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Catholic Diocese of Richmond

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Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord



MARCH 27TH SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.:

VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- Parish Family (Living and Deceased)

MARCH 28TH SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- Robert Della Penna

MARCH 31ST WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M.:

- Carol Ann Brennan

APRIL 1ST HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.:

- Parish Family (Living and Deceased)

APRIL 2ND GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M.:

APRIL 3RD SATURDAY 7:00 P.M.:

EASTER VIGIL

- Parish Family (Living and Deceased)

APRIL 4TH SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- Ante Pinili

APRIL 4TH SUNDAY 12:00 NOON:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- Michael Mlodynia

Mass attendance March 6 & 7:

Saturday = 25, Sunday = 46

Sunday Spanish Mass = 26

Mass attendance March 13 & 14:

Saturday = 45, Sunday = 40

Sunday Spanish Mass = 45

Mass attendance March 20 & 21:

Saturday = 51, Sunday = 34

Sunday Spanish Mass = 42



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY

~Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
and 12:00 noon;
4:00 p.m. in Spanish
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~Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m.;

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~Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.;

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~Easter Vigil on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.;

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~Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon;
4:00 p.m. in Spanish

Seating is very limited in our small church and
Covid procedures and social distancing
will be in effect.

Please visit our website at:

www.stcharlesbcc.org
to make a reservation.

You may also call the office at:

331-2040

or email at:

saintcharles545@gmail.com

If you call or email, you will be called back to complete the
reservation process to ensure that you are on the list of
attendees. Please be sure to leave a phone number
where you may be reached.

Currently, Bishop Knestout continues to grant a
dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on
Sundays and holy days for all the faithful in the
Catholic Diocese of Richmond until further notice.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Knestout will continue to
be livestreamed from the **Cathedral of the Sacred
Heart** on diocesan communication platforms Sunday
mornings at **9:00 a.m.:**

<https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/>

Out of an abundance of care and caution, any
individual who enters a diocesan facility, including
parishes, are required to wear a face covering (ages
5 and older) and acknowledge their temperature is
under 100.4 degrees, that they do not have COVID-
19 symptoms with no alternative diagnosis, that they
have NOT had a positive diagnostic test for the virus
that causes COVID-19 in the prior 10 days, and they
have NO known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the
prior 14 days; exposure being less than six (6) feet
for greater than a cumulative 15 minutes over a 24
hour period, without wearing the appropriate
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as defined by
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Additionally, cleaning and disinfecting protocols are
in place in all diocesan facilities according to the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
guidelines.

Resources for viewing Mass on TV are:
EWTN

Direct TV Channel 370 and
DISH Network Channel 261

On Your Computer/Phone or Tablet:

www.catholicTV.org/schedule



We are suggesting \$15.00 per plant. You may request
your plant "In Honor Of..." or "In Memory Of..." your
loved one(s). Thank you for your continued generosity in
making our Altar and Sanctuary so beautiful this Easter.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND
The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, D.D.

Information for the Faithful A Breakdown:

What You Need to Know

RETURN TO MASS GUIDELINES – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

- If you have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, you will not be permitted to enter the building.
- Individuals attending Mass must be at least six feet apart when seated and must practice proper social distancing at all times. Household members may be seated together.*
- Until further notice, Bishop Knestout continues to dispense all of the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.
- Additional time will be given between the celebration of Sunday Masses. This allows for worship space to be cleaned and disinfected.
- All those aged 5 and up and those to receive Communion must wear a cloth face mask or face covering. Be sure the mask covers your nose and your mouth.*
- Communion will not be distributed by the cup until further notice.
- The faithful are strongly encouraged to receive holy Communion in the hand.
- Upon presenting themselves for Communion, the faithful must wear their cloth face covering, place one hand under the other while keeping fingers together and receive the host.*
- After receiving the host, the faithful steps aside, lowers/lifts their cloth face covering, consumes the host, lifts/lowers their face covering, and returns to their seat.*
- Those who wish to receive on the tongue are asked to receive after all those have received in the hand, and too, receive only from the priest.
- All ministers must disinfect their hands prior to distributing Communion, i.e., using Purell.
- All ministers must wear a cloth face covering for the distribution of Communion.*
- If the minister's hand or the instrument comes into contact with the faithful's hand, disinfectant wipes or a clean, unused cloth and a bowl of disinfectant should be available for the minister to sanitize his fingers or the instrument before continuing with the distribution of Communion.
- The parish must take any steps necessary to ensure people in line to receive Communion maintain social distancing between themselves, which could include tape lines on the floor.

- Parishes are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace. A bow or verbal gesture is appropriate.
- There is to be no presentation of the offertory gifts.
- Collection baskets are not to be passed person-to-person. With an usher present, large baskets into which people may drop envelopes or donations could be placed at church exits.
- Parishes are to suppress the distribution of paper bulletins at this time. They may continue to be available online.
- Due to the gathering limit established by the governor of Virginia, no social gatherings may occur before or after Mass.
- Baptismal and holy water fonts with running water may be filled at this time at the discretion of the pastor. However, any font with stagnant (non-running) water are to remain empty until further notice.
- All hymnals, worship aids, Bibles, prayer cards or other paper resources must be removed from pews.
- All those as defined by the Virginia Health Department as more vulnerable, i.e., 65+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, etc., should be encouraged to stay at home.
- Parishes should advise the faithful to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to Mass so they can be directed to their seats.
- Parishes are strongly encouraged to avoid asking those in a vulnerable category to volunteer as ministers at Mass.
- Parishes are encouraged to consider suspending the ministry of altar server at this time. If there are servers, they must wear a face covering at all times.
- Parishes should continue livestreaming/recording Mass for the faithful unable to attend, i.e., those in a vulnerable category.
- Priests should continue posting written or videotaped homilies and reflections from the readings of the Mass of the Day on the parish website.

* Note changes effective to the Executive Summary November 16, 2020.



Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (1-7, 4c, 10-11)

Let us pray, may the leaders elected be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions...

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory to the Father...

**Pray for Peace and Protection
of Members of Our Uniformed Services**

PFC Marisol Surran – deployed to Germany. Granddaughter of Dick and Marge Surran.

Navy Chief Nick Swanson – Great Nephew of Michael Flanagan.

2nd Lieutenant Samuel Davis McQuitty – Grandson-in-law of Peggy and Rip Phillips. Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Major T. Martin – Son-in-law of Bob and Sue Panek.

2nd Lieutenant Katherine Lee – Daughter of Patricia and Robert James.

Staff Sergeant Dustin Goard, SERE Specialist – Son-in-law of Mike and Deirdre Purcell.

2nd Lieutenant Kevin Rech – Son of Kevin and Judy Rech.

Navy Corpsman Tyler Rippley – Great Nephew of Michael Flanagan.

Captain Clay Lewin – Son of Kurt and Sally Lewin and Grandson of Maureen and Don Donovan.

Captain Sean Mitcham – Son of Denise Mitcham.

Please let us know the name of your loved one serving in the Armed Forces. E-mail to: bulletinscc@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Msgr. Mickle Council of the Knights of Columbus, Cape Charles will present a Scholarship Award of \$1,000 for college to a deserving High School Senior. Applicants must be residents of the Eastern Shore and confirmed members of St. Charles, St. Peters or St. Andrews Catholic Churches. Applications are due April 30, 2021. To receive an application, please contact:

Mark C. Nunez 757-331-1021 or marknunez1967@verizon.net

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Healing Prayer

LORD, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. *Amen*



Megan Thurston, Grace Buczny, Judy Adams, Matthias Ronning, Art and Eleanor Tross, David Price, Pat Buckley, Bob Gleason, Denise Kladis, Jon Antal, Val Evans, Jeanette Scott, Andrew Porche, Colanitha Carignan, Tom Plaschke, Angelo Collins, Jr., Liam Scott, Mark Nunez, Judy Calistri, Bonnie Wilhelm, Theresa Brady, Al Orlick, Kristin Huggins, Frank Cullen, Dorothea Rose and Elizabeth Grace Hubbard, Diane Cioffi, Sarah Stansberry, Marjorie Briden, Roberta Romeo, Andrea Price, Jennifer Eder

Whenever a parishioner is sick or in the hospital, please call the rectory or send e-mail to: bulletinscc@gmail.com for inclusion in our bulletin.

If a person is no longer in need of our ongoing prayers, please let us know.

Prayer During An Epidemic

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners.

Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics,
pray for us.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.... We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.... But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

-Romans 8:18, 22, 25

My Gift to You Candles



Sanctuary Light – Month of March



Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day.

My Gift to You Candles

The form to request "My Gift to You" candles is available on our website www.stcharlesbcc.org. Please print and fill out your request(s) and mail the form(s) to St. Charles Church, 545 Randolph Avenue, Cape Charles, VA 23310. If you are unable to print the form, please call the Parish Office and we will mail a form to you.



The Altar Flower Request Book is in the Parish Office. Please email bulletinscc@gmail.com, stop by or call the office (331-2040) any Wednesday to submit your request(s) for Altar Flowers. We ask \$30.00 for each request. Please note that during Lent/Easter time (February 20 through April 18) we do not have flower requests available.

Nuestra misa en español se celebra todos los domingos a las 4 p.m. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Our Spanish Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

LITANY OF COMPASSION FOR THE SICK

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to strengthen the sick in times of trial.

(Response after each line)

LORD, BE CLOSE TO GIVE YOUR COMFORT.

- When pain or distress is overwhelming. *R*
When the healing process goes slower than hoped. *R*
When terrified by treatment or therapy. *R*
When it's hard to let go of long-held plans. *R*
When the feeling of alienation arises. *R*
When worn out and weary. *R*
When troubled by impatience and negativity. *R*
When loneliness adds to anxiety. *R*
When sickness makes it difficult to communicate. *R*
When discouragement or despondency sets in. *R*
When fear makes it impossible to face the future. *R*
When the ravages of disease attack self-esteem. *R*
When anger and resentment assail. *R*
When beset by worry or fretfulness. *R*
When it's hard to rely on others for care. *R*
When envy arises toward those who are healthy. *R*
When pessimism or cynicism holds sway. *R*
When anguish is intensified by the need for reconciliation. *R*
When sickness is mistaken for punishment. *R*
When loved ones are far away. *R*
When sickness causes financial hardship that leads to worry or despair. *R*
When afflicted by the feeling of nothing to hope for. *R*
When weakness makes it impossible even to think. *R*
When friends draw back fearful of disease. *R*
When illness makes those who are suffering moody or irritable. *R*
When haunted by regret and the shame of past sins. *R*
When it's difficult to sleep. *R*
When there's loss of appetite. *R*
When there's resistance to necessary change. *R*
When tempted by denial. *R*
When nobody seems to understand. *R*
When bound to home or when restricted in movement. *R*
When listlessness and apathy threaten. *R*
When medication seems to make things worse. *R*
When all that's needed is a caring touch. *R*
When it's impossible to maintain familiar routines. *R*
When it's hard to find the strength to go on. *R*
When it becomes difficult to pray. *R*
When suffering of any sort becomes hard to bear. *R*
When death draws near. *R*

Our Father...

Most merciful Father, your beloved Son showed special compassion to lepers, tenderness to those long sick, and healing to the infirm laid before him. We place before you all those who are ill and in need of healing grace. May the love and mercy of the Divine Physician raise up all who suffer from sickness and restore them to health and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

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"A Prayer when Wearing a Mask"

by Cameron Bellin

Each time we put on a mask,
May it be an invitation
to remembrance,
A communal call to pause
and grieve
All those we have lost,
A number so high it
defies imagination.
Apart though we are
and must be,
May we recognize
that we are linked,
All of us held together by these
bits of fabric and elastic,
Stitched into a beautiful quilt
of shared humanity,
Wrapping all the way
around the globe.
To put on a mask is
to light a candle,
And may our light
be bright indeed,
Bright enough to comfort us
in our mourning,
Bright enough to dare us to hope,
That our love will lead us
to a better future.

Amen.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

MARK 11:9



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Empty Praise

How could anyone think that the joyous cry “Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise?

Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *How steadfast have you been in your support of others?*
- ★ *Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.*

Dear Padre,

I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to “wash our hands” at the right moment.

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

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| Monday MARCH 29 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11 |
| Tuesday MARCH 30 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38 |
| Wednesday MARCH 31 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25 |
| Thursday APRIL 1 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15 |
| Friday APRIL 2 <i>Good Friday</i> Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16, 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42 |
| Saturday APRIL 3 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 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 Mk 16:1–7 |
| Sunday APRIL 4 <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7 |

April 2021

Anniversaries & Birthdays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | ¹ Anniversary: Dick & Marge Surran Mark & Katie Nunez | ² | ³ Birthday: Elian Morales Philip Morris |
| ⁴ Birthday: Robert Harris | ⁵ Birthday: Daniel Suarez Martin Golibart | ⁶ | ⁷ | ⁸ Anniversary: John & Gail McCormick Birthday: Chris Roll | ⁹ | ¹⁰ Anniversary: Rodolfo & Maiela Clarke Birthday: Eduardo Hernandez |
| ¹¹ | ¹² | ¹³ Anniversary: Bob & Karen Leffel Birthday: Chica Golibart | ¹⁴ Anniversary: Neill & Karen Webb | ¹⁵ Birthday: Kenneth MacDougall | ¹⁶ Birthday: Adelina Torres John Riley Patricia Harris | ¹⁷ |
| ¹⁸ Birthday: Bob Toner | ¹⁹ | ²⁰ Birthday: Jennifer Siegrist | ²¹ Birthday: David Price | ²² Birthday: Donna Campbell Rylee Coates Nancy Fox | ²³ Birthday: Jack Foley | ²⁴ Anniversary: Grover & Pat Hill |
| ²⁵ Anniversary: Daniel & Irasema Suarez Birthday: Lloyd Kellam Maria Leticia Rodriguez | ²⁶ Birthday: Francisco Medina | ²⁷ Birthday: Fernando Palacio | ²⁸ Birthday: Robert Gleason Sharon Sanderson | ²⁹ | ³⁰ Birthday: Beverly Stetar Mona Lisa Tucker Theodore Tinkelman | |