

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**April 2, 2023**

**Our Mission Statement:** St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

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**Reading 1:** Gospel at the Procession—Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Lector 1: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Narrator: Midge England

Speaker: Bruce Curtin

Crowd: Ann Tucker



**Psalm:** Psalm 22

**Response:** "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

**Reading 2:** Philippians 2:6-11

Lector 2: Bruce Curtin (Saturday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff Hansen (Saturday)

## Mass Intentions

April 1: Repose of the soul of +Diane Potts req: Karen Baxter

April 5: Repose of the souls of +Rosevilla & Jonthan Barrera req: Norma Heinemann

## Palm Sunday Procession

Today is **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.—Catholic Culture

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- Shirley Kanthack's memorial service will be held April 15 at 11 am. Following the service there will be a reception at her farm—176 Clearwater Drive, Amherst. All are invited to attend.
- There will be no Mass on Wed., April 12. The office will be closed April 10-13.

## Holy Week Activities and Mass Schedules—2023

### April 1 Saturday

Blessing of Palms and Mass—5 pm



### April 3 (Holy Monday)

Chism Mass—Sacred Heart Cathedral—Richmond 6 pm

### April 4 (Holy Tuesday)

Lenten Reconciliation & Healing Mass (using the new blessed oil)

Lenten Reconciliation—4 pm    Healing Mass—5 pm

Seder Meal—6 pm

### April 6 (Holy Thursday)

Commemoration of Jesus Christ's institution of the Eucharist and  
Washing of the Feet—5 pm Mass



### April 7 (Good Friday)

Veneration of the Cross—5 pm

### April 8 (Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil—5 pm Mass

### April 9 (Easter Sunday)

Day of Jesus Christ's Resurrection—8 am Mass



## April Birthdays

Faith Dione	1
Patricia Meznarich	6
Pat Gibbons	6
Marlene Swift	7
Phil Greenwood	15
Hannah Cochran	16
Isabel Newcomb	19
Nancy Goulde	20
Marsha Baron	22
Nancy Herr	24
Rose Marie Hieber	25
Amanda Douthat	25



**Mass Times:** Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

**Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30

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