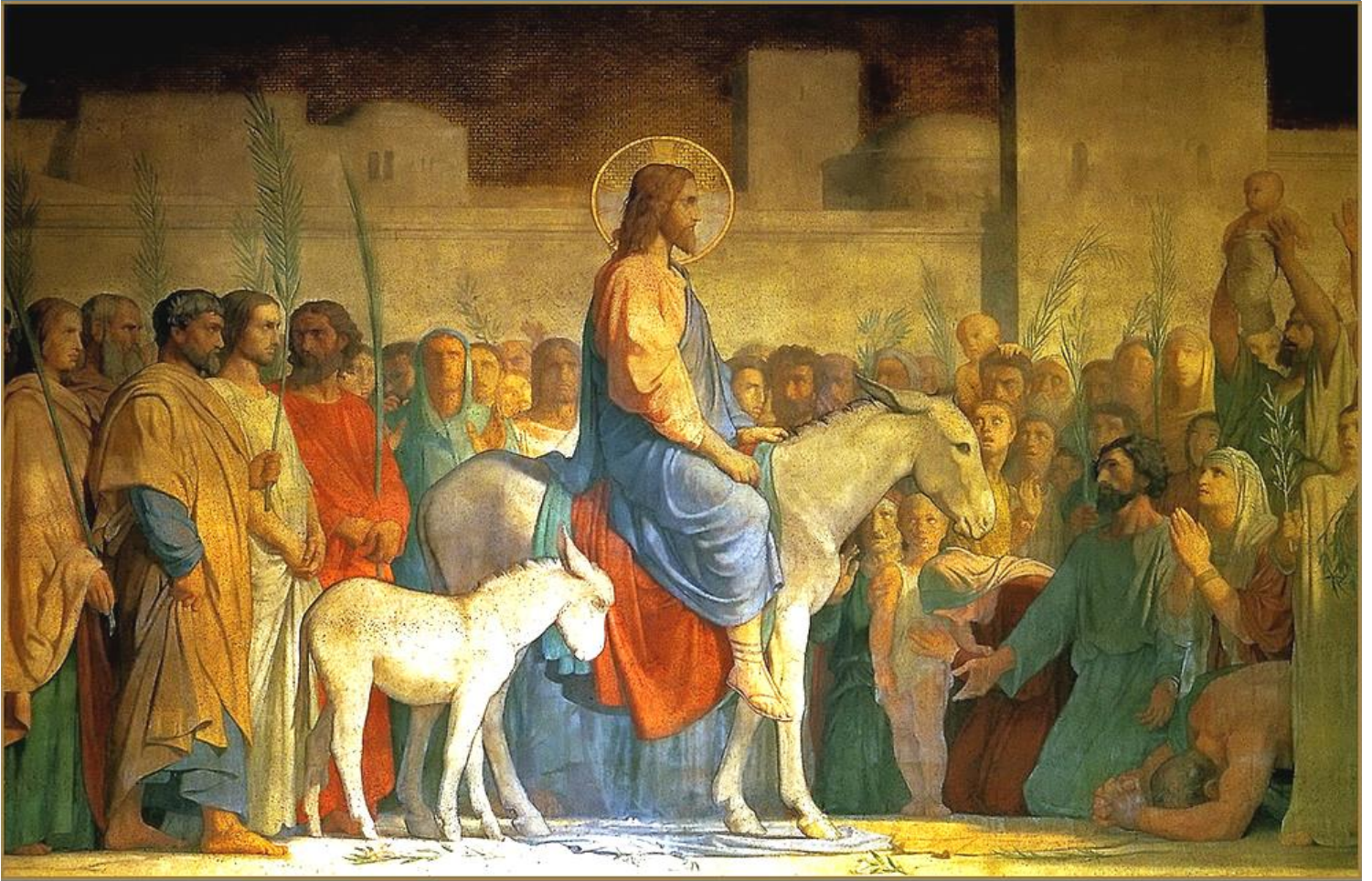


PALM *Sunday*



HOSANNA to the Son of David, the king of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

HOSANNA in the highest

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:15—3:45 p. m.



Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact the parish office

Office Hours Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Welcome

Our Lady of Mercy Church, the clergy and faithful, welcome you to the parish. In Word and Sacrament, we pray you find the spiritual and communal life of grace which the Church promises to all who approach her. You are welcome in faith.

Fiat voluntas tua...

Palm Sunday

Jesus is King!

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is King and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.



Dear Parishioners and friends,

With public Masses suspended until further notice, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church wants to assure you of our closeness as a parish, to promise our prayers on your behalf, and to know of your well-being during this time of uncertainty.

As a small parish our resources are limited but I want to ask if there is anything we can do for you and your family at this time.

A gracious team of volunteers from the parish will be assisting me in calling every parishioner so that you know you are remembered and your spiritual needs are met as best we can.

Please continue to regard your health responsibilities and Lenten observances, especially prayers for the victims, fasting to practice penance, and almsgiving to those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Whittaker, Pastor



O Mary,
you always brighten our
path as a sign of salvation
and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to
you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took
part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our sufferings and
carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

Palm Sunday 2020

Three people rode into Jerusalem for the Passover.
Pontius Pilate, the Roman Procurator, astride a magnifi-
cent white horse in imperial splendor.

Herod Antipas the Jewish Tetrach, ruler of Galilee, rid-
ing an elegant stallion adorned with gold.

Finally, Jesus of Nazareth, riding a colt the foal of a don-
key, draped with a common blanket.

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The mounts of Pilate and Herod came from the stables
reserved for the most notable.

The donkey of Jesus was borrowed.

Earlier, two of the disciples were sent to find the colt—
when the disciples asked the Lord what they should say
to the owner, Jesus said—*“Tell them the Master has need of
it and when He is finished the colt will be returned.”*

At the beginning of Lent we stood before the mystery of
a God who loves and calls us by name.

Part of that mystery is sending His Son to die for us, to
ransom us and forgive us our sins.

The conclusion of the mystery is when we understand
that Jesus the Lord borrows from us as He asks to use
our hands, feet, eyes, ears, and our voice in His service
to proclaim Him, witness Him, and serve Him.

When our time is fulfilled and completed, He who bor-
rowed these gifts will

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Shortly after the death of Jesus Pilate rode out of Jerusa-
lem into political exile.

Herod was deposed by the Roman Emperor and died a
horrific death in Gaul.

When you leave this world what will you return to the
Lord?

Your time—prayer, sacrifice, reflection and preparation.
Your worship—passion, death, and resurrection
Your life—in witness to the Lord and in contradiction
to the world.

In this Holy Week, give Him yourself

He hath need of it

And when the Lord's work is finished, it will be returned
to you in heaven.

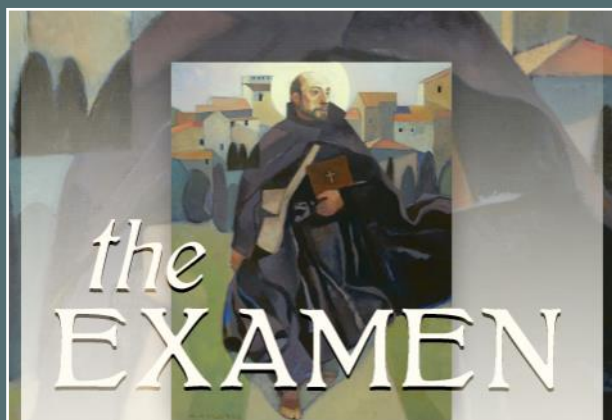
Prayer to Saint Michael for First Responders

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, By the power of God,
Thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
Who prowl the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Protect all first responders who are the first to serve us in
need. Keep them safe from all harm and grant them
a peaceful homecoming.
Amen

On March 20, the Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree granting plenary indulgences to “the faithful suffering from the Covid-19 virus, commonly known as coronavirus, as well as to healthcare workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.”



The *Examen* is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. Here it is in a nutshell:

- 1 Ask God for light.
I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.
- 2 Give thanks.
The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.
- 3 Review the day.
I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 Face your shortcomings.
I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.
- 5 Look toward the day to come.
I ask where I need God in the day to come.

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PLENARY INDULGENCE

The prescribed work:

- United spiritually through the media to the Pope's special prayer and blessing on Friday, March 27
- The recitation of the Holy Rosary
- The pious practice of the Way of the Cross
- Or some other form of devotion, such as reciting the Creed, the Lord's Prayer or a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The usual conditions:

- A spirit detached from sin
- Sacramental confession (as soon as possible)
- Eucharistic communion (as soon as possible)
- Prayer for the Holy Father's intentions

WE REMEMBER

Week of March 29, 2020

Bread and Wine

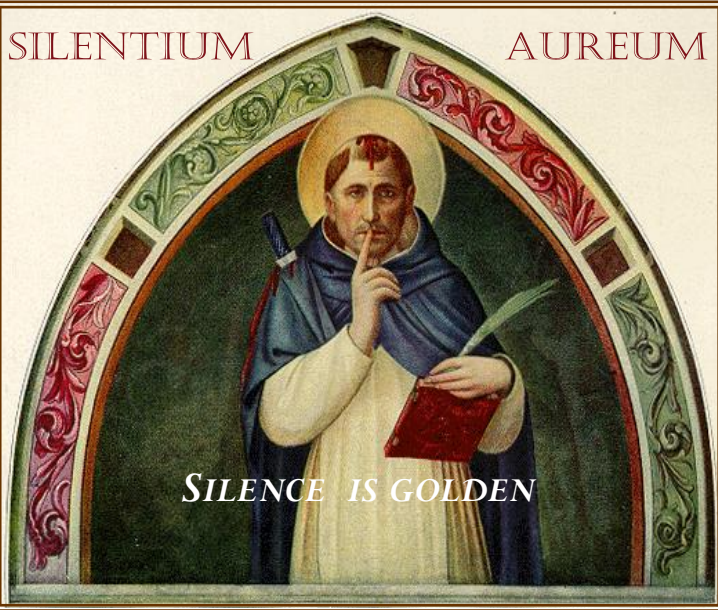
In Memory of James Giasullo

May my prayer rise like incense, O Lord

Week of March 22, 2020

Offertory \$,

Please drop off or mail in your envelopes or sign up for WeShare online giving.



« *Mass Intentions* »

- Saturday, April 4
 9:00 a.m. Pro Populo
 4:00 p.m. Charles Trovato
 Jack Bovageois
- Sunday, April 5
 8:30 a.m. Brian McGuinn
Pro Populo—For the People
 10:30 a.m. Benjamin Catalano
 McGuinn Grandchildren
 Joe Palma
- Monday, April 6
 9:00 a.m. Filomena Fiore
- Tuesday, April 7
 9:00 a.m. *Pro Populo—For the People*
- Wednesday, April 8
 9:00 a.m. Austin O’Toole
- Thursday, April 9
 9:00 a.m. *Pro Populo—For the People*
- Friday, April 10
 9:00 a.m. No Mass
- Saturday, April 11
 9:00 a.m. *Pro Populo—For the People*
 4:00 p.m. No Mass

PALM SUNDAY
...Jesus is King

Remembered in Prayer

*A time and a season for all things...
 A time to heal...*

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| Tom April | Christine Lefevre |
| Joseph Berardino | Carolyn Levasseur |
| Eileen Blades | Anthony Lombardozzi |
| Lilia Blenman | J’Aime Maix |
| Maryellen Bombardier | Mary Jo Mano |
| S’ean Borchardt | Vinnie Mantione |
| Gloria Bruno | Albert Matarese |
| John and Mary Bourgeois | Christopher Marcelin |
| Robert Bushey | Bud McDonald |
| Margaret Cacciatore | Bella Morales |
| Marietta Calayag | Andres Moros |
| Mildred Caldara | Pat Nichols |
| Timothy Calhoun | Amy Nickolopoulos |
| Mirtha Catalano | Cathy Norman |
| Carmine Cavazza | Jean Olkowski |
| Jeanne Chapman | Shayna Orsen |
| Marge Christiano | Sandra Otero |
| Christopher Clarke | Carol Payberg |
| Jerry Clobes | Janet Poole |
| Dottie & Alicia Cotugno | Oscar Quintero |
| Jim Cusick | Richard Ray |
| Emily Danilchuk | Jordan Michael Rivero |
| Felix DeVito | James Robinson |
| Joseph DiNoto | Ronald Romero |
| Rose Dugan | Michael Scaperotto |
| Dorothy Dunn | Linda Seesman |
| Frank Dyer | Hector Soto |
| Constance Fischetti | Emile Strauch |
| Renee Forella | Margaret Strizelk |
| Joann Freydberg | Betty Treacy |
| Sara Gabb | Kathleen Vandiford |
| Vera Ghio | Nick Ventura |
| Janis Glassman | Eva Villegas |
| Richard Hasle | Jean Marie Vitta |
| Timothy Jordan | John Ward |
| Barbara Karol | Stella Joan Welsh |
| Tara Kepple | Cynthia Wells |
| Barry Kimbal | Mary Jane Wunder |
| Jean Kline | Vincent Zappi |
| Lisa Kowalsy | |

A time to die

Victims of the Coronavirus

A time of war...

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| Michael David | |
| William Kasten | Louisa Psinakis |
| John Lane | Maura Stepanski |

And a time of peace. Ecclesiastes

Prevent COVID-19 —it's in your hands!

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Wash your hands often with soap and water. If you don't have soap and water, use a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol based.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



Stay home when you're sick, and keep your children home when they're sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.



Try not to touch your face with unwashed hands.

Don't touch or shake hands with people who are sick.



When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11:1-11