

## Daily Readings for the Week of March 29, 2026

Mar 29: Isaiah 50:4-7/ Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Philippians 2:6-11/  
Matthew 26:14--27:66  
Mar 30: Isaiah 42:1-7/ Psalms 27:1-3, 13-14/ John 12:1-11  
Mar 31: Isaiah 49:1-6/ Psalms 71:1-6, 15, 17/ John 13:21-33, 36-38  
April 1: Isaiah 50:4-9/ Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/ Matthew 26:14-25  
April 2: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/ Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18/  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26/ John 13:1-15  
April 3: Isaiah 52:13--53:12/ Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ John 18:1--19:42

### Liturgical Ministries

#### Schedule for March 29th

Lector: Nathan/Margo  
Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family  
Servers: Grady/Kevin  
Money Counters: Kris/Jon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Ron/Mary A M

#### Schedule for April 3rd

Lector: Mark/Shari  
Greeters/Gifts: Mary A K/Mary A M  
Servers: Kevin  
Money Counters: Volunteers  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

#### Schedule for April 2nd

Lector: Margo  
Greeters/Gifts: Mary/Nadine  
Servers: Kevin/Evie  
Money Counters: Volunteers  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist : Margo/Rick

#### Schedule for April 5th

Lector: Mark  
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family  
Servers: Grady/Kevin  
Money Counters: Mark/Jon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist : Mark/Doris

### Today's Mass Intention Leonard Lasack

Mass Intention April 5, 2026  
Treyton Lange

### Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at [DBQ137@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQ137@dbqarch.org).

### PRAYER CORNER



Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Heather Scheiman, Bill Ihns,  
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Gene Schwers, Julie Ahrendsen, Carrie Leeper,  
Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig,  
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# SACRED HEART

**"BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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March 29, 2026

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Palm Sunday

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

**Holy Week Schedule for Sacred Heart OJ.**

Thursday Mass 7:00 pm  
 Friday: Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm Mass 3:00pm  
 Sunday: Mass 10:30 am

**Palm Sunday: Following Christ in His Passion**

This weekend is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. As Christians, we celebrate this day to remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and His suffering, death, and resurrection. I am delighted to welcome you to this moment and prayerfully invite your full, active, and conscious participation as we enter these sacred days.

I recognize how most of us may approach this time in a business-as-usual fashion as the demands of life and many responsibilities can make participation challenging. Yet, a significant event like the Paschal Mystery of Christ, demands our priority. We are called to step away from some of the daily routines and regular habits to embrace a time with God and make even some changes and allow these sacred celebrations to shape our lives in a more intentional and meaningful way.

On Palm Sunday, the crowd welcomed Jesus with joy, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Yet we also hear the contrasting cry, “Crucify him!” This reveals the tension within the human heart. At times we praise, and at other times we turn away. We can see ourselves in both moments, and Holy Week invites us to remain faithful in our commitment to Christ.

The readings draw us into this mystery. The servant in Isaiah remains faithful in suffering and declares, “I have set my face like flint.” Saint Paul reminds us that Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on a cross, and because of this, God exalted him. In the Passion, Jesus is betrayed, denied, and condemned, yet he does not turn back.

As we journey through this Holy Week, we are called to follow Christ with that same resolve—to listen, to trust, and to remain steadfast. If we walk with Him in His suffering, we will also share in His new life, for the cross is not the end but the way to glory.

Our meditations on these Paschal mysteries in these times should enable us to die to sin and self-centeredness and resurrect with Jesus Christ to a new life of healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, love, faith, hope, and restoration to life forever. I also invite you to be part of the Tenebrae prayers on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday mornings at 9 am at St. John’s. Have a blessed Holy Week.

Thanks to Doris and Sharon for spearheading another kolache bake. Thanks to all of you who were able to help with your time, talent and treasure. An accounting for the days will be coming soon in the bulletin and on the hall bulletin board.

The next Table of Plenty will be April 12th

Refreshments will be served following Mass on April 12th. Refreshment Committee: Kathy V, Amy E. and Mary A K Thank you ladies!

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart is April 26 after Mass.

The next “Bible in a Year” study group will be April 8th at 6:15 in the church library.

The 33 Days of Morning Glory book study will be April 15th at 6:15 in the church library.

The next Parish Council meeting will be April 19th in the library following Mass.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Collection for March 22, 2026</b>	
<b>Envelope</b>	<b>\$ 183.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$241.00</b>

**Baptism Information**

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM