

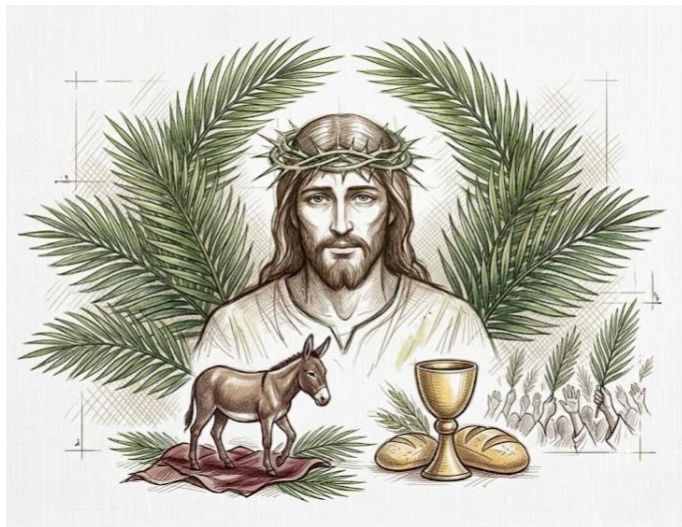


March 26, 2026

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, Catholics gather to observe the beginning of most sacred and solemn week of the liturgical year, Holy Week. Liturgies often begin outside churches where the faithful receive blessed palm branches and join in a procession recalling the day that Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem.

On the first Palm Sunday, the road into Jerusalem was alive with expectation. Word had spread that Jesus was approaching and people gathered along the path cutting branches from palm trees and laying them on the ground before him.



As Jesus entered the city riding on a simple donkey the crowd cried out with joy, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Their voices echoed through the streets filled with hope. In that moment, the scene was both triumphant and tender - a king welcomed not with power or wealth, but with faith and open hearts.

Yet, beneath the joyful welcome, there was a quiet tension. This procession marked the beginning of a sacred and sorrowful journey in the events of Holy Week.

In our times, in the Palm Sunday liturgy, we, as Catholics, experience both triumph and sorrow. Palm Sunday invites us not only to celebrate Jesus as king, but also to walk with Him toward the cross. Holding our palms, as centuries ago, we are reminded that faith is not only about moments of joy, but also about remaining faithful throughout our struggles and sacrifice, trusting in the resurrection to come.

These past five weeks, we have been journeying through Lent accompanied and inspired by the reflections of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries. We are about to enter the most solemn time of the year. The reflection for Holy Week is offered by Kaitlyn Franzone, CLM.

Holy Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A blessed Holy Week to you all! I cannot believe the Lenten season has already come to its close. The Lord has blessed me personally during this time, and I pray He has blessed you as well as we approach these final sacred days. Holy Thursday and Good Friday are nearly here, and I encourage you to take a moment to calm your mind and heart and simply listen. What is He asking of you in these last days before Easter? Is He inviting you to come to Him and lay down your troubles at the foot of the cross?

I have been doing just that — placing my burdens at the cross as I continue to grow in my vocation as a teacher. I was told the first year would be hard, and it truly has been. There were days I did not know if I could keep going, and the only place I



knew to bring that was to Him. But the Lord has been right beside me every step of the way, and that truth has made all the difference. One of the ways I draw close to Him during Holy Week is by attending the Holy Thursday Mass and spending time in prayer at the Altar of Repose — the altar where the Blessed Sacrament is moved after the service for a time of adoration. Last year, I traveled to several churches to pray at each altar, and it was a heart and mind-opening experience I will never forget.

Dear brothers and sisters, I want to encourage you to consider being present with the Lord after the Holy Thursday service. Come and sit with Him. Bring whatever you are carrying. He is waiting.

May the Lord continue to work in and through each of you as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah, He is risen!

~ Kaitlyn Franzone, CLM

Prayer Requests

Fr. Michael Bielecki, OSA

Please keep Fr. Michael, a former Cabrini College chaplain, in your prayers. Fr. Michael suffered a stroke recently and is now recovering at the St. Thomas Monastery in Villanova, PA. Please pray for his complete recovery.

Dr. Candi Sicoli

Dr. Sicoli requests our ongoing prayers for the health challenges she is experiencing. The prayers of the Missionary Sisters and the Cabrinian community would be a great support for her.

Prayers for Reconciliation

Someone in the Cabrinian community has asked for prayers for a reconciliation among her family members.

