



Catholic Church

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PALM SUNDAY

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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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"Go into the village." "What are you doing, untying the colt?" "Hosanna!" "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil?" "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a water jar." "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." "Surely, it is not I?" "All of you will have your faith shaken." "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." "And they all left him and fled." "They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him." "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." "He broke down and wept." "Crucify him!" "Hail, King of the Jews!" "He saved others; he cannot save himself." "The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom." "Truly this man was the Son of God." "Pilate was amazed that he was already dead." "Joseph of Arimathea took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph watched where he was laid."

These quotes and narratives taken from Mark's Gospel for this weekend

place us in the midst of the passion story. My spiritual director has introduced me to an Ignatius way of reflecting on our gospel readings as we place ourselves in the midst of the narrative. Mark offers us bountiful and profound opportunities to place ourselves in the life of Jesus and the narrative we have before us. When one enters into this practice, you can hear the sounds, smell the smells, and feel the emotions of the depth of the story. Mark's Gospel allows us to see ourselves as many of the characters, voices, participants, or bystanders. Our emotions can run deep and we realize that we could be one of the apostles, the complainers, the accusers, one of the crowd shouting, "Crucify him!" Could we be at the tomb as Jesus' body was laid to rest, wondering what had just happened? Maybe we are the centurion and realizing for the first time in our lives that, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

As our Lenten days wind down and we gear up for the Holy Triduum, how can you enter into the days ahead? These days can be heavy, depressing, powerful, healing, and enlightening. We can choose to run away, stand on the sidelines and watch, or enter into the holiness and solemnity of these

days. Yes, they come around every year yet each year can be different. The rituals are the same, the place is the same, yet our hearts may be different. Have our Lenten disciplines awakened within us a deeper, more profound relationship with Jesus, God, oneself or others? Do we see Peter in ourselves? Can we recognize Simon, a Cyrenian, who was called into service to help Jesus carry his cross?

These days are special and when we take time to reflect and be quiet, we hear, we feel, and we taste the pain, the suffering, and the betrayal that Jesus faced and endured for God's love for us. As the stone is rolled against the entrance of the tomb, we realize the mission of Jesus is left in our hands. What Jesus has done for us, we must continue to do for others as difficult or as easy as it may seem. We know there is hope. Soon the stone will be rolled back and we will encounter hope, forgiveness, new life, refreshment and light. Dare to walk in the grayness of these days. Open your heart, eyes and ears and join me in praying for peace of mind, heart, neighbor, and the world.



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS*

March 24 – Palm Sunday: Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7, **Ps 22**, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1- 15:47

March 28 – Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, **Ps 116**, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15

March 29 – Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12, **Ps 31**, Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42

March 30 – Holy Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2, **Ps 104**, Ex 14:15-15:1, **Ex 15:1-6, 17-18**, Is 55:1-11, **Is 12:2-6**, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, **Ps 42**, Rom 6:3-11, **Ps 118**, Mark 16:1-7

March 31 – Easter: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, **Ps 118**, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

### PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: [youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

### EXTENDED CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

We will have two dates when the Confession times will be extended: Saturday, March 23 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm and Tuesday, March 26 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm.

### THE SKYWAYS ARE OPEN!

Skyway access to Saint Olaf is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 7:30pm, Saturday from 2:00pm-5:30pm and Sunday from 5:30am-5:30pm.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Fasting:** Restricts eating to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a single day, and prohibits eating between meals. This is for Catholics beginning at age 18 until their 59th birthday. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obligated to fast. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **Abstinence:** Catholics older than 14 years of age may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday of Lent.

### GRATITUDE FROM FR. WEHMANN

I want to thank you all for your prayers. I also want to thank God for my suffering, which — after a month in the hospital and 3 surgeries later — may seem hard to believe. I just finished re-reading St. Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering, *Salvifici Doloris*. In it, he states that "Suffering is present in the world in order to release love," and that "Suffering is something which is still wider than sickness, more complex and at the same time still more deeply rooted in humanity itself." These words and God's grace have directed my suffering toward a deeper love for each doctor, nurse, physical therapist, priest, and family member that has visited my room, and for every prayer from every one of you. When we suffer, we recognize how thirsty God is for our love, and how blessed we are for His. Blessings, - Fr. Wehmann

### GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

The beginning of today's Gospel reminds us to break our alabaster jar for Jesus. Whatever is precious is nothing compared to Him. Please support our Catholic Services Appeal this week. Like the woman broke the costliest of perfumes to anoint Christ, be not afraid to anoint Him lavishly with your gifts. Our community needs you. When you anoint our local Church with your perfume, you anoint Christ, the Church's head! For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit [hope.archspm.org](https://www.hope.archspm.org).



### SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry needs pots and pans, silverware, backpacks, and hoodies (think spring, but it's still March!) We welcome new or clean and gently used items. Thank you for your support!



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 10:00am Small Group Saturday Session - Fleming Hall
- 10:00am Secular Franciscan Board Meeting - Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon Mass**
- 12:30pm Lenten Extended Confessions until 2:00pm
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm Vigil Mass**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

#### PALM SUNDAY

- 6:00am Mass**
- 8:00am Mass**
- 10:00am Mass+**
- 11:15am Small Group Sunday Session - Fleming Hall
- 12:00Noon Mass**

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 7:00am Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon Mass +**
- 12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 7:00am Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon Mass+**
- 12:30pm Lenten Extended Confessions until 2:00pm
- 5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 6:30pm Seasonal Choir Rehearsal - Main Church
- 6:30pm Small Group Tuesday Session - Fleming Hall

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:00am Mass - Chapel**
- 7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
- 7:30am Confessions
- 11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon Mass+**
- 6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- HOLY THURSDAY, NO CONFESSIONS, NO 7:00AM MASS, BUILDING OPENS AT 9:30AM**
- 12:00Noon Mass of the Lord's Supper+**
- 5:15pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- Solemn Adoration follows in the Chapel for one hour after each Mass**

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- GOOD FRIDAY, NO 7:00AM OR 12:00NOON MASS, NO CONFESSIONS - BUILDING OPENS AT 9:30AM**
- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- 12:00Noon The Lord's Passion**
- 12:30pm Stations of the Cross+
- 5:15 pm The Lord's Passion with Adoration of the Cross**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- HOLY SATURDAY, NO 12:00NOON MASS, NO CONFESSIONS, NO 4:00PM MASS - BUILDING OPENS AT 4:00PM.**
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- EASTER**
- 6:00am Mass**
- 8:00am Mass**
- 10:00am Mass+**
- 12:00Noon Mass**
- 4:00pm Mass**

### CELBRATE! WELCOMES ALL TO THE EASTER BALL

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
 1:30pm - 3:00pm Fleming Hall  
 Enjoy Dancing, Treats, and Surprises!  
 Don your Easter Bonnet and come one, come all to the Easter Ball!

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
- Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday
- Chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm
- + LIVE STREAMED

### ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Mar 4 - 10	\$20,879	\$17,635	\$3,244
YTD through Week #37	\$1,018,248	\$979,755	\$38,493

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf