

Good News!

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church

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 13, 2025



Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, **"Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'"** So those who had been sent went off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered,

"The Master has need of it." So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: **"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, **"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"** — Luke 19:28-40



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Parish Mission Statement

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

All are welcome!

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NO MATTER your family situation;
NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;
NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;
NO MATTER what your self-image may be;
YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory or in the rear of the church.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory or Faith Formation Office for dates of baptisms. No more than four families will be scheduled for a Baptism at one time. Please call the Rectory at 718-631-4454 or the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191. After the initial intake, you will be asked to go to the Rectory to pick up a checklist and handbook. You will also have to schedule a private class and will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM. Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation


- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

Holy Days and Special Liturgies

- Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office

Devotions

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday - Saturday.



Pray the Rosary

**Before the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass
at 7:45 a.m.**

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Church

Tuesday Rosary Themes

**April 1st
Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**April 8th
St. Gemma Galgani**

**April 15th
Our Lady of Sorrows**

**April 22nd
Divine Mercy**

**April 29th
St. Catherine of Siena**

St. Anastasia Circle of Friends

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ST. ANASTASIA PARISH HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, April 14
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
In the Church


www.sta.nyc

A Prayer for Holy Week



Father in heaven, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how to honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, give me guidance when I am not sure which way to go, and give me wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen.

Source: General Curia of the Society of Jesus

Douglaston Garden Club

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10 am – 2pm

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All are welcome to attend this five-week video series.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center at 9:45 AM & 7:00 PM

- MAY 1: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
- MAY 8: THE WEDDING AT CANA
- MAY 15: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM
- MAY 22: THE TRANSFIGURATION
- MAY 29: THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

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Sunday, May 4th at 1pm-3pm

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Additional registrations forms at St Anastasia Rectory

*** Preferred Contact**

CelebrateSummerSTA@gmail.com

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Grow+Go



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

More than any other time of year, we are able to follow the actual events of Jesus' life this week according to the sequence in which they occurred. Today's procession with palms honors his entry into Jerusalem, where he would prepare to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. We can imagine Jesus spending the subsequent days preaching in the Temple and the nights conversing with his Father in prayer. Then, on Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will inaugurate the Triduum, the time which commemorates Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The Church places these events before our eyes each year as an invitation to enter as fully as possible into Jesus' mind and heart during Holy Week. Even if we regret not being more faithful to the goals we established at the beginning of Lent, we can still seize the opportunity of this week to accompany Jesus as he prepares to die for love of us.

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The crowds of followers who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly today will be silent by Friday. Among his closest disciples, all will fall asleep during his prayer of agony on the Mount of Olives. Peter himself, who says on Holy Thursday, "I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you," will deny three times that he knew Jesus. The chief priests and scribes (who, one would think, should have recognized the Messiah) will deliver him to Pilate to be crucified. In each of these examples, love for Jesus (or, in the case of the priests and scribes, fidelity to God) is tested and found wanting during Holy Week. Of course, we know that Jesus still proceeded to die so that salvation would be available to *all* of these people. He likewise made it possible for every future generation – including our own – to return to him in moments when we find our own love wanting. We do this by turning away from sin and seeking his forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of confession. Therefore, let us, who have acclaimed Jesus as king today, keep him as king of our hearts – not only this week, but every day of our lives.

WORSHIP

Rich in solemnity and symbolism, the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday allow us to accompany Jesus during these difficult days and express to him our love. Try to attend as many of these liturgies as your schedule allows and enter fully into Jesus' experience of Holy Week this year.

Faith Formation & School of Religion

Family Stations of the Cross



This past Friday, April 4th, 2025, we had a family-themed Stations of the Cross. Youth from our seventh and eighth grade confirmation classes helped in reading the stations and reflections. After the Stations, the parish gathered in the Parish Center for a pasta dinner prepared by Joe at Marathon Deli. The confirmation candidates helped in serving the pasta and getting the drinks set out.



It was a great evening of prayer and fellowship for our confirmation candidates and the parishioners. We are hoping to make this a new annual tradition!



LENT



A Season of Preparation

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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



How to make a Palm Sunday Cross

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!



Love and Serve



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The "crowd" and their reactions in Palm Sunday's readings exhibit profound contrasts. They begin by celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. They pay homage by spreading their coats on the road ahead of Jesus riding a colt. In a moment of great hope and expectation, they praise God aloud and joyfully hail Jesus as the King who had been sent by God to bring them deliverance and restore their nation. Later, we enter into a solemn remembrance of Jesus's Passion with the crowd shouting, "*Crucify him! Crucify him!*"

The readings during the liturgy for Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil are the longest in the liturgical year. Their length highlights the profound significance of those days for Christians. The readings for Palm Sunday immerse us in the mystery of Christ's sacrifice and prepare us for Holy Week. And the ones for the Easter Vigil, the greatest and holiest of all Church solemnities, retell salvation history with stories from the creation in Genesis to the Resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, when the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of His Passion are joined. Holy Week continues with the Easter Triduum, which means "three days" in Latin: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It reaches its high point on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil and concludes with Vespers on Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Good Friday is a day of solemn reflection on Jesus' condemnation and Crucifixion when out of love for humanity, He made a gift of His life to the Father for the salvation of the world. Holy Saturday is a day of waiting in hope until we celebrate the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection and victory over death at the Easter Vigil. While chronologically three days, the Triduum is liturgically celebrated as one continuous day, which is Christ's Paschal Mystery at the center of our Christian faith.

Holy Week is a time to deepen our understanding and experience of Christ's Paschal Mystery. We participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be restored to God's grace and to draw closer to Him. We recall Christ's love for us to the point of giving His life and desire to follow Him more closely. We engage in stillness, intense prayer, and deep meditation on the events of Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection. During the Triduum, we attend special liturgies to relive these events.

Let us pray words of St. Richard of Chichester, later adapted for the song "Day by Day" in the musical Godspell: "*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.*"

Reflect. Renew. Rejoice. Wishing you a blessed Holy Week!

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial



Frank Camilletti

April 13 — 19, 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



April 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Prayer Intentions



In the kindness of your prayers, remember our recently deceased parishioners and friends, especially:

Frank Camilletti

Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Geraldine Armenio
Eva Bedell
Fred Bedell
Ann Cavaseno
Joyce Daino
John Dietzler
Carmela Digregorio
Ralph DiScala

Jo Ann Ferrari
Josephine Finocchiaro
Victoria Guerra
Anthony Logerfo
Alfina Manca
TJ McSherry
Antoinette Taub
Gregory Wiehl



Mass Intentions



Sunday, April 13, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff
Arthur Cardarelli

8:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

10:00 a.m. John W. Conlin

12:00 noon Antoinette Guzzo
Thomas Lynett

Monday, April 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. Andrew M. Haverlin
Croce & Peter Alesci

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. Lila Durso
Arthur Cardarelli

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. Umberto Savocchi
Elisabetta de Rege Provana

Thursday, April 17, 2025 **Holy Thursday**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday, April 18, 2025 **Good Friday**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19, 2025 **Holy Saturday**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil**

Sunday, April 20, 2025 **Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon (No Intentions)

St. Anastasia Parish Registration



Thank you for attending Mass with us today.

If you have not previously registered or are considering registering with our parish, please complete a **Parish Registration Form** located in the rear of the church then return it to the rectory.

Parish Family: Why Register?

If you have not already registered, it is important to do so. If and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a letter from the parish. Letters cannot be given to those who are not registered parishioners. Please be sure to keep your information updated with the parish, especially with changes to address and phone number.



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