



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

	8:30 AM Mass (English)
	10:30 AM Mass (Vietnamese)
	12:30 PM (Vietnamese)

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - MARCH 16 & 17, 2024

Donation	\$3,725.00
Donation Online	\$1,127.00
Maintenance Fund	\$10.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$4,862.00</b>



#### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.



**HOLY SATURDAY**  
March 30th

**Kissing the Cross:**  
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM



Our Lady of Lourdes, Seattle

Vanco online donation system is being transferred to the Pushpay system. The parish will have instruction and support session for parishioners after the Masses of the first and second weekends of the month of April, 4/6/24-4/7/24 and 4/13/24-4/14/24. To help everything goes smoothly when transferring to the Pushpay system, you will need a mobile phone number, an email address, a credit or debit card to deposit your donation or bring a bank check. You can also use the QR codes provides here to create your account from the comfort of your home. We appreciate and thank you for all your support.





**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**HOMILY BY FATHER JOSEPH VU**  
**Which Victory Are We Celebrating?**

Today we hold in our hands palm branches. In the ancient world, palm branches were the symbol of victory.

- For the Israelites in the Old Testament, the elegance, strength, and simplicity of this tree became a symbol of the just man or woman, the one in whom God's law triumphed.

It also symbolized victory for the Romans.

- Palm trees were not native to Italy.
- And so, when the Romans started conquering other nations in the Mediterranean, the generals brought palm trees back to Rome as souvenirs of their victories.

So the crowds waving palm branches as Jesus entered

Jerusalem were declaring his victory.

Today, we echo them, we join them, and we declare and celebrate Christ's victory.

But what victory is it? And how did Christ win it?

It is the victory over original sin.

- Original sin was mankind's disobedience to God and obedience to the devil.
- It shattered God's plan, let loose the scourge of evil, and gave the devil a certain power over earthly society.

Jesus, through his passion, death, and resurrection, reversed the disobedience of original sin by obeying his Father's will in spite of all the devil's attempts to thwart him:

- The betrayal of Judas, the abandonment of his apostles, the false accusations, the condemnation, the humiliation, the scourging and crowing with thorns, the torture of crucifixion - all of these sufferings were the devil's attempts to get Jesus to say "no" to his Father, just as he had gotten Adam and Eve to say "no".

- But Jesus defeated the devil. He continued to love, forgive, and obey through it all. And so he, unlike Adam, unlike every other person in history, can say, "I have not rebelled" [first reading at the Mass].

His obedience establishes a beachhead in this world that is under the devil's sway: Jesus' Passion is D-Day for the devil, and liberation for us.

This is the victory we celebrate.

## Share the Good News

Today and throughout this week we should give thanks to God for the great things he has done, reflect on his saving love, and renew our commitment to follow him.

But the victory is too wonderful to keep to ourselves.

There are still people who don't know about it.

- They don't know Christ, or they are afraid to follow him.
- They don't know that their sufferings in this fallen world can become meaningful and fruitful if they are united to Christ's sufferings.

There are two ways that each one of us can make this Holy Week truly holy, not only for ourselves, but for those around us - by our words and our deeds.

- By our words. We should not be afraid to speak of Christ and the meaning of his Passion. We are his messengers. He wants to reach out to others through us. Who needs to hear the message? Maybe we can think of someone right away. Maybe we just need to be ready and willing, so that the Holy Spirit can work through us.

- And by our deeds. This week, we can image Christ's Passion by doing what he did, by sharing our neighbor's burdens, by taking upon ourselves the crosses of others.

- It may be as simple as inviting someone to come and participate in the Holy Week liturgies.

Today, on this day when we celebrate the victory of Christ's love, let's ask Christ to show us what to do, and let's promise him that we will not keep the victory to ourselves, that we will carry the palm branch not only in Church, but everywhere we go - being true messengers of the Redemption.

# Liturgical Life

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

*"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

# **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

## **At the Procession with Palms - Gospel Mk 11:1-10**

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

## **At the Mass - Reading I Is 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

## **Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

## **Reading II Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming 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, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Verse before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9**

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

Saint  
**Bernadette**  
Parish

 St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
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[www.saintbernadette.net](http://www.saintbernadette.net)

March 23 11:00 am  
Vigil Rehearsal in Church

March 28 7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper\*

March 29 7:00 pm

Passion of the Lord Service\*

March 30 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

March 31 8:30 am

Easter Sunday Mass\*

March 31 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Mass

*April 1 No morning Mass*

\* These liturgies will be streamed live.

Penance Service,  
Monday March 25, 7pm\*

Holy Thursday Mass  
March 28, 7pm\*

Good Friday Stations of  
the Cross March 29, 3pm

Good Friday Service  
March 29, 7pm\*

Holy Saturday Mass  
March 30, Easter Vigil 8pm\*  
(bon fire)

Easter Sunday Mass  
March 31, 8am & 10am

\*Event will be live streamed to  
our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels



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Tuesday (3/26)

5PM Adoration

6PM-645PM Confessions

7PM Mass (Spanish)

Wednesday (3/27)

9AM Mass (English)

6PM Stations of the Cross (English)

Holy Thursday (3/28)

7PM Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper (English & Spanish)

Good Friday (3/29)

3PM Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)

7PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English & Spanish)

Holy Saturday (3/30)

8:00PM Easter Vigil (English & Spanish)

Easter Sunday (3/31)

8:30AM Mass (Spanish)

10:30AM Mass (English)