

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: March 29, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for March: **For families in crisis:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Through the Eyes of a Donkey: Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

Summary: The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

Triduum Liturgical Schedule 2026

- * **Holy Thursday April 02:** Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper at 08:00 pm
- * **Good Friday April 03:** Outdoor Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm
Bilingual Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 08:00 pm
- * **Easter Vigil April 04:** Ester Vigil 8:00 pm in Vietnamese.
- * **Sunday April 05:** 7:30am in Vietnamese and 10:00am Bilingual (**No Mass at 9:00am**)

Second Collection:

* We have a Second Collection on this Sunday for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. **Please be generous!**

* We have a second Collection on Good Friday for Holy Land. **Please be Prepare!**

* We have a second Collection on Easter Sunday for Retire Priests. **Please be Prepare!**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Today's Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."* The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."



Good Friday: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these time of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!**

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“Are you the King of the Jews?”

Today, we are invited to contemplate the style of the kingship of Christ the Savior. Jesus is King, and at the end of the liturgical year we will celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Yes, He is King, but His kingdom is the "Kingdom of truth and life, the Kingdom of holiness and grace, the Kingdom of justice, love and peace" (Preface of the Solemnity of Christ the King). A surprising kingship! With our worldly mindset, we are not accustomed to this.

A good, gentle King who looks after the well-being of souls: "My kingdom does not belong to this world" (Jn 18:36). He allows things to happen. In a tone of contempt and mockery, "“Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, ‘You say so’" (Mt 27:11). More mockery still as Jesus is compared to Barabbas, and the people are urged to choose the release of one or the other: "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Messiah?" (Mt 27:17). And ... They prefer Barabbas! (cf. Mt 27:21). Meanwhile, Jesus remains silent and offers Himself as a holocaust for us, who judge Him! When He had arrived in Jerusalem shortly before, Jesus was received with enthusiasm and simplicity: “The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest’" (Mt 21:8-9). But now, those same people shout, "“Let him be crucified!’ But he said, ‘Why? What evil has he done?’ They only shouted the louder, ‘Let him be crucified!’" (Mt 27:22-23). "“Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but Caesar’" (Jn 19:15). This King does not impose Himself, He offers Himself. His kingship is infused with a spirit of service. "He comes without pomp or ostentation. He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble. Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him" (Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop).



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Offering for March 22, 2026

Total Sum. Collection	\$4,586.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 180.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,272.00
Votive Candles	\$ 105.00

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“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

- Sun 3/29:** * Louis Canh by Holly Le
* Joseph and Maria by Hong Au
* John the Baptist and Maria by Lot Uyen
- Mon 3/30:** * Peace for family by Hong Au
- Tues 3/31:** * Louis Canh by Holly Le
- Wed 4/01:** * All souls by Hong Au
* Andrew, Thomas, Ann, Paul, Maria & intention by Luan
- Thus 4/02:** * Joseph and Peter by Quyen Nguyen
* Andrew by 1 person
- Fri 4/03:** *
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- Sat 4/04:** * Joseph and Martha by Khiet Loan
* Peter by Vu Mai