



“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

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The 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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Mass Schedule – Forsyth

Palm Sunday

Mass Schedule – Hysham

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Sunday at 12:30 PM

Office hours: By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

Religious Education: Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

Confession: Saturdays @ 2 PM.

Baptism: Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

Anointing of the Sick: If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob before finalizing the arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

Homebound & Sick: If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain: For requests, call Cherie Hesper at 406.351.9048.

Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	03/29	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Joe & Alma Holling from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Sunday	03/29	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for Hank Craig from Betty Sperle.
Tuesday	03/31	6:00 PM	Mass in Forsyth for the Silvernagel Family from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Thursday	04/02	7:00 PM	Mass in Forsyth for Guy & Florence Hall from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Friday	04/03	9:00 AM	No Mass in Forsyth.
Saturday	04/04	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for Howard & Hazel Tait from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Saturday	04/04	8:30 PM	Easter Vigil Mass in Forsyth.
Sunday	04/05	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Edith Jackson Finch from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Sunday	04/05	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.

- ✠ Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.
- ✠ Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.
- ✠ Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.
- ✠ CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.
- ✠ Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 10:30 AM.
- ✠ CCW meeting the 2nd Sunday after Mass.

Announcements:

There will be no Mass or Bible Study on Friday, April 17th, and no Confessions or Mass at the Nursing Home on Saturday, April 18th, as Fr. Rob will be in Absarokee working the Men's Cum Christo. Please keep in prayer our two members from our parish cluster making the weekend.

Holy Thursday April 2nd, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM followed by Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday April 3rd, Service at 3 PM. No Masses on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday April 4th, Easter Vigil starts at 8:30 PM.

Easter Sunday April 5th, regular Sunday schedule.

Lots of help needed for the upcoming Easter Triduum at Immaculate Conception. Please sign up on the volunteer sheets or let Fr. Rob know if you are willing to help out. Thank you!

Please pick up a Rice Bowl for Lent to help feed the hungry. Fill it with coins, cash, or check, and we will send it off at Easter. Thank you!

Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 03/22/2026

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	290.00	Loose Cash	20.00
Loose Checks	55.00	Loose Checks	200.00
Envelope Cash	0.00	Envelope Cash	20.00
Envelope Checks	1540.00	Envelope Checks	60.00
Other (Bathroom)	425.00	Other	0.00
Catholic Relief	50.00	Building Fund	0.00
Special Collection	0.00	Special Collection	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2360.00	TOTAL:	\$ 300.00

Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 04/05/2026

Forsyth:			
	Time	Service	Names
	Mass at 8:30 AM	Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Fay & Brian Sullivan
		Cross Bearer	Steve Fay
		Lector	Molly Fay
		Ushers	Steve & Abby Fay
		Gifts	Steve & Abby Fay
		Col. Counters	Wayne Pester & Brian Sullivan
		Sacristan	Heather Pester
Hysham:			
	Mass at 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Thibault & Rosemary Olson
		Lector	Dale Zent

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. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
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	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21	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,
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