

March 24, 2024



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HELP

CELEBRATION
OF HOLY MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am

DAILY MASS

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday after
8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturdays 3–3:45 pm

Or anytime by appointment

ADORATION

First Fridays 24 hours, 9 am–9 am

Other Fridays 9 am–9 pm

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*Palm
Sunday*

Info Center

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Church Hours

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is open for personal prayer 24/7. Use the southwest door to enter, and use the code *3322#.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 2 pm.
The office is closed for holidays and occasional staff meetings.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish!
You may register at ourladygc.org/register or by calling 614.875.3322 or emailing parish@ourladygc.org.

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for yourself or a loved one? Contact the Church Office for more information.

In Need of Assistance?

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter at 614.875.3322, ext 311.

Baptism

For information, call Karen Cook in the Church Office, 614.875.3322 or visit ourladygc.org/sacraments/baptism/

Marriage

Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance. Wedding guidelines are available at the Church Office.

Bulletin Announcements Deadline: noon Thursday

Items should be short and concise. Submit your articles by noon on Thursday, 10 days before you wish to have your item appear, to bulletin@ourladygc.org. All items are subject to the pastor's approval.

Mass Readings & Intentions

Sunday, March 24 | Palm Sunday

8:30 am	Our Parish Family	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47
10:30 am	Mickey Bayes by Greg & Sandy Wagner	

Monday, March 25 | Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am	Tom Beljan by The Divine Mercy Cenacle	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
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Tuesday, March 26 | Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 am	Robert Wahl by Rob & Cindy McCarty	Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
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Wednesday, March 27 | Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am	Janet Millenbaugh by Joe Millenbaugh	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
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Thursday, March 28 | Holy Thursday

8:30 am	Our Parish Family	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
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Friday, March 29 | Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30 | Holy Saturday

8:00 pm	Our Parish Family	Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15— 15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
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Sunday, March 31 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am	Tom Powers by Patty Poe	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
10:30 am	Our Parish Family	

Team #1

Giving Update

Please check out our website at ourladygc.org/about-us/generosity for a complete list of options for supporting our parish community.

	This Week	Year to Date
	3.9 to 3.15.2024	7.1.23 to 3.15.2024
Envelopes	\$13,374	
Loose Cash	\$1,127	
Online	\$7,036	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$21,537	\$1,003,143
Budget	\$26,500	\$980,500

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Perpetual Help! We pray for God's continued blessings upon you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am	PWA Bake Sale	Gathering Space
9:30 am	PSR Home Formation Gathering	Shepherds' Room
7:00 pm	High School Youth Group	Basement East

Monday, March 25

6:00 pm	Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Nave
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Tuesday, March 26

6:30 pm	Adult Faith Formation for OCIA	Life Center
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation for OCIA	Basement West
7:00 pm	Grief Matters	Shepherds' Room

Wednesday, March 27

9:00 am	Our Lady Novena	Chapel
10:15 am	Little Saint's Playgroup	Shepherds' Room
6:00 pm	PWA Meeting	Life Center
6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Shepherds' Room

Thursday, March 28

9:00 am	Patriotic Rosary	Chapel
7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass	Nave
8:00 pm	Adoration	Life Center

Friday, March 29

12:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Nave
6:00 pm	Walking Stations of the Cross	Nave
7:00 pm	Confessions	Nave

Saturday, March 30

7:00 am	Men's Fellowship and Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 am	Women's Fellowship and Bible Study	Shepherds' Room
9:00 am	Easter Vigil Practice	Nave
12:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt and Basket Blessing	Front Lawn
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Nave

Sunday, March 31

8:30 am	Easter Mass	Nave
10:30 am	Easter Mass	Nave



ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart points to the importance of family prayer and dedicating their family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This local apostolate is seeking to strengthen the family unit both locally and beyond. They are providing religious images for families, a digital format to download the image and packet of materials and a website full of resources. This self-guided packet is faith-filled, and the prayers can be led by anyone. Learn more at welcomehisheart.com.

M – F DAILY EVENTS

- 7 am — Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayers | Chapel
- 7:50 am — Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary | Nave
- 8:30 am — Daily Mass | Nave
- 9 am — Coffee & Conversation | Life Center
- 2:25 pm — Radio Rosary | 101.9FM



Congratulations to couples celebrating anniversaries in March.

Peter & Nelly Guter 63 years | March 9

If you would like to have an anniversary recognized in the bulletin, please email the couple's names, date, and number of years married to bulletin@ourladygc.org.



- 3/28 | 7th Grade Shadow Stations
- 4/1 | No School - Easter Monday
- 4/5 | 7th Grade Program



Join us for communally sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Mondays at 6 pm in the Nave. Pray with the wider Church in this portion of the Divine Office.

This worship opportunity is sponsored by Creative Ministries.

PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

+Venerable Fulton Sheen

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25 | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Holy Gospel: John 12:1-11

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the love that knows no bounds? As Jesus dines with his beloved friends, Mary does something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. Mary's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus and her gratitude for God's mercy. She did something, however, a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosened her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bind her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. Mary was oblivious to all around her, except for Jesus. She took no thought for what others would think, but what would please her Lord. In humility, she stooped to anoint Jesus' feet and to dry them with her hair. How do you show your love for Christ?

MARCH 26 | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Holy Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion that we may merit to receive your pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Satan entered into Judas when he rejected Jesus and left to pursue his evil course. Satan can twist love and turn it into hate. He can turn holiness into pride, discipline into cruelty, affection into complacency. We must always be on our guard against Satan, whose mission among the faithful is to turn us from the love of God and the path which God has chosen for us. The Holy Spirit will give us grace and strength each and every time that we are tested. If we submit to Jesus, we will walk in the light of his truth and love. If we turn our backs on him we will stumble and fall in the ways of sin and darkness. Are you ready to follow Jesus in his way of the cross? Or do you run away from the cross of Christ?

MARCH 27 | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

Prayer: O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross, so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy, grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus knew beforehand what would befall him. As Jesus ate the Passover meal with his twelve apostles, he put them under trial and suspicion (one of you will betray me) to teach them to examine themselves rightly, to avoid thinking of themselves as being more strong than they were. We, also must examine ourselves in the light of God's truth and grace and ask him to strengthen us in faith, hope, and love that we may not fail him or forsake him when we are tempted. When you pray (The Lord's Prayer, the Our Father) do the words simply roll off your tongue without much thought? Or do you pray mindfully and with confidence in the words Jesus gave us to pray? Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil (*Matthew 6:13*).

MARCH 28 | HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Gospel: John 13:1-15

Prayer: O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Does your love waver when you encounter bitter disappointments and injury from others? As Jesus' hour of humiliation draws near, he reveals to his disciples the supreme humility which shaped the love he had for them. He stoops to perform a menial task reserved for servants – the washing of smelly, dirty feet. In stooping to serve his disciples, Jesus knew he would be betrayed by one of them and that the rest would abandon him through disloyalty. Such knowledge could have easily led to bitterness or hatred. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and disloyalty with the greatest humility and supreme love. Jesus loved his disciples to the very end, even when they failed him and forsook him. The Lord loves each of us unconditionally. His love has power to set us free to serve others with Christ-like compassion and humility. Does the love of Christ rule in your heart, thoughts, intentions and actions?

MARCH 29 | GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Holy Gospel: John 18:1 – 19:42

Sanctify your servants for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Stations of the Cross: “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because, by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.” (From Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori). Pray the Stations of the Cross today.

Contemplation: As Father Thomas Merton, OCSO, once wrote: “To know the cross is not merely to know our own sufferings. For the cross is the sign of salvation, and no

one is saved by his own sufferings. To know the cross is to know that we are saved by the sufferings of Christ; more, it is to know the love of Christ who underwent suffering and death in order to save us. It is, then, to know Christ. For to know his love is not merely to know the story of his love, but to experience in our spirit that we are loved by him, and that in his love the Father manifests his own love for us, through his Spirit poured forth into our hearts.”

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Daily meditations and contemplations adapted from the Irish Jesuits' Sacred Space web page and Biblical Medications for Lent by Rev. Carroll StuhlmueLLer, C.P.; prayers are from The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture website.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

- Procession following the 10:30 am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

- No 8:30 am Daily Mass
- 9:30 am & 1:30 pm | Shadow Stations in the School Gym
- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7 pm, followed by Confessions until all are heard. Adoration in the Life Center after Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

- Church Office Closed
- No 8:30 am Daily Mass or Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion | 12 pm
- Walking Stations of the Cross through downtown Grove City | 6 pm

HOLY SATURDAY | MARCH 30

- No 8:30 am Daily Mass
- Easter Food Basket Blessing | Noon
- Easter Egg Hunt | Noon
- Easter Vigil Mass | 8 pm

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

- 8:30 am, and 10:30 am Masses



CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, April 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by architect William Heyer about Sacred Architecture. The April luncheon is sponsored by George Arnold. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Mr. Heyer's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, May 3, 2024, and will feature a presentation by Fr. Steven Beseau, President / Rector of the Josephinum about the seminary. We encourage everyone to wear something green!

Quote Corner

“May the echoes of “Hosanna” resound in our hearts, leading us to surrender to Christ’s lordship and walk in obedience to His will.”

(Ps 118:25-26; Jn 12:12-15)

~ANDY STANLEY



FEED THE POOR THANK YOU

Thanks to Our Lady’s parishioners for their generous food and monetary donations for our Lenten “Feed the Poor” project for the Grove City Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is grateful for the tremendous response and many families will be helped through your kindness and generosity. Thanks also to those who helped getting the items to the Food Pantry and to Kroger for donating the brown paper bags.

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1 in observance of Good Friday and Easter. Also, there will be no Daily Masses or Confession on Monday, April 1.

We pray that you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!



MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Thank you for all contributions that make up the 24 hygiene kits that go monthly to the Open Shelter and to Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. This month, they are in need of the following:

- small shaving cream
- small shampoo
- small conditioner
- women’s hygiene products

Please place all donated items in the bins located near the south entrance in the Gathering Space. Thank you so much!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

March Devotion: St. Joseph

1st Friday – Saturday, March 1–2, 9 am – 9 am

Fridays: March 8, 15, 22, 9 am – 9 am



“Let weak and frail man come here suppliantly to adore the Sacrament of Christ, not to discuss high things, or wish to penetrate difficulties, but to bow down to secret things in humble veneration, and to abandon God’s mysteries to God, for Truth deceives no man—Almighty God can do all things. Amen.”

St. Paul of the Cross

You need a quiet place to sit with Jesus this Lenten season. He’s wondering why you haven’t visited in a while... busy with work, family, the kids’ sports, hmm! Come! Come! You don’t have to do anything.... Just sit and gaze, He’ll do the rest! Sign up online at ourladygc.org/adoration.

“Ask St. Joseph for his lively, constant faith.” St. Peter Julian Eymard

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. This tradition has since been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds, who enjoy its rich symbolism. On Holy Saturday morning, families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to church to be blessed during a short service in the early afternoon. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes.

The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church's joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the items used and foods chosen for this special Easter tradition. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and, of course, the Resurrection of Jesus.

Traditionally, the baskets are filled with: decorated hardboiled eggs (representing Christ's Resurrection); lamb-shaped butter or sugar (representing Christ as

the "Lamb of God"); bread (reminding us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life"); meats, such as ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), sausage (symbolic of God's favor and generosity), smoked bacon (symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy), or lamb (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"); salt (symbolic of prosperity and justice, and reminding us that we are "the salt of the earth"); cheese (symbolizing the moderation Christians should have at all times); horseradish, pepper, oil, and vinegar (symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover); and wine (symbolic of the Blood of the Lord).

The foods and other items contained in the family basket can be easily personalized, even including a sampling of any foods "given up" for Lent.

A white candle is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World."

Lastly, the basket is covered with white linen, to symbolize the shroud in which Christ's body was wrapped.

This long-honored tradition is both deeply symbolic and delightfully heart-warming. Children are eager to help prepare and decorate the family basket and proudly carry it into the church on Holy Saturday for the blessing. Some families prepare specially decorated baskets for their young children, filled with fruits, chocolate bunnies, or other treats to be blessed.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help invites you and your family to bring your unique family basket(s) to the church on Holy Saturday, March 30, at noon for a brief blessing service. Do come and share in this beloved custom with your parish family, or make this the start of a new Easter tradition with your own family, relatives, and friends!

Immediately following the basket blessing, your Knights of Columbus Council 4603 will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, at 12:30 pm. The egg hunt will take place outdoors on the church lawn.

This is a free event, and is open to all children 12 and under.

Bring your favorite basket. We will also have bags on hand for those who need one!



The Appeal

Supporting Catholic Ministries

THE 2023 APPEAL RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed this past year. Information regarding The Appeal for 2024 will be coming soon.

2023 The Appeal Goal: \$151,750

Total Pledged: \$286,534 as of 3/1/24

To Our Lady Appeal: \$134,784



PARISH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The PWA meeting this month will be held on March 27 at 6 pm in the Life Center.

We encourage all women of the parish to join us in food, fellowship and prayer in the Life Center at 6 pm. Together we will pray the Rosary followed by a Lenten supper of soup and bread. Following a brief business meeting, we will honor our Lord Jesus by following on His journey through the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of His Mother Mary. Please join us and bring a friend!



COMPOST IT! AT OUR LADY AND IN GROVE CITY

On Earth Day weekend this year, in keeping with Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical urging all people of good will to Care for our Common Home, Our Lady's Laudato Si' Action Team will make a number of food waste composting buckets and lids available for parishioners that want to participate in their own at-home food waste composting effort. Donations will be accepted to offset the roughly \$10/bucket cost. Our Lady has embraced a vibrant food waste composting effort for a number of years as part of its overall Zero Waste initiative. Composting efforts can be seen at Fish Frys, parish events, funeral bereavement dinners, the Feast Day celebration, and the Our Lady Festival. Recently, the parish staff has extended its commitment to Zero Waste by placing green composting buckets with lids and liners in all rooms that may have food waste, alongside blue recycling bins and black landfill/trash containers. The City of Grove City facilitates food waste compost drop-off through a partnership with GoZero, offering lime-green containers for food waste collection behind the former Brook Park Middle School/Big Splash Pool at 2803 Southwest Blvd. To ensure the success of Grove City's composting program, participants are urged to use Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) approved liners.

Here's a guide on how to participate in Grove City's food waste drop-off composting program:

1. Use a food-grade composting bucket and sealable lid, with BPI approved liner.
2. Place only Accepted Materials in the compost bucket. Keep the compost bucket, with lid tightly sealed until full or up to a week. No need to refrigerate or keep outdoors as it is odorless and pest free if kept sealed.
3. At least weekly, take the compost bucket to the food-waste collection center behind the former Brook Park Middle School/Big Splash Pool at 2803 Southwest Blvd.
4. Place the contents of the compost bucket, including the BPI approved liner, in the Go Zero collection bin.
5. Rinse bucket and lid, replace with fresh liner, and repeat!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

**FAMILY-FOCUSED
FIRST FRIDAY**

Make plans to attend the Family-Focused First Friday series every month! The next session will be April 5, at 7 pm in the Life Center. Our April session will resume the USCCB series, focusing on “Jesus in the Eucharist.” These Eucharistic Revival Family-Focused events are scheduled the first Friday through June. Prior attendance to First Friday events is not required. Join us, and bring a friend!



**LAURELVILLE
CLOTHING
COLLECTION**

On the weekend of April 20–21, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will have vehicles at the church for your clothing and bedding donations to help the needy of Laurelville and surrounding areas. Although most items which function and are in good condition can be used, children’s and teenager’s clothing are especially needed. As in the past collections, a request is again made for sporting equipment for the youth. The players have really appreciated these donations. Additional background collection details can be found in the pamphlet rack by the entrance to the church office area. Contact Frank Schmidt, 614.871.1988, with any questions.

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Drinks, Hors D'oeuvres, and Silent Auction start at 6:30pm with dinner, desserts and live auction to follow.
Dinner provided by Pastaria of Short North

\$75 per person or \$125 per couple

Seating is limited, kindly RSVP by 4-6-2024
<https://school.ourladygc.org/events/saints-night-out>



**EMMAUS ROAD
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
UPDATE**

Thank you to everybody who has generously given to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund in 2023! Our Lady of Perpetual Help has raised over \$120,000 to go towards tuition assistance.

It is not too late to donate as well! Make a donation up to the April 15 Federal Tax deadline and claim the credit on your 2023 Ohio tax filing! To learn more, visit emmausroadscholarship.org.



GOSPEL MARK 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!"



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Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.



When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.



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