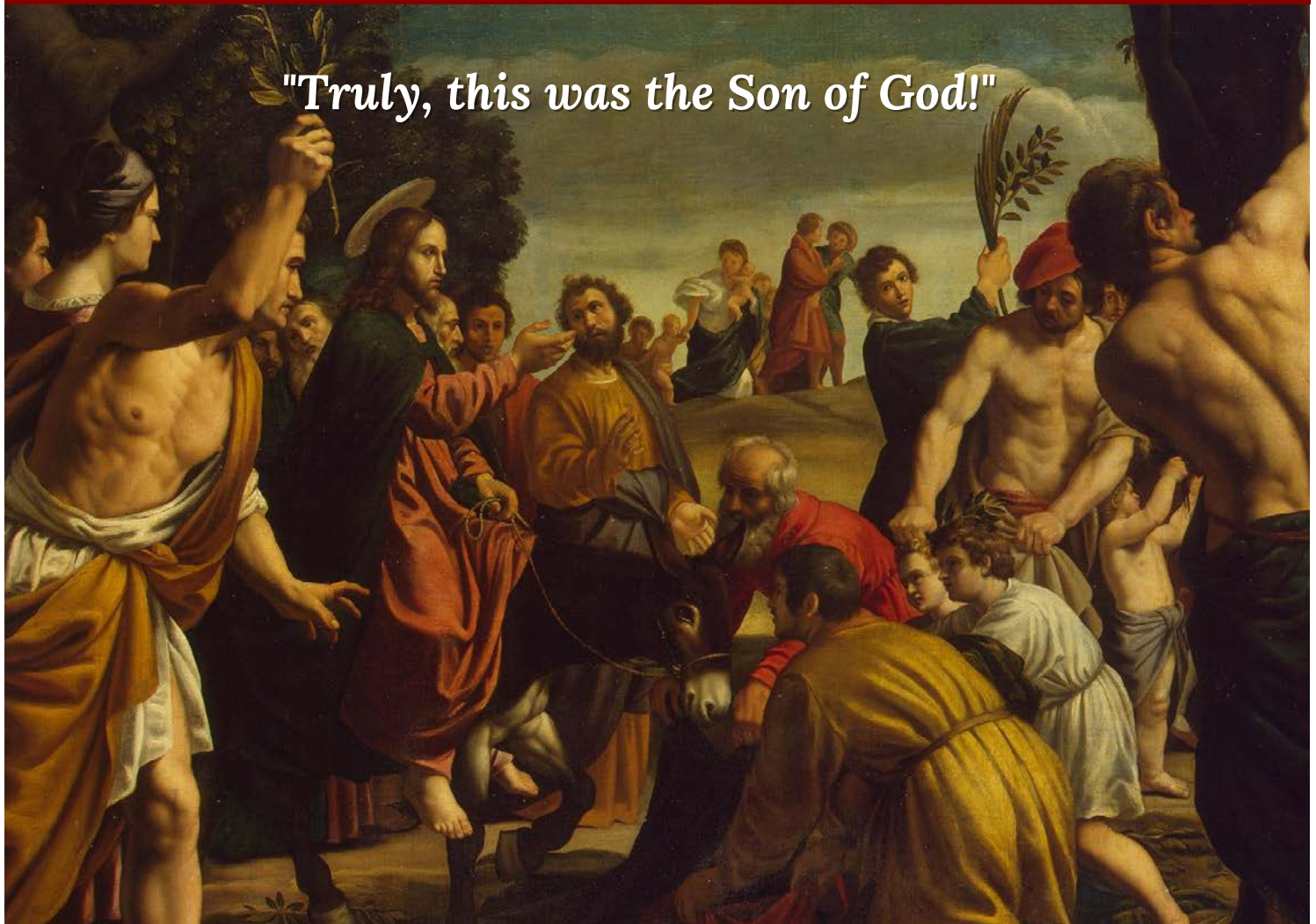


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11:00am (Church • Incense)

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Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

9:00pm

See the back page for the complete Holy Week and Easter Schedule

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WELCOME! We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES... Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

If your children have some extra wiggles or need to let out a few extra joyful noises, we have a large **Quieting Room in the Church, as well as a video feed in the Parish Hall Gallery** should you need to step out. But please do come back—we want you here!

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY... Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm



No Adoration during the Triduum

In observance of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, there is no Adoration from the entirety of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Adoration resumes Monday, April 6th at 6:00am.

Confession

Wednesday • 6:30pm
No Saturday Confessions this week

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ADORE Night

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

A candle-lit evening of Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:30am Holy Mass (John & Alma Bolton)
11:00am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)*
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (Soul of Lenny Iannarino)

Monday, March 30th: Monday of Holy Week

8:00am Holy Mass (H.T. Zettler)
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 31st: Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00am Holy Mass
7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, April 1st: Wednesday of Holy Week

12p-2p Parish Offices Closed
4:00pm Respect Life Holy Hour
6:00pm Holy Mass (Celida Borro)
6:30pm ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, April 2nd: Holy Thursday

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration Vigil until 12:00am

Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

2:30pm Divine Mercy Novena: Day 1
3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4th: Holy Saturday

6:30am Women at the Well
7:00am That Man Is You!
9:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

Sunday, April 5th: The Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Sunday

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am Holy Mass: Church (Patricia Hinterschied)*
11:00am Holy Mass: Parish Hall (Ray and Patricia Pauken)

No 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

*Denotes the use of incense

Mass Intentions

We have plenty of open dates available for Mass intentions in 2026. A Mass intention is a sacred way to unite a specific prayer or need with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

To request a Mass intention for 2026 or for more information, please contact the parish office at 614-231-4509 or info@stcatharine.com

March 29, 2026

Written by
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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mt 21:1-11 | Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14—27:66

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Pay attention to the prominence of Scripture in today's Mass. At Masses where there's a Procession or the Solemn Entrance, we'll hear the Gospel reading proclaiming Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. During our regular Liturgy of the Word, we'll also read through the lengthy account of Christ's passion (this year, from the Gospel of Matthew). Following the reading of the passion a brief homily may be given, but there may also be a period of silence rather than a homily. In so many ways, it seems that beginning with Palm Sunday (and all throughout Holy Week), the Church is inviting us to feast on God's Word in a deeper way than perhaps at any other time in the liturgical year. As disciples, our whole Christian life must be nourished not only by the sacraments, but by the Word of God. As Lent comes to a close, we can think back to our Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent, where Jesus tells us that "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Mt 4:4) The events we hear about during this time are the climactic moments in the unfolding plan of our salvation. By reading the Gospel accounts, we're invited to *participate* in them through this liturgy which makes them present to us, here and now.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul's Letter to the Philippians speaks of Jesus' self-emptying love. Although he was God, Jesus took on our humanity and offered his life in humble obedience to the Father, accepting, willfully, even death on a cross. When we consider our efforts to lead others to know the Lord, we're invited to adopt his own way of reaching out to humanity. Do we enter into the lived experience of those we seek to evangelize? In what ways do we empty (humble) ourselves in order to draw near to them? Are we willing to set aside our plans, our agenda, our way of doing things, and willingly accept God's way of doing things? Following the example of our Lord, our own efforts at evangelization should be marked by humility and self-emptying love.

STUDY

One of the best ways we can participate in the celebration of these sacred days is to spend time reading the Scriptures for each day of Holy Week. Read the text, then sit in silence, allowing the words to wash over you. What moments or lines stand out to you? As you re-read the Gospel of Christ's passion, read the words knowing that Jesus has done all of this *for you*.



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- Canned Soup
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"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

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Palms, Parades, and Preschool Smiles

By Ashlee Kurth



Palm Sunday is one of the most joyful and energetic moments of the Lenten season. It recalls a time when people gathered along the road, waving palm branches and celebrating together with excitement, movement, and a spirit of welcome.

If you've ever walked through our preschool halls, you might notice that this kind of joy feels very familiar.

In church, Palm Sunday often begins with a procession—people walking together, waving branches, and singing. There's a sense of anticipation, community, and shared celebration.

Next week, our preschool will capture that same spirit in their own way. With Fr. Bob leading the way, the children will take part in a joyful palm parade through the halls. There will be smiles, laughter, and plenty of excitement as they follow along together. Parades are nothing new in preschool life. Children naturally find reasons to celebrate; marching with instruments during music time, proudly showing off their artwork, or simply walking together while laughing and singing. They bring energy and enthusiasm to even the simplest moments.

That's what makes this connection so special. The same sense of joy, togetherness, and welcome we see on Palm Sunday is alive in our preschool every day. The children remind us how meaningful it can be to come together, celebrate, and share in the moment with open hearts.

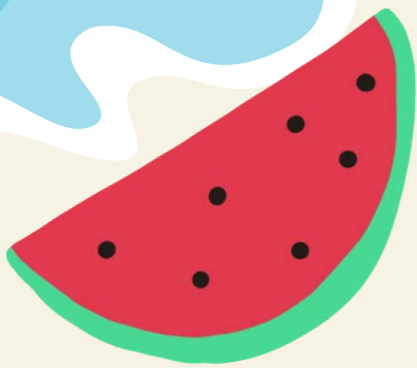
As we mark this season, may we take a cue from our youngest community members by embracing joy, celebrating together, and appreciating the simple moments that bring us closer as a parish family. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Easter season.

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Questions? Fr. Brown • frbrown@stcatharine.com



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Questions?

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As soon as you have made the decision to marry, and at least six months or more prior to the anticipated wedding date, you should contact the Pastor in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program.

Questions?

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If you call after hours, please use the same number and follow the prompts to reach a priest.

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Saint Francis, the poor man of Assisi, is a powerful model for us in building a world and culture that is authentically pro-life. This 13th century saint was a visionary of the radiant goodness of human life.

Early in Saint Francis’ conversion, he was riding through the countryside and came across a person suffering from leprosy. Despite being repelled by the appearance and smell, he came down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper, who returned his kiss of peace, filling Francis with joy. He could see the invaluable dignity of every person, even amidst utter poverty, the disfigurement of disease, and the stain of sin.

Saint Francis is well-known for his radical imitation of Christ and his love for all creation. This is evident in his prayer, “The Canticle of the Creatures,” which praises God for all He has created: the sun, moon, and stars; wind, water, and fire. Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself. This is particularly true for the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected. Among all creation, the human person has the unique capacity to praise God, highlighting the distinctive dignity of human life.

Strikingly, Francis uttered his “Canticle” while lying half-blind on his deathbed. In welcoming “Sister Death,” Francis could no longer physically see the beauty of creation, yet still he praised God for the created world around him.

Oftentimes we, too, are blinded to the goodness of life. Our vision may be blurred by hardships such as poverty, fragility, or suffering, all of which Saint Francis experienced in his earthly life. In the



face of such challenges, Saint Francis is a powerful intercessor, opening our heart and eyes to the gift of life even in the most trying circumstances. Francis had a particular devotion to the Lord’s own vulnerability—in the manger, in the Eucharist, and on the Cross—highlighting God’s presence in the most defenseless among us.

Pope Leo XIV has decreed that for 2026 “a special Year of Saint Francis shall be proclaimed, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace.”² The taking of innocent human life through abortion, assisted suicide, and other acts of violence destroys peace in our world.³ We are called to be witnesses of peace by boldly proclaiming the dignity of the human person and working for the protection of all human life.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

“Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command.”⁴

- Saint Francis' "Prayer before the Crucifix"

¹ Angelo Cardinal De Donatis, “Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, by which a special Jubilee Year is proclaimed, with associated Plenary Indulgences, 16.01.2026,” (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).

² *Ibid.*

³ Pope Leo XIV, “Address to Participants in the ‘One Humanity, One Planet’ Conference,” January 31, 2026 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).

⁴ Armstrong, Regis J., O.F.M. Cap., J. A. Wayne Hellmann, O.F.M. Conv., and William J. Short, O.F.M., eds., *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents – The Saint* (New York, NY: New City Press, 2001), 40.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY

AT ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION • MARCH 29TH

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am in the Adoration Chapel

Holy Mass // 8:30am • 11:00am • 5:00pm

**The Palm Sunday Procession will begin outside the Main/West Entrance*



RECONCILIATION MONDAY • MARCH 30TH

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am

Holy Mass // 8:00am

Confessions // 4:00pm - 7:00pm

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK • MARCH 31ST

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am

Holy Mass // 8:00am

Diocesan Chrism Mass // 3:30pm, St. Paul, Westerville

SPY WEDNESDAY • APRIL 1ST

Eucharistic Adoration // 6:00am - 12:00am

Holy Mass // 6:00pm

ADORE/Confessions // 6:30pm

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION TIMES

Monday: 4:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday: 6:30pm

**These are the last Confessions before
Easter*

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

In observance of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, there is no Adoration from the entirety of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Adoration resumes Monday, April 6th at 6:00am.

HOLY THURSDAY • APRIL 2ND

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper // 7:00pm

Adoration Vigil in the Parish Center until 12:00am midnight

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION • APRIL 3RD

Divine Mercy Novena: Day 1 // 2:30pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion // 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY • APRIL 4TH

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night // 9:00pm

No Confessions on Holy Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD • APRIL 5TH

8:30am

11:00am (Church • Incense)

11:00am (Parish Hall • No Incense)

No 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

