

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumph entry into Jerusalem, as the Prince of Peace, an event mentioned in all four canonical Gospels.

The fact that Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem is full of symbolism. In the Eastern tradition a donkey is an animal of peace, versus a horse, which was the animal that a king rode when he went to war. "See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).

In the Russian Orthodox Church, Ukrainian Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholic Church, Polish and various other Eastern European countries, they use pussy willows instead of palms since the latter are not easy to find that far north. In Latvia, for instance, Palm Sunday is called "Pussy willow Sunday".

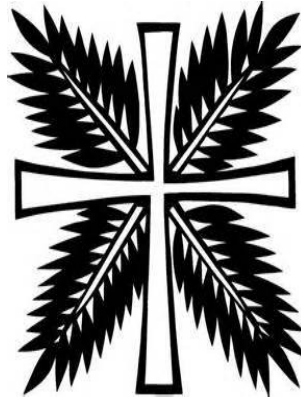
In many parts of the world palms are hard to find and substitute traditions have arisen. In the South Indian state of Kerala, flowers are strewn about into the sanctuary on Palm Sunday during the reading of the Gospel. In Syro-Malabar Catholic Church's palm leaves are blessed before being used in Palm Sunday processions.



In the Philippines they like to re-enact Jesus' triumphal entry astride a donkey (the humenta) with the congregants bearing ornately woven "palaspas" (palm branches) which later are taken home and placed on altars or above the doorways and windows.

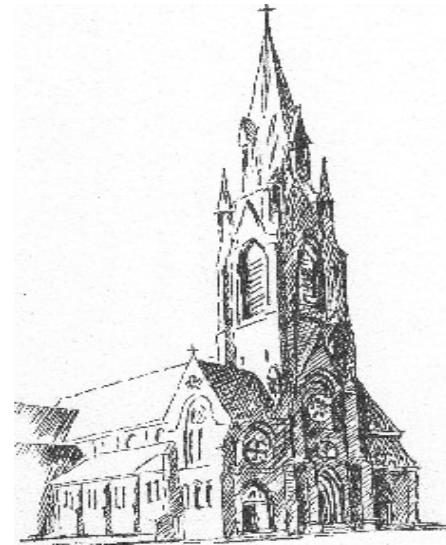
In countries like Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Palestine, Lebanon etc. palm leaves are used along with olive branches and the priest uses an olive branch to splash holy water on the faithful.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. *Have a blessed Holy Week.*



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese
10:00 am Portuguese
11:30 am English
1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English
Saturday 5:00 pm English

Parish Council

Parish Finance Council

Legion of Mary

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

English Choir

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Volunteer Co-ordinator

Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest 12 months in advance

Confessions

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

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Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

The solemn procession with palms is the traditional start of this, the first liturgy of Holy Week, the most solemn week in the Church's year.

First Reading (Is 50:4-7) The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

Second Reading (Phil 2:6-11) Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel for procession (Mt 21:1-11) Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as an all conquering warrior, but as a gentle, humble bearer of Good News.

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, in the Holy Land.

The King of Glory

**The King of glory comes,
the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
lift up your voices.**

Who is the King of glory;
how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people curing their illness.

Sing then of David's Son,
our Saviour and brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.

He gave his life for us,
the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself the sins of the nation.



Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me
when you come into Your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me
when you come into Your kingdom. (repeat)

Jerusalem My Destiny

**I have fixed my eyes on your hills,
Jerusalem, my Destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me,
I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way;
this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone.
The journey makes us one.**

Other spirits, lesser gods,
have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found
a truth that bids me rise. (Refrain)

See, I leave the past behind;
a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find
a glimpse of what might be. (Refrain)



Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh--sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.

Were you there
when they nailed him to the tree?...

Were you there
when they laid him in the tomb?...

Saturday, April 1st

5:00 pm. Henriqueta Rebelo—Antônio Rodrigues Marcos—Vera Denty, Genovena & Franco De Miglio—Sabrina Gomes Campana—Alda Jacob—Serafim Pereira

Sunday, April 2nd

8:30 am. João, Olivia & Fernando Machado
10:00 am. Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Manuel do Couto Vieira—Abel Braga Ferreira—Francisco Manuel Rodrigues—Judy da Silva—Teresinha de Jesus Garcia
11:30 am. Alfredo Castro
1:00 pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday, April 3rd

9:00 am. José & Maria Rosa Couto, parents, in-laws, family & souls in purgatory
6:30 pm. José & Claudina Cruz, Eduarda Moniz

Tuesday, April 4th

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions, world peace
6:30 pm. Cousins of Rosa Mota

Wednesday, April 5th

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda
6:30 pm. Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

Blessed Sacrament Adoration—Laus-Perene
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00pm—6:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 6th

8:00 pm. *Mass of the Last Supper*
Blessed Sacrament Adoration until 11:00pm

Good Friday, April 7th

1:00 pm. (*Passion of Our Lord* - English)
3:00 pm. (*Passion of Our Lord* - Portuguese)
7:00 pm. *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday, April 8th

8:00 pm. *Easter Vigil* (Portuguese & English)

Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 am. Portuguese Mass
10:00 am. Portuguese Mass
11:30 am. English Mass
1:00 pm. English Mass