

# PALM SUNDAY

## OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



*Hosanna!*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Church of St. Thomas More*

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**April 13, 2025**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Welcome Child of God!**

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,  
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,  
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!  
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.  
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.  
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*

**Holy Week Meditation**

*Living God, who came to your  
world and entered human pain  
Come and be in every painful  
place in our lives,  
in every painful place in our  
world, today.*



*Living God, who worked in the secret darkness to  
raise Christ from the grave  
Come and work in every secret, dark place in our  
lives,  
in every secret, dark place of our world, today.*

*Living God, who sent women out to proclaim the  
resurrection to the frightened, imprisoned  
Disciples.  
Come and empower us in every frightened,  
imprisoned place in our lives,  
in every frightened, imprisoned place in our world,  
today.*

*Living God, Risen Son, Easter God:  
Come and make us your living Church  
your risen Church  
your Easter Church  
Today and every day.*

*A blessed Holy Week dear friends - may each of  
us glorify and carry Christ in our own bodies.*

*Hosanna to God on High,*

*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & Sunday 5pm Mass

**WEEKDAY MASS**

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday  
**No 12:10 Mass on Wednesday (3/16)**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon, Tues, & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed 9-1pm **Closed Fri**

**April 12th-13th; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

**April 20th; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43  
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9



**April 12th-13th; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Saturday 5pm – † Francis McGurty (41st Anniversary)  
Sunday 9am – † Armand Therrien  
Sunday 11:15am – † Christopher “Fritz” Polt

**See Holy Week Mass Schedule inside Bulletin**

**April 20th; Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Saturday 8pm – † STM Catechumens and Candidates  
Sunday 9am – † Brenda Whipple  
Sunday 11:15am – † Pablo Garcia de la Rosilla &  
Maria Luz Ortega

# HOLY WEEK 2025



**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY** Sat/Sun April 12th/13th

Come early to receive Palms and be seated before Mass.

**Sat 5pm; Sunday 11:15am & 5pm UNH-begins in Church**

**Only Sun 9am- begins in the Gym w/ procession to Church**

## TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY** April 17th, 7pm "Mass of the Lord's Supper"

*New Holy Oils; Foot-Washing; Adoration-Center Library*

**GOOD FRIDAY** April 18th, 7pm *Passion of the Lord*



*Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Communion*

**HOLY SATURDAY "EASTER VIGIL"** April 19, 8pm

*Alleluia! New Paschal Candle and Easter Water*

*Reception of OCIA Catechumens*

**EASTER SUNDAY "RESURRECTION of the LORD"**

April 20th, 9am & 11:15am



## OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, \$5,192.31

Offertory for April 6th **\$5,410.00**

*"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38*  
*Thank you for your generous contributions.*



## STM Food Pantry Update & Easter Baskets

Thank you to all who helped with our first Easter/Spring dinner basket for our patrons. We gave out 45 dinners serving 164 family members.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net). We are doing great for our Thursday sessions but have openings for other times of the week.

At the pantry this week, we have a need for:

- Cleaning products
- Body wash
- BBQ sauce



## 200 CLUB

*If you are a 200 Club member, you could be showered with winnings at our next drawing on April 27th*

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

New/renewal enrollment forms are available at the church entrances. Or simply write a check made payable:

**St. Thomas More Church**

Don't forget to put "200 Club" in the memo section. Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the parish office at:

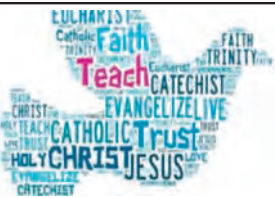
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For additional member information contact Tom Dolan at [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369

*You have made a difference!!*



**A special Thank You to Ric Erickson for the donation of our new Paschal Candle in memory of Marci Erickson.**



*Thank you all Faith Formation parents, catechists and leaders of our Children Liturgy for your dedication and commitment to our Faith Formation Program.*



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+

years of marriage in 2025 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office (603-868-2666) by **April 16, 2025.**

The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!



## MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Regis Croke

Pat Berry

Albert & Lorraine Landry

Linfield & Norma Bovat

Jane & Clayton Douville

William E. Kozolak

Eileen & Michael LaRocca

John & Cathy Coropolis

Jerry & Mary Lee Oidtmann

"Jabby" & Bette Jablonski

Michael Joblonski, Jr.

Chuck Longchamps

Patricia Berube

Robert Berube

Mark Berube







## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 14 Fear Is Not of God

The psalmist proclaims that, with the Lord as our light and salvation, we have nothing to fear. Fear can keep us from bringing authentic selves to our communities and to God. As we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum, consider what might be keeping you from facing your fears and bringing yourself to the Lord. What fears do you need to release to journey with the Lord? Write down your thoughts and consider sharing them with a close friend or loved one. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

### Tuesday, April 15 Betraying, Denying

Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray him and that Simon would deny him in front of a large crowd. We, too, have betrayed or denied a close friend, a loved one, or someone in our community (likely more than once). This evening, pray for those you have hurt. Ask God to be with them and with you, as you repent. How can you move to reconciliation? *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

### Wednesday, April 16 Easter Triduum

The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins tomorrow evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It continues through Friday (Good Friday of the Lord's Passion) and Saturday (the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord) and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Though technically multiple days, the Triduum is celebrated as one liturgy. The slow unfolding of the days and movement of the liturgy helps us enter into the paschal mystery. If you have not already, find out when the Triduum is being celebrated at your parish. Make plans to participate. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

### Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

In today's evening Mass, the Gospel tells of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. This radical and loving act of service is a model for us to follow. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus tells them that they "ought to wash one another's feet." Participate in this humbling ritual by washing someone's feet today. Consider inviting your family, roommates, or friends to do this with you. *Today's readings: Chrism Mass: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

### Friday, April 18 Good Friday

We spend the day sitting with the discomfort that the detailed account of Jesus' agony and death brings. Consider community members who are persecuted. Christ suffers with them. Lift them up in your prayer. How can you accompany them? Ask God to enlighten you and inspire you to serve them. *Today's readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

### Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday

Today we celebrate the turning point of the Triduum: we move from despair and eagerly await the glorious return of the Lord. Jesus' passing from death to life is marked. New members celebrate the sacraments of initiation, and we welcome them into our Church. Pray with and for those new members and offer them a word of welcome after the Vigil. *Today's readings: Easter Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12.*





# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## Journey with the Lord

Merciful Lord,  
humbling yourself,  
you came to us.  
You endured humiliation, suffering,  
and pain  
as your followers turned away.  
Today, we prepare to journey with you.  
Open our ears  
so that we may hear your voice.  
Guide us in radically  
accompanying you.  
Wash away our sin  
and lead us to paradise.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**  
**Radical Accompaniment**



*Today's readings: Luke 19:28–40; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49.* Today we enter Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. At Mass, the procession will be different than other Sundays. The assembly will receive palms and gather at the church's doors. As the first Gospel is proclaimed, the assembled will hear of Jesus entering Jerusalem, greeted by a joyful crowd waving palms. At the end of the reading, all will wave palms and sing as the priest processes to the sanctuary. These actions commemorate Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During the proclamation of the passion, the horrifying story of Jesus' suffering and death is told. Not only do we hear of the crucifixion but also of Peter's denial of Jesus and of the

soldiers jeering at our Lord. Amid the betrayal and the mockery, though, women wept for him, a man carried Jesus' cross, a criminal asked to be remembered, and a righteous man wrapped the Lord's body and brought it to a tomb, where women prepared oils and perfume.

As a community, we contemplate the last moments of Jesus' life. Aware that Jesus is with us in our moments of desolation, we take seriously our journey with him through his passion. Entering Holy Week, consider how you might walk with Jesus—be it praying with Scripture daily, inviting a friend or family member into your prayer, or serving at a local shelter. Offer a prayer in gratitude for Jesus' relentless accompaniment.

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