

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Palm Sunday**  
**March 28, 2021**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading - Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16  
 Psalm Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24  
 Second Reading - Phil 2:6-11  
 Verse before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9  
 Gospel— Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1,2,3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wed.: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:34; Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Phil 2:8-9; Jn 18:1-19:42  
 Saturday: I. Gn 1:1-2:2; or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 & 22  
 II. Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
 III. Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18  
 IV. Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
 V. Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
 VI. Bar 3:9-15, 32, 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9,10, 11  
 VII. Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 or Ps 51:12-13,14-15,18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Mark 16:1-7  
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Victimae paschali laudes; Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a; Jn 20:1-9

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
 Thursday: Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Friday: Saint Francis of Paola, hermit  
 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

**Welcome to Online Giving**

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:  
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

*Mass Intentions*

Sat.	27	5:00 pm	†Juan Garza By Kathy Garza
Sun.	28	9:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 am	†Yolanda Barrera By Debbie & Bob Wallace
Mon.	29	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	30	NO MASS	
Wed.	31	8:30 am	†Virgil Kennedy By Liz & Bob Conces
Thurs.	1	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	2	NO MASS	
Sat.	3	6:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	4	9:00 am	†Tamayo Memorial †Frances Guzman & †Eloisa Vasquez Memorial By Elvira & Rosie
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Sumi (family of Father George), Janie Jimenez, Mike Gibbs, Alyn Snell, George Snell, Janie Fernandez, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. When you contribute to this Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**Pope Francis says:**

Mary is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is more. She is the road that God travelled to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach him.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Thursday, April 1 5 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Friday, April 2 3 pm Good Friday Services  
 Saturday, April 3 6 pm Easter Vigil Mass  
 Sunday, April 4 9 am Easter Mass  
 11 am Easter Mass

**Easter Flower Offering**

Easter flower offering envelopes are located in the church foyer. If you would like to honor your loved ones on April 4, please turn in envelopes by March 31.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Sat 3/27	5 pm	Dawn Gault/Meade
Sun 3/28	9 am	Stacey Mendoza
	11 am	Heather Collins
Sat 4/3	6 pm	Liz Conces & Al Whitty
Sun 4/4	9 am	Donata Morris
	11 am	Carly Carlough

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

Graduating seniors and college students are eligible to apply for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship. Applicants must be a child or a grandchild of a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Aransas. Previous recipients of a scholarship must resubmit a new application to be eligible for the grant. The deadline for submitting applications is May 15, 2021. The Council will review applications and will fund as many qualified applicants as feasible. Applicants will be notified by mail of the results and individuals receiving the scholarship(s) will be announced at all masses prior to June 30, 2021. Requests for applications can be made by contacting Bob Conces at [conces@suddenlink.net](mailto:conces@suddenlink.net).

**Collection for March 21, 2021**

Loose Collection	\$ 1514.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 480.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 1065.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3219.00</b>

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

**Pastor's Note: A glorious entry to face death...** Palm Sunday has its excitement, because that is the day we hail Jesus as the Messiah. Recalling the joyous event in the life of Jesus, when he was praised and glorified by the people as the long-awaited Messiah, we too hold palm branches and sing hosanna. That was definitely a joyous experience for Jesus. Even though Jesus was aware that the Jewish Religious leaders were trying to arrest him, he let the people who followed him to proclaim him as the long-awaited Messiah. Even though it looked like a glorious entry, the procession itself had its characteristics associated with the mission of Jesus. Unlike a kingly Messiah, Jesus is not riding a horse, which shows royalty, but he rides a humble donkey. This signifies not just the humility of Jesus, but also is a symbol to represent the peace that Jesus has come to bring. And it is on Palm Sunday that the whole mood changes in the life of Jesus. That is why Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday. Today we recall the Entire Passion experience of Jesus. The readings remind us of the courage and commitment with which Jesus faced his passion. The whole passion shows the pain and agony of Jesus and the inner struggles he went through, as he was facing the betrayal, abandonment and denial by the ones he loved and cared for. While everyone in his friends' circle try to save their lives in the face of opposition and danger, Jesus faces them with courage and conviction. He is definitely pained by the desertion of his friends and the absolute turn around of the crowd, but he does not allow this pain to deter his commitment to the mission entrusted to him by his Father. What matters to him is the love and concern for the life and wellbeing of his followers. Jesus is the good shepherd, who is actually laying down his life, in order to save his sheepfold. We hail this love and courage displayed by Jesus and pray for the strength to do the same.