

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/29 (Palm Sunday) Solemn **Holy Mass** at 10am. with blessing and distribution of Palms. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *Mass Intention: For + LOUISE BULGAJEWSKI.*
- 04/02 (Maundy Thursday) Solemn **Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 5pm. *Mass Intention: For + EUGENIA PALUSZYNSKA.*

- **LAST DAY to SIGN-UP!** Please, sign up for **Easter Breakfast** that will be served after the Solemn Mass on Resurrection Sunday, April 5. The sign-up sheet is in the Church vestibule.
- **BIG THANK YOU** to those who already sent back the "Lenten Tithe" to the Parish Office. With these offerings we're getting closer to reach our goal - to purchase some of the liturgical items to our church.
- **We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help prepare our Easter Sunday Breakfast.** If you are willing to help, please speak with Fr. Adam after Mass today. Reminder: If you are unable to attend Mass on Sunday, please join us for the Paschal Vigil Mass on Saturday at 8:00 PM. Thank you for being part of our parish community!

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: VIRGINIA NARKON (03/29), RACHEL VAYAN (03/31). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

*If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.*

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PARISH BULLETIN

## PALM SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTION

*For + LOUISE BULGAJEWSKI (after the funeral)*

### INTROIT

C: 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 have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.**

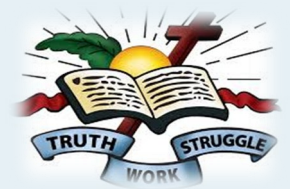
C: Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

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



### HOLY MASS

10.00 am



### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

## READING 1

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.**

The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the  
weary a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.

## IS 50:4-7

I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my  
beard; my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.  
The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**The Word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

## PS 22

## READING 2

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form  
of God, did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross.

## PHIL 2:6-11

Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Palm Sunday stands at the threshold of Holy Week, inviting us into the deepest mystery of our faith. Today we witness Jesus entering Jerusalem in triumph, welcomed with palms and joyful cries of “Hosanna.” The crowd recognizes Him as king - but not yet as the Suffering Servant. Their expectations are earthly, while His mission is divine. In this moment, we are reminded how easily we, too, can praise Christ with our lips while struggling to follow Him with our hearts.

Very quickly, the tone of the Gospel shifts. The same voices that shout “Hosanna” will soon cry out “Crucify Him.” Palm Sunday holds together both glory and suffering, triumph and rejection. It confronts us with a profound spiritual reality: discipleship is not only about moments of enthusiasm, but about fidelity in times of difficulty, confusion, and even fear.

As we begin this sacred week, the Church calls us not merely to observe these events, but to enter into them. We walk with Christ from the joy of His entry into Jerusalem to the sorrow of His Passion. We are invited to examine our own hearts -where do we stand in this story? Are we among those who follow only when it is easy, or are we willing to remain with Him at the cross?

Palm Sunday challenges us to move beyond superficial faith. The palms we carry today are not only symbols of victory, but also signs of our commitment to follow Christ wherever He leads. They remind us that true discipleship requires humility, sacrifice, and trust in God’s plan - even when that path leads through suffering.

