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Parishioner of St. Richard 5-10-21

**Mass Intentions This Week:**



*The Pirnay Family*

Contact Elizabeth to schedule a Mass or if you have any questions. Please give Mass intentions to Father.

**Next Week's Readings**

**Easter Sunday**

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
 Responsorial Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4  
 Gospel: John 20:1-9

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

03-28 John Holtkamp  
 04-01 George Seif  
 04-04 Elsie Moleno  
 04-11 Toni Ferris  
 04-18 Ana Verduzco-Rios  
 04-25 John Holtkamp

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People will stay on the prayer list for the sick for 1 month. If you would like your loved one to go back on the list for the following month please call the office and let Elizabeth know. We encourage parishioners to use this list during their daily prayer time to pray for those who are sick. May we all lift one another up in prayer during times of need: Steven Goellner; Earnest Thomas; Franklin Epps; Rosemary Buskirk; Robert Taylor

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

**SUNDAY: 10:30AM**

**SPANISH MASS:**

**Wednesday: 6:00PM**

**ROSARY: 10am Sunday**

**CONFESSIONS: 10am Sunday**

**Holy Days - As Announced.**

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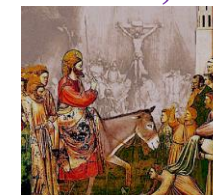
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We welcome all visitors and guests to our parish family and wish you safe travels and a happy visit to Emporia.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 28, 2021**



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Gospel)

**Focusing the Gospel**

**Key words and phrases:**

the Christ; the son of the Blessed One; king of the Jews; Son of God

**To the point:** Who reveals the identity of Jesus? Ironically, it is from enemies and foreigners that we come to understand who Jesus is. The religious leaders ask Jesus if he is "the Christ, the son of the Blessed One." Pilate condemns him because he is the "king of the

Jews." But the Roman centurion confesses this man to be "the Son of God." As we stand this day at the foot of the cross, what do we come to understand about who Jesus is?

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

**... to the Second Reading:**

This hymn from the Letter to the Philippians reveals even more about the identity of Jesus. He is the humble One, the obedient One, the exalted One, the Lord, and the Glory of God.

**... to experience:**

We spend a lifetime coming to a deeper appreciation for the identity of another person, even someone as close to us as a parent, a brother or sister, a spouse. It is no surprise, then, that coming to a fuller appreciation of the identity of Jesus is likewise a lifetime process.

## Centrar el Evangelio

**Palabras y frases clave:** el Cristo; el hijo del Bendito; rey de los judíos; Hijo de Dios

**Hasta el punto:** ¿Quién revela la identidad de Jesús? Irónicamente, es de enemigos y extranjeros que llegamos a entender quién es Jesús. Los líderes religiosos le preguntan a Jesús si él es "el Cristo, el hijo del Bendito". Pilato lo condena porque es el "rey de los judíos". Pero el centurión romano confiesa que este hombre es "el Hijo de Dios". Al estar este día al pie de la cruz, ¿qué llegamos a entender acerca de quién es Jesús?

## Conectando el Evangelio...

... a la **Segunda Lectura:** Este himno de la Carta a los Filipenses revela aún más acerca de la identidad de Jesús. Él es el humilde, el obediente, el exaltado, el Señor y la Gloria de Dios.

... **para experimentar:** Pasamos toda una vida a un aprecio más profundo por la identidad de otra persona, incluso alguien tan cercano a nosotros como un padre, un hermano o hermana, un cónyuge. No es de extrañar, entonces, que llegar a una apreciación más completa de la identidad de Jesús sea

también un proceso de por vida.

## Calendar of Events & Special Announcements

**The office will be closed April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**There will be no Spanish Mass April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**No habrá misa española el 3 de abril.**

## Weekly Offerings:

**Marth 21<sup>st</sup>**

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**Mass Attendance for 03/21:**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>11</b>



Holy Monday: March 29<sup>th</sup>

6 PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Maundy Thursday: April 1<sup>st</sup>

5:30 PM Mass Adoration until 9 PM

Easter Sunday; April 4<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM Mass



Palm Sunday is never just "Palm Sunday." It also always includes the Lord's Passion. By juxtaposing both of these Gospel scenes in the same Mass, the Church is forcing us to consider a hard truth: we are a fickle people. Just as the people of Jerusalem praised Jesus, only to turn on Him a few days later, we too might claim Jesus as our Lord, but constantly turn from Him through our sins and self-centeredness. For many of us, we get a heavy dose of our weakness during Lent, when we begin with bold resolutions but so often come up short.

But our shortcomings aren't the focus of the readings today. Instead, the focus is on the steadfast love and constancy of Jesus Christ. Jesus knows we are fickle. Just like He knew that by coming into Jerusalem, despite the people's praises, He was handing Himself over to death. And yet, in the words of the Prophet Isaiah, he set his face "like flint" and was obedient to His mission of self-giving love. He knew that so many would abandon Him, and yet He chose at every moment to persist, all the way to Calvary. Jesus also knows that you and I fail. That we turn our backs on Him in ways little and small. And yet He continues to make His love available to us today, holding back nothing.

As we enter into Holy Week, let this be our focus: that no matter how many times we've failed this Lent, and no matter how often we turn away from Christ, His Love for us is as constant and pure as it was when He first took up the Cross. During these days leading up to

Good Friday, let's experience contrition for our sins, remorse for our mistakes, but also incredible gratitude for Christ's saving Love. And let's show our gratitude by picking up our Cross and following Him in the way of self-giving love. One way we can do so, as Lent comes to a close, is to consider supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a final act of Lenten almsgiving.

El Domingo de Ramos nunca es solo "Domingo de Ramos". También incluye siempre la Pasión del Señor. Al yuxtaponer ambas escenas del Evangelio en la misma Misa, la Iglesia nos obliga a considerar una dura verdad: somos un pueblo inconstante. Así como la gente de Jerusalén alabó a Jesús, solo para volverse contra Él unos días después, nosotros también podríamos reclamar a Jesús como nuestro Señor, pero constantemente nos alejamos de Él a través de nuestros pecados y egocentrismo. Para muchos de nosotros, recibimos una gran dosis de nuestra debilidad durante la Cuaresma, cuando comenzamos con resoluciones audaces pero a menudo nos quedamos cortos.

Pero nuestras deficiencias no son el foco de las lecturas de hoy. En cambio, la atención se centra en el amor inquebrantable y la constancia de Jesucristo. Jesús sabe que somos inconstantes. Así como sabía que al entrar en Jerusalén, a pesar de las alabanzas del pueblo, se estaba entregando a sí mismo a la muerte. Y, sin embargo, en las palabras del profeta Isaías, puso su rostro "como pedernal" y fue obediente a Su misión de amor abnegado. Sabía que muchos lo abandonarían y, sin embargo, eligió en todo momento persistir hasta el Calvario. Jesús también sabe que tú y yo fallamos. Que le damos la espalda de maneras

pequeñas. Y, sin embargo, continúa haciendo que Su amor esté disponible para nosotros hoy, sin retener nada.

Al entrar en la Semana Santa, que este sea nuestro enfoque: que no importa cuántas veces hayamos fallado en esta Cuaresma, y no importa cuántas veces nos alejemos de Cristo, Su amor por nosotros es tan constante y puro como lo era cuando primero tomó la Cruz. Durante estos días previos al Viernes Santo, experimentemos contrición por nuestros pecados, remordimiento por nuestros errores, pero también una increíble gratitud por el Amor salvador de Cristo. Y demostremos nuestra gratitud al tomar nuestra Cruz y seguirlo en el camino del amor abnegado. Una forma en que podemos hacerlo, cuando la Cuaresma llega a su fin, es considerar el apoyo a la Campaña Diocesana Anual como un acto final de la limosna de Cuaresma.



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## A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Loving God, from the beginning you said that it is not good for us to be alone. Help us to recognize our own need for communion and to nurture it by reaching out to others. May we recognize your presence in each person we encounter, and may compassionate service be our path to joy. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

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