

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION HOMILY

The church celebrates this 6th Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

The 1st part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of 2 miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem. In the 2nd part, we listen to/participate in a reading of the passion of Christ. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the passion story - like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus or the Apostles who fled for their lives. Indeed, Palm Sunday is a day to remember 2 contrasting moments of Christ's triumph and tragedy. I have read in your history that American president Abraham Lincoln had his moment of triumph and tragedy in 1865. Palm Sunday in 1865 marked the end of the civil war. The General of the Confederate Army surrendered to the General of the Union Army. It was the greatest moment of triumph for the American president Abraham Lincoln. But he was assassinated five days later, on Good Friday, a great tragedy for the president and the nation. May this week be a week of remembrance and appreciation, thanksgiving, repentance and reconciliation, a week to keep Christ's new commandment of Agape love, a week to deepen our faith and strengthen our relationship with God.

We should ask ourselves a few questions;

- Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession?
- Am I a barren fig tree with no fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, charity or forgiveness?
- Where in my life does Jesus need to use a whip to cleanse me?
- Why am I not like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives?

HAVE A PEACEFUL HOLY WEEK, FR DEO.

Financial Stewardship— “The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts.

April 6th
St Joseph \$ 2,456.00
St James \$ 526.00
April Mission of the Month - Diocese Of Jinja
Donations to Haiti July 1st thru March 31st \$ 729.00



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Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion April 13th, 2025

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

St. Joseph		St. James
Sat. Apr 12th	3:30 pm—4:45pm Confessions 5:00 pm Bobby Teague+	<u>Sunday Confessions</u> 8:00 — 8:25 am
Sun. Apr 13th	10:30am Paul Gilles+	<u>Sun, Apr 13th 8:30am</u>
Mon. Apr 14th	8:00 am Special Intention (Fr Deo)	German, Welch & Strom
Tues. Apr 15th	8:00 am Denny Porter+	Families
Wed. Apr 16th	8:00 am People of St James Parish 5:00-6:45pm Confessions and Adoration	Offered by Bonnie Strom
Thurs Apr 17th <i>Holy Thursday</i>	8:00 am NO MORNING MASS 7:30pm People of the Parish 8:30 pm Confessions following Mass	<u>Thurs. Apr 17th 5:30pm</u> Holy Thursday
Fri. Apr 18th <i>Good Friday</i>	You may stay in the garden with Jeus after Mass 8:00 am NO MORNING MASS 12-1:45pm Confessions 2:00pn Stations of the Cross 2:30pm Divine Mercy Devotions 3:00pm Passion Liturgy	Albert & Billie Borries Offered by Borries
Sat. Apr 19th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	2:00pm to 4:00pm Confessions	<u>Fri, Apr 18th</u> Good Friday
Sun. Apr 20th Easter Sunday	8:00pm Starling & Bates Families 10:30am Francis & Fredrick Carroll+	6:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Divine Mercy Devotions 7:00pm Passion Liturgy



If you would like to Altar serve for the Tridium (Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday) Please come.

Sun, Apr 29h 8:30am
Joe Murdock
 Offered by
 Ann Murdock

On Holy Thursday, April 17, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and Christ giving the Twelve Apostles and their successors the authority to be ministers of the Sacrament. At the conclusion of Mass, the priest carries a ciborium containing the Blessed Sacrament to a side altar, which is frequently decorated with flowers and candles. This side altar, is called the Altar of Repose.

At the Altar of Repose, parishioners keep vigil in silent prayer and adoration, recalling our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. His words to his disciples: "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

Please consider Inviting your family, friends or assemble a group of people (young adults are encouraged to participate) to visit the St Joseph Altar of Repose.

Please pray for the Confirmation Students who will be Confirmed on Saturday, May 10th at the St. Mary Cathedral.

Benjamin Blank	Ella Buckley
Kellen Duckworth	Keegan Forney
Brady Kappes	Camden Kraft
Solomon Mattern	Henry Perring
Kyler Schatsiek	Eli Sutton
Maggie Klein	

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are looking for a way to remember a deceased loved one, honor a birthday or special event, or pray for a special need, having a Mass said may be the perfect answer. Mass Intention envelopes can be found in the back of church .

CCD and Confirmation Schedule

St Mary—Princeville
 April 13th—Class
 April 20th—Happy Easter
 April 27th—Class—Last Class
 May 3rd— 10:00am 1st Communion Practice
 May 4th—1st Communion—
 10:30am @ St Joseph
 May 10th—Confirmation
 @ Cathedral at 4pm
 May 11th—1st Communion/
 Confirmation Reception and
 9:30am 1st Communion @ St
 Mary's

Youth Group Schedule for 7-12th graders **5:30pm—7:30pm**

April 13th
 April 27th (Starved Rock)
 If you want to join the Youth Group or have questions please call
 Annie Bosch 309-231-8084

Opportunities for Confession:

- Saint Joseph, Brimfield: every Wednesday 5-6:45pm, Holy Thursday after 7:30pm Mass Good Friday 12:00-1:45pm, Holy Saturday 2:00-4:00pm
- Saint Mary of the Woods, Princeville: every Wednesday 6-6:45pm, every Saturday 3:00-3:45pm, every Sunday 8:00-8:45 am,

The Bishop has issued a decree with the approval of our new parish name Incarnation of the Lord. Our church name is not changing. We are joining with St Mary of the Woods, St Dominic, St John the Baptist to become one parish. We will be 4 church locations under one parish.

Final opportunity for STATIONS of the CROSS

Good Friday at 2:00pm as we follow Christ in his journey to the cross.



The Stations, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus' passion and death. These 14 stations each depict a moment on His journey to Calvary. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced His path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa. Later, for the many who could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that took the form of the stations currently found in almost every Catholic church throughout the world. We are indeed blessed here to have the beautiful stations that aid us in our prayer journey.

Mark Your Calendar

Parish Council Meeting April 24th
 7PM at Harrison Hall—All are welcome to attend



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5034 EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus is inviting all children up to age of 12 from St. Joseph's ~ St James's ~ St Mary's to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 19th at 10:00am. Location is near the Kickapoo Ball Park in front of St. Mary's Church .

Groups will be separated by ages
 Each child will need to bring their own basket
 We have lots of eggs to gather so lets have a great turnout.



Meet for Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph Divine Mercy Breakfast
 All our new parish churches and St. James are invited.
 Various breakfast casseroles, fruit salad, and baked breakfast goodies along with beverages will be served.
 Free will offerings accepted.
 Join us after the 10:30 Mass on April 27 at Harrison Hall.



For more information or answers to questions about the Bishops Growing more Disciples go to www.cdop.org/pastoral-plan