



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MARCH 24, 2024

## Palm Sunday Niedziela Palmowa

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Epistle: Philippians 2:6-11

Tract: V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. **R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."**

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Fellowship
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Gorzkie Żale / Lamentations at 3pm.

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

**R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.**

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

**R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

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## Today's Music

- Liturgy of the Palms - See booklet.
- Entrance: R258: When I Survey.
- Gospel: B142, Holy Spirit, Come Inspire Us.
- Offertory: R216, Strong Righteous Man.
- Communion: Hosanna (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B229, Just As I Am.
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Lent:** The last Sunday Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale will be held today at 3pm. You may leave your charitable and sacrificial gifts of food by the Mary Altar. May our journey with Christ through this Holy Week be blessed.
- **Holy Week:** Our schedule for Holy Week as follows: Spy Wednesday: Private Confessions after Noon Holy Mass until 2pm. Maundy Thursday: Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Reposition, Stripping of the Altars starts at 7pm. Private Devotion follows. Good Friday: Church opens at Noon. Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations/Gorzkie Żale at 2pm. Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm. Holy Saturday: Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Blessing of Baskets at 10am. Church open until 2pm for basket blessings and private devotion.
- **The Solemnity of the Resurrection / Easter:** Join us for everything Easter starting with the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday on March 31st starting at 8am. A second Holy Mass will be held at 10am. A repast will follow each Holy Mass.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

Welcome on this Palm Sunday.

The Passion narratives are replete with studies in struggle and lessons for us as we complete our Lenten study of struggle today.

A woman – praised through the ages for her love and goodness, anoints Jesus. Her heart breaks with the struggle of knowing what Jesus was about to face. On top of it all she suffers abuse for her goodness. Her resolution to her struggles – to respond in love and allow God to take care of the rest. Let us always respond to struggle with love and faith in God.

Judas – he struggles with his disappointment. Jesus isn't the Messiah he wanted. He was going to fix that by forcing Jesus to act. His resolution to his struggle – failure in achieving his ends, a failure of his faith, and a horrific death. Let us avoid the despair of Judas by seeing Christ before all

selfish desire.

The apostles and disciples – they nearly all, except John, struggle with failure in their promises and pledges to Jesus. They fall asleep. They abandon Him. They run away. They deny Him. Peter weeps bitterly realizing what he had done. They all hide and struggle to understand. The resolution to their struggle came in the person of the resurrected Jesus Who they accepted with joy. Let us reflect on our sinfulness, the breaking of our promises and pledges to God, with confession and renewed resurrection faith.

The women – Mary and the other Marys stood by Jesus' side the whole way. They did not allow their anguish to overcome their faith in and love for Jesus. Let us imitate them.

The others – the Council, the false witnesses, soldiers, guards, Pilate, Simon of Cyrenia – each of them struggles with their actions or lack thereof. Each of them struggles between the way of God and the way of their human masters. Let us always listen to what God calls us to do. Jesus is God and He is the way, truth, and life.

The pinnacle is Jesus because in taking on our humanity He took on all our struggles, pain, and suffering. In that He, though innocent, took on all our sin and through His struggle paid the price for our sin. His heavenly Father took it all out on Him so that our debt would be fully paid. Jesus suffered every trial – His struggle with His Father's will, with every injury inflicted, with abuse and mockery, a feeling of utter abandonment, the loneliness of death – All so we have life and hope greater than any struggle we face.

## Memory Verse

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16

MONDAY: Matthew 10:38

TUESDAY: Galatians 2:20

WEDNESDAY: Mark 8:34

THURSDAY: Romans 5:8

FRIDAY: 1 Peter 2:24

SATURDAY: Hebrews 12:2

## Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, You gave Your all for my life. Grant that I may live fully in You and reflect life in You to the whole world. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Mary Walters, Tom Walters, Nedra & Rich Liebert, Dawn Main, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenu.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of Annunciation of the BVM parish, San Antonio, TX.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

## Upcoming

- **March 24: Palm Sunday. Blessing/Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.**
- **March 25: Holy Monday. No Holy Mass.**
- **March 26: Clergy Conference and Chrism Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.**
- **March 27: Spy Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon. Private Confessions available until 2pm.**
- **March 28: Maundy Thursday: Reception of Oils, Holy Mass of the Institution, Procession to the Altar of Repose, and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm.**
- **March 29: Good Friday: Church opens at noon, Seven Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm, Presanctified Liturgy at 3pm.**
- **March 30: Holy Saturday: Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Blessing of Baskets at 10am. Church open until 2pm for basket blessings and private devotion.**
- **March 31: Solemnity of the Resurrection (Easter). Solemn Resurrection Liturgy and High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am. Easter Repast.**