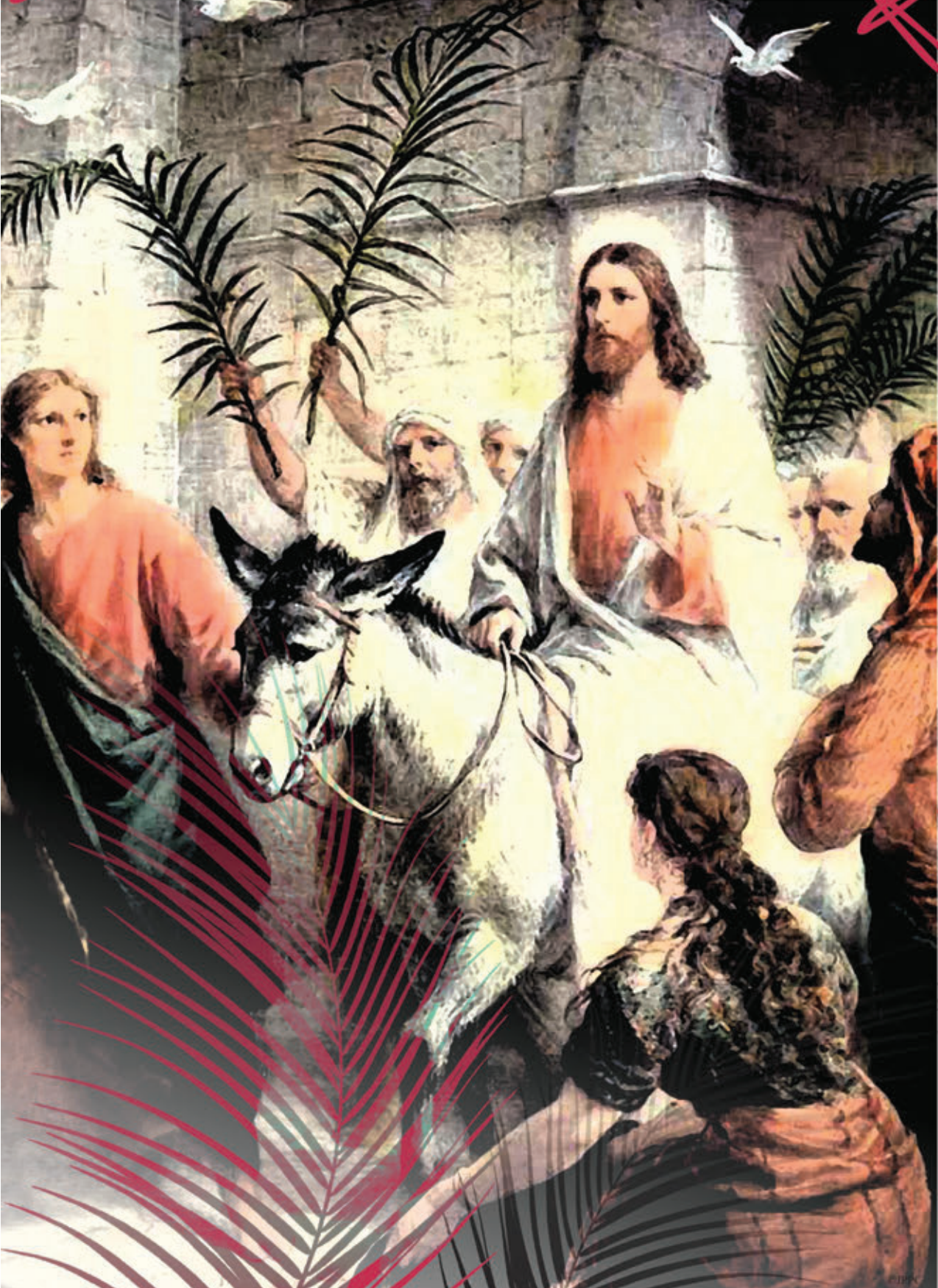
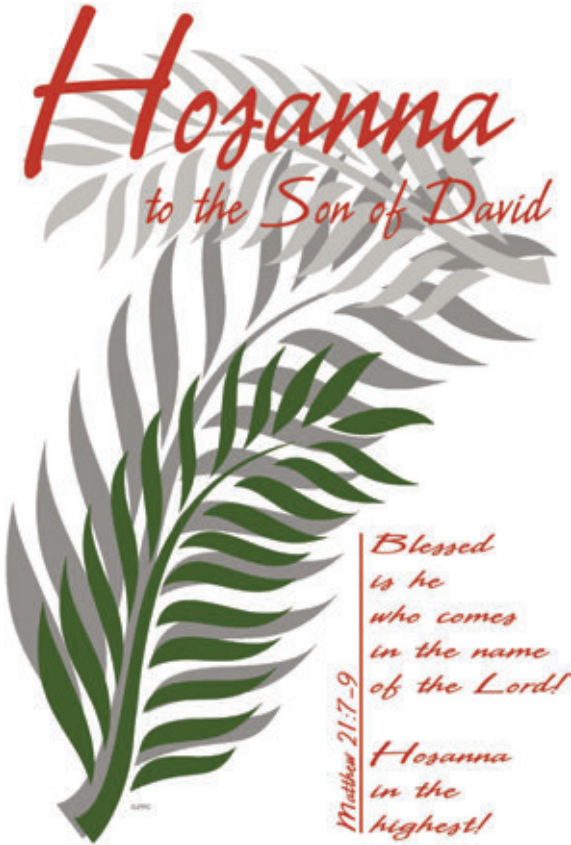


Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion





Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

Thursday

IJ 7:00 PM

Friday

SJE 3:00 PM

SJE 7:00 PM

Saturday

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

March 27 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Intentions of the parishioners
Christine Philp & Yost family

March 28 Palm Sunday

Christine Philp & Yost famiy
Deceased loved ones of
Goerge & Joanne Miller

March 30

Intentions of the parishioners

March 31

Intentions of the parishioners

April 1 Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Service

April 3 Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

April 4 Easter Sunday

Herve & Marie Durocher

By Cecile Durocher

Theresa Duchesne by her family

IJ = Infant Jesus Church SJE = St. John the Evangelist Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Catholic parishes in New Hampshire have been asked to participate in a Diocesan Day of Reconciliation this **Monday, March 29**. Confessions at Saint John XXIII Parish are scheduled for **9 AM -Noon at Infant Jesus Church** in Nashua ..There will be **NO confessions** on Holy Saturday.

Weekly Readings – March 29 - April 4

Monday:Dn 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 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM - IJ Nashua.

Good Friday April 2

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross - SJE Hudson
7:00 PM Good Friday Service - SJE Hudson
(no 8:30 AM Mass)

Holy Saturday April 3

7:30 PM Easter Vigil - IJ Nashua

Easter Sunday April 4

8:00 AM Mass - SJE Hudson

10:30 AM Mass - IJ Nashua

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 20 & 21 2021

Adult Envelopes (45)	\$2,336.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$882.00
Loose Cash	\$273.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,491.00

God bless you for your continued generosity!

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY 2021

Scholars of the Scriptures warn us not to be taken in by Hollywood recreations of the Passion events in terms of crowd size. The streets of old Jerusalem, which I have been privileged to walk, were narrow to the point that we might call them "alleys." The procession of Our Lord that wound up and down them on the way to Calvary would hardly have to attract many people to be called "a crowd." This not to ignore the real crowds that had followed Him during the years of His missionary days.

We twenty-first century followers of Christ, who follow in His path know that crowd size hardly matters. We know enough about Jesus to build our lives upon Him. We number in the billions. No matter the number of times we hear Mark's gospel, it never loses its punch and power.

Some years ago there was a popular song derived from a movie with the vivid lyric: "Love means never having to say 'I'm sorry.'" What an empty definition when placed against the scenes of Our Lord's final hours! He shows us more than what loves looks like. He shows us love. St. John went further when he wrote "God is love."

Good Friday preachers struggle to say something new about its implications and are often bereft of the right words. All they can really do is stare in shock at what human hate can produce against its target and remind us of God showing us what love can do for the beloved. We are the beloved in this case, and our often shameful indifference is embarrassing to say the least. All this becomes personal when we realize that our sins had a part to play in this unique tragedy. Our ugly response to God at times is what held the whips that lacerated His back. Our over-drawn egos drove the thorns into His holy Head. Our gross ingratitude hammered the nails into His hands and feet. Our vulgar voices did the shouting at Him. Our vincible ignorance spat at Him. Somehow we push all that aside when we willfully sin.

In the end, the size of the original group of onlookers that witnessed all this doesn't matter. That His Mother Mary was among them causes that ache in our throats that leads to tears. That His aunts and the youngest Apostle were there, gives our side a tiny morale boost. But the absence of the other Eleven shames us. But we really must admit that "we were there when they crucified Our Lord." Only His divine mercy makes us eligible for pardon.

So, as we begin Holy Week 2021, the call goes out to be a people who pause to think and remember why all these mostly ugly events happened. And if we need words, we have those of our great St. Francis of Assisi: "We adore you O Christ and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world."

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Family Promise News

Family Promise of Southern NH is busy and grateful! Families continue to move in, construction is winding to a close, and staff is tending to the finer details needed to get and keep everything running smoothly. We are incredibly busy; busier than we thought we would be at this point! But we are happy and blessed.

For more information about our mission, or if you are interested in visiting the new home of Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, please contact Pam Wellman, Executive Director at 603-883-7338, ext.1. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Matthew Hodgkiss, 603-883-7338, ext. 3. Please visit our website at www.familypromisesnh.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance continues to serve the residents of Nashua that are struggling to make ends meet. No matter how small or large a family is, our volunteers are able to fill the client's grocery bags with the items that they specifically need and request. Just this month, the pantry was able to provide over 100 pounds of food to a family of eight. The parents were beyond words with gratitude that they would be able to feed their children. It is very humbling to see such appreciation.

Online Divorce/Separation Support Group

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/Separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at 12 noon) starting April 21. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup or call 603-752-1325.

4 Week Grief Support Group

Tuesdays from April 6-April 27 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm live on Zoom. The Group will consist of spiritual components of prayer, meditation, and reflection, community components of listening, discussion, activities and individual component of realizing one's own unique grief journey. The group Facilitator is Sheila Corsaro M. Ed. | Sheila is a student in the Master of Spirituality Program at Merrimack College with a focus on Grief and Spirituality. She is a volunteer at a hospice agency helping facilitate a bereavement group. If you would like to join the group or have any questions please contact Sheila Corsaro, at corsaros@merrimack.edu

NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry

On Tuesday March 30th from 12-2 PM at Holman Stadium parking lot, 67 Amherst St., Nashua. The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of fresh food to distribute to families and individuals of Southern NH. This event is free and open to all. Proof of residency or income is not needed. This is a drive through event -items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.



Good Friday Collection

Once a year on Good Friday, our parish is called upon to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Franciscans and others are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit: MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday.

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