

Palm *Sunday*

**“Hosanna
to the Son
of David!”**

**Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!**

Hosanna in the highest!”

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Palm Sunday draws us into the mystery of Christ's Passion. We begin with a joyful procession, waving palms and echoing the ancient cry, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" However, the Gospel of the Passion shifts us into sorrow, revealing how quickly acclaim can turn into rejection. As Catholics, we are called to see ourselves in the crowd—welcoming Jesus one moment and struggling to remain faithful the next.

Holy Week is a sacred pilgrimage through the heart of our faith. Each day invites us to accompany Christ more closely. On Holy Thursday, we recall the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Jesus kneels to wash His disciples' feet, showing us that true greatness is found in humble service. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we are reminded that the altar is not only a place of sacrifice but also of communion. We adore the Eucharistic Lord following the Maundy Thursday Mass.

Good Friday confronts us with the reality of sin and the immensity of God's love. We venerate the Cross, not as a symbol of defeat, but as the throne of the King who laid down His life for our salvation. It is a day to contemplate the depth of Christ's suffering for each of us. We recite the stations of the Cross and meditate on the passion and death of Jesus.

On **Holy Saturday**, the Church waits in stillness. It is the day of hope hidden in darkness, a sacred pause that prepares us for the joy of the Resurrection.

At the **Easter Vigil**, we move from darkness to light, death to life. With the lighting of the Paschal Candle and the renewal of our baptismal promises, we proclaim with joy: "Christ is risen! Alleluia!" Our Parish is blessed to have catechumens, and candidates for full communion with the Church this year also. Let us pray for them in a very special way this week and congratulate them. As Catholics, Holy Week is not just a commemoration—it is participation. In the liturgies, in prayer, and through acts of penance and love, we enter into the Paschal Mystery. We walk with Christ, so that we may also rise with Him.

TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 4/6/2025 \$ 15,519
Easter \$ 735

DAC 2025 Goal: \$118,701

Amount Collected \$35,112

Amount Still Needed \$83,589

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Frank Macus (From Fran & Maria)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of Ann Severs (From the Niziol Family)



MONDAY, APRIL 14

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

9:00am Mass

† Norman Check

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group; Knights of Columbus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

5:00pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

† Joe Spear

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

HOLY THURSDAY

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:30pm Mass

8:30am Altar of the Repose

† Brenda (Weaver) Chapman

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

7:15pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Gen 1:1—2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Lk 24:1-12

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

All Christians

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

EASTER

Acts 10:34, 37-43; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

For the People of the Parish

† Shiri, Kfir, and Ariel Bibas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE ON GOOD FRIDAY,
APRIL 18, AT 7:15PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

First Holy Communion & PREP Information

- 4/25 — FHC Retreat from 6pm—8pm
- 4/27 — Last PREP class for CGS and 2nd Grade
- 5/2 — FHC Rehearsal at 5:30pm (One parent must attend)
- 5/3 — First Holy Communion will be at 10am
- 5/4 — May Crowning at the 11am Mass
- 5/4 — Thank You Breakfast for PREP families & parishioners 9:35am—10:35am
- 5/31 — PREP Registration Deadline

PREP Breakfast Social

All PREP families & Holy Spirit Parishioners are invited to celebrate another successful year of PREP at Holy Spirit! Join us for a breakfast of thanks on Sunday, May 4, between Masses from 9:35am—10:35am in Agape Hall. Consider spending time with our Holy Spirit families, students, and catechists to enjoy coffee, bagels, pastries, juice, fellowship, and more.

KofC Scholarship Opportunities

The Knights of Columbus have several scholarships available (presented by Council #10502 and Assembly #973). Eligible only for high school seniors who meet the requirements. See hskofc10502.org for more information and to submit your application. Deadline is April 19.

EMHC Mandatory Training

The Diocese of Harrisburg requires all Extraordinary Ministers to attend a Mandated Diocesan Training. Attendance is required to continue serving in this ministry, or for those wishing to become part of this ministry. If you already have a mandate, you are not required to attend the training. This will take place on Thursday, May 1, at 7pm here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Parish will cover the cost of the training. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Jorge at deacon@hspalmyra.com. Deadline is April 27.

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Please pray for the soul of
Miriam Spohn,
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Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, May 3, from 3:30pm—7pm in the Social Hall! Your \$12 donation includes spaghetti with meatballs, salad, Italian bread, soda, or water. Take-outs, online ordering, and walk ins are all available. The dinner benefits charities in our community.

Seder Meal

You can still join us today as we celebrate the Seder Meal. This meal will be on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 6pm in Agape Hall. Sign up in the narthex, and please bring your own silverware to the event.

Caring Cupboard

Please pick up a canvas bag for CARING CUPBOARD and return your filled bag next weekend. Their wish list this month is **Miscellaneous items**: ketchup, vegetable oil, and dried bagged lentils and beans. **Canned wish list items**: beans (all varieties), pastas, Spam, tuna, and chicken.

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday

This collection helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential in helping the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, offer religious education, and more. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.



Holy Week can be a time to reflect on Living our Faith by helping others carry their cross. God didn't take away Jesus' cross, but he gave him the grace and others to help carry it. In

the Stations of the Cross: Mary's presence, Simeon to help carry it, and Veronica to wipe his face. While we prefer God to remove the crosses in our life, instead he gives His grace and others to help carry it.

PRAYER: Lord, help me be more sensitive to the ways you are calling me to help others carry their cross, because as scripture teaches, what I do for others I am doing for you. And Lord, thank you for those you send to help me carry my crosses. Amen

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