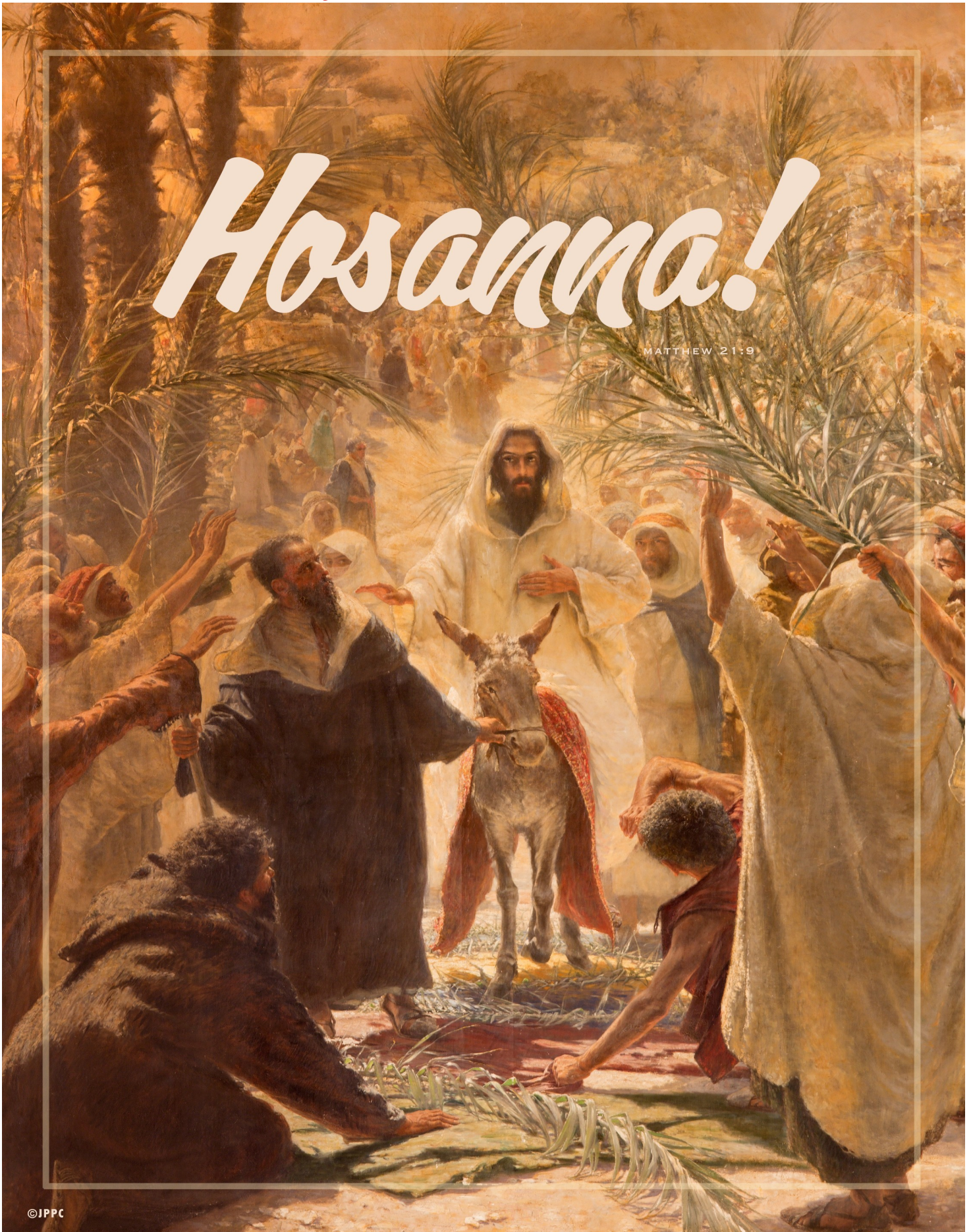


Saint John XXIII Parish

Hosanna!

MATTHEW 21:9



Hozanna

to the Son of David



*Blessed
is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!
Hozanna
in the
highest!*

Matthew 21:7-9

Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

Thursday

SJE 7:00 PM

Friday

IJ 3:00 PM

SJE 7:00 PM

Saturday

SJE 7:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

April 1

Mary & George Doyle by the family

Madeline (Charron) Martin

by Joanne Charron

Mass in Portuguese

April 2 Palm Sunday

Intentions of the Parishioners

Theresa Duchesne by her family

April 4

All Souls Intentions

April 5

The Shanholtz Family

April 6 Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)

April 7 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Service (English)

April 8 Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil (English)

April 9 Easter Sunday

Hervey & Marie Durocher

by their family

Paul Charron by his family

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

Weekly Readings April 3 – April 9

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, 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 61:1-3ab, 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 Gn 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 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; i) Mt 28:1-10

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 25 & 26, 2023

Adult Envelopes (50)	\$2,921.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$382.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,123.00
Fuel	\$315.00
Debt Reduction	\$300.00
Snow Removal	\$200.00

*May our loving God bless you
for your continued generosity!*

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REFLECTION - PALM SUNDAY

The practical types among us might well opt for the shorter version of the gospel today. After all, there are multiple Masses, more crowded than usual, and then the ever problematic church parking lot, often the place where the gospel message is aborted. But then are we not above complaining about a few extra minutes spent in Church at the holiest time of the year?

Years ago, I heard the tale of a young priest who made his homily for Palm Sunday a dramatic exclamation of "Wow!" before continuing the Mass. That might be a sensitive Christian's response in a private setting. But this day calls for more to be said, albeit briefly, as even the liturgical directions suggest.

The astounding love that prompted the Son of God's acquiescence to His Father's will is the most compelling part of the greatest story ever told. Marvelous miracles and penetrating parables certainly have their place in the public record of what Jesus did. But if actions ever spoke louder than words, this Good Friday event is the Lord's megaphone. And we poor sinners can do no more nor less than listen, and yes, learn.

As we hear the Passion read to us, or ponder it privately, today and throughout this coming Holy Week, there may come to us a healthy onrush of guilt. That's because our sins, yours and mine, ultimately caused this to happen. What our Redeemer suffered deserves our tears.

But neither guilt nor tears was the purpose of the Passion nor the intent of Christ. After all, He told the women of Jerusalem along His way to Calvary: "Weep not for Me." And so I conclude this brief reflection with a blessing for you, even if you want to think "Wow!" But I heartily recommend a far better reaction to the Passion in this well-known prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: "I adore You, O Christ, and I praise You...because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming New England program beginning with a weekend on August 12-14, 2022 visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230 or email us at 3023r@helpourmarriage.org

DIOCESAN WHITE MASS

The White Mass will be held at St. Hedwig Church in Manchester on Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. The White Mass is a special opportunity to ask God's blessings for healthcare professionals and to affirm the profound service they give to the sick according to the model of Jesus Christ. At that time the New Hampshire Guild of Catholic Healthcare Professionals will recognize the recipient of the 2023 St. Martin de Porres Award. The St. Martin de Porres Award is awarded by the Guild to an individual who has exemplified the virtues of Catholic healthcare in her or his career as a healthcare professional

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

United Way of Greater Nashua will be hosting a Community Baby Shower for low-income families in April. Each year, new families are invited to this educational celebration to learn about community supports available to them and pick items from the "baby boutique" to help them get started with the new addition to their family. Donations of Items may be purchased through the wish list here: <https://tinyurl.com/2023bbshwr> or purchased locally. The most needed items are: diapers in all sizes, new clothing, booster seats (used ok), small strollers (used ok), wipes, and baby wash / lotion. All items should be sent to or dropped off at 20 Broad Street, Nashua NH 03064 between 10am and 3pm on weekdays. The deadline for this project is April 1. For more information about this project contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 864-0201

PENNY SALE AT ST. PATRICK'S PELHAM

Join us Saturday, April 15th for the Annual Women's Guild Penny Sale at the St. Patrick Parish Center, 12 Main Street, Pelham, NH. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Main Entrance and you will exit through the Main Entrance. We will be open on Saturday, April 15th from 9am to 3pm. Drawing will begin at 3:30pm Saturday, April 15th. Pick up of items will be Sunday, April 16th, from 12pm to 2pm. Come join the fun. For more information call Therese Soucy at 603-635-3525.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Saint Christopher Academy had an amazing food drive that was held during Catholic schools week. The school donated 564 pounds of food. They held a brown bag appeal for the Pantry. Heartfelt thanks to the school for their generous support. Our assistance program has continued to help keep our clients warm with the much-needed winter donations of coats, hats, mittens, and boots. These items have been greatly appreciated by the clients. Thank you very much for your support. The Pantry also recently participated in charitable gaming fundraiser. As a result, we received a large check that will go far to keep our doors open.

CMC HEART & HANDS SCHOLARSHIP

The CMC Heart & Hands Scholarship is presented to two students entering grades 7-12 who have made a significant contribution or impact in their community. Learn more about the eligibility requirements and how to apply at www.catholicnh.org/scholarships.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2023 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on Sunday, April 30, at 2pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, contact our Parish Office (603) 882-2462 ext. 4 by April 7

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others