

Following Him to the Cross

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)

*"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 19:38-40](#)*

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" ([Matthew 27:51-52](#)).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.

As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the "whole multitude" of Jesus' disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
12:30 pm English Mass

Reconciliation: Sundays at 12:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

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Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

Most glorious King, You were fittingly worshiped and adored as You entered Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. I commit myself to that adoration and praise, and I pray that I will honor and love You, not only when it is easy but also when it is unpopular. May I never allow fear to deter me from my love of You and follow You all the way to the glorious throne of Your Cross. Jesus, I trust in You.

Registration Opens May 1, 2025

Totus Tuus from **June 22–27, 2025!** This weeklong Catholic summer program, in collaboration with **St. Augustine & Our Lady of Fatima Parishes**, gives children & youth an engaging, faith-filled experience through prayer, learning, and fun-filled activities.

Totus Tuus Details:

Grades 1–6: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Grades 7–12: Sunday–Thursday, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
(dinner provided)

Visit the [Totus Tuus page](#) on the **Cathedral website** for more information and ways to volunteer.

Totus Tuus is a beautiful opportunity for the youth of our parish communities to grow in faith, build friendships, and experience the joy of an intimate relationship with Jesus.

HOLY WEEK Schedule

English Mass

Holy Thursday, April 17 @ 3:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18 @ 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 12:30 pm

Latin Mass

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 1:45 PM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lectionary #37C and 38C - Liturgical color: red

At the procession with palms - Gospel:
Luke 19:28–40

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4–7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6–11

Verse Before the Gospel:

Philippians 2:8–9

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1–49

No Gloria

Today's Liturgy: No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as today. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into remembrance of the Lord's passion. His royal entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem was also an entrance into the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection. As we enter this holiest of weeks with Christ, may our participation in each solemn liturgy draw us into deeper union with him and with one another.



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm - English Mass



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Parishioner of Mary, Queen of Heaven

Please note: Mass Intensions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

06	Sunday	Pro Populo
07	Monday	Celine Brown
08	Tuesday	
09	Wednesday	
10	Thursday	
11	Friday	
12	Saturday	
13	Sunday	Pro Populo

Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!
St. Anne ... Pray for us!

Latin Mass Schedule CHANGE



NO Daily Mass April 11-25
(7AM Mass resumes April 26)
Palm Sunday @ 1:45 PM

*Please pray for Father Miller
and the Monks on their trip to Gower.*

Seven Sisters Apostolate



**That our prayers
may find the heart
of every priest and
bishop.**

A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email sookiesue@msn.com

Seven Sisters Apostolate meet after 9:00 am Mass at **St. Anne Parish, Medical Lake**. For all those interested—**Please join us in the Church.**