

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 28, 2021



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. - Phil 2:8-9

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 1 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 6 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Jennie Giannone
Gene Goettlicher
Tom Quinn
Janet Macchio

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Collective Intentions
Domenico D'Armi
John Francis Stephens
Sue Teichmann
Ryan Bailey
Alan C. Neubauer

Monday, March 29, 2021

Stephen Mullen

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Collective Intentions
Hazel Arruda
Mario Medich
Tony Barilla
Richard E. Ford

Friday, April 2, 2021 – Good Friday

Morning Prayer
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer
Virtual Blessing of Food
Mass of the Easter Vigil

Reconciliation Monday

March 29 from 3 PM - 9 PM
In the Church

The Altar Candles used at mass this week were donated in loving memory of
William Dalindo
from Norma Christian.

The Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week were donated in celebration of Birthday Prayers for
Regis LeGoff
from your family.

The Wine and Host used at mass this week have donated in loving memory of
Alvira Liogys
on behalf of Phil and Rita Defendini.

Baptism

Emma R. Catalanotto *Emily P. Marsh*
Alice K. Gauweiler *Caden Lynch*

Let us welcome those children who were Baptized this past weekend.

Pray for the Sick

Vittoria Tacchetti Dorothy Meinke
Viviana Trapani John Finan Diane O'Neill
Tyler Donohue Anthony Princhinello

Pray for the Deceased

Loran P. Wilson Mary Castelluccio
Eileen M. Kelly Lynn Canariato

The First – First Responder

Last year's Holy Week (2020) was very different. We were experiencing a Global Pandemic, people were scared, sick, dying, and yet some – selflessly - went into the fire of this STORM to help and save others. They carried the cross, they stood at the base of the cross, and some were actually put on the cross. Can we ever thank our first responders enough – going into the unknown and darkness of the Hell we were living in? I can remember how Pope Francis sought to encourage all of us who watched or listened as he led us by word and example speaking of Jesus' passion and crucifixion, recalling that Jesus “descended into the abyss of our most bitter sufferings, culminating in betrayal and abandonment,” and said that from this experience Jesus's message to us today is this: “Do not be afraid, you are not alone. I experienced all your desolation in order to be ever close to you.”

One year later and we are still facing uncertainty and fear. Pope Francis goes on to tell us “...in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled - in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: ‘Courage, open your heart to my love. You will feel the consolation of God who sustains you’.” Jesus was the first – First Responder and set the example of so many courageous women and men who put themselves in harm's way for us. The conversations and prayer moments with EMT, FD, PD, nurses, doctors, our delivery folks, the restaurant owners and workers, mail carriers, and the amazing staff here at St. William's have lifted me up and through the year. So many served us to the point of being overlooked, forgotten, betrayed and abandoned, and yet offered supernatural love and service in this world and our community – living the commandment of loving God and our neighbor. This kind of love only comes from an understanding of the Cross, of true sacrifice.

So, in these holy days of 2021, let us look to the example of Jesus – but also the very real example of our modern-day first responder saints who have made the Incarnation come alive. Much has been said this past year, but this week we unite our actions to the cross. Let us ask for the grace to live in order to serve others. Perhaps you can make time to come to St. William's for quiet prayer during Holy Week – to gaze upon that wonderful cross and pray for the needy in our world; or dive into the scriptures a bit more, or one of the great devotions like the Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy or the Rosary. Maybe it is to reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need – in our community - yes, but what about our own family? Love was lifted on the cross for us – and now we are called to turn that love into faithful actions. To be missionary - to be a disciple. When Jesus was called on, He responded. Will you?

As always, thank you for your presence and generosity.

Peace,

F. J. Joe



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2021

Monday, March 29th

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
8:30 AM Mass - Will be Live-Streamed
3:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Confession

Tuesday, March 30th

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
8:30 AM Mass - Will be Live-Streamed

Wednesday, March 31st

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
8:30 AM Mass - Will be Live-Streamed

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st

9:00 AM Morning Prayer in the Church, will be Live-Streamed
6:00 PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:45 PM Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

9:00 AM Morning Prayer in the Church, will be Live-Streamed
3:00 PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Outdoors

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

9:00 AM Morning Prayer in the Church, will Live-Streamed
9:30 AM Virtual Blessing of Food
11:00 AM -12:30 PM Confession
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass in Church

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th

Masses:

Church 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon Mass, will be Live-Streamed
Auditorium (Overflow only) 7:30 and 9:00 AM
Outdoors: 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

CONFESSION

Saturday, March 27th: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM and 3:45 – 4:45 PM
Monday, March 29th: 7:30 – 8:30 AM and 3:00 – 9:00 PM
Tuesday, March 30th: 7:30 – 8:30 AM
Wednesday, March 31st: 7:30 – 8:30 AM
Holy Saturday, April 3rd: 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 PM

Please be aware the above schedule is subject to change.

All Live-Streamed Masses can be viewed on our website

Be sure to check our Website (www.stwilliam.org), the Bulletin and our Facebook Page for the latest information.

Rectory News

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter Flowers have been sent to parishioners who receive their monthly envelopes. These envelopes provide an opportunity to remember loved ones this Easter by providing Easter Flowers. Additional Easter Flower envelopes can be found at the doors of the church. Please place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Rectory.



Year-End Tax Statements

Please note that year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 to request your statement, or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to information@stwilliam.org.

Missals

At this time we are able to offer the sale of individual missals for \$10 per missal. Please bring a check for \$10 payable to St. William the Abbot or \$10 exact cash to the rectory. There will be no change for cash purchases. We have a limited number at this time, so it is a first come first served basis.

BREAKING BREAD
2021



Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

Light a Prayer Candle



Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.

Email List

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive email updates on parish news and the bulletin, in your inbox please register on the parish website.

stwilliam.org

Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a oyx.

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM

Church Opening During Lent

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM during Lent. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Divine Mercy Sunday -

April 11 - In the Church

Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3:00 - 5:00 PM

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church for Holy Week. Please email information@stwilliam.org for more information on the dates and time.

Faith Formation

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Today is Palm Sunday and we begin Holy Week. It became Palm Sunday when people showed so much love, peace and harmony with people praising and loving Jesus while he was going through Jerusalem and how the people were waiving and fanning palm leaves saying, "King of the Jews". People had witnessed how Jesus healed a man who was blind and now he could see, and how he ordered Lazarus, who was dead for several days to rise up from the dead, and he did, amongst many other miracles that happened. Then we go the opposite way when people were saying terrible things and being mean to Jesus all in the same week. Jesus was suffering and he let his disciples know what was going to happen to him. Jesus knew deep down inside that he had to suffer and die and raise from the dead on the third day in order for us to have eternal life. On the Cross, Jesus says to God the Father, why have you abandoned me?, but you see, God never did. He was always by Jesus' side. Just like our everyday life we too have things going great and then all of a sudden bad, and you say to yourself, what happened things are not working out anymore and you get anxious and feel helpless. You need to think of what Jesus went through and how he suffered, and was scared, but he always put his trust in God's hands, for Jesus knew it was God's will and that all would be fine and work out in the end. Be at Peace and give it to God, he will always help you.

Here are some of our Faith Formation Students who are working on their lessons. All 6 Units are online, and Chapters 1 to 18 should be handed in along with Mass Sheets. If you are having problems printing out the work, please contact us and we will print it for you. faithformation@stwilliam.org or 516-783-2528.



**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG



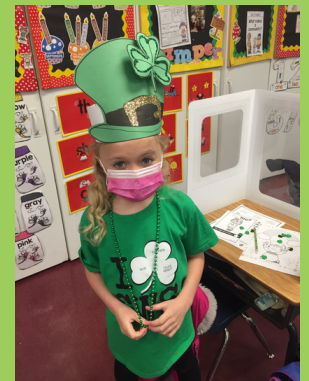
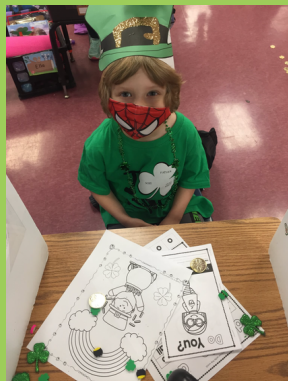
Our PK2 "carpenters" celebrated St. Joseph's Day by making toolboxes with all the tools they need to do God's work!
Happy St. Joseph's Day!



Students in 5-2 Religion Class created their very own version of St. Joseph's Table, while also bringing in food items for the SWA Food Pantry! Happy St. Joseph's Day!



Raise your hand if you get an A++ in sharing! That's what we give our Kindergarteners at St. William the Abbot School. Each week they are donating food to Parish Outreach, which goes to the over 80 families that we help in the Seaford, Wantagh and Massapequa areas. We are so grateful to benefit from their weekly acts of kindness during Lent.



St. William the Abbot school students enjoyed a visit from Fr. Joe Fitzgerald and leprechaun festivities on St. Patrick's Day.

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT RC CHURCH



Join Fr. Joe, Fr. James, & Fr. Collins

*Paint
Night
Fundraiser*

Friday, April 23

6pm - 8pm

2001 Jackson Avenue

St. William the Abbot School Gym

MASKS MUST BE WORN & SOCIAL DISTANCE PRACTICED

\$75 Per Painter

Raffles

50/50

Pizza

Dessert

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of Painters: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

Please mail or drop off the registration form to the Rectory office.
Registration is on a first come, first serve basis until spots are filled.

Paint Night

Fundraiser

Fun Facts



Come witness Fr. James,
Fr. Joes, & Fr. Collins
painting skills

A great night for couples,
families, and friends

50/50 raffle

Spots are first,
come first serve.

Dessert

Pizza

Over 20 baskets to raffles



A Pastoral Letter
by Bishop John O. Barres



Available online by visiting:

www.thegreatweek.com

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"If we acknowledge
our sins, he is
faithful and just
and will forgive our
sins and cleanse us
from every
wrongdoing."
—1 John 1:9



2021 Reconciliation Monday

On **Monday, March 29th, 2021**, Confessions will be available from **3pm-9pm** in all Catholic Churches within the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Diocese of Brooklyn, and Archdiocese of New York.

www.archny.org/lent • www.drvc.org • www.dobq.org



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POSTED ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM

Associate Pastor
FR. JAMES HANSEN



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AND

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

US Air Force -

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers
AIC William Hughes
Tech. Sgt. Karl Muench
Major Thomas F. Shields

USMC -

Lt. Kevin J. Butler
2nd Lt. Dana Duggan
Corporal Frank A. Fiochio
L.Cpl. John Mosier

US Navy -

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald
Ian Bayer, Ensign
Rebecca Bayer, Ensign
Ensign Michael Napolitano
MMN2 Emily Partridge
Commander Michael Sean Slatley

US Coast Guard -

Lt. James Knudsen
Daniel Timpanaro
LT. Commander Katherine Ustler
Frank Pristera

US Army -

Sgt. Craig Bianco
SPC Anthony Caputo
Capt. Michael DiPietro
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse
Capt. Logan Lee
Lt. Col. John Kallo
Capt. Caitlin M. Lee

US Army -

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee
Sgt. Brian Kirby
Major Eamon G. McArdle
Sgt. Donald Rogers
Major Christopher James Ustler
Major Kurtis Unger

Safety

Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time.

If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church. We encourage you to join us for Mass online on the parish website stwilliam.org

Overflow Space

We do have overflow space in the Abbey for Masses. Please follow the directions of our Ushers if the Church reaches capacity and you are asked to attend the Mass in the Abbey.

While attending Mass during this difficult time

- Please sanitize your hands
- If you are a family please occupy a pew
- Be kind and considerate
- Please keep social distance
- Don't congregate in the Church or parking lot before or after Mass
- Touch a bulletin, please bring it home

Love for our neighbors should be one of the primary considerations.

Safety Protocols

As more of you are returning back to in-person Mass, we want to re-emphasize that all of our safety protocols are still in place.

Please allow the ushers to seat you - they have been carefully trained in our seating arrangement that will enable us to get the maximum number of worshippers seated in the Sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.



Communion by Car Line for High-Risk Individuals

Please consider virtual Mass if you are high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19.

Weather permitting, we will continue to offer outdoor Communion (via car line) on Sundays at 1 PM, following the live-streamed Mass at 12 PM.

Holy Communion

Because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we request that those who choose to receive on the tongue wait at the end of the line. Please present themselves to the priest only to receive Holy Communion, and are asked to open their mouth and extend their tongue so the host can be placed on it without the priest's hand making contact with the recipient.

If you choose to receive in the hand, please place your hand out very straight and flat to allow the priest or minister to place the Eucharist safely in order to avoid contact with your hand. We also kindly remind everyone to please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Please put it back on after you have consumed the host.

Holy Communion



When it is time to receive Holy Communion, please practice social distancing as you walk in the communion line. On the way back to your pew please maintain spacing. Everyone will come down the center aisles to receive communion. Please do not rush back to your seats.

Arrive Early & Wear Your Mask



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass. **We ask that all parishioners wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.**

Sacristy



For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.

We Pray for all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace, comfort, and healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Staying Connected

With St. William the Abbot visit us at stwilliam.org to view our bulletin online, presider schedule, and see other parish information.



Facebook: Find us at:
[stwilliamabbot](https://www.facebook.com/stwilliamabbot)



Instagram: Follow us:
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YouTube: Find us at:
[YouTube.com — St. William the Abbot Church](https://www.youtube.com/StWilliamtheAbbotChurch)

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL St. William the Abbot School



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Parish Social Ministry

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Soups – microwave cups

White rice

Instant coffee

Laundry detergent

Saltines

Macaroni and cheese - microwave cups

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that donated Easter gift cards and baskets to the Parish Social Ministry. Your generosity will allow us to bring the joy of Easter to the many families that we serve. We are so grateful for your support!

Have a blessed Easter!

Caring for the Caregiver

Although our program cannot currently meet we are reaching out to those who are caring for a homebound family member.

You are filled with compassion for your loved one, it is not an easy situation. The time involved and the emotions you experience can be overwhelming. Particularly at this time you may be without a backup caregiver which compounds the stress. If you would like to call to speak to someone experienced with these situation, please do so (516) 679-8532.

Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound or lonely? Please let us know so we can reach out to them in the spirit of Christ. Perhaps they need someone to food shop for them. Please call (516) 679-8532.

Bereavement

Although we are not yet holding in-person Bereavement Ministry sessions, trained facilitators are available to support you in your grief journey. Let us help you to find peace while dealing with your loss. Please call Parish Social Ministry at 679-8532 so we can discuss support options currently available.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday
Color: Red



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PEOKMEOWKAJSEI

My God, my
God, why have
you
abandoned
me?

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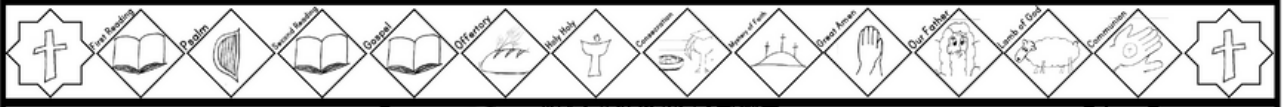
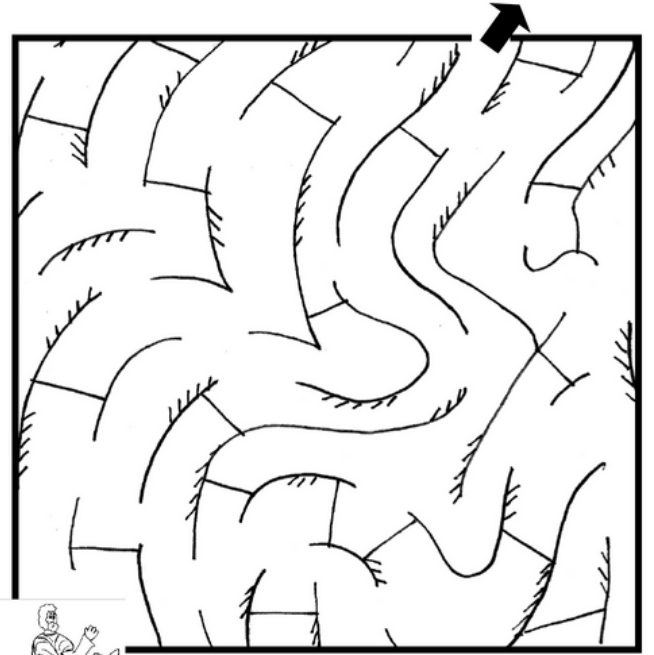
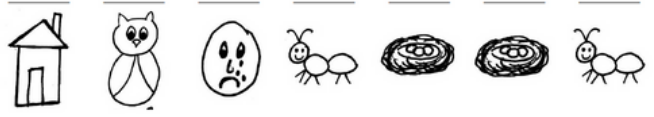
PHAVEYOUUPABANDONEDKWOES



Did you get a palm branch at the beginning of Mass today? Hold your palm quietly during Mass, then take it home and keep it in a special place at your house.

Palm Sunday

Write the beginning letter of each word to see what people said when they saw Jesus in Jerusalem.



Gospel



The priest is going to read a Gospel story at the beginning of Mass today. In the story, Jesus is going into Jerusalem. He is riding on a colt as people wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means, "Hooray!"