

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 28, 2021**

*[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
Becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross
~Philippian 2:8s*



HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

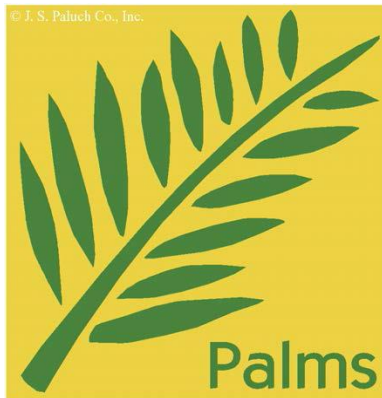
FIRST READING — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

PSALM — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

SECOND READING — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation

HOLY WEEK

MASS/SERVICE schedule
is as follows:-



PALM SUNDAY
8am & 10am Masses

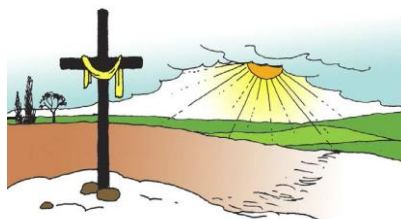
HOLY THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. MASS

GOOD FRIDAY
6:00 p.m. MASS

HOLY SATURDAY
8:00 p.m. MASS

EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Mass
ONE MASS ONLY

Fr. Leonard



~ TODAY'S GOSPEL

The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 – 15:47 [15:1 – 39]).

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, 23, 31, 34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrim 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; Mk 16:1-7

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 Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Passover begins at sunset
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Th Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence
Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

FORWARD IN FAITH



The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the St. Monica parishioners for the success of our 110 Anniversary Celebration and Virtual Silent Auction. The Committee worked with precision as a team, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Shirley Thaw, with expert guidance on the auction from Mrs. Angela Curry. Kim Urenda's technical assistance, and Dwight's performance as the announcer contributed to raising a total amount that exceeded our goal! Our success would not have been possible without your support. You donated and bid on many of the 56 available items. During the process, we added St. Monica Twitter and Instagram accounts to expand our reach on social media. We expect the addition will attract new members as the downtown and 18th and Vine areas expand housing opportunities near the church. Thank you again and look forward to future events to work on together as our parish moves "Forward in Faith." Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2021. So far, we have received **\$59,966.50** and **\$90,033.50**, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful. *God bless you all,*

Fr. Leonard

A REMINDER ABOUT PROJECT GRACE

The portal to the Internet offering of awareness and education on the illness of dementia is open to you. Visit the site sponsored by UMKC's School of Medicine and KU Medical Center's Alzheimer Disease Center to participate in an on-line research project.

Members of this parish, age 55 and over, are encouraged to participate in a two-part survey designed to measure awareness/understanding of the dementia disease process and learn the strategies for handling the disease.

Research participants will receive stipends [\$25 for the first survey & \$30 for the second survey] upon completion of each phase of this research.

You can gain access to this research project by way of this e-mail:
ProjectGrace2021@gmail.com

Or

you may gain direct link to the survey application at:
<https://redcap.link/EnrollmentProjectGrace>

Please feel free to call UMKC's community project leader, Jensen Davis @ (816) 235-6817.

Submitted by:

Deacon Ken Greene

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights. It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.
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SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.
—Paul Claude

Bulletin Deadline- Wednesday- Noon

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

FAMILY MEMBERS:

Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Leonard when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized. Call 816-471-3696 or email:stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

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