



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

We celebrate this Sunday Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem more than two thousand years ago, a moment of joy which would soon be turned into one of pain and humiliation. God willed that by the suffering and death of His perfect Son, we sinners would be redeemed. Palm Sunday has quite the storied history in the Catholic Church, as the *Catholic Encyclopedia* (1907) makes clear:

“The emperors used to distribute branches of palm and small presents among their nobles and domestics. The Latin liturgical books call it ‘Dominica in Palmis’, ‘Dominica’ or ‘Dies Palmarum’. From the cry of the people during the procession the day has received the name ‘Dominica Hosanna’ or simply ‘Hosanna (Ozanna)’. Because every great feast was in some way a remembrance of the resurrection of Christ and was in consequence called Pascha, we find the names “Pascha floridum”, in “French Pâques fleuries”, in Spanish “Pascua florida”, and it was from this day of 1512 that our State of Florida received its name.”

Hopefully, many of those who were responsible for the death of Our Lord were later touched by grace and converted. From the Cross, Christ implored His Father to forgive them, for they were ignorant of what they were doing. We who know better have even less of an excuse for our frequent sins than they did. What use do we make of the gifts of God's grace that we have received? Let us reflect on this question during Holy Week, now before us, and ask Our Lord to perfect the work of purification He has begun in us. We can especially cooperate with Him by our sincere fasting and penance in the days to come.

There will of course be the traditional **Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass today at 12:30**. There will not be a reception after the 12:30 Mass this Sunday or next Sunday, which is Easter. The ceremonies will be very long today, and next Sunday, Easter, is certainly a day to spend more time with one's family.

Please be sure to check the **full Holy Week schedule** in the bulletin, in Flocknote and on the Oakland Apostolate website. We hope to have as many of you in attendance as possible at these venerable ceremonies in honor of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

I hope you're eggs-cited about our upcoming **Easter Egg hunt!** I'll try not to make any more puns. The hunt, originally planned for Easter Sunday (April 9) is postponed until Low Sunday (April 16).

Please continue to pray for **Pope Francis**. As you have no doubt seen, the Holy Father was recently rushed to the hospital with respiratory difficulties. He has since been discharged.

Unfortunately, confessions cannot be guaranteed on Holy Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The preparations before the ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum are heavily involved, and require much more time, attention and effort than usual. Confessions therefore will be heard after Mass, if necessary, this **Tuesday and Wednesday**.



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem by Anthony Van Dyck, 1617

Did You Know? Palm Sunday Traditions:

The Catholic Encyclopedia (1907) sheds light on some of the many varied and centuries-old traditions associated with this day. Here are just a few:

“In some places in Germany and France it was customary to strew flowers and green boughs about the cross in the churchyard. After the Passion had been recited at Mass, blessed palms were brought and this cross (in consequence sometimes called the Palm cross) was wreathed and decked with them to symbolize Christ's victory. In Lower Bavaria boys went about the streets singing the "Pueri Hebræorum" and other carols, whence they received the name of Pueribuben ("Theologisch-praktische Quartalschrift", 1892, 81). Sometimes an uncovered crucifix, or the gospel-book, and often the Blessed Sacrament, was carried in recession. In many parts of England a large and beautiful tent was prepared in the churchyard. Two priests accompanied by lights brought the Blessed Sacrament in a beautiful cup or pyx hung in a shrine of open work to this tent.”

The Institute gives thanks to God for the ordination of **four new priests!** Please pray for Canons Liam Dodd, Gerald Bell, Michael McCowen and Jacob Wells. (See photo in Flocknote.) **Canon Wells**, as many of you know, is originally from our Oakland Apostolate. You see that your prayers and sacrifices have been rewarded by God. **Deo gratias!**

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 4/2	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms & Procession at 12:30 <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Moises Balisi
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Ron Chapel†
Mon, 4/3	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Monday in Holy Week <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Father Staal	Bill, Jeff & Arden Glass †
Tue., 4/4	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Tuesday in Holy Week <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Pablo Cacanando†
Wed., 4/5	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Wednesday in Holy Week <i>1st Class/ Violet/ Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Joselito C. Cabral
Thurs., 4/6	5:00 pm <i>High Mass</i>	Holy Thursday <i>1st Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	John Patton, Jr.†
Fri., 4/7	5:30 pm	Good Friday, Mass of the Presanctified Gifts <i>1st Class/ Black</i>	Canon Norman	---
Sat., 4/8	3:00 pm <i>High Mass</i>	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil <i>1st Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Elizabeth Rodarte Muñoz†
Sun., 4/9	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Easter Sunday <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Sang Thi Nguyen†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Fr. Stan Zak†

SACRAMENTS

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass, and also during the Adoration after the 6 pm Mass each Friday.

Please contact Canon Norman if you are in need of or have questions regarding reception of any of the Sacraments.

CATECHISM CLASSES

Weekly catechism classes online: Please contact Canon Norman or Lisa Caputi (henshinx@pacbell.net) to request the Zoom link.

Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Adult Class: Saturdays, at 2:30pm

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

First Communion Class: Wednesdays at 4:00pm

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at [ickspeakland.flocknote.com](https://www.ickspeakland.flocknote.com) or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Peter Trong Nguyen	Paulann Dymond	Lianne Claver
Msgr. David Link	Steve Farinaro	Marianne Martinez
Angie Gonzalez	Eurydice Buenger	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Rosita Foley	John Dymond	William Gilbert
Arnel Adela	Louise Grayson	Diane Kasdan
Imelda Hernandez-Constantino		Mary Persinger
Rose Stone	Albert Bocek	Rita Soria Bautista
Bea Benham	Valeria Casillas	Carlos San Miguel
Wyatt Hayashi	William M. Williams	Fr. Stan Zak
Dario Gonzalez	Canon Fragelli	Ernest Jacob

Requiescant in pace.

***Prayer lists:** If you wish to add a name or revise an entry on the prayer lists, please send an email to oakland@institute-christ-king.org. A longer list of the Apostolate's faithful departed is attached to the weekly Flocknote. *Thank you!*

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 2—Palm Sunday

April 7—Good Friday

April 9—Easter Sunday

April 16—Low Sunday (Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 12:30 Mass)

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2:

7 am Low Mass, 12:30: Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass

Holy Thursday, April 6:

5 pm High Mass followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose

Good Friday April 7:

5:30 pm Mass of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Saturday April 8:

3 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 9:

7 am Low Mass, 12:30 pm High Mass

FLOWER FUND

Help us make the Sacred Liturgy as beautiful as possible! Our **Flower Fund** was begun in order to provide lovely altar flowers for feast days and Sundays. Flower prices have gone up! If you can contribute, your help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Canon Norman.

PILGRIMAGE TO ANCIENT BIBLICAL SITES, JUNE 2-14

The Institute of Christ the King is hosting a pilgrimage to ancient biblical sites in Kazakhstan from June 2-14, led by Canon Benoit Jayr. For more information, please visit: <https://institute-christ-king.org/1417-pilgrimage-to-kazakhstan-and-ancient-nicaea-june-2-14-2023>.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND BULLETINS

Audio recordings of the Sunday sermons and digital copies of the Sunday bulletin can be found at the following links, respectively:

<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-sermons>

<https://institute-christ-king.org/bulletins-oakland>