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MARCH 29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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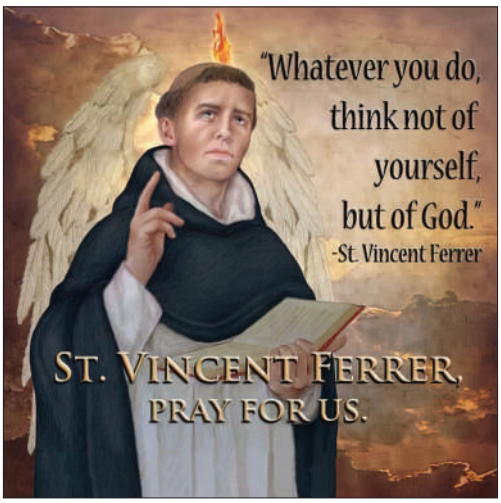

MASS SCHEDULE

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

March 29, 2026

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28 — **5:00 p.m.**
Palm Sunday
Margaret F. and Salvatore E. Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, March 29 — **8:00 a.m.**
Palm Sunday
Lydell K. Hooper — 18th Birthday Blessings
Requested by Claudia Hooper

11:00 a.m.
Kathleen Nurse — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Denise Richards — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
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Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Monday, March 30 — **9:00 a.m.**
The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 31 — **9:00 a.m.**
Maria Black — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Antonius P. Gopaul

Wednesday, April 1 — **9:00 a.m.**
Muzaf and Joyce Nasir — In Memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Holy Thursday, April 2 — **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 3 — **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 4 — **9:00 a.m.**
Morning Prayer

NO 5:00 p.m. Mass

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

Gifts and Intentions

Bread and Wine
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Barbara Dhanieram— Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Pearly Gopaul — Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Mary's Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Daily Readings for The Fifth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 29
Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14–27:66

Monday, March 30
Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31
Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 1
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 2 — Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Friday, April 3 — Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1–19:42

Saturday, April 4
Morning Prayer

Scripture Reflection

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?". This is the cry that today's liturgy has us repeat in the responsorial psalm, the only cry that Jesus makes from the cross in the Gospel we have heard. Those words bring us to the very heart of Christ's passion, the culmination of the sufferings he endured for our salvation. "Why have you forsaken me?".

The sufferings of Jesus were many, and whenever we listen to the account of the Passion, they pierce our hearts. There were sufferings of the body: let us think of the slaps and beatings, the flogging and the crowning with thorns, and in the end, the cruelty of the crucifixion. There were also sufferings of the soul: the betrayal of Judas, the denials of Peter, the condemnation of the religious and civil authorities, the mockery of the guards, the jeering at the foot of the cross, the rejection of the crowd, utter failure and the flight of the disciples. Yet, amid all these sorrows, Jesus remained certain of one thing: the closeness of the Father. Now, however, the unthinkable has taken place. Before dying, he cries out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The forsakenness of Jesus.

This is the most searing of all sufferings, the suffering of the spirit. At his most tragic hour, Jesus experiences abandonment by God. Prior to that moment, he had never called the Father by his generic name, "God". To convey the impact of this, the Gospel also reports his words in Aramaic. These are the only words of Jesus from the cross that have come down to us in the original language. The real event is the extreme abasement, being forsaken by the Father, forsaken by God. We find it hard even to grasp what great suffering he embraced out of love for us. He sees the gates of heaven close, he finds himself at the bitter edge, the shipwreck of life, the collapse of certainty. And he cries out: "Why?" A "why" that embraces every other "why" ever spoken. "Why, God?".

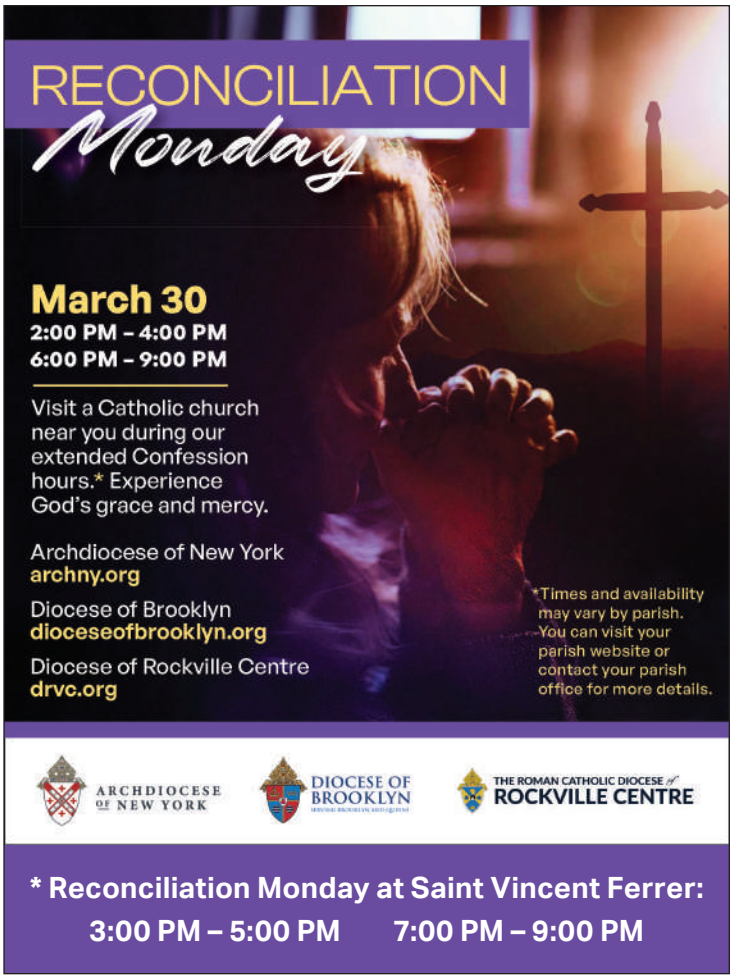
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In the Bible, the word "forsake" is powerful. We hear it at moments of extreme pain: love that fails, or is rejected or betrayed; children who are rejected and aborted; situations of repudiation, the lot of widows and orphans; broken marriages, forms of social exclusion, injustice and oppression; the solitude of sickness. In a word, in the drastic severing of the bonds that unite us to others. There, this word is spoken: "abandonment". Christ brought all of this to the cross; upon his shoulders, he bore the sins of the world. And at the supreme moment, Jesus, the only-begotten, beloved Son of the Father, experienced a situation utterly alien to his very being: abandonment, the distance of God.

Why did it have to come to this? He did it for us. There is no other answer. For us. Brothers and sisters, today this is not merely a show. Every one of us, hearing of Jesus' abandonment, can say: for me. This abandonment is the price he paid for me. He became one with each of us in order to be completely and definitively one with us to the very end. He experienced abandonment in order not to leave us prey to despair, in order to stay at our side forever. He did this for me, for you, because whenever you or I or anyone else seems pinned to the wall, lost in a blind alley, plunged into the abyss of abandonment, sucked into a whirlwind of so many "whys" without an answer, there can still be a hope: Jesus himself, for you, for me. It is not the end, because Jesus was there and even now, he is at your side. He endured the distance of abandonment in order to take up into his love every possible distance that we can feel. So that each of us might say: in my failings, and each of us has failed many times, in my desolation, whenever I feel betrayed or have betrayed others, whenever I feel cast aside or have cast aside others, whenever I feel forsaken or have abandoned others, let us think of Jesus, who was abandoned, betrayed and cast aside. There, we find him. When I feel lost and confused, when I feel that I can't go on, he is beside me. Amid all my unanswered questions "why...?", he is there.

That is how the Lord saves us, from within our questioning "why?" From within that questioning, he opens the horizon of hope that does not disappoint. His is a love of mercy, tenderness and compassion. This is God's style: closeness, compassion and tenderness. God is like this. Christ, in his abandonment, stirs us to seek him and to love him and those who are themselves abandoned. For in them we see not only people in need, but Jesus himself, abandoned: Jesus, who saved us by descending to the depths of our human condition. He is with each of them, abandoned even to death…So many need our closeness, so many are abandoned. I too need Jesus to caress me and draw close to me, and for this reason I go to find him in the abandoned, in the lonely. He wants us to care for our brothers and sisters who resemble him most, those experiencing extreme suffering and solitude. Today, dear brothers and sisters, their numbers are legion. Entire peoples are exploited and abandoned; the poor live on our streets and we look the other way; there are migrants who are no longer faces but numbers; there are prisoners who are disowned; people written off as problems. Countless other abandoned persons are in our midst, invisible, hidden, discarded with white gloves: unborn children, the elderly who live alone: they could perhaps be your father or mother, your grandfather or grandmother, left alone in retirement homes, the sick whom no one visits, the disabled who are ignored, and the young burdened by great interior emptiness, with no one prepared to listen to their cry of pain. And they find no path other than suicide. The abandoned of our day. The "Christs" of our day.

Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the "forsaken" Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation. Brothers and sisters, today let us implore this grace: to love Jesus in his abandonment and to love Jesus in the abandoned all around us.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 29 (Palm Sunday): **Easter Gift to My Church**
April 3 (Good Friday): **Collection for the Holy Land**
April 5 (Easter Sunday): **Retired Priests**
April 11/12: **Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day Novena**
April 26: **Catholic Home Missions**

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2026 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
*** 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 — March 29, 2026
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 — March 30, 2026
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 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 3, 2026
*** 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 4, 2026
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 5, 2026
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

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This Week on Formed

Week of March 29, 2026

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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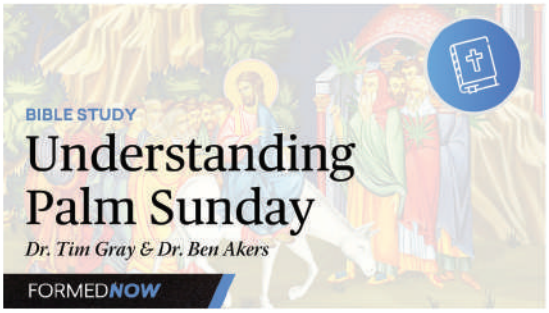
The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

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.



Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

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PALM SUNDAY

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The Crucifixion of Jesus

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Count the number of people yelling Crucify Him! .

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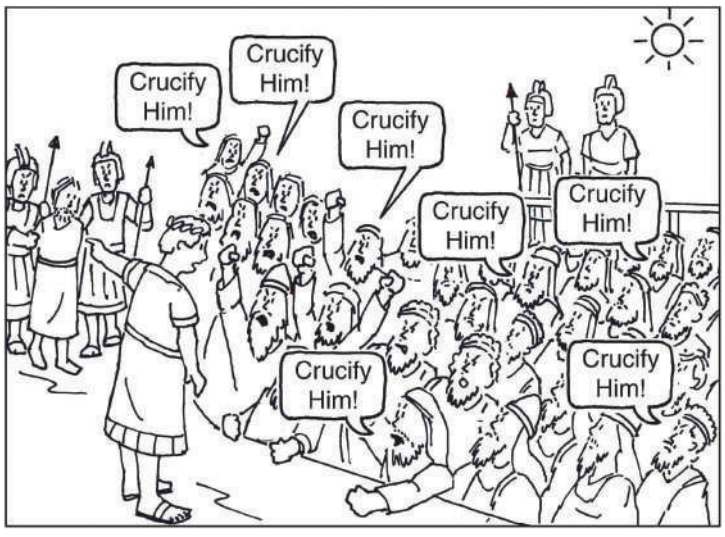

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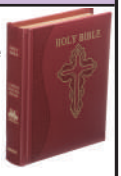

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