



WELCOME TO SAINT MARY ORATORY

With the gracious permission of His Excellency, David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford, Holy Mass is offered according to the Traditional Roman Rite at Saint Mary Oratory by the *Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*. We are pleased to have you join us in this venerable act of worship and invite you to return often.

*“Veritatem
Facientes
In Caritate”
(Live the Truth in Charity)*



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*For homebound or sick calls,
please contact the office
so we can schedule a time
for Canon to visit.*



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**To preserve the
Sacramental Seal
please leave
phones outside
of the confessional.**



EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY STROLL after both Masses

You are invited to join us in the north garden for a family stroll in celebration of Christ's resurrection!
To add to the joy, there will be treats for the children.



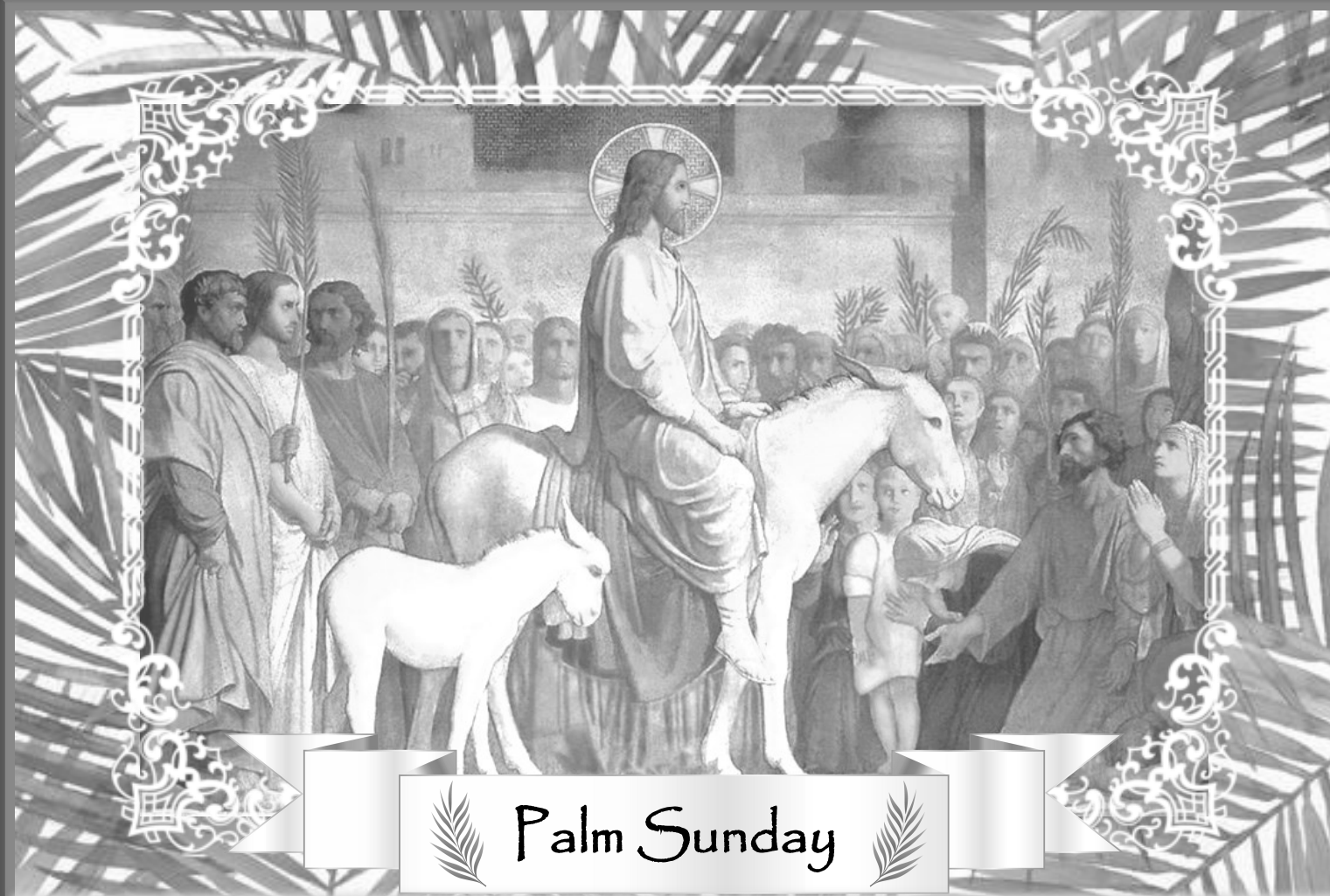
Our **Change for Life** campaign to benefit The *Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford* is coming to an end, and your baby bottles can be returned to church beginning on Holy Thursday. If you weren't able to collect much change, dollar bills and checks are fine, too! Other churches will be using the baby bottles so your timely return is most appreciated. Thank you on behalf of all the moms and babies who will benefit from your generosity!

PRECEPT ON FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to **FAST** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days one full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals which added together would not equal one full meal is allowed if necessary.

All Catholics 14 years old and older are obliged to **ABSTAIN** from meat, soup and gravy made from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

*“FASTING CLEANSSES THE SOUL,
RAISES THE MIND, SUBJECTS ONE’S FLESH TO
THE SPIRIT, RENDERS THE HEART CONTRITE
AND HUMBLE, SCATTERS THE CLOUDS OF
CONCUPISCENCE, QUENCHES THE FIRE OF LUST,
KINDLES THE TRUE LIGHT OF CHASTITY.”
- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS*



Palm Sunday

Saint Mary Oratory

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday - Sunday &
Holy Days: CLOSED

GROTTO HOURS

Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm
Sat., Sun., & Holy Days:
CLOSED

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Monday: 12:00pm
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Monday &
Wednesday-Friday:
11:15am-11:45am
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass
Sunday: 7:15am & 9:45am

OTHER SACRAMENTS & ALL APPOINTMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE

**For baptisms, please contact
the office a month before the
baby is due. Baptisms should
be done within 1 to 3 weeks
after the baby is born*

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - Triduum only Altar Server practice

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday -

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

at 6pm followed by

Exposition at the Altar of Repose

No confessions

Good Friday -

SOLEMN MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED

at 12pm followed by confessions

Holy Saturday - EASTER VIGIL at 5pm

No confessions

Easter Sunday - LOW MASS at 8am,

HIGH MASS at 10:30am

No confessions

Sun Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Family Stroll
in the North Garden after both Masses

EASTER WEEK

Mon Apr 1 - Fri Apr 5 - confessions at 11:15am
followed by High Mass at noon

Sun Apr 7 - Confirmation class
in the hall 9:30am to 10:30am

Mon Apr 8 - St. Mary Oratory's Day
to pray at the abortion clinic

Fri Apr 12 - St Mary Oratory boys & girls
visiting the sick at St. Anne's Center at 2pm

Sat Apr 13 - Maria Auxilium Christianorum
group meeting after 8am Mass

Sun Apr 14 - Confirmation class
in the hall 9:30am to 10:30am

Mon Apr 25 - St. Mary Oratory's Day
to pray at the abortion clinic

Sun Apr 28 - Altar Server practice
in the Church 9:30am to 10:30am

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

Judy Blackford, RIP

Fred Armstrong, RIP

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Holy Monday

St. Mary Oratory Choir

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Holy Tuesday

Dwight & Anita Holliday, RIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Spy Wednesday

Conversion of the Johnson Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Good Friday - Fast & Abstinence

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Holy Saturday

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday

Sandy Bally, RIP

Mary Sue Scordato, RIP

The office is closed
Thursday, March 28 — Friday, April 5.
Standard office hours will resume Monday, April 8.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$3,626

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$237,292

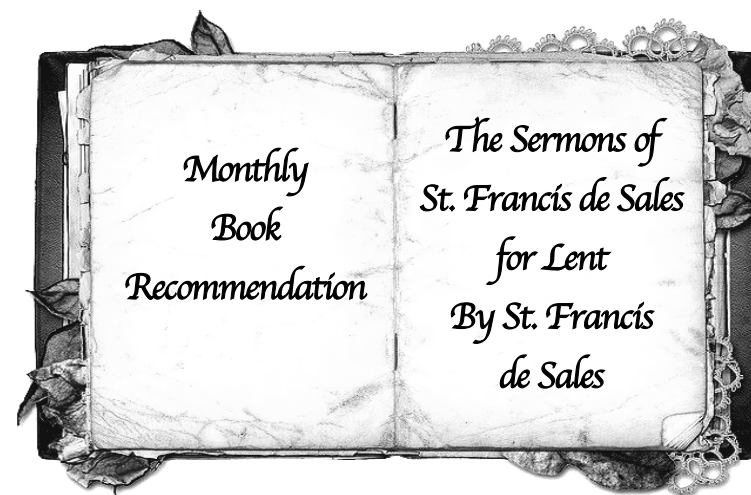
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$304,836

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

PALM SUNDAY

“This Sunday, besides its liturgical and popular appellation of *Palm Sunday*, has had several other names. Thus it was called *Hosanna Sunday*, in allusion to the acclamation wherewith the Jews greeted Jesus on His entry into Jerusalem. Our forefathers used also to call it *Pascha Floridum*, because the feast of the Pasch (or Easter), which is but eight days off, is to-day in bud, so to speak, and the faithful could begin from this Sunday to fulfil the precept of Easter Communion. It was in allusion to this name, that the Spaniards, having on the Palm Sunday of 1513, discovered the peninsula on the Gulf of Mexico, called it *Florida*. We also find the name of *Capililavium* given to this Sunday, because, during those times when it was the custom to defer till Holy Saturday the baptism of infants born during the preceding months (where such a delay entailed no danger), the parents used, on this day, to wash the heads of these children, out of respect to the holy chrism wherewith they were to be anointed. Later on, this Sunday was, at least in some churches, called the *Pasch of the competents*, that is, of the catechumens, who were admitted to Baptism; they assembled to-day in the church, and received a special instruction on the symbol, which had been given to them in the previous scrutiny. In the Gothic Church of Spain, the symbol was not given till to-day. The Greeks call this Sunday *Baiphoros*, that is, *Palm-bearing*.”

FROM: THE LITURGICAL YEAR
BY THE VERY REV. DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER



THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

Part One-The Profession of Faith-Section Two

CHAPTER ONE

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.”

- 41. In what way is God the truth?
God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is “light, and in him there is no darkness” (1 John 1:5). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world “to bear witness to the Truth” (John 18:37).
- 42. In what way does God reveal that he is love?
God revealed himself to Israel as the One who has a stronger love than that of parents for their children or of husbands and wives for their spouses. God in himself “is love” (1 John 4: 8.16), who gives himself completely and gratuitously, who “so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16-17). By sending his Son and the Holy Spirit, God reveals that he himself is an eternal exchange of love.
- 43. What does it mean to believe in only one God?
To believe in the one and only God involves coming to know his greatness and majesty. It involves living in thanksgiving and trusting always in him, even in adversity. It involves knowing the unity and true dignity of all human beings, created in his image. It involves making good use of the things which he has created.
- 44. What is the central mystery of Christian faith and life?
The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- 45. Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone?
God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

2024 First Holy Communion classes have concluded!

Please contact the office (after Easter Week) to schedule your child's 30-minute meeting with Canon O'Connor.

