

SAT 4pm	March 21	March 28	HOLY WEEK/EASTER ALL VOLUNTEERS – SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM					
Servers	Issac Wells Fred Dust Trey Brown	Madalyne Brown Tryston Brown Abby Brown	<b>HOLY THURSDAY-5:30PM</b> All ministries PLUS 12 volunteers for feet washing.					
Lector	Doug Brown	Christy Brown Mike Holland	<b>GOOD FRIDAY—5:30PM AT GREEN CREEK</b>					
Usher	Jason Wells Mike Holland	Doug Brown Justin Miller	<b>HOLY SATURDAY-EASTER VIGIL – 8:00PM</b> All ministries with extra servers and lectors.					
Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Davis Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Mike Holland Sara Roepke Don Brown	<b>EASTER SUNDAY- 8:00 AM</b> All ministries as usual.					
Gift Bearers	Jesse Davis Family	Jason Wells Family	Please sign up as soon as possible.					
<b>SUN 8am</b>	<b>March 22 Families in Faith</b>	<b>March 29 Families in Faith</b>	I will be calling on ministers after Mass on March 29 for any ministry that is not filled.					
Servers	Wylie Miller Daisy Miller Jacob Vonderheide	Wade Conder Olivia Vonderheide Zoey Conder						
Lector	Terry Hoene	Donna Davis Terry Hoene						
Ushers	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim						
Ministers of Holy Communion	Shawn Buehler Trevor Floyd Vanessa Floyd	Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Leslie Kemme						
Gift Bearers	Dan Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide						
Greeters	Don Marcella Antrim	George Diana Conder						
Money Counters	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell						
<b>WED. 8am Lectors</b>	<b>March 4</b> Linda Doedtman	<b>March 11</b> Mike Holland				<b>March 18</b> Alice Richards	<b>March 25</b> Irene Koester	<b>April 1</b> Linda Doedtman

Please remember to sign in in the sacristy before mass so we know all ministries are covered.

Sacrament of Marriage-Please contact our parish office (1-844-536-6514) at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith. All couples planning to be married at our parish must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program and FOCCUS evaluation.

Sacrament of Baptism - A family must be registered & actively living their faith. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office (1-844-536-6514).



+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki  
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**Annunciation Church of B.V.M.**

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shumway, IL

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent—March 29, 2026

**MISSION**  
*Be a growing community of disciples, centered on the Eucharist, that imitates Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel and serving our neighbors with love.*

**VISION**  
*Building the Body of Christ through families of faith with vibrant spiritual formation, joyful community fellowship and service, and a welcoming presence to all.*

**Shumway Mass Times:**  
Tuesday – 5:15 pm  
Adoration 4-5 pm  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
Reconciliation-3pm  
Sunday 8:00 am

**Green Creek Mass Times:**  
Thursday – 5:15 pm  
Adoration 4-5 pm  
Friday – 8 am  
Saturday – 6 pm  
Sunday – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

**The King Who Rides a Donkey**  
Palm Sunday Year A remembers the day Jesus came into Jerusalem as a humble king. Crowds welcomed him with palm branches and shouts of praise. They called him the Son of David, showing they believed he was the promised Messiah. Yet, the week ahead would bring both joy and deep sorrow.

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is a time to walk with Jesus in his final days before the cross. Palm Sunday Year A invites us to see the contrast between the cheers of the crowd and the suffering that is to come.

We hold palm branches to remember that Jesus' kingdom is built on peace and service. His way is different from the world's idea of power. As we reflect on this day, we are called to follow him in humility and love.

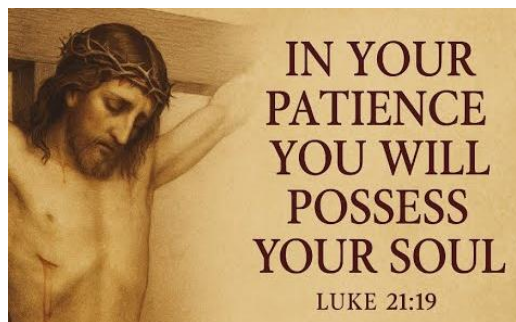
**April Committee:** Beth Spannagel, Michelle Spannagel, Kathy Ferguson, Tammy Manhart, Judy Zacha, Mardell Sheehan



On December 11th, 2025, a letter was published from Pope Leo, on the Importance of Archeology, particularly on Christian Archeology (this letter can be found at ([https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20251211-nel-centenario-piac.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_letters/documents/20251211-nel-centenario-piac.html))). As I was reading through the letter on Monday, it helped to remind me of the virtue of patience, and the importance of taking time instead of rushing through without paying attention. Pope Leo, near the end of the letter, states, "In today's fast-paced world, there is a tendency to forget and to consume images and words without reflecting on their meaning. The Church, on the other hand, is called to educate people in memory, and Christian archaeology is one of its most noble tools for doing so — not in order to take refuge in the past, but consciously to live in the present and work towards an enduring future."

Many people, including myself, become irritated when others demand something faster and complain about the desire for instant gratification. And, at the same time, I too get irritated when I believe something is taking too much time. I want the same instant gratification as others do, even as I get annoyed by others wanting the same thing. And, yet, we continue to invent and rely on things that make things quicker, which continue to increase the expectation that convenience is a necessity. A few years ago, HSHS was hit by a cyberattack, and as part of that, the entirety of electronic charting could not happen. So, patient charting, for a few weeks, had to be done by pen and paper. The nurses and doctors who had started out their professions with that method remembered how to do so, and taught the ones who hadn't how to do so. HSHS isn't the only health system that has had to deal with that recently. And certainly, electronic charting makes things simpler, but it's important to remember methods; so, at the very least, we can appreciate what we have now.

Now, this is not an attack on technology, or even on convenience in and of itself. I like many technologies and I like many things to be convenient. And, yet, it's important for us to not forget our history because that is what has brought us to where we are. It's also important to remember that technology does not and cannot replace relationship with God, and relationship with one another. It can supplement, whether it's a prayer app, or keeping a list of what we want to ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. It's also helpful at times to just send a group text or an email or a phone call. But the technology itself is not a relationship. compassion, love, and truth than we do for convenience or technology.



**PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!**



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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dan Miller         | Tom Laue        | Steve Moore     |
| Travis Vonderheide | Jerry Worman    | Pat Kuhns       |
| Bob Frese          | Mardell Sheehan | Bill Hamilton   |
| Elsie McKay        | Kathy Miller    | Christie Dust   |
| Don Clark          | David Brown     | Helen Kollinger |
| Kelly Myers Kocher | Beth Hewing     | Bill Nuxoll     |
| Roger Thomas       | Jim Gordon      | Cinda Held      |
| Lottie McCormick   | Don Kemme       | Kathy Wakefield |
| Kenny Hille        | Tony Bierman    |                 |
| Trevor Roy         | Tori Schairbaum |                 |

Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add or remove someone. Thank You.

**Dear Padre** March 29, 2026

*How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?*

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. Christ means "Anointed One." The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God's help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked Olea Sanctae ("Holy Oils")—is called an ambry. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used.

• Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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**Weekly Offering..... March 22, 2026**

- Adult.....\$1333.00
- Loose..... 260.00
- Catholic Relief.....20.00
- Easter Flowers..... 130.00
- Total.....\$1743.00**
- Parish Hall update \$156,843.47**
- Masses \$20**



EVERY weekend, we will be collecting food for local food pantries. You can find the donation tote in the cry room.

**MONDAY**  
MARCH 30  
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**TUESDAY**  
MARCH 31  
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**WEDNESDAY**  
APRIL 1  
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**THURSDAY**  
APRIL 2  
(Holy Thursday)  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14: 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**FRIDAY**  
APRIL 3  
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)  
Is 52:13-53:12  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1-19:42

**SATURDAY**  
APRIL 4  
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)  
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Ex 14:15-15:1  
Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11  
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

**SUNDAY**  
APRIL 5  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

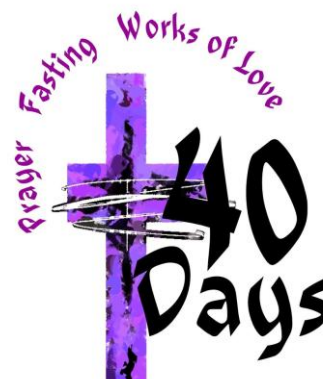
**To reserve the church basement** please call 1-844-536-6514.

**Cemetery Committee**

- John Adams 618-322-2874
- Matt Childerson 217-254-5896
- Daphne Hoffman 217-821-7268

**Funeral Meal Coordinators**

- Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399
- Dot Thomas 217-259-8560




To Report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about Safe Environment Programs in the Diocese of Springfield call 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*St. Isidore Parish & St. Francis Parish*  
**Totus Tuus at ST. FRANCIS**

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Stephanie at 217-821-5970.

2026-'27 7-HS  
 Sunday-Thursday  
 June 14-18

2026-'27 K-6  
 Monday-Friday  
 June 15-19



**Registration extended for World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrimage** – Are you interested in attending World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea July 28 – Aug. 30, 2027? The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is organizing a pilgrimage for young people (ages 16–35) to join this global celebration of faith with the Holy Father. The pilgrimage includes World Youth Day events in Seoul, visits to the Myungnygre Shrine and other sites in Busan, South Korea, and Catholic sites in Nagasaki, Japan.

Estimated Cost: \$6,098: A \$500 deposit is due May 15, 2026, with a quarterly payment schedule. Price is estimated based on current market, currency exchange, and travel conditions. For more information, contact: Fr. Zach Samples, Pilgrimage Spiritual Director (217) 698-8500 | [wyd@dio.org](mailto:wyd@dio.org) | [dio.org/wyd](http://dio.org/wyd)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE January 12-21, 2027**

Join Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Charles Delano on a trip to the Holy Land, visiting the area of the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Enjoy celebrating Masses and Prayer Services at the places of Jesus' birth, preaching, miracles and crucifixion and resurrection. Cost is \$4099/person from St. Louis airport. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 or email [rdprobst@gmail.com](mailto:rdprobst@gmail.com) for brochure.

**Singles Late 50s and Above:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

**Sacred Marian Shrines Pilgrimage** – Join Msgr. David Hoefler of the Diocese of Springfield on a pilgrimage to the Sacred Marian Shrines of France, Portugal, and Spain, traveling September 28–October 9, 2026. This spiritually rich journey will include visits to some of the most beloved Marian sites in the world. Space is limited. To learn more and register online, go to [go.dio.org/786](http://go.dio.org/786)

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Newton, IL**

**Job Postings:** Middle School Math Teacher Starting: 2026-2027 School Year  
 St. Thomas is accepting credentials for the position of Middle School Math teacher/6th Grade Homeroom. Practicing Catholics preferred, but not required. All interested individuals should submit resume', application (found at [stthomassaints.com](http://stthomassaints.com)), copy of license(s), letter(s) of reference and transcripts to:  
**St. Thomas School**  
 Attn: Mrs. Jill Bierman, Principal  
 306 W. Jourdan St. - Newton, IL 62448  
 Or [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com) Please feel free to email or call Mrs. Bierman (618) 783-3517, if you have any questions. Deadline to apply: April 24th, 2026



† This symbol denotes-deceased.

Saturday, March 28- +Merita Elson by Family  
 Sunday, March 29- +Sally Wakefield by Duane Joyce Shadwell  
 Wednesday, April 1- NO 8 am MASS  
 Thursday, April 2-(5:30pm) - +Judy Willenborg by Gene & Linda Doedtman  
 Saturday, April 4-(8pm)- +Sally Wakefield by Tim & Deborah Thoele  
 Sunday, April 5 -Parishioners of St. Mary's Annunciation Parish  
 Tuesday, April 7 – +Sally Wakefield by Connie Mullens  
 Wednesday, April 8 – +Steve Shadwell by Charly Rhonda Vonderheide  
 Saturday, April 11- +Ella Bolton by Jane Montello  
 Sunday, April 12 - +Marita Kemme by Family



*The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to Bev Storm and Michelle Spannagel and families on the passing of their sister, Diana Storm. May she rest in peace.*

The CCW members are being asked to bring desserts for the luncheon after Ron's funeral. Desserts can be dropped off after 8am on Wednesday, April 1.

*The parish family extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Hans Kollinger and Ron Harris. May they rest in peace.*

Hans L. Kollinger, 93, of Beecher City, IL, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham.  
 A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shumway. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Services are in the care of Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham.

Ron Harris, 79, of Effingham, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2026. He was born on May 25, 1946, and lived a life marked by hard work, creativity, and a deep love for family and simple joys.  
 A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shumway. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham. It would be an honor to Ron if anyone attending would drive their hot rod/classic car to the services!

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at [www.johnsonandsonsfh.com](http://www.johnsonandsonsfh.com).

Families in Faith  
Next classes March 29, April 12 & 26



The sign ups can be found in the cry room.  
Father would also like volunteers to sign up to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday.

**Holy Thursday** – April 2 -Shumway @5:30pm  
**Good Friday** – April 3 – Green Creek @ 5:30pm  
**Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday** – April 4- Shumway @ 8:00pm  
**Easter Sunday** – April 5 – 8 am Shumway  
10am Green Creek

**Temporal Punishment Explained and How To Get It Off Your Soul** – Ever wondered why Catholics believe sin still has consequences even after forgiveness in Confession? In this episode, we dive deep into the Church’s teaching on temporal punishment — what it means, why it matters, and how God’s mercy and justice work together. Discover how confession wipes away guilt but not always the damage left behind, and how we can heal that through prayer, penance, and love. Father Christopher Trummer, a moral theologian, joins Dive Deep. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the deanery wide annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held Wednesday, June 17th, at St Francis Church. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day, with the closing Mass at 7:30 PM.

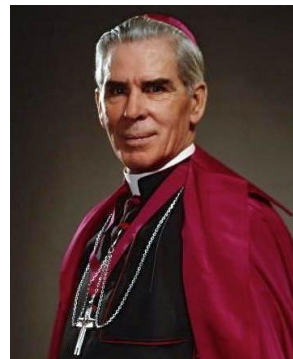
Happy Birthday



Tom Doedtman 4-1  
Luke Vonderheide 4-1  
Joe Kemme 4-1  
Leah Pruemer 4-3

**Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway**  
“A Journey Through Church History.”  
**Next Meetings @ 6:30pm**  
Mon. March 30  
Wed. April 8

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen of the United States is set to be beatified on Thursday, September 24, in St. Louis! He will become Blessed Sheen! Another miracle attributable to his intercession will then make him a saint. Watch this short video of the 2010 Peoria miracle that approved by Pope Francis!  
[https://youtu.be/BqR3VX9p\\_pc](https://youtu.be/BqR3VX9p_pc)



**FORMED-Catholic Streaming Service** To sign up follow these directions.

1. Go to Formed.org
2. Click on Find your Parish Subscription
3. Enter 62461 in the find your parish box
4. Click on St. Mary’s and Next and create your account

**The Sacred Heart CCW** would like to invite all ladies from St. Anthony and St. Mary Parishes to our Annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00pm, in our parish center (405 S. Henrietta St, Effingham). A special program will be presented by Vicki Walker, sharing her bread-baking recipes and talent. Please join us for a fun night out!

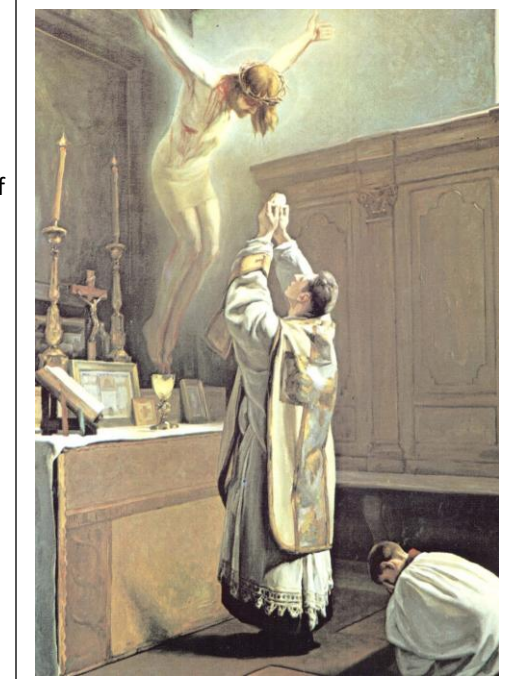
**Help Connect Students with Campus Ministry** - Adult leaders are needed in each parish to be “ambassadors” for a new initiative from Newman Connection that connects students and young adults directly to their college Catholic campus ministry or military chaplain before they leave your community. Called “Faith Forward,” I need local parents and leaders to help invite young people to enthusiastically sign up to learn more about the Catholic community that is waiting to welcome them in their next chapter in life! Click here <https://dio.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/470/responses/new> to sign up as an ambassador for your parish or school!

Protect Your Kids Online – Do you wish that someone had told you early on about the dangers of pornography? Do you ever wonder how to introduce the topic to your kids and when? The average age of first exposure to porn is 8 to 10 years old. When girls internalize the harmful images in porn, they are likely to have issues with self-esteem, body image, and relationships, and 58% of girls have seen porn by age 12. The resources at [go.dio.org/2XY](https://go.dio.org/2XY) will help your children learn about healthy intimacy and understand healthy sexuality as well as protect them from the damage that pornography can do to their brain and to their relationships. Questions? Contact Gracie at 217-321-1124 or [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org)

**What Really Happens at Mass movie –**

The Real Presence: The Mass is a 28-minute film that reveals the unseen spiritual world of the Catholic Mass through a combination of beautiful liturgical imagery and artistic augmented reality. At the heart of the film is the belief that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—not symbolically, but in reality. With alarming statistics showing that many Catholics no longer believe in this foundational truth, the film seeks to reawaken faith and offer compelling insights into what the Church teaches about the Real Presence.

Watch for free: [therealpresence.com](https://therealpresence.com).



Palm Sunday Year A begins the journey of Holy Week, the most important time in the Church year. The readings show both the joy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the suffering he faced in his final days. The people welcomed him as a king, but soon he was betrayed, denied, and sentenced to death. His suffering was not only physical but also emotional and spiritual. He experienced rejection, abandonment, and humiliation. Yet through it all, he remained faithful and trusted in God.

### Suffering and Abandoned

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A show the joy of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and the deep suffering he faced in the days that followed. The people welcomed him with cheers, waving palm branches and calling him their king. But soon, everything changed. He was betrayed, arrested, and sentenced to death. The same crowds that praised him later called for his crucifixion.

Jesus endured pain, rejection, and humiliation. He was beaten, mocked, and left to carry his cross alone. Even his closest friends abandoned him. Peter, who had promised to stand by him, denied knowing him three times. Judas, one of his own disciples, betrayed him for money. In his suffering, Jesus felt completely alone.

On the cross, Jesus cried out, asking why God had forsaken him. This moment shows his deep pain, but it also connects him to anyone who has ever felt abandoned. People sometimes feel distant from God in times of suffering. Jesus understands this because he experienced it himself.

Even in his darkest hour, Jesus remained faithful. He did not fight back or seek revenge. He trusted that his suffering had meaning. Palm Sunday Year A reminds people that suffering is part of life, but they are never truly alone. Jesus knows what it is to feel abandoned, and he walks with them in their pain.

### Where Am I?

Palm Sunday Year A invites people to place themselves in the story of Jesus' passion. There were many different people involved, each with their own reactions. Some welcomed Jesus with joy. Others turned against him. Some stayed close, while others ran away. It is worth asking, where would we have been?

Would we have been in the crowd, cheering for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem? Or would we have been annoyed by the commotion, not wanting our routine disturbed? When Jesus was arrested, would we have stood by him, or would we have denied knowing him like Peter?

Maybe we would have been like Simon of Cyrene, carrying the cross without wanting to, forced into service. Or perhaps like the women who stood by Jesus at the cross, refusing to leave him even when things got dangerous. Would we have helped, like Joseph of Arimathea, who gave Jesus a tomb? Or would we have joined the crowd in mocking him?

Palm Sunday Year A challenges people to reflect on their own faith. Do they stand by Jesus only when it is easy, or do they follow him even when it is hard? It is easy to say we love God, but our actions show where we truly stand.

### Am I Willing to Follow?

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A show that following Jesus is not always easy. He does not promise an easy life. He asks people to follow him in humility and service, even when it leads to suffering. Are we willing to follow him in this way?

Jesus showed what true love looks like. He put others before himself. He accepted suffering instead of running from it. He forgave even those who hurt him. This is not the way of the world. The world teaches people to seek power, comfort, and success. Jesus teaches them to serve, sacrifice, and love.



It is easy to admire Jesus from a distance. It is harder to live as he did. Following him means choosing kindness over selfishness, patience over anger, and trust over fear. It means carrying our own crosses, whatever they may be. It means forgiving when it is difficult and loving even those who hurt us. Palm Sunday Year A asks a simple but difficult question: Are we willing to follow Jesus, no matter the cost? He showed the way, but each person must choose whether to walk it.

The passion story is not just about the past—it challenges people today. It asks them to reflect on their own faith, their willingness to follow Jesus, and their response to suffering. Palm Sunday Year A reminds them that true greatness comes from humility and love. As Holy Week begins, they are invited to walk with Jesus, to stand by him in his suffering, and to follow his example of selfless love.

### Prayer

Lord, you walked the path of suffering with love and patience. You were betrayed, denied, and abandoned, yet you remained faithful. Help me to follow your example. Give me strength in hard times, courage to stand by you, and a heart willing to serve others. Teach me to love as you love. Amen.

### Reflection Questions for Palm Sunday Year A – Passion Sunday

- What does Jesus' suffering teach me about facing difficulties in my own life?
- Have I ever felt abandoned by God? How does Jesus' experience on the cross help me understand this feeling?
- In what ways do I stand by Jesus when it is easy, and when do I struggle?
- How do I respond when I see others suffering? Do I offer help, or do I turn away?
- Who in the passion story do I relate to the most, and why?
- How can I practice humility and service in my daily life?
- What are the "false kingdoms" I am tempted to follow instead of Jesus?
- Do I seek recognition and power, or do I choose to serve others quietly?
- How can I better trust God when I face struggles or suffering?
- What steps can I take to follow Jesus more closely during Holy Week?

<https://young-catholics.com/5375/palm-sunday-year-a-passion-sunday/>

HAPPY  
HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Holy Saturday



Easter Sunday