

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

## From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

### Reflect

***How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?***

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**Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You**

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday  
**Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.:** Wednesday  
**Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.:** Saturday  
**Confession 3:00 p.m.:** 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.  
**\*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary\***  
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

**Sacraments**

**ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !**

**The Sacrament of reconciliation** is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted )

**Adoration Chapel Coordinators**  
Rose Brandenburg (10 a.m. -4 p.m.) 847-5018  
Anne Kootz (4 p.m. - 9 p.m.) 847-1985

**Altar Society**  
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**Altar Flower Decorator**  
Pam MacAulay 847-6742

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly

return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

 *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday/ March 28th – Palm Sunday Vigil**

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Fr. Daniel Brandenburg

by: People of the Parish

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Relief Services

**Sunday/ March 29th – Palm Sunday**

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Zolton Orosz †

by : Karen Burton and family

\*2<sup>nd</sup> collection – Catholic Relief Services

**\*\*Ministry Group photos after Holy Mass**

**Monday/March 30th – Monday of Holy Week**

**No Holy Mass**

**\*\*KC Officers meeting:**

The Rosary 5:00 pm with meeting to follow

**Tuesday/March 31st – Tuesday of Holy Week**

**No Holy Mass :**

**Wednesday/ April 1st – Wednesday of Holy Week**

6 p.m. Holy Mass: Mary Anderson †

by: Dean Beardslee

**Thursday / April 2nd – Holy Thursday**

7 p.m. Holy Mass : Maggie Kootz †

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

Adoration until Midnight after Holy Mass

**\*\*Holy Thursday collection – For the Seminarians**

**Friday/ April 3rd – The Passion of the Lord**

**(Good Friday) 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Service

**\*\*Holy Land collection**

**Saturday / April 4th – Holy Saturday**

8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass : Brandon and Ellie Kocz

by: Mary Kocz

**\*\* Easter Collection**

**\*\*Food Pantry Collection**

**Sunday/ April 5th – Easter**

9 a.m. Holy Easter Mass : Michael Bystry †

by : Rhonda Bystry

**\*\*Easter Collection**

**\*\*Food Pantry Collection**

**\*\*Bingo doors 1 pm doors open at noon**

*Thought*  
for the week

**"Do not just Attend the Holy Week  
Enter it, Walk with Christ and  
Let Him Transform Your Life"**

March 28  
Palm Sunday  
Love is  
shown More  
(In Deeds Than Words)  
April 02  
Mandy Thursday  
Love Gives Itself  
(The Eucharist)  
April 03  
Good Friday  
Love Sacrifices  
(The Cross)  
April 04  
Holy Saturday  
Love  
Waits in Hope  
( Silence )  
April 05  
Easter  
Love Conquers  
(The Resurrection)

**The Holy Week**  
Palm Sunday  
Mandy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Vigil  
**"The Paschal Mystery  
is the center of the  
Christian faith and life."**  
-CCC.

**Happy Easter:  
The Risen Lord fill  
Your Heart with His Peace**

**Wishing you a Blessed Week**



March 21st and March 22th, 2026

Main collection : \$ 2024.00

*Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!*

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

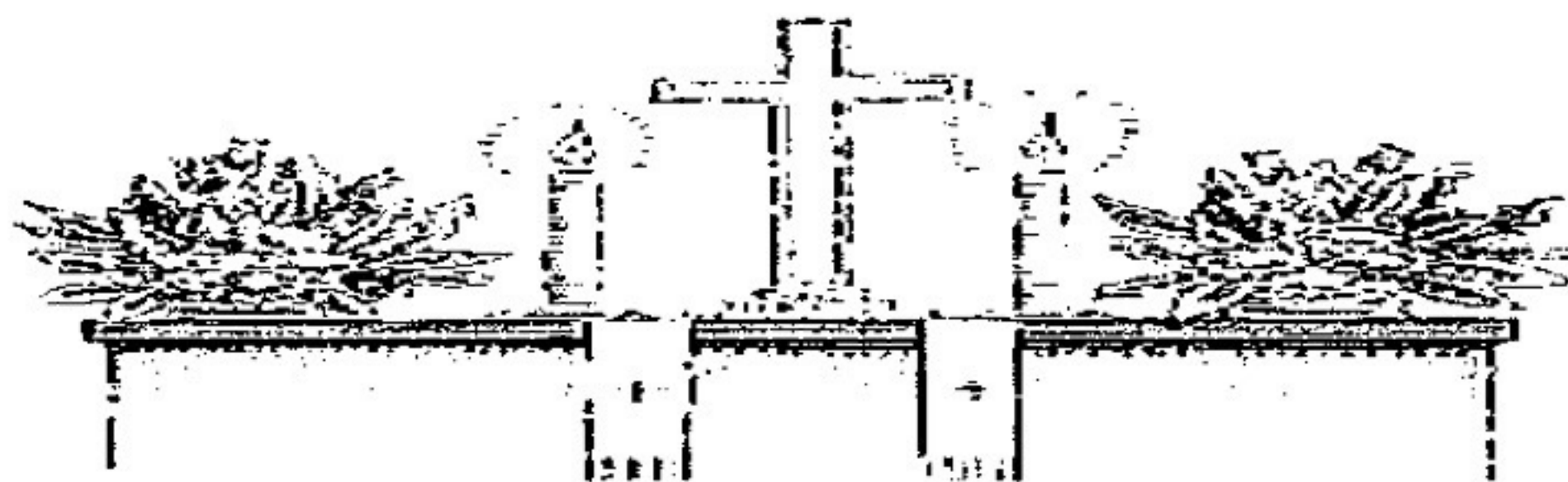
ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Tuesday 6 pm to 7 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-19859



*God Bless the Donors and their Intentions*

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided by:

Karen Burton in memory of her parents Zolton and Cecilia Orosz's wedding anniversary

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously provided by:

Karen Burton in memory of her parents Zolton and Cecilia Orosz's wedding anniversary.

### Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass is at 7 PM and no 9 AM  
\*\*Adoration Chapel closed until after Holy Mass then will be open until Midnight.

Good Friday Stations and Service is at 3 PM  
Easter Vigil Holy Mass on Saturday is at 8 PM  
Easter Sunday Holy Mass is at 9 AM

### Ministry Groups Photos

After Holy Mass on Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, if you are a member of the following : Altar Servers, Minister of Communion, Parish Staff, OCIA, Altar Society, Lectors, Music Ministry, Magnificat, Prayer Chain and Ushers. Please, stay near the front of the Altar after Holy Mass. Tom Helfert will be taking group photos for the upcoming church directory. If he has missed a group please, contact Rhonda in the church office so he can get that group's photo.

(KCs, SVDP and Bingo have been taken care of).

### Thank you !

Parish Life for the time and energy you put into making/hosting the Lenten Soup Suppers and to all who brought food.

### Church Liability Insurance

The Liability Insurance bill of \$9,246.00 for this year is now due last year the amount was \$8678.00 so we do see that it has increased each year. We were short on the amount with our liability insurance collection a few weeks ago. If you can review your financial funds and see if you can prayfully donate a bit more for this. Please, make a note on the check or envelope it is to go to the Liability Insurance fund. Thank you.

### Vacation Bible School

We will have Vacation Bible School this year at St. Michael's. Starting Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and ending with Mass on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sessions will start at 5:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm on all days. It will be held in the Parish Hall. The children will learn a song to perform at the Wednesday Mass. Bible stories and crafts will top out the agenda. Please spread the word to all youngsters ages 3 and up. The older kids can come and help and earn service hours for school. We will have a sign-up a few weeks before it starts. For more information contact Lori Templet at 225-717-0238 or email: [ltemplet2507@yahoo.com](mailto:ltemplet2507@yahoo.com)

### Food Pantry Collection

Next collection is weekend of April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> please make sure that nothing has been opened or way past the expiration date. All canned and package foods are best for the pantry.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Michael Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Ray McHugh, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Tim Starcken, Doug and Tammy Wortham.  
Nursing Home: Chuck Wolff, Ruth Klinge, and KayLynn Rodenbeck

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- ▲ March 28th - Sally Scheschi
- ▲ March 30th - Father Daniel Brandenburg
- ▲ March 31st - David Harris
- ▲ April 1st - Hughes Marinella
- ▲ April 2nd - Linda O'Donnell
- ▲ April 3rd - Hudson Grothe
- ▲ April 4th - Gale Gerundiano
- ▲ April 4th - Annette Sabado



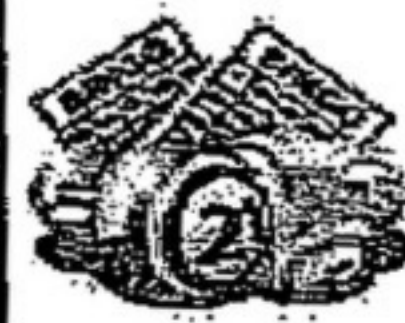
We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ April 1st - Tony and Teri Taylor  
27 years

CD orders for the last Magnificat speaker Father Jon Miskin are on sale for \$7.00 each. Please, contact Joyce Speir, Lori Templet or Linda O'Donnell. For you copy and to pay. Thank you !!

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery  
Burial Plots  
Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium  
Payment Plans Available  
Contact: Jim Wege



St. Michael's Parish Hall  
Thursday 6 p.m.  
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1st Sunday of the month  
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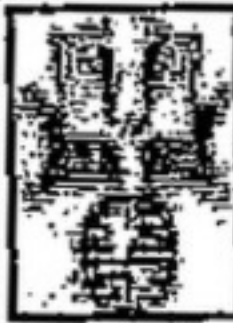


## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHARITY, UNITY,  
FRATERNITY

St. John Neumann Council 6969  
Grand Knight Buddy Kootz (870) 847-0264

Social and Potluck Meeting  
2nd Monday of the month  
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.  
Officers Meeting  
Last Monday of the month  
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



Fourth Degree  
Patriotic Degree of the order  
FN Michael Gagne (870)751-3419  
Quarterly Business Meeting  
2nd Saturday of the month

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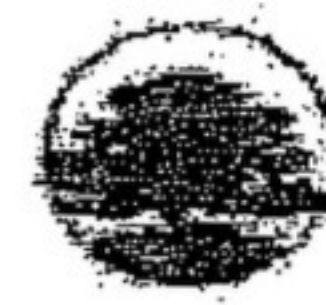
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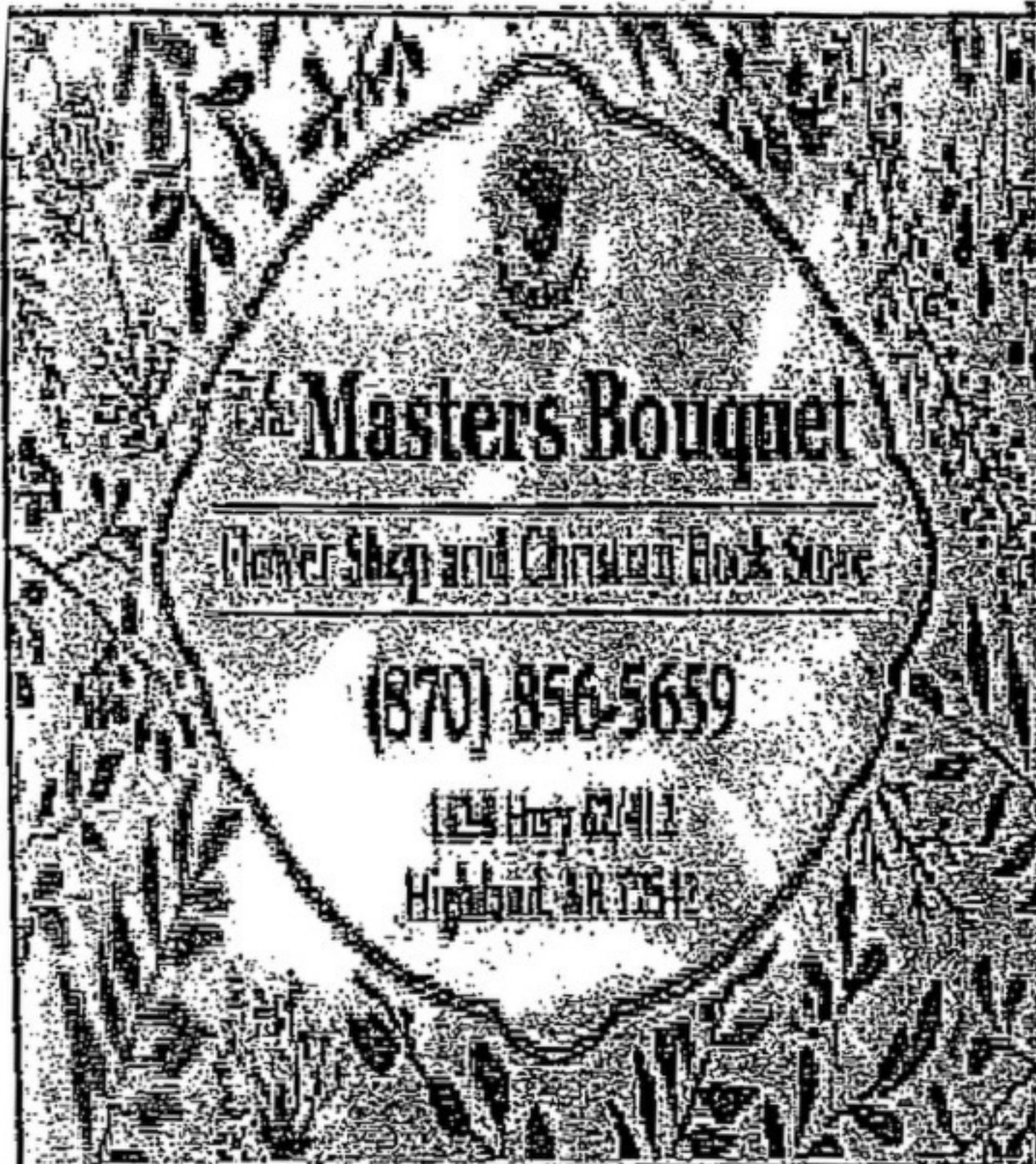
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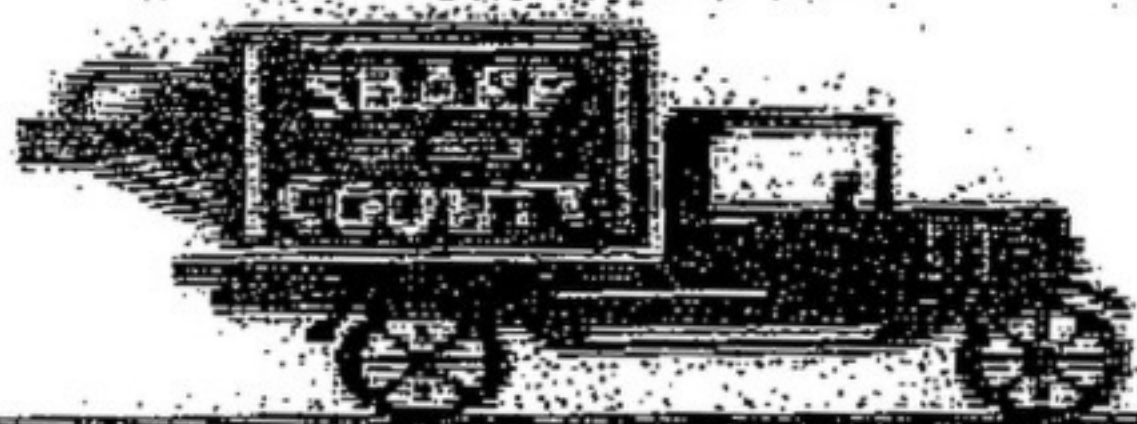


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# Dear Padre,

## How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



JOHAN VAN PARS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?**

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025**

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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