

# *St. John The Baptist Catholic Church*

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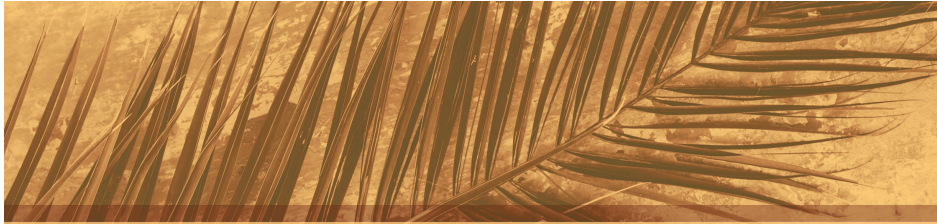
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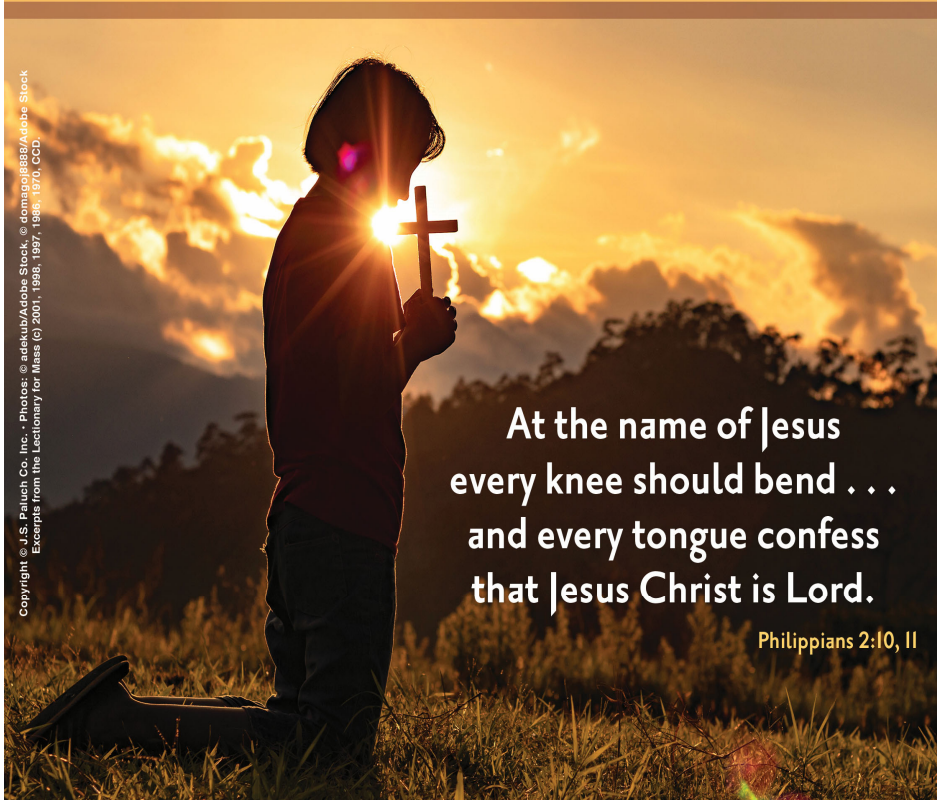
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April 5, 2020

# Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



At the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend . . .  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:10, 11

## **Rev. Rafael Lavilla**

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## *Mass Schedule*

### **Mass Live on FB Daily**

Saturday: 9:00 AM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM

Monday: 6:00 PM  
Tuesday: 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 6:00 PM  
Friday: 6:00 PM

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### Sick Relatives & Friends

Justin McPherson  
 Joshua Rickert  
 Jimmy Hobson  
 Charlotte Carr  
 Lee Olson  
 Robert Carr  
 Bill Johnson Sr.  
 Elizabeth Bides  
 Richard Patey  
 Frank Crowder  
 Nestor Gil  
 Jennifer Kues  
 Karen Pendleton  
 Lynda Pendleton  
 Marty Klein  
 Eric Ebuen  
 Ron Heckman

Marguerite Schaffhauser  
 Bernice Schaffhauser  
 Edward Schaffhauser  
 Irena Osinski  
 Al Wagner  
 Ben Franzuela  
 Tony Barroso  
 May Coons  
 Robin Hanson  
 Walter Hanson  
 Faye Carr  
 Elizabeth Boothe  
 Elisa Alonzo  
 Trish Caudill  
 Mike Ambrosio  
 Elfrida Powell  
 Rina Hopkins  
 Bill Cox  
 Cynthia Waggoner  
 Glenn Sisler  
 Suzanne Denmark  
 John Zesis

Benito Lopez  
 Noel de la Rosa  
 Joan Kelley  
 Loretta Wagner  
 Linda Sandmon  
 Joan Bell  
 Rosemarie Rickert  
 Rizalina Paterno  
 Cheryl Mark  
 Jim Lammie  
 Faye Carr  
 Christine Lucas  
 Dan Benkert  
 Harvey Little  
 Jerry Carroll  
 Wayne Tolbert  
 Jim Burns  
 Mary Uraco  
 Kaycee Smelser  
 Karen Holden  
 Ann Font  
 Joan Richards  
 Bobby Richards

Patricia Seelhofer  
 Wilda Von Seggern  
 Keith Rickerts  
 Dolores Hazel  
 Davd Benedict  
 Richard Boyle  
 JoEllen Reoyo  
 Patricia Clarke  
 Andrew Buttner  
 Adam Herbert  
 Denise Jones  
 Phil Dancel  
 J.C. Kea  
 Ginny Ragland  
 Greg Isles  
 Rudy Chandia  
 Pat Mayhew  
 Josephine Gaudio  
 David Ritchie  
 Kayran Carroll  
 Armand Riendeau  
 Michael Walker

Tedd Metras  
 Marcia Conrad  
 Amor Guzman  
 Daniel Manning  
 Kathy Matkovic  
 Arlene Ritchie  
 Patricia Hinds  
 Mary Starr  
 Joanne Hoffmeister  
 Ron Kurth  
 Charles Garrett  
 Paul Weihs  
 Frank Lujan  
 Herman Ike Pundt  
 Archie Paez  
 Cindy Brown  
 Patricia Wright  
 Nancy Kolb  
 Linda Lizotte  
 Brittany Gillman

### The Granting of Special Indulgences to the Faithful in the Current COVID-19 Pandemic

As Vicar of Christ and the Holy Father, Pope Francis on 20 March 2020 promulgated through the Apostolic Penitentiary a decree which provides for the faithful to gain a **plenary indulgence** as the world faces the Coronavirus pandemic.

In summation, the **plenary indulgence** is granted as follows:

- To the faithful who are suffering from the Coronavirus or Who are being quarantined by order of health authorities in hospitals or in the own homes

(1) When with a spirit detached from any sin can be spiritually united through any media with the celebration of the Mass or by praying the Holy Rosary, the Way of the Cross or any devotion; (2) Recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and any invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary;

(3) Offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity to others and fulfill the usual conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according the Holy Father's intentions as soon as possible ▪ To health care workers, family members of those who are ill, indeed all who expose themselves to the risk of contracting the disease as they care for the sick are granted a plenary indulgence under the same conditions as cited above. ▪ To all the faithful

(1) Who read Holy Scripture for at least 30 minutes, or reciting the Holy Rosary, or by making the Way of the Cross, or praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and

(2) imploring God to end the pandemic, provide relief to those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself are granted a **plenary indulgence** under the same conditions cited above.

- To those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum, the Church entrusts each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and grants a **plenary indulgence** at the point of death provided making a recommendation for use of a cross or crucifix the person is duly disposed and having recited a few prayers during their lifetime (In this case only, the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required.)

### April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Prayer of the Faithful

Grateful for the great sacrifice that Jesus Christ has made on our behalf, we offer to God our prayers for all God's people in the world.

For our Church, God's holy people, as we follow the way of the cross in our own lives, making sacrifices as necessary for the sake of those in the world around us, let us pray to the Lord.

For all nations to set aside their enmity and strife and learn to live in the peace of God's kingdom, helping one another throughout the global pandemic and in the days afterward, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who will be baptized this Easter season, especially those among us, N., N., and N., and for all who will be received into the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who worship here or at home today and next weekend, that our faith may be nourished and deepened by our pondering of these sacred mysteries, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are caught up in our criminal justice and court systems, and for all who work with them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died: we commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love, we pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

Merciful God,  
 in your great love for us  
 you allowed your Son Jesus Christ to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Grant that we may acknowledge him and emulate him in our own lives for the sake of the rest of the world, and hear these prayers which we make in his name, who is our Lord for ever and ever.



## Dear Padre,

**How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?**

The Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna

*Don't forget to wear red for Palm Sunday*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
**b)** Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;  
**c)** Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;  
**d)** Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
**e)** Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
**f)** Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;  
**g)** Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
**h)** Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday.....April 4**  
**5:00 P.M. ....† Leo Nestor**  
 .....by Rick & Denny Foster

**SUNDAY .....April 5**  
**9:00 A.M.....† Thomas Nicholas Weber**  
 .....by Ana & Hector Rios  
**11:00A.M.....The Parishioners of St John's**

**MONDAY.....April 6**  
**8:00 A.M. ....**

**TUESDAY .....April 7**  
**8:00 A.M. ....† Donald Jones**  
 .....by Harry & Dottie Drake

**WEDNESDAY .....April 8**  
**8:00 AM.....Michael Gerdes Family**  
 .....by Mike Gerdes

**THURSDAY .....April 9**  
**8:00 AM.....† Ken Steere**  
 .....by Jane Rooney

**FRIDAY .....April 10**  
**8:00 AM.....Good Friday**

**SATURDAY ..... April 11**  
**5:00 PM .....For the Elect**

**SUNDAY.....April 12**  
**9:00 A.M.....Corinne Hundley**  
 .....by Rose Yeager  
**11:00 A.M.....The Parishioners of St John's**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).  
 Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

## FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

**Palm Sunday:** At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

**Holy Thursday:** Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

**Good Friday:** Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

**Holy Saturday:** In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

**Easter Sunday:** Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

### Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage

Please call the office regarding preparation for these Sacraments.

### Communion and Anointing of the Sick

After Sunday Mass, the Eucharist is taken to the sick. Please call the office to have a parishioner included.

### NEW ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Thank you to all who have signed up on the new diocesan-wide system known as ParishSOFT!

If you have a recurring gift on the old system, you must call 1-800-348-2886 to deactivate it.

**There are three ways to sign up with ParishSoft:** use the **Giving link on our parish app** (Text APP to 88202), use the **Online Giving link on our website** (<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>), or go directly to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/mayport> and sign up. You will be able to GIVE NOW (to give once or as a recurring gift). Choose from a list of funds you wish to give to, or you can set up an account, again, either to give once or to set up a Recurring Gift to the fund(s) of your choice.

It sounds more complicated than it really is, but if you need help, please call **Kathryn** in the church office (246-6014).



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Monday:** Monday of Holy Week

**Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week

**Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence

**Saturday:** The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday



### Act of Spiritual Communion

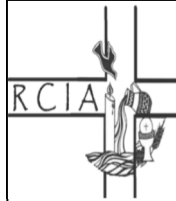
My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### HOSANNA!

*"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.*

### ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

*Your Journey of Faith Begins Here!*



Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or where to begin your journey? Our team will help you explore and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and help you uncover the great treasury of spiritual wisdom that is contained in the Catholic Church.

If you or your loved ones have questions about the Catholic faith, its beliefs, its practices, or if you or someone you know is thinking about becoming Catholic, come and explore the Catholic faith with us!

Our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team has many resources to help you.

Please contact us at the parish office (246-6014).

### TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Kindergarten through High School  
Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

**CHOIRS:****5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

**9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Youth Choir Practice**

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**INFANTS and CHILDREN:**

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

**HALL RENTAL:**

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:**

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

**ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:**

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

**THE LADIES' GUILD:**

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

**ROSARY:** A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:**

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to [ewiley@outlook.com](mailto:ewiley@outlook.com) or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

**FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:**

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:**

Contact Dennis Stone ([dennisjstone@comcast.net](mailto:dennisjstone@comcast.net)), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.