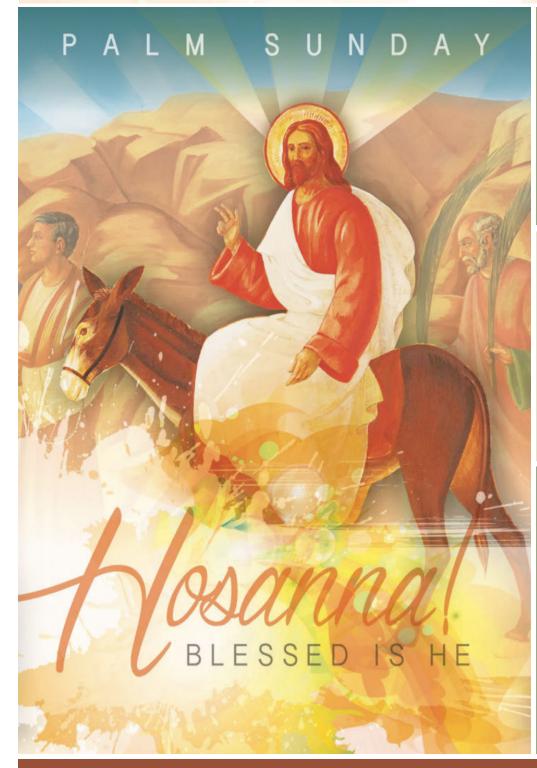
# **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 24, 2024**



MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES Consult the bulletin

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

How could the theme for this Sunday's Readings be anything other than the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ? During this final week of Lent, we celebrate the very highs and lows of Jesus' earthly life. And there are several themes, but all of them might be summed up in one word: **LOVE**. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might have life." (John 3:16)* We must remember that Jesus didn't come into this world just to be crucified. Rather, He came to show us how much He and the Father love us; even enough to die for us.

In the Processional Reading from the Gospel of Mark (11:1-10), we hear the story of Jesus sending two disciples off to prepare for their final meal together, the Passover. Then we learn of His triumphant procession into Jerusalem where a few days later some of these same people will yell "Crucify Him!" In this story, we can tell that Jesus knows what is just ahead of Him, that with each step He comes closer to death. Still, He is willing to go through with it out of obedience to, and love of, His Father and of all mankind.

The First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-7), we hear from the prophet who, like Jesus, was persecuted because the people didn't like what he said. Here he is explaining how he forged ahead even under severe persecution. You might consider Isaiah as being an early version of Jesus, who was thought by his own people to be a prophet.

**The Responsorial Psalm** (22:8-24) begins with the words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" These are the same words that Jesus cries out from the cross; first because He is human and in anguish, but also because these words were written about Him more than 200 years before as a prophesy of God's suffering servant, a role that Jesus is now fulfilling. The end of this psalm is a victory claim in anticipation of the victory of the Resurrection.

The Second Reading, from the Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2:6-11), is a poetic summary of the role of Jesus Christ (the Son of God, coming to earth, living and dying out of love for His Father and for all mankind) and the honor bestowed on Him by the Father: that of being called or recognized by all as "LORD" and equal to God.

The Gospel Reading for Palm Sunday is a three-part reading from the Gospel of Mark (14:1-15:47). In it, we hear the familiar story of the Last Supper, the betrayal of Judas, the arrest and suffering of Jesus and finally the crucifixion. Not until Easter Sunday do we hear the third part of this great triune event. So, listen carefully! Put yourself into the crowd scene. Are you one who is yelling, "Crucify Him!" or are you one who is quietly standing by silently saying, "Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner?"

Thus begins the most solemn week of our liturgical year. Lent will be over soon, and the great Day of Easter will be here. Will you be able to look back and say that your Lenten Journey was successful so that you can truly partake of the Joy of Easter? It's not too late! Begin today! **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!** 

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

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### <u>BAPTISM</u>

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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**MARCH 24, 2024** 

### SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. *(Is 50:7)* 

**PSALM:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (*Ps 22*)

**SECOND READING:** He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (*Phil 2:8-9*)

**GOSPEL:** They brought him to the place of Golgotha —which is translated Place of the Skull—. (*Mk 15:22*)



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 24, 2024

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1 -19:42

**Saturday:** *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



<u>Sunday - Mar. 24th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,</u> Holy Week begins

10:00 am - †Al & Rose Hellinger Requested by: Their Son, Al

<u>Monday - Mar. 25th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and</u> <u>Doctor of the Church / School Mass</u>

8:30 am - †David Lesiecki & Richard Garcia Requested by: Diana Lesiecki

#### <u>Tuesday - Mar. 26th - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin</u> Marv

8:30 am - †Marge Cetovich Requested by: Michael & Maureen Negulescu

<u>Thursday - Mar. 28th - Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the</u> Lord's Supper

7:00 pm - †The Living & Deceased Priest's of St. Anthony

<u>Friday - Mar. 29th - Good Friday</u> 3:00 pm - †NO INTENTION

Sunday - Mar. 31st - Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord

Mass

10:00 am - †Gerald Pepon Requested by: Leonard, Carol Findish & Family



Holy Thursday, March 28th Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm at St. Anthony Church Eucharistic Minister: Laura P.

Good Friday, March 29th

(Day of Fast & Abstinence) Stations of the Cross, Noon <u>at St. Anthony Church</u> The Lord's Passion Service, 3:00 pm <u>at St. Anthony Church</u> Eucharistic Minister: Pam W., Marybeth B.

Holy Saturday, March 30th Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 pm at St. Teresa of Avila Church

**Easter Sunday**, March 31st *Resurrection of the Lord Mass*, 10:00 am <u>at St. Anthony Church</u> **Eucharistic Minister: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.** 



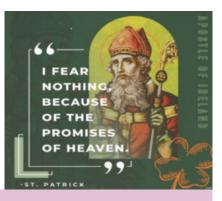
### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## **OFFERTORY REPORT**

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY	
SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/3/2024)	\$7,849.00
7/1/2023 TO DATE +/(-) BUDGET	(\$8,387.53)

### MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.





## PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Amy Schmidt
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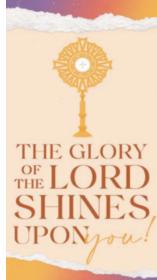
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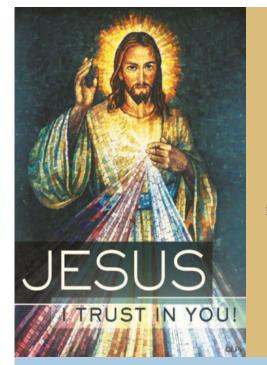
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## **ADORATION CHAPEL**

"Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, believed unhesitatingly of the mystery of the Incarnation, in the fruitful virginity and in the divine maternity of Mary. He believed without seeing the miracles that were to fill Judea with His glory and renown of His Holy Name. We too should recognize Jesus in the frail Host that is offered to us at the altar. Here, He is even smaller than at Bethlehem, more hidden than in Saint Joseph's workshop. Still, it is He, 'I believe all the Son of God has spoken than Truth's own word there is no truer token'" ~ Bishop Pierre-Anastase Pichenot

"When the Divine Child was conceived, Mary's humanity gave Him hands and feet, eyes and ears, and a body with which to suffer. Just as the petals of a rose after a dew close on the dew as if to absorb its energies, so too Mary as the Mystical Rose closed upon Him whom the Old Testament has described as a dew descending upon the earth. When finally she did give Him birth, it was as if a great ciborium had opened and she was holding in her fingers the Guest who was also the Host of the World as if to say, 'Look this is the Lamb of God; look, this is He who takes away the sins of the world."" ~Life of Christ, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen





### DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION -PROFOUND PEACE

I have wasted many of God's graces because I was always afraid of being deluded. God drew me to Himself so powerfully that often it was not in my power to resist His grace when I was suddenly immersed in Him. At these moments, Jesus filled me with such great peace that, later on, even when I tried to become uneasy, I could not do so. And then, I heard these words in

my soul: In order that you may be assured that it is I who am demanding all these things of you, I will give you such profound peace that even if you wanted to feel troubled and frightened, it would not be in your power to do so today, but love will flood your soul to the point of self-oblivion (Diary, 143).

Jesus looked at me kindly and said, **My daughter, do not be afraid of** sufferings; I am with you (Diary, 151). \*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

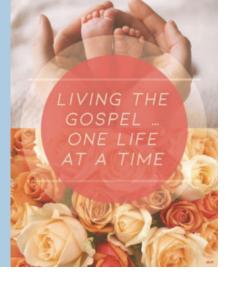
### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, in Your great mercy, help me to respond to my troubles with trust! Give me profound peace that will dispel my fears. *Amen*!

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

With the pro-abortion forces so deeply entrenched it is sometimes easy to feel like David confronting Goliath. But like David, we must expose ourselves to the dangers prayerfully and trust in God totally so that God can bring about a victory.

> Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to Laura, Jon, Tom, Joe and family & friends upon the death of their beloved mother, **Eleanor Shulsky** on March 13, 2024

to Joseph J., Germaine and family & friends, upon the death of their beloved sister Joan Gluvna on March 14, 2024.

May Ellie & Joan's souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

## **FHANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A <u>HUGE THANK YOU</u> to everyone that donated to the organ fund.

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

A <u>VERY SPECIAL</u> thank you to the Cetovich Family for their donation in memory of **Marge Cetovich**.

The organ was received on Tuesday, March 12th and our Music Director, John, with a bit of help, has done a lovely job remodeling the choir loft.



We hope you enjoy the beautiful sounds. *Thank you to everyone!* 

## FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 4/5

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Fr. Damian Ference, Vicar for Evangelization in the Diocese of Cleveland, who will be speaking on the *"Eucharistic Revival Activities in the Diocese of Cleveland"* at our luncheon on Friday, April 5th. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Fr. Ference speaking at Noon. <u>All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, April 1st.</u> Call 440-320-3272 or email ffflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

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