

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him, and he questioned the LORD about it "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This Palm Sunday happens on the sixth and final Sunday of Lent and today we begin the Holy Week celebration. We begin our celebration today with the blessing of your palm leaves. The blessing of palm leaves and the procession we made marks the triumphant entry of Jesus to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus entered the city on a donkey and the people shouted: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and scattered palm leaves and branches on the road.

But the gospel we read in the Mass today is the Passion narrative telling us about the shameful, cruel, and bloody death of Jesus on the cross. The people who shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David" were the same people who shouted, "Crucify Him!" and the red liturgical vestments I wear seem now to symbolize agony, blood and martyrdom. I think there is a change of mood here.

When He was arrested, His own circle of friends, the apostles and those who shouted at Him, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' rejected Him. In His lowest moment and darkest hour, he was rejected, denied, and shunned even by His relatives and close friends. Like in the *Footprints in the Sand*, in our darkest hour, Jesus does not abandon us but carries us in our trying moments. Let us meet Him once again in this season of Lent and usher Him into our lives with childlike faith and openness.

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, March 30 9:00 a.m.
 Healing of Ricardo Richardson req Teresa Tan
 Lolita Willaschek req Ruby Benitez and Felisa Go
 Souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
 Safe travel and blessings req Tess and Loy

Tuesday, March 31 9:00 a.m.
 Corneil Rodrigues req John, Charlotte and Christabelle
 Lolita Willaschek req Ruby and Felisa Go
 Safe travel and blessings req Tess and Loy

Wednesday, April 1 9:00 a.m.
 Nicholas Miranda and Rowan Centritto, Alois and Stella Herman req Gizelle Italiano
 Lolita Willaschek req Ruby and Felisa Go
 Safe travel and blessings req Tess and Loy

Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY
HOLY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION AFTER THE HOLY MASS
UP TO 9:00 p.m.

Birthday Blessings and thanksgiving for Dexter Benitez req family
 Safe travel and blessings req Tess and Loy

Friday, April 3 3:00 p.m

GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 8:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil Mass of Resurrection

Forrest and Olive Wakely, Carmelo and Brenda Iachelli, Amedeo and Luisa Porto and Leonardo Rocco req John and Carol Iachelli
 Lolita Willaschek req Ruby and Felisa
 Samson and Virgilia Gabate req Gemma
 Souls of Vicente Tajunio, Emmanuel Tajunio, Jr. and Alicia Tajunio Mayang req Tajunio family
 Safe travel and blessings req Tess and Loy

Sunday, April 5 **EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 am**
For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

This week the Lamp burns for

Herman Italiano, Centritto and Seibel families

Req Gizelle Italiano



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Mar 21/22, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$1,451.00
Loose Offering	632.00
Share Lent Offering	865.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

Good Friday Special Collection

(April 3)

Taken at the request of the Holy See for the upkeep of the Holy sites in the Holy Land.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday – it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance to Jerusalem.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Through this Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week. The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, the people of God remain in prayer and fasting at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on his sufferings, death, and descent to the dead. Throughout this day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. During the solemn vigil service, a night of prayer which looks forward to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, mourning will give way to the joys of Eastertide, which we will celebrate for the next fifty days.

The Resurrection of the Lord

St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil – the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – is to be considered the “mother of all vigils.” During this night the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the sacraments of initiation.

MONTHLY COFFEE TIME

There will be **NO** coffee time on Sunday March 29th. The next one will be at the end of April.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday, March 31 following the 9:00 Mass and Stations of the Cross. Volunteers needed. Please come and help prepare our church for the great Feast of Easter.

PARISH MOVIE AND DINNER NIGHT

“Brother Sun, Sister Moon”

Saturday April 11, 2026 after the 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass.
At the Parish Hall. Cost: \$15.00 per person
Tickets available after every Holy Mass.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Holy Mass Saturday March 28: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Mass Sunday March 29: 10:00 a.m.

**APRIL 2ND
HOLY THURSDAY**

***HOLY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7: 00 p.m.***

***ADORATION AFTER THE HOLY MASS
UP TO 9:00 p.m.***

APRIL 3RD, GOOD FRIDAY

***Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7: 00 pm***

APRIL 4TH HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass of Resurrection 8:00 pm

APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

***(PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO MORNING MASS ON
APRIL 2nd, 3rd, & 4th)***



EASTER FLOWERS

We would like to appeal for donations towards the purchase of flowers to decorate our Church during Easter. Envelopes are available at the Church entrance for this purpose. Your generous contribution is appreciated. May your kindness be replenished abundantly.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12th

at 10:00 a.m.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

will celebrate a Solemn Holy Mass in our Church on Sunday April 12th at 10: 00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and families to join us for this

special celebration of Sunday of Divine Mercy.