and Easter  
Per Fr. Barry

When the crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:

*Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.*

John

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

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**Opening Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow  
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

How quickly praise can sometimes turn to derision and condemnation. We see it happen in business, politics, even with friends and family in times of stress. One minute somebody is singing praises, the next it's only insults and scorn. The gospel readings in the liturgy display that very juxtaposition today. We come into church singing "Hosanna!" and fifteen minutes later we cry, "Crucify him!" Of course, this combination is purposeful and should strike our consciences.

Jesus did not meet the expectations of the crowd, or even his disciples; they turned and fled. The entire passion narrative in Mark shows the confusion, bewilderment, and misunderstanding that punctuated the horrific scene of Jesus' crucifixion. The crowds believe Jesus is calling for Elijah, the chief priests and scribes mock Jesus as one who cannot save himself, Pilate acquiesces to the crowd's demands and participates in a miscarriage of justice. The centurion alone (a Gentile) is the only one to face the crucified after death and proclaim, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39). The reader is reminded of Mark 1:1, which opened with the words, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the Son of God]." Peter (a Jew) confessed Jesus as Christ (Mark 8:29) and now the centurion (a Gentile) confesses Jesus as Son of God, only after his death. To be the Christ, the Son of God, necessarily means suffering and death. To have come down from the cross would have been to deny Jesus' own identity as Christ and Son of God. Rather than a political military leader commanding armies in a revolution, Jesus is the crucified Son of God, Messiah. God's plans are not our own.

**Closing Prayer**

Father of endless love and compassion, hear the prayers of your family gathered around your altar. May we imitate your Son by taking up our crosses with joyful obedience, seeking your justice in all things; may we embrace his example of loving humility, praising you in the compassionate care we extend to one another. Amen.

**For Reflection:**

• When have I felt abandoned by God, but discovered him again in my life?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel**

at the Procession with Palms

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16

**Gospel at Mass**

Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39

(Citation adapted for length. For full text, see your Bible.)

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve.

And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

"Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

"Surely it is not I?"

He said to them,

"One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish.

For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him,

but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.

It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

While they were eating,

he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

"Take it; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,

and they all drank from it.



He said to them,

"This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.

Amen, I say to you,

I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

"All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:

*I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.*

But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

**Readings for the week:**

**Palm Sunday**

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16  
Isa 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**Monday**

Isa 42:1-7  
Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14  
John 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

Isa 49:1-6  
Ps 71:1-2, 5-6a, 6b-6d, 15 and 17  
John 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

Isa 50:4-9a  
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34  
Matt 26:14-25

**Holy Thursday**

Exod 12:1-8, 11-14  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

**Good Friday**

Isa 52:13-53:12  
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

**Holy Saturday/  
Easter Vigil**

Gen 1:1-22  
Gen 22:1-18  
Rom 6:3-11  
Mark 16:1-7 (plus other readings)

**Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13-35