

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue  
Maplewood, MN 55117

# St. Jerome

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday ..... 9:30 AM

### Weekday Masses

Mon. thru Fri..... 7:15 AM  
Wed. (Sep.-May) All School..... 9:45 AM  
Saturday ..... 8:00 AM  
Holy Days ..... 7:15 AM & 5:30 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 5:00 AM to Thursday 6:00 PM

### Baptisms by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation *by appointment* or  
Saturday ..... 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Marriage (*available to parishioners of 6 months  
or greater*). Arrangements must be made at  
least 9 months before proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick, as announced/requested

### Contact Information

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### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

### Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb .....Parish Secretary

### Music

Mary Beth Hess ..... Music Director

### Faith Formation

.....Religious Ed Coordinator  
Marie Joseph ..... Confirmation  
Pat Birkey ..... Children's Liturgy

### School

Anne Gattman ..... Principal  
Grace Zappa .....Preschool Director  
Sue Costello .....School Secretary  
Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

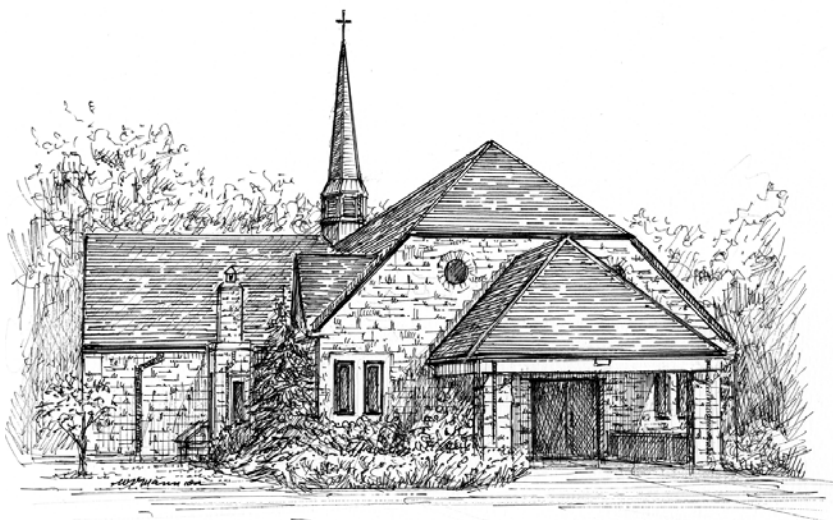
### Maintenance

Bob Hoisington ..... Supervisor

### Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494

Victim Assistance Hotline.....651-291-4475



**March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord**



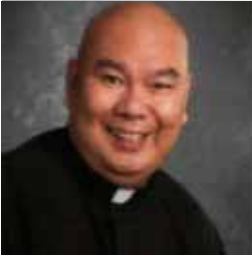
TRULY, THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD!



**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME**

The Church of St. Jerome would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved into our community. We invite you to become members of our parish. If you are interested in joining our parish or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 771-1209.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Tuesday’s “Day of Mercy” was indeed a very significant day of bringing reconciliation between many hearts with the heart of Jesus. There was a regular stream of faith members coming in and out and quite a number stayed for at least an hour in prayer before and after

they received the sacrament of reconciliation. There was enough time to prepare for the sacrament and to encounter Jesus after. It was a very encouraging and inspiring moment to see our community come for the sacrament of reconciliation and silent prayer.

We continue to be hopeful with our Lenten practices especially when we read and reflect from the scripture messages this Sunday. A message of hope and anticipation is proclaimed by Jeremiah about a new covenant that the Lord will establish not written on a stone but “will write upon the hearts on the people”. This is fulfilled in Jesus in his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into the Father’s right hand. This new covenant in Jesus will gather all God’s people. It is not just any social or political agreement but one that is personal, about life and love, about happiness and eternal life.

Yes, in the sacrifice of Jesus, he paid for all our sins and gained for us eternal life. By his cross he destroyed death and in his resurrection he restored life. When “his hour” came sinners were restored in their relationship with the Father, washed of their sin and guilt and given a new heart and a new spirit.

Yes, Jesus went through his passion and death. He did not pray to be spared, rather he offered himself to the will of the Father, to the cross.

For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Act2:33). Where he has gone we can follow. Let him lead us.

That means we will hate our lives of sin and selfishness. Let us follow his law that is written in our hearts. His “hour” is relieved by us in the Eucharist. Let us be renewed by it and be strengthened to follow the will of the Father in our lives.

Fr. Victor



**FR. LUDESCHER LAMP**  
will burn this week in prayer for  
**Banks Stevenson Jr**

**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman**

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

Our St. Jerome School community has grown closer to Jesus and to one another during Lent. Here is our collection of sacrifices, good works, and thoughts that we’ve gathered each week. Blessings to you as Lent draws to a close.

Principal



We hope to see you at our Party with a Purpose: Hearts on Fire! Please come and help us move our St. Jerome School mission forward.

Anne Gattman  
Principal

**PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**



**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Join us for a spirited fundraising event as we highlight the mission of St. Jerome School. We'll share with you more about our 210 students and the opportunities to support their academic resources.

Tickets are \$50/person.  
This evening program is entirely in person.  
Doors open at 5:30 PM.

For more event information visit:  
[stjerome2024.givesmart.com](http://stjerome2024.givesmart.com)

**Hope to see you there!**



Only Jesus possesses the power to speak the words of interior purity. Please join in supporting our Catholic Services Appeal, so that together we can help more souls hear these soul-reviving words.



# Holy Week Schedule

## Holy Thursday

No morning Mass  
Seven Last Words 2:30 P.M.  
Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist 7:00 P.M.  
Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 P.M. to Midnight



## Good Friday

Day of Fast and Absence  
No morning Mass  
Services at 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

## Holy Saturday

No morning mass  
No 4:30 mass  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 P.M.



## Easter Sunday

Mass at 9:30 A.M.

## DIVINE MERCY IMAGE



The Divine Mercy Image is based on John 19-13. Information about the Divine Mercy Image is available in a pamphlet at the entrances of the church. Please take one home with you today. Share the information with your family and friends.

Framed images will be sold on Palm Sunday in Ludescher Hall after both masses.  
5x7- \$5 , 8x10—\$10

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1:40 PM Reflection on the healing ministry of Jesus as acts of mercy
- 2:00 PM Personal Reflection
- 2:20 PM Reflection on Luke 23:34
- 2:40 PM Personal Reflection
- 3:00 PM Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
- 3:10 PM Moment of silence
- 3:25 PM Holy Rosary
- 3:45 PM Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration
- 5:00 PM Dismissal

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 1:40 - 3:40 PM

An afternoon of prayer, reflection and worship

April 7, 2024

St. Jerome Church  
380 Roselawn Ave. E.  
Maplewood, MN

1:30 to 5:30 PM

Feast of Divine Mercy

## FISH FRY



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FISH FRY.

## EUCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

*"The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth."  
(St. Bernard)*

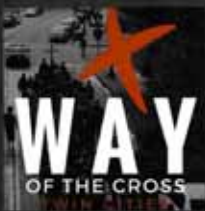


The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday.

Permanent adorers are needed Mondays at 9 am and 7pm and Tuesdays at 8 am and 10 am. If you would like to commit to an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997.

## GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024  
St. Paul, MN



### WHAT IS THE WAY OF THE CROSS?

The Way of the Cross Twin Cities is an annual procession held on Good Friday through downtown St. Paul. It emulates Christ's walk to Calvary, publicly commemorating five of the stations of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

The event is free and open to the public. No sign up or registration required. Hope to see you there!

### DETAILS

Procession Start: 9:15am  
Cathedral of St. Paul Narthex



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please pick up a pamphlet from the entrance of the church.

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**  
**March 18-24**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Small group</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Young Adult game night</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Alumni brunch</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Music practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>7 Last Words of Christ</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Altar Server practice</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Service</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Altar Server practice</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Altar Server practice</b>
	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Banks Stevenson Jr.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Dewayne Hedlund</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Terence Butler</b>
	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Danny Wallner</b>

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

Schedules can also be found at  
[www.stjerome-church.org](http://www.stjerome-church.org) (calendars/schedules)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Thurs 7:00pm	M. Simone
Fri 3:00pm	
	7:00pm C. Anyanwu
Sat. 8:00pm	M. Montie
Sun. 9:30 am	E. Schoenecker

**LECTORS:**

Thurs 7:00pm	S. Maldonado	
Fri 3:00pm	R. Klutzke	Y. Clintsman
	7:00pm S. Cardinal	J. Gattman
Sat. 8:00pm	T. & T. Zappa	
Sun. 9:30am	C. Pirri	

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

See Schedule

Weekly Offering



**Contributions for the week of**  
**March 13-19**

Weekly Contribution: \$3261

*Please consider adding the Church of St. Jerome to your will.*



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If you need low gluten hosts, please tell an usher at least 10 min before mass starts so that the priest can be told.

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You made it to Holy Week. Well Done! Brethren, don't stop now, I suggest you watch the short presentation about the Shroud of Turin. By Fr. Robert Spitzer. It may bring you closer to the brutality of the crucifixion and love Jesus has for us.

**The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer.**

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths, and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe.

**CELEBRATING FR. KEN—April 2**

Mark your Calendars!

It's a BIG one! FOUR in one!

Our Servite Confraternity is sponsoring a party honoring Father Ken Ludescher

On his 92nd birthday

On his 63rd anniversary of priestly ordination

On his 30th anniversary as a professed Carmelite

On his 10th anniversary as a Hot Air Balloon survivor



**Please come on over to Rosoto Villa on**  
**April 2nd (his birthday)**

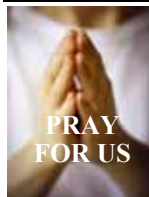
anytime **between 2- 4 pm** for a  
 balloon floating good time,

Questions? Call Sister Clarice 651 771 6264

**LECTORS NEEDED**



We are in need of more lectors. If you are willing to read at any mass please contact the parish office.



Fr. Cletus Baskela, Phil Brady, Joe Bibeau, Patricia Cokley, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Margie Houg, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Lou Polovick, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Rick Peiffer, Theresa Richardson, Danny Rothbauer, Cynthia and David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, Joyce Theilhorn, George Valento, Greg Votel, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE**  
**MEN AND WOMEN**



Jack Butler  
 Grace Wegleitner

# Palm SUNDAY

## JESUS' TRIUMPH & TRAGEDY IN JERUSALEM

Lent concludes with Holy Week when, like the early Christians, we prepare for Easter by an intense recollection of the final events of Jesus' life: his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (**Passion or Palm Sunday**), his Last Supper (**Holy Thursday**), his crucifixion and death (**Good Friday**) and the discovery of his empty tomb and the experience of his resurrection (**Easter**).

Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that climaxed with a great public demonstration of acclaim. In a prophetic sign mocking the triumphant victory procession of a military messiah on horseback, the humble messiah Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while people joyfully strewed palm fronds on his path (Mt 21:1-9; Mk 11:1-10; Lk 19:28-40).

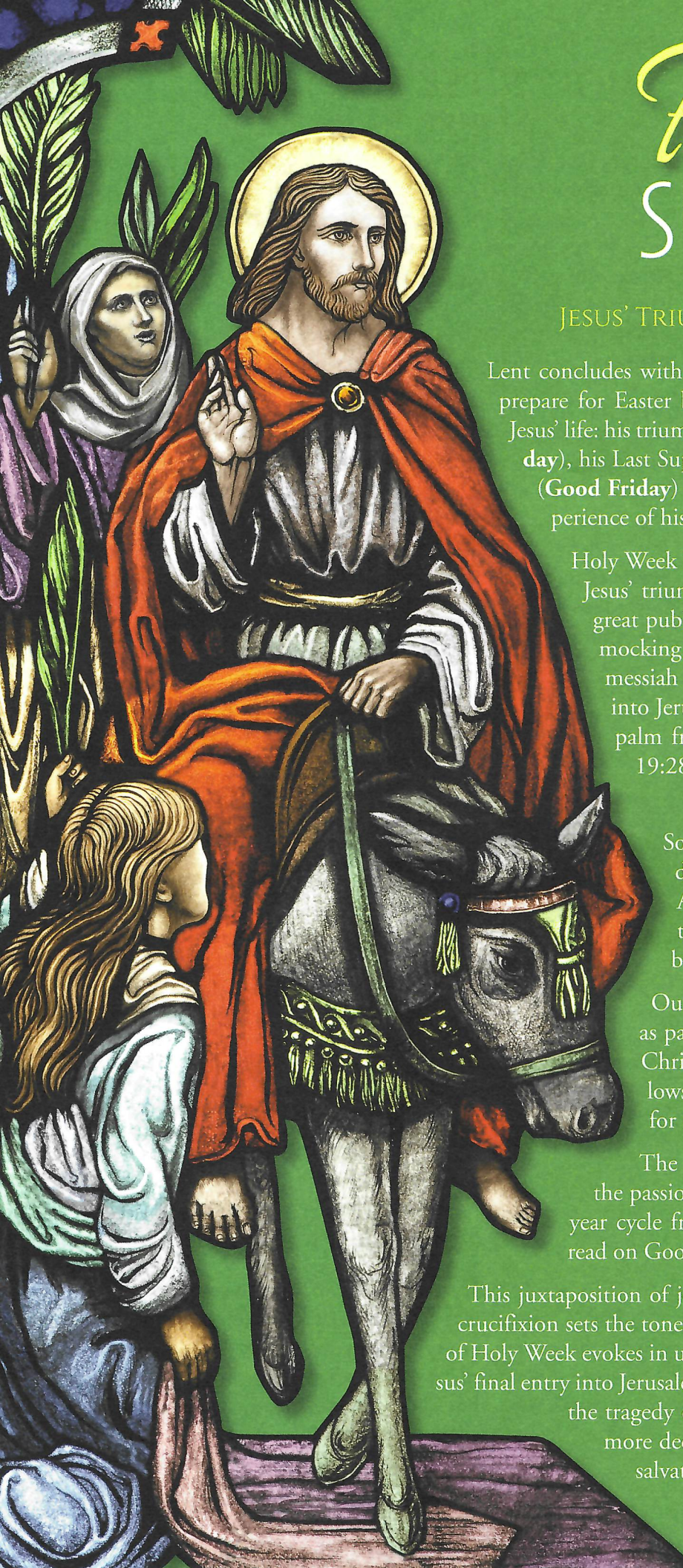
### OUR PALM SUNDAY LITURGY

Some of the Church's earliest Holy Week practices date back to ancient celebrations in Jerusalem. Around the year 388, Christians processed with the bishop from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem bearing palm and olive branches.

Our Palm Sunday celebration continues this practice as palm fronds are blessed and the Gospel account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem is proclaimed. Then follows a joyous procession into the Church sanctuary for the eucharistic liturgy.

The main Gospel for Palm Sunday is the account of the passion or suffering and death of Jesus taken in a three year cycle from Matthew, Mark and Luke (John's Gospel is read on Good Friday).

This juxtaposition of joyful palm waving and the stark reality of Jesus' crucifixion sets the tone for the roller coaster of emotions that the drama of Holy Week evokes in us. As we wave palms and recall the triumph of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, and then hear the Gospel stories and confront the tragedy of his passion and death, we are invited to enter more deeply into our own connection to Jesus and God's salvation struggle of good over evil, of life over death.



# PALM SUNDAY HISTORY & TRADITION

Palm Sunday (first known as *Pasha*) originated in the Jerusalem Church around the late third or early fourth century. Ceremonies consisted of prayers, hymns, and sermons as people moved through the numerous holy sites within the city. At the last site, the place of Jesus' ascension into heaven, the clergy would read the biblical account of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Then as evening approached, the people would return to the city reciting: "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 21:9). By the fifth century, the celebration had spread as far as Constantinople. It wasn't until the sixth and seventh centuries that the ritual blessing of the palms was added. A morning procession replaced the evening one and by the eighth century, the Western Church was celebrating *Dominica in Palmis* or "Palm Sunday."

Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday in recognition of the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final journey to his crucifixion. Falling on the sixth Sunday in Lent and the Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday is celebrated in all major Christian churches—Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox.

Today, many Palm Sunday traditions remain much the same as those celebrated in the tenth century. In the Catholic tradition the faithful may receive palms during the liturgy. These palms will be blessed by the priest making them "sacramentals." For this reason, palm leaves taken home must be treated reverently with some making a small palm cross for family members to wear or display during Holy Week. The proper disposal of these palms must be carried out respectfully. Customarily, they will be returned to the Church before the following year's Ash Wednesday, burned and used for ashes. The other way to properly dispose of the palms would be to either burn them or bury them. Palm leaves are not to be discarded with the trash.

# HOLY WEEK WITH MATTHEW

A Journey to the Heart of our Faith

During Holy Week each year, we enter most deeply into the foundation of our faith—the Christian mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we revisit the events of that final tumultuous week in his life, we are plunged by memory and ritual into the mystery that not only revealed and defined the meaning of his existence, but also reveals and defines the meaning of our own. His story is our story, and what happened to him is the pattern for what is happening and will happen to us.

There are four different Gospel versions of that final week. This year, we concentrate on Matthew's formulation of the meaning of the Christian mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. In chapters 21-28 of his Gospel, Matthew reveals that the path of Jesus' life moves from his public ministry of preaching, teaching and healing in service to God's kingdom through his death on the cross at the hands of his hostile opponents to his resurrection to new life by God's power. This mystery is the formative pattern that identifies the meaning of his life and ours.

## COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

A Reading Plan for Holy Week

This Holy Week, set aside one hour each day to be with Matthew as he reveals his understanding of the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to you. Each day, find a quiet place and time to use your Bible to read the following passages from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Palm Sunday	Chapter 21	Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem & the Temple
Monday	Chapter 22	Final Questions from Opponents
Tuesday	Chapter 23	Final "Woes" & Warnings
Wednesday	Chapter 24-5	Jesus' Final Teaching Discourse to Disciples
Holy Thursday	Chapter 26	The Last Supper & Night trial
Good Friday	Chapter 27	The Roman Trial & Crucifixion
Easter Vigil	Chapter 28	Jesus' Resurrection & Final Commission



### *Here is your King*

What kind of a King are you, Jesus? You do not enter the Holy City to receive the honors reserved to earthly kings, to the powerful, to rulers. You enter to be scourged, insulted and abused, to receive a crown of thorns, a staff, a purple robe: your kingship becomes an object of derision. Help me follow your example.

—Pope Francis