



# Saint Joseph's Parish

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## MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

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**Tues 1-4:30pm**  
**Thurs & Fri 1-4:30 pm**  
**Sacraments:**  
**Holy Mass**  
**Sat 5:00 pm**  
**Sun. 9:30 am**  
**Saik'uz 12 noon**  
**Daily Mass**  
**Tues-6:30 pm**  
**Wed--Fri 9:00 am**  
**Reconciliation**  
by appointment  
**Baptism**  
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**Matrimony**  
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All weeks are holy. But each year at this time the Church names one week “Holy Week” and for good reason - we are invited to meditate on this last week of Jesus’ life on earth.

For this occasion, Jesus chose a donkey and her colt. Apparently, he knew where the donkey lived and that the donkey had a colt. Perhaps Jesus had compassion for the mother donkey who wouldn’t want to be separated from her young.

Now in those days and even today, a donkey is quite low on the list of wonderful and admired animals. Jesus must have had a good reason to choose this humble, wise animal so often ridiculed and overlooked. It might be well to spend some time reflecting on the qualities of a donkey: calmness, slowness, willingness to carry heavy burdens, patience, said to never act out of bitterness or spite, to name a few.

The plant world is also honoured in this story. Great crowds of people spread branches on the path of Jesus. And today we, too, hold palms as the Passion narrative is told. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the goodness and wonder of God’s creation of plants and animals, and consider how they model for us graciousness and generosity, qualities that Jesus himself embodied.

Joan Doyle St. Joseph’s Missal pg. 225

*“O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.”*

*Psalms 23.9-10*

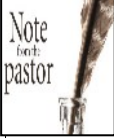


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**From ‘Hosanna’ to ‘Crucify Him.’** The word ‘Hosanna’ is used to express our joy and adoration for Jesus and the work of healing and teaching that he is doing. These words change to ‘Crucify Him’ as we take the part of the crowd at the trial of Jesus and the sin that Jesus reveals overwhelms us. **Homework:** every new baby you see, pray “Lord, let me bring hope and transformation.”

**He descended into Hell.** (Pope Benedict reflection) The Eastern Church’s picture of Easter has taken a different path from that of the Western world and the images which are familiar to us. She does not show the Lord having burst from the grave, suspended in a brilliant, divine glory above the world, as in Grünewald’s impressive and masterful painting. Since Scripture itself does not portray the Resurrection event, Eastern believers too refrained from depicting it. The icon, by contrast, represents as it were the mysterious inner dimension of the event of Easter which is indicated by a few words of Scripture and which we profess in the Creed when we say, “He descended into hell”. In the perspective of the icon, this is an affirmation concerning Jesus’ victory. The icon shows him having shattered the bolt of this world, having torn its gates from their hinges. It depicts him as the “stronger man” who has opened and penetrated the domain of the “strong man”. It portrays him as the Victor, having burst through the supposedly impregnable fortress of death, such that death is now no longer a place of no return; its doors lie open. Christ, in the aura of his wounded love, stands in this doorway, addresses the still somnolent Adam and takes him by the hand to lead him forth. The liturgy of Holy Saturday circles around this event.

**Holy Thursday:** With the tabernacle empty, we gather to celebrate the gifts of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and the call to serve (wash the feet of one another).

**Good Friday.** The service begins with a procession in silence. Our hearts are being prepared to hear and to receive the story of our Savior’s passion. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Although permissible, it is not necessary to receive communion at the service.

**Easter Vigil.** This is the great night of our faith. As the people of Israel were liberated from slavery in Egypt, so we hear the stories of how God liberates us. We renew our baptismal promises and commit to living lives with the help of God’s grace that are free from sin.

**Easter Sunday.** We celebrate that Christ is victorious over death.

**Lent Reconciliation Service:** Wednesday, April 05 at 6:30pm. Times for individual reconciliation will be: 9:30-10:30, noon to 1pm, 3-4pm, after evening service.

**Reconciliation times:** Saturday 4:30pm, 30 minutes before mass times, and upon request

**ALPHA in the Winter:** session completed. Next ALPHA in the Fall. Start inviting.

**EVANGELIZATION STMT:** Transformed lives, transforming community

**PRAYER STMT:** Intimate encounter with God through an open heart

**PARISH ACTIVITIES- Apr 05, Reconciliation Service 6:30pm**

**DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES- Diocesan APPEAL:** we have reached the Diocesan goal ( \$8988) and are short \$2727 of our Parish Goal (\$10,000) - please consider making a donation

**QUIET PARISH HEROS :** the person who swept and cleaned the Gathering Room

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Palm Sunday

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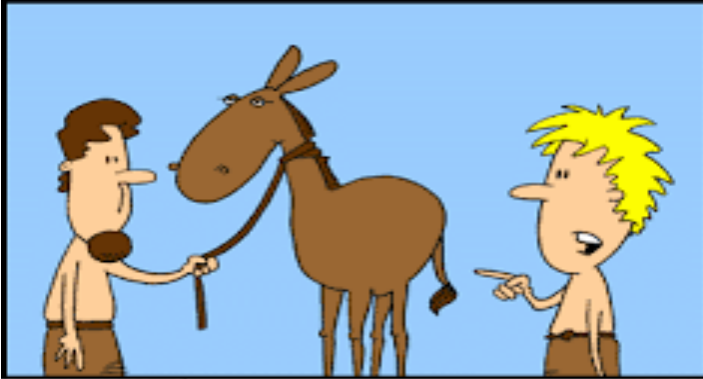
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King  
Name of the Lord  
People  
Riding  
Sunday  
Waving

Children  
Hosanna  
Lips of children  
Palm branches  
Pharisees  
Road  
Temple

Colt  
Jerusalem  
Master  
Parade  
Praise  
Son of David  
Untie



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(See Luke 19:28-42) 04-19-2000

I UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS NEEDS MY COLT BUT I DO ASK THAT YOU RETURN IT WITH A FULL STOMACH

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Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him the name above every name. *Philippians 2.8-9*

<b>Parish Prayer Requests</b>	Rose Marie MacDonald, Geri Mann, Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Michael Nelson, Gerry Nickerson, Ruby Irene Patrick, Virginia Power, Dorothy Ranck, Ken Reid, Lillian Sam, Ian Scott,	Madeline Scott, Madison Scott Don Summerskill, Clark Todd, Mike Van Dusen, Mimi Work and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.
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