

## READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

### HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

### GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Hebrews 4:14-16: 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

*With heartfelt thanks for your  
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
Not Available*

## THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED

In case of a death, please leave a message on  
the Emergency Line  
(254-6233 option 9)  
and Mel will call you back

Please call and leave a message or email with  
any needs you may have.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

*(To be offered by Fr. Satish during the  
streamed Mass)*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 am Joe Knoth (Leisure Club) and  
Rita Heider (DeDe Moran & Family)

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 am Jean Knapke (Knapke Family)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 am In Honor of Paul Tarlano  
(Family)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 am Stephen Jankay (Diana Jankay  
Glassburn)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 am Pauline Hewitt (Elaine Monell)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am Regional Mass at Immaculate Con-  
ception

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 am Doris O'Connor (Nora Marino)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 am Ann Dodaro (Family) and Rita  
Heider (Marcia Indalecio)

*(All Mass Intentions will be offered during the live  
streaming of Mass)*

## MASSES THAT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

*St. Helen and Immaculate Conception  
will be live streaming Mass each week.*

Monday-Saturday daily Mass  
at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.

You may connect to the live stream here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/imedayton/live>

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AND FACE-  
BOOK FOR TIMES WHEN HOLY THURSDAY,  
GOOD FRIDAY, THE EASTER VIGIL, AND  
EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES WILL BE  
STREAMED.**

**Fr. Ron Combs** is doing a Facebook Live Mass  
at 7:00am and 7:00 pm everyday.

### **St. Peter in Chains Cathedral**

In Cincinnati

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.; Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Spanish, 11 a.m. English

<https://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/>

**Bishop Robert Barron** is offering Mass online as  
well:

Go to: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

**THIS WILL BE A  
VERY  
DIFFERENT  
HOLY WEEK FOR  
ALL OF US!**

We invite you to join us for our live-stream broadcast of these liturgies! Times for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil will be announced this week.

To enhance your experience, consider, as individuals and families and those with whom you connect on social apps, taking advantage of these **free** resources from **Liturgical Press. Palm Sunday is included in this bulletin.**

If you would like to access LPs wonderful offerings for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, go to [www.litpress.org](http://www.litpress.org) and click on the “Free Pastoral Resources” tab.

***Thank you, Liturgical Press!***

# Holy Week at Home

*Adaptations of the Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday,  
Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Rituals  
for Family and Household Prayer*

These resources are prayerfully prepared  
by the editorial team at Liturgical Press.

*These prayers are not intended to replace the liturgies of Holy Week. Rather, they are a sincere effort to cultivate some of the rituals and spirit of Holy Week in our own homes when public celebration might not be possible.*



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# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

## Introduction

Palm Sunday celebrates two seemingly different stories. We begin the liturgy by commemorating Jesus's triumphant journey to Jerusalem where he is greeted by shouts and songs of acclamation and joy. Everything seems to be going well. Jesus is hailed as a King and people wave palm branches to show their honor for him. By the time we reach the Gospel, however, we hear the Passion of Jesus Christ, recalling the events leading up to his crucifixion and death on the cross. It may seem strange that these two extremes are celebrated on Palm Sunday, but that is the reality of the Paschal Mystery. There is only one story. Jesus's life, death and resurrection are all connected; It is impossible to separate them as isolated events. The same is true for our lives. Everything we do is united with Christ, the good times and the difficult ones. Even when God seems distant and far away, we know that we are always connected to the story of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. We are always connected to Christ.

As we begin Holy Week, take a moment to recall this narrative of Christ with your family. What are some events from Jesus's life that stand out to you? Do you have a favorite parable or story of healing? It is important to remember that the Jesus who walked and taught and ate is the same Jesus who dies and rises again. Think too about your own life. What are some of the significant events you have experienced this past year? Recall some of these moments aloud as you continue to share the story of your family, which is also the story of Christ!

## Ritual at Home

Perhaps the most memorable part of the Palm Sunday liturgy is the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. To help us celebrate, the church invites us to carry palm branches as we gather for prayer today. Even so, we remember that liturgy is not a recreation of past events. Rather, it is an *anamnesis*, an active remembering of the past so that we may live those realities today.

Opening Prayer: Loving God,  
As we come to the beginning of Holy Week,  
we remember your triumphant entry into Jerusalem.  
We sing your praises, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David."  
You alone are the true King, the leader greater than all others.  
Even so, in your great mercy you chose to become like us,  
taking on human form and living among us.  
As we celebrate and shout "Hosanna" today,  
may we remember what will soon follow.  
Keep us faithful in word and deed,  
and help us love you to the best of our ability.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (*Celebrating the Eucharist*, page 141)

## PALM SUNDAY

Procession: We, too, welcome Jesus, the Son of David,  
the one who comes in the name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel.  
Holding our palm branches, let us acclaim Christ, the Lord.

*If circumstances allow, a short procession around the house (inside or outside!) would be appropriate, with all responding, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Children may wish to make banners or streamers to wave in the procession and play tambourines or other percussion instruments. You can use palms from last year that you might still have, other tree leaves, or even homemade crafted leaves.*

To Jesus, the True Light, who illumines the darkness and brings us hope during difficult times.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

To Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who models compassion and inclusion, sensitivity and goodwill.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

To Jesus, the Master Teacher, who shows by example how to accompany others, offering gentle guidance and direction.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

To Jesus, the Great Healer, who cares for the sick with tenderness and mercy, showing love to heal body, mind, and spirit.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

To Jesus, the Paschal Victim, who dies so that we might rise to new life.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

Intercessions: Confident that Jesus Christ hears our prayer,  
let us offer our petitions with open hearts.

For the Pope, and all church leaders: May they continue to boldly lead, offering prophetic witness to the Gospel.

For all people in positions of leadership: May they work tirelessly for peace and justice to ensure the common good for all.

For all families and communities, especially those longing for intimacy and communion: May they know the tenderness of compassion and joy of inclusion.

For our own needs this day: *Prayers may be offered aloud.*

For all who have died: May they rest and rise in Christ.

The Lord's Prayer: Gathering these prayers together,  
as well as those we hold in the silence of our hearts,  
we pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

Our Father . . .

Prayer: Loving God,  
We praise you in a special way today as we celebrate Palm Sunday.  
Be with us as we begin our journey through Holy Week,  
that we may more closely align our lives with yours,  
knowing suffering and death,  
yet remaining hopeful in the life you promise.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace.*

### Conversation Starters

1. What images, words, or phrases do you associate with Palm Sunday?
2. The Palm Sunday liturgy shows the fickleness of humanity. One minute we shout someone's praises, and soon after we yell, "Crucify him!" When in your own life have you been inconsistent in your actions or beliefs?
3. What is your prayer as you begin Holy Week?

### Continuing the Conversation

The *Rule of Saint Benedict* encourages us to welcome all as Christ. With this, we are called to see and welcome Jesus in all whom we encounter. As we celebrate Jesus's entry into Jerusalem and hear of the people who welcomed him, think about the ways your own family welcomes Jesus through the people who visit your home. Work together to create a sign to hang near your door, reminding you to "Welcome all as Christ."

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*Firefighters & Company Federal Credit Union Staff & Board,*

## SUPPORTING ST. HELEN'S

We are so very thankful for our parish family and pray that all of you remain in good health and “communion” with others through prayer, phone calls, and any support we all may be able to provide one another during this deeply uncertain time. Our primary focus is on the health and safety of our parishioners and those of our community.

While we continue to navigate the changes set forth via federal and state governments, by the Archbishop of Cincinnati, and by the Ohio Council of Catholic Bishops, including the suspension of Mass through Easter, we ask that you continue supporting St. Helen's both prayerfully and financially. Our budget includes ongoing monthly expenses and salaries for our teachers and staff that must still be met, not only per Archdiocesan direction, but also because staff and teachers will continue to work, even remotely as necessary.

If you have not signed up for Faith Direct, now may be a good time to consider this option. To securely make a one-time gift to St. Helen Parish or School or any of our special appeals, you can **text a dollar amount to (937) 719-0017**. You will be asked to complete a **one-time registration** page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to our phone number!

If you would prefer to enroll for regular, ongoing gifts online, please visit <http://membership.faithdirect.net/OH790> to set up your account.

**As always, know that we will continue to hold each of you and your families in our prayers in the days and weeks to come. In light of all that is going on, we conclude with our parish Prayer to St. Helen, asking that she “intercede for our family in times of trial.”**

St. Helen, our heavenly patroness,  
intercede before the throne of our God  
for us in this parish dedicated to you,  
that we, as a parish, might be established in faith  
and grow in the virtue of charity;  
that we might be examples of love;  
that others, seeing our love and charity,  
may be attracted and come to know the Master better.  
Intercede for our family in time of trial  
that we may be united in love  
and never forget that He who allowed the trial  
will also give His grace to conquer.  
Watch over our parish and all those  
dedicated to God through your patronage. Amen.