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March 29, 2026

REFLECTIONS

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday as the opening movement of the Passion to come. All of our Christian experience and celebration is focused in and through the *Triduum* (three days) – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, as representing the climax of our Christian existence.

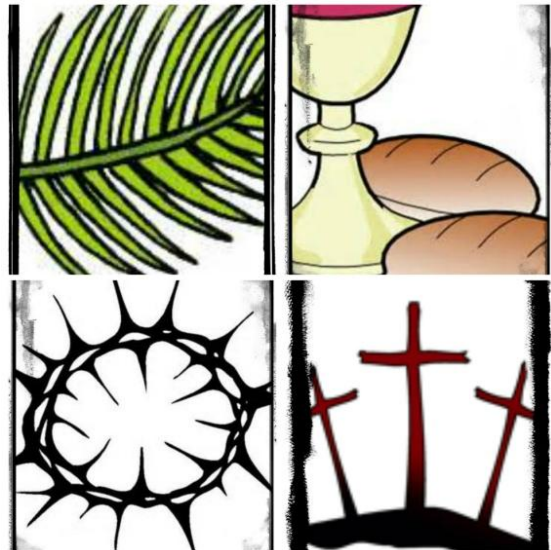
What exactly do we celebrate in Palm Sunday and the holy days of the *Triduum*? The easy answer is that we celebrate in Palm Sunday the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem; on Holy Thursday, the institution of the Eucharist by our Lord; on Good Friday, Jesus mounting the Cross for our salvation; and in the Easter Vigil, a time to raise our voices in thanksgiving because Jesus is raised from the dead, triumphant over death and sin. This is certainly true, but all too often our human reality, encouraged it is true by our liturgy and other religious considerations, appears intent on seeing these days in the life and ministry of Jesus as primarily historical. That is, our religious celebrations are somehow historical re-enactments of events of the life of Jesus. We are indeed even encouraged to reflect on ourselves as 'being present' in those events.

But history is not the central focus of our liturgical celebrations! It is certainly true that the Church's beliefs are anchored in the historical reality of Jesus. After all, Jesus entered our human state in a particular historical time and place. Precisely because these events are historical, however, they cannot be repeated or 'reenacted.'

What has happened in history has now passed over into mystery, which the Church faithfully and continually celebrates in liturgy and sacrament. Thus what we celebrate, during this Holy Week and indeed throughout the year, is not history but mystery.

The ultimate purpose of the Church's liturgy is not to take us back to the past in which we remember events in the life of Jesus, but rather to focus us on what is happening now in each of us who are called to conversion and a dedicated life of discipleship. The Church's liturgies, then, although grounded and expressed in historical reality, are ultimately always the present moment in which we choose, again and again, to allow God's abiding presence to overshadow us and to direct us into lives of holiness in imitation of the Christ who died to redeem us.

From Father Ken

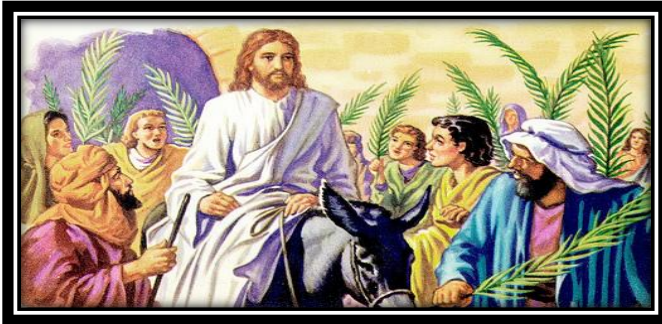


Triduum

Holy Thursday, Good Friday,
and the Easter Vigil

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

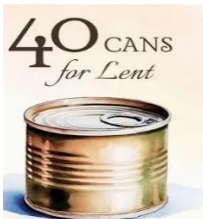
As we celebrate Palm Sunday we recall Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, riding a donkey while the crowd of people laid down palm branches and shouted praises acknowledging him as the Messiah. Jesus's triumphal entry is recorded in all four gospels. Entering Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday, we are called to focus on the Passion of the Lord. During this week you might want to reflect on the anguish of Jesus' Body, Blood, Spirit and His suffering for us. Jesus accepted the call to carry our sins in his body to save us, and was obedient even to death.



Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest!



Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday	Mass 10:00 AM
Monday, March 30	Mass 9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 31	Mass 9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 1	Mass 9:00 AM
Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday	Mass 5:00 PM
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday	Service 3:00 PM (No Mass)
Saturday April 4 – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	Mass 7:00 PM
Sunday April 5 – Easter Sunday	



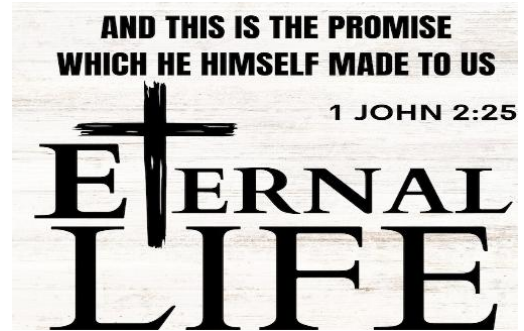
We are deeply grateful for your generous contribution to the 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent initiative. Because of your kindness, the food collected will help provide meals and hope to those in need. Your support not only fills shelves but also fills hearts. Thank you for being part of this mission and for showing that compassion truly changes lives.



Please consider supporting the walkers for Next Step Women's Center's annual fundraising walk. Donation sheets are located at the Chapel entrance. Help the Next Step Women's Center continue to offer free, life-affirming services to our community. Celebrate LIFE to raise awareness and money for the life-transforming work that happens at Next Step Women's Center throughout the year with women, men, and babies that find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

In closing this week's reflections, I pray you all will experience Peace during this Holy Week. Perhaps we should focus on Jesus's comments to Martha, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me, though he may die, yet shall he live." This is Jesus' promise of everlasting life to come.

*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace*
Mike Pierson



Mass Intentions	
Mar. 29, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Mar. 30 2026	Intention of Pete & Catherine Carroll
Mar. 31, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
April 1, 2026	Intentions of Janet Sues Family By Deacon Howard Herring
April 2, 2026	Holy Thursday Mass 5:00 PM
April 3, 2026	Good Friday Service 3:00 PM
April 4, 2026	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00 PM