

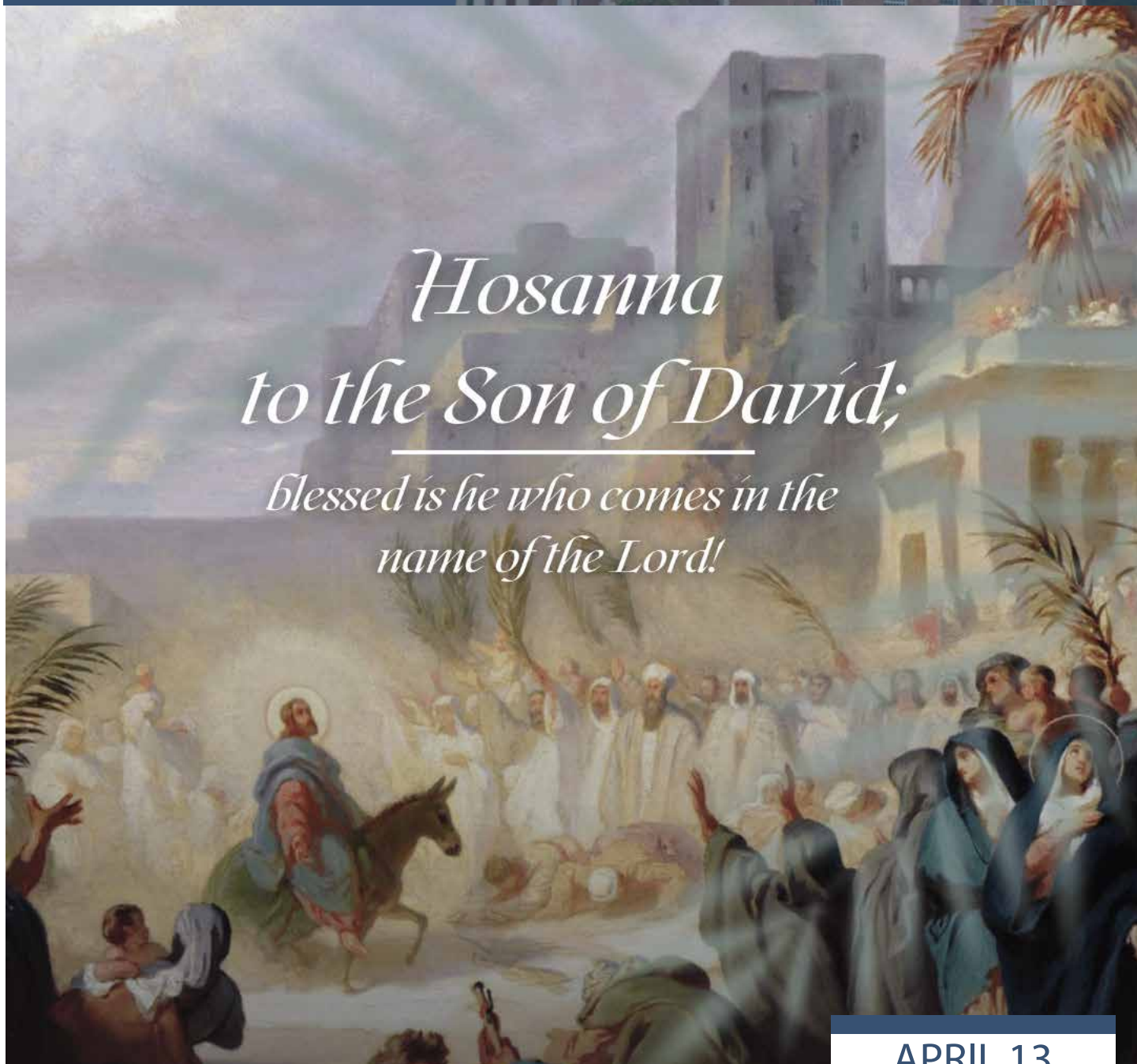


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Hosanna to the Son of David;

*blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!*



APRIL 13

2025

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Today's Readings

First Reading:

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.

(Is 50:7)

Psalm:

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

(Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

(Phil 2:9)

Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

(Lk 22:19)

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we were treated to a powerful presentation of the Passion of Christ by Live Theater Production. It was great preparation for entering into the holiest time of the year for Christians: Holy Week. Today, Palm Sunday, we read Luke's version of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and then the Passion, and this opens the Holy Week for us. We are invited in the Church's powerful liturgies to walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary, and then to the celebration of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Thursday, in of the most beautiful masses of the year, we commemorate the Last Supper, and Jesus' institution of the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. The Mass concludes with the transfer of the Holy Eucharist to an altar of repose, where He may be adored into the night. The altar is stripped, symbolizing the death of Jesus which will be commemorated on Good Friday, which is another moving and emotional liturgy. Again, the Passion is read, the Cross of our salvation is

venerated by the faithful, and Holy Communion, consecrated the night before, is distributed. We then depart in silence, keeping in our hearts the death of the Savior.

The following night is the great Easter Vigil, the first Mass of Easter, which gloriously marks the Lord's Resurrection and conquering of death. This year at St. James' Easter Vigil Mass, eleven people will be received into the Church, three through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, and eight, already baptized, through Confirmation and Communion. All make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church.

Please come, watch and pray with Jesus through His Passion and death. I look forward to worshiping with you at these most meaningful liturgies.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

Holy Week Good to Know:

- Incense will be used at all the Masses this weekend. Incense will also be used on Easter Sunday at all the Masses in church.
- Confessions will not be offered during the Triduum (Holy Thursday - Holy Saturday)
- After the Liturgy on Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament will be in repose in the church until Midnight.
- The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (April 21).

THIS WEEK

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday: April 17

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: April 18

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Traditional Stations, 12:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Taizé and Veneration, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: April 19

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. (reception to follow)

Easter Sunday: April 20

In the Church:

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Mass

In the Parish Center:

8:15 a.m. Mass

10:15 a.m. Mass



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CHILDREN'S FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025



Registration is open!
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Religious Education

Religious Education takes place most Tuesdays: September - April. Our catechists are the heart of our program, and the registration fee is waived for our volunteers. Throughout the year we offer Family Faith Nights for families to connect. Children's Formation welcomes all students. Our Open Doors Ministry provides faith formation for individuals and families with special needs. Welcome to Religious Education!



- Accepting students in K-5th Grade
- Tuesday afternoons
 - 4:30-5:45
 - 6:30-7:45

Summer Intensive

- Accepting students in 3rd-5th Grade
- Cost is \$250/student

The Summer Intensive is a two week program taking place June 16 - 27, 2025
Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:00pm

This program is offered as an alternative to the Tuesday Night Religious Ed classes held during the school year.



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JUNE 16-19

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Contact Kathryn Coughlin for more info
stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org

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Grief Support Group

What are we all about:
Our grief support is a ministry at St. James for conversation and friendship with others who have also experienced a loss.
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griefsupport@stjamesah.org



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"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? 'Here I am, send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8



Have you ever considered the call to be a

Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join the Office of the Diaconate at one of three Inquiry Evenings:

- April 23, 7 p.m. at the Diaconate Office, Forest Park
- May 13, 7 p.m. at St. Alexander Parish, Palos Heights
- June 11, 7 p.m. via Zoom

The sessions will provide an overview of the Deacon Formation Program, the application process and information on the ministry of a deacon. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands to the meetings.

For more information and to register for one of the sessions, contact the Office of the Diaconate at (708) 366-8900.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL

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March 24, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey marked with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I am writing to let you know that on Ash Wednesday a Senate committee passed a bill, Senate Bill 9, that would legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. This would make it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. In addition to asking you to offer your Lenten sacrifices to protect life, I ask that you take action by writing, calling or e-mailing your state elected official to vote "NO" on this legislation. There is also legislation pending in the House, House Bill 1328 as you will see at www.ilcatholic.org or by calling 217-528-9200.

The involvement of insurance companies is alarming. In fact, in states with legalized suicide, there are documented cases of people being denied life-saving medical treatment by insurance companies in lieu of the much cheaper option of life-ending drugs. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy as they are the most vulnerable to such abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide. There is no way to prevent the vulnerable from being coerced or intimidated to end their lives once this assisted suicide is legal. There are simply too many documented cases of the vulnerable being coerced or intimidated into ending their life.

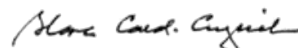
Proponents argue that this legislation will end suffering at the end of life. We all agree that no one should needlessly suffer or have to watch a loved one experience unnecessary pain and suffering. Fortunately, there are now effective ways to make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care, which utilizes physician-led teams to care for the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually – to relieve the symptoms and the stress related to serious illness and side effects of treatment.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has summed up the case against assisted suicide well: "Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks."

Assisted suicide is not the compassionate solution for those who are suffering. Through palliative care, expanded access to mental health care, and stronger family and community support, providers and families are finding better ways to accompany these people compassionately that shows love and respect for the dignity each human life.

Please go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 9 and HB 1328.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12

5:00 Richard & Catherine Lyons
Dave Blazek (1st Anniv.)

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 John F. Kordek
Julian Kwiatek
8:30 Kathie Camarena
10:00 Bob & Andy Jarosz
Dr. Jeffrey Hill
Tara Klebba
Steve Duever
11:30 For the people of the parish
5:00 Janet Hynes

Monday, April 14

7:30 Christine Swinton
Richard May
Elmer Gibson
12:00 Steven Brown

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 Marge Koperny
Jeoffry Hayden
Andrew Haman

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 Donald Allaire (1st Anniv.)
Kevin Houlihan
Patrick Houlihan
Catherine Sabay (19th Anniv.)
Meggan McDermott

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

Friday, April 18 Good Friday

Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday

In Loving Memory

Eugene Tham

Please pray for our sick

Norine Naselli
Frank P. Vale
Lucille Krajnik

Wedding Banns

II. Don Calmeyn & Kristen Kempinski
I. Mack Rooney & Molly Murphy

Celebrant Schedule for Holy Week

April 17 | Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm Fr. Ed
April 18 | Good Friday at 3:00 pm Fr. Michael
April 19 | The Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm Fr. Paul

April 20 | Easter Sunday

8:00 Fr. Paul
8:15 Fr. Michael (in parish center)
10:00 Fr. Ed
10:15 Fr. Paul (in parish center)
12:00 Fr. Michael

Readings for the week of April 13

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14 - 23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12/Ps 31:2,25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1 - 19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1 - 2:2 /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12



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		Online Giving: \$98,898.15	

PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds provides opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation.
sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

Grief Support Ministry is about helping with your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details.
griefsupport@stjamesah.org

Jr. Ambassadors is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching.
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.
stjameslandf@gmail.com

Men of St. James provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age.
msj@stjamesah.org

Mental Health Ministry provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope.
tsherva@gmail.com

Ministers of Care bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines.
ministryofcare@stjamesah.org

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.
momsplus@stjamesah.org

Music Ministry We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community.
tconseur@stjamesah.org

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50.
stecstan@sbcglobal.net

PADS Outreach provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.
st.james.pads@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit.
PPC@stjamesah.org

Peace & Justice Ministry educates the faithful on the Catholic social teachings, supports and complements parish ministries and empowers people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Meets the last Tuesday of each month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors.
prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death.
mschoney@astound.net

Stepping Stones raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338), steppingstones@stjamesah.org

St. Vincent de Paul provides emergency, short-term financial help for anyone living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office followed by x8517. All requests kept confidential.

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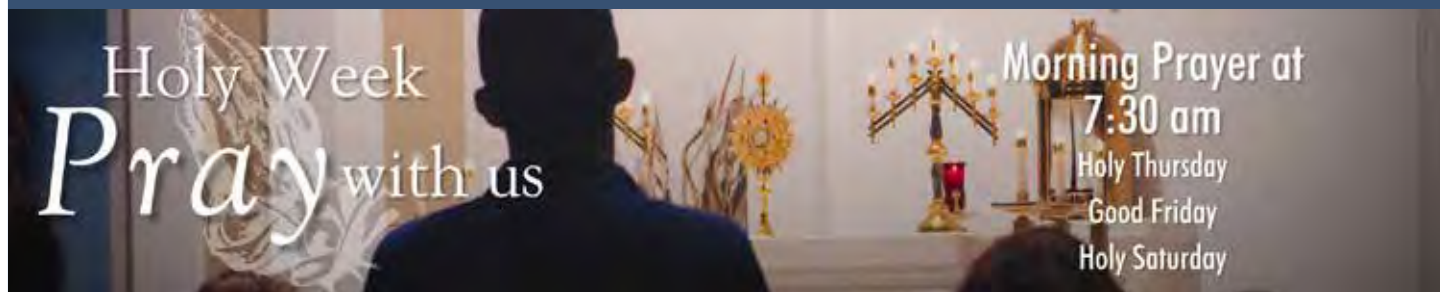
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Monday - Wednesday Mass at 7:30 am & Noon
Holy Thursday Mass 7:30 pm, Contemporary Choir
Good Friday Service 3:00 pm, Traditional Choir & Organ
Good Friday Veneration 7:30 pm, Taize Music
The Easter Vigil (Saturday) 7:30 pm, Choir & Piano
Easter Sunday Masses 8:00 am, Traditional Choir
8:15, Cantor & Piano | 10 am Contemporary Choir
10:15, Cantor & Piano | Noon, Contemporary Choir

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm (Closed: April 18-April 22)

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SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

MARRIAGE - At least six months prior to your wedding date, please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

HOLY HOUR - No holy hour is held during Holy Week.

CONFESSION - No confessions are offered during Holy Week.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL - will be closed from Thursday, April 17 through Saturday, April 19.

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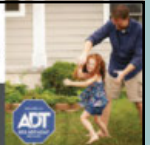
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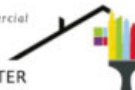
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