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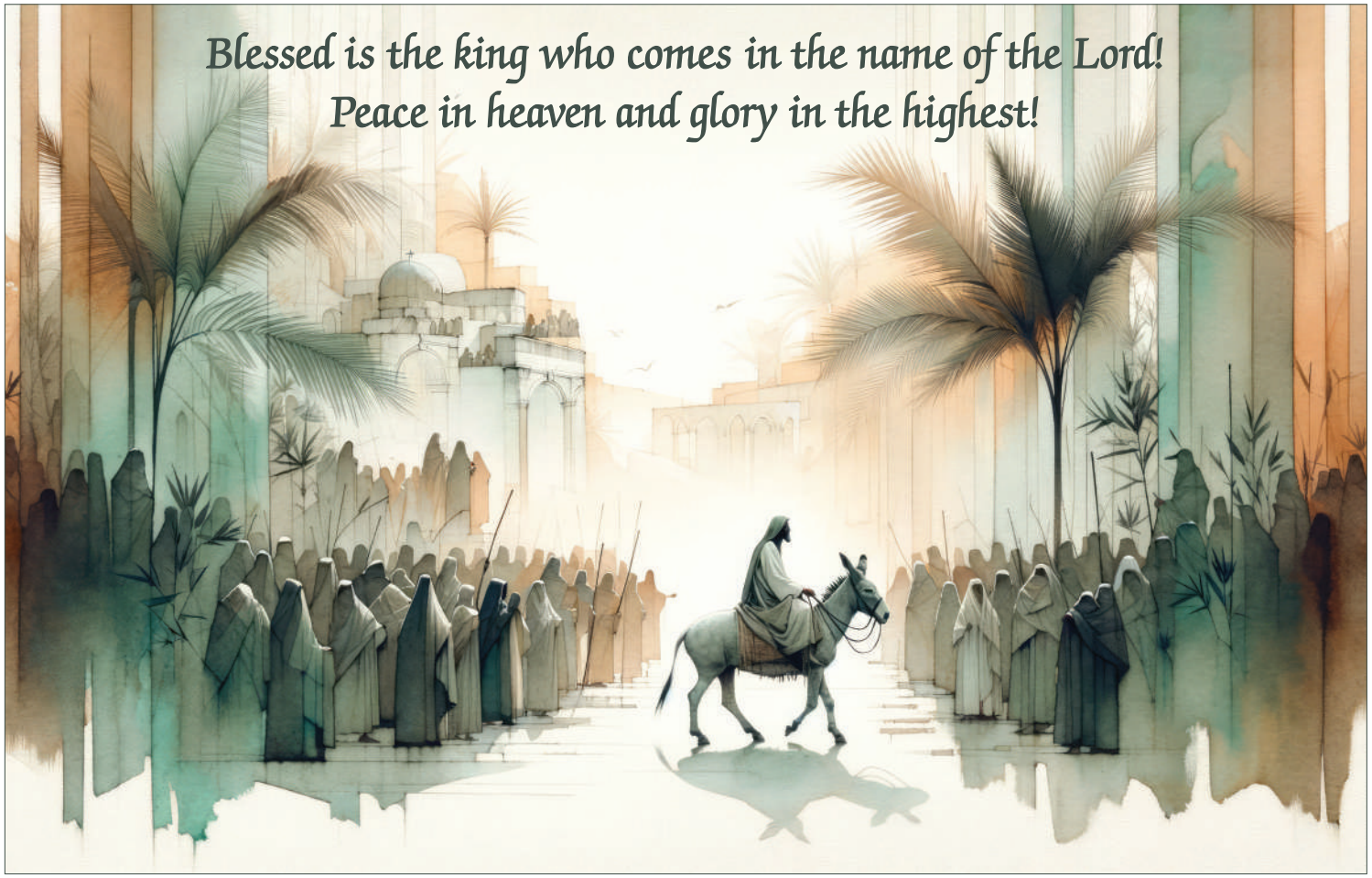

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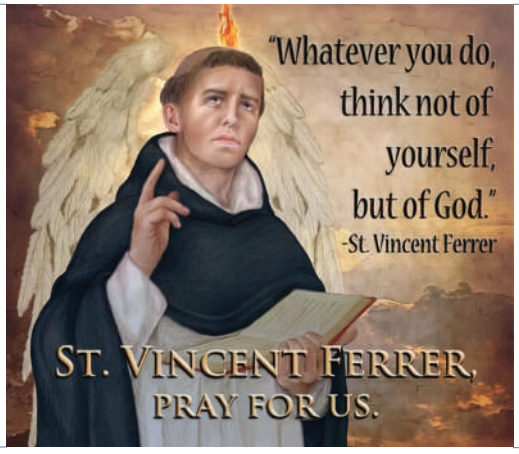

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

April 13, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, April 12th **5:00 p.m.**
Margaret F. & Salvatore E. Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret & James Bambara

Sunday, April 13th **8:00 a.m.**
Rev. Father Antonius P. Gopaul – Birthday Blessings
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Rectory Staff

11:00 a.m.
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent – In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Juday Pierre – In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Monday, April 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Annie Gopaul – Blessings and Healing
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul & Family

Tuesday, April 15th **9:00 a.m.**
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent – In Memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Wednesday, April 16th **9:00 a.m.**
Sophia Williams — Blessings & Thanksgiving
Requested by Lavern Marshall & Family

Holy Thursday, April 17th **9:00 a.m.**
Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper **7:00 p.m.**
The Mandatum
Sacred Adoration of the Lord concludes at **Midnight**

Good Friday, April 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Morning Prayer
Seven Last Words 12:00 Noon
Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion **7:00 p.m.**

Glorious Saturday, April 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Morning Prayer

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass

Solemn Vigil of Easter **7:30 p.m.**

Collection Schedule — Palm Sunday — April 12-13
First Collection: Palm Sunday Collection
Second Collection: My Easter Offering

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Mildred, Gerard & Francine Cottone — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret & James Bambara

Altar Flowers
The sick and homebound — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Thanksgiving and Blessings for
the Saint Vincent Ferrer Family
Requested by Cayara Dickey

Saint Joseph Candle
Mario Pringle — In Memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper & Family

Sanctuary Candle
Rev. Father Antonius P. Gopaul — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul & Family

Mary's Chapel
Helen Mathew — In Memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper & Family

Annunciation Chapel
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent – In Memoriam

Read the following scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

The Master has need of it. How can I place my gifts at the service of Jesus and his Church? For what needs do I need to petition Jesus?

The whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. For what do I need to praise God? How can I express this praise more wholeheartedly?

I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out! When have I been silent when I should have spoken out? How can I be braver in sharing my faith?

After a period of silent reflection, recite the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Prayer

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

(From Psalm 22)

DAILY READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14–23:56
Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us (2), did not shield his face from buffets and spitting (1), but offered his live of the cross (3). He relied on his Fathers's love (Ps).

Monday, April 14

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Isaiah 42:1-7, Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14, John 12:1-11
Though he must suffer and die (2),the Suffering Servant will not cry out (1), for the Lord is his refuge (Ps).

Tuesday, April 15

Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalm 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17,
John 13:21-33, 36-38
The Lord will show his glory in his Servant (1) by delivering from death (Ps) the one handed over by Judas (2)

Wednesday, April 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Plsam 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34,
Matthew 26:14-25
Trusting in the Lord who is his help (1, Ps), Jesus speaks of his betrayal which is at hand (2).

Thursday, April 17

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14, Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18,
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-15
Before the feast of Pasover (1), Jesus celebrates the Last Supper (3) in which he gives us his body and blood (2, Ps).

Friday, April 18

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

Isaiah 52:13-53, Psalm 31:2,6, 12-13, 15-17, 25,
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42
Entrusting his life to the Father (Ps), Jesus bore our infirmities (1), and, obedient unto death (2), won for us eternal salvation (3).

Saturday, April 19

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

(1) Genesis 1:1-2:2, Psalm 104: 1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c
(2) Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 16:5, 8-11
(3) Exodus 14:15-15:1, Psalm: Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18
(4) Isaiah 54:5-14, Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
(5) Isaiah 55:1-11, Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
(6) Baruch 3:9-15, 32, 4:4, Psalm 19:8-11
(7) Exodus 36:16-17a, 18-28, Psalm 42:3, 5bcd, 43:3-4
(8) Romans 6:3-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
(9) Luke 24:1-12

Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (8, Ps)! If we have died with Christ (8:Rom), we shall also rise with him (9) and pass from death to life (3:Ex).

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2025 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — March 5, 2025
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — April 13, 2025
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — April 14. 2025
3:00-5:00 p.m. — Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Sacred Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 18, 2025
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
*** NO 5:00 p.m. Mass**
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 20, 2025
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 29, 2025
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — June 8, 2025
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.
Please be generous in the Special Collection to help our retired priests.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Friday, April 18, 2025

This Jubilee Year is designated as a Year of Hope. Indeed, hope is a necessary virtue in a land marked by cycles of violence and relative calm. Gaza itself has been reduced to rubble. Missiles have hit many other places as well. People across the region are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals, and even churches. Many of our faithful earn their living from pilgrimages. Still repaying debts from the pandemic shutdown, they found themselves soon assaulted by war. Now, already in debt, many have again lost jobs. Fear and despair have driven many Christians to leave the Holy Land: over the past century, Christians have gone from 23% to less than 2% of the population. And more than 90 Christian families have already left Bethlehem since October 7, having lost hope in a good future for them in the land where Jesus and the Church were born. How could we allow the land where Jesus Christ walked and called people to follow HIm become a place without a local Church?

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a Collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your support of this important collection is essential.

Please be generous.

Scripture Reflection

A Leap of Imagination

To experience a meaningful Holy Week requires a great leap, not only of faith, but of imagination. We are asked to suspend our belief in the scientific method, which replicates experiments in order to replicate results. Our goal in Holy Week is different: we go through the familiar readings and rituals as we've done for years, but we're hoping that something new will emerge from those ancient stories. We are seeking something more than what's on the surface, and in order to find it we must begin by seeking something less, the humble but thorough joy of children.

On Palm Sunday we stand with the glad crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem shortly before the annual Passover rituals, marveling that our ordinary day has turned extraordinary . . . We will need all the certainty of that faith, for our Palm Sunday readings quickly bring us to the heart of suffering. The Gospel takes us into Gethsemane, where Jesus is betrayed and arrested; soon we are hearing the story of his condemnation and death. Palm Sunday reminds us that our world can turn on a dime, that sudden changes in our circumstances can take us straight from praise to lament. But in exercising our God-given imagination, like the poet who first sang Psalm 22, we might also allow God to help us turn our most painful lament into praise.

This is the journey of Holy Week; this is the journey of our lives.

—Kathleen Norris, adapted from God for Us

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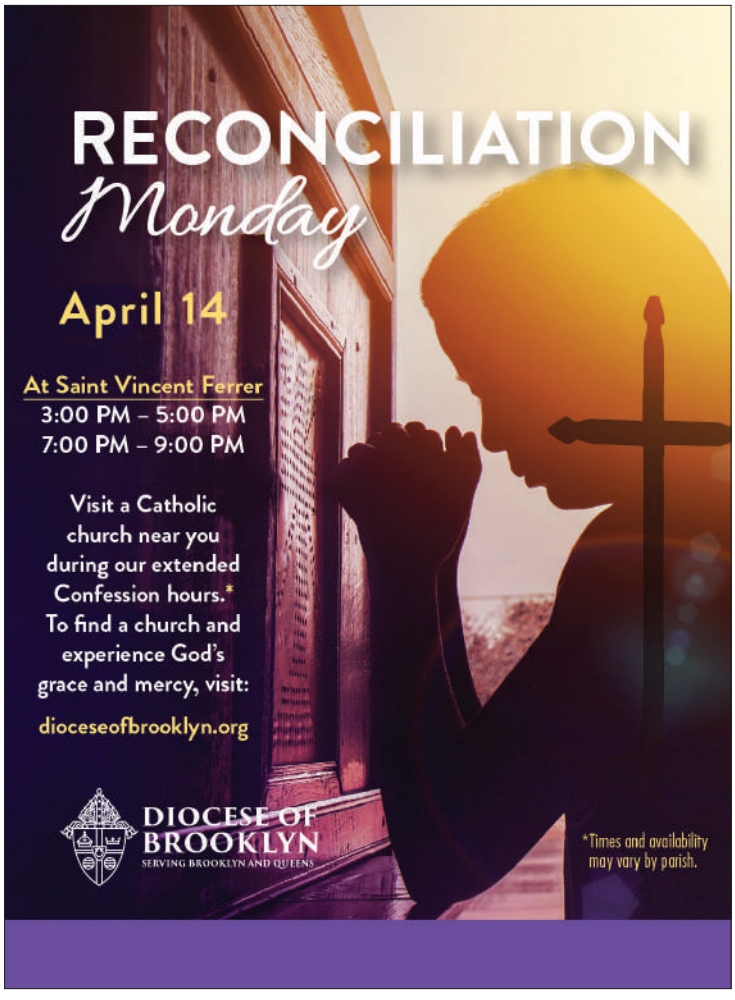
SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF RETIRED PRIESTS EASTER WEEKEND, APRIL 19-20

There will be a SECOND COLLECTION on Easter Sunday to support the retired priests who ministered in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Priests are permitted to retire at 72, but are asked to continue until 75,health permitting. Even after a priest reaches 75 years of age, many continue to minister as Senior Active Priests or Retired Priests who assist parishes on Sunday. Some retired priests have private residences or live in Rectories. Many others reside in the Bishop Mugavero Residence at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Many of them are no longer able to celebrate Mass publically due to health conditions. The St. John Vianney Fund supports retired priests with a monthly stipend.



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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!

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **Mary's Apostolate** 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass ***In His Light* Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement* at 7:00 p.m.	**Charismatic Group la Paix** Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m. **Group la Paix Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass **Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation** 8:00 a.m.	**Legion of Mary** *Rectory basement* at 10:00 a.m. **Girl Scouts** *Lower Church* 6:00-8:00 p.m.	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Mary's Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

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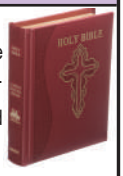

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