

# Dear Padre,

**How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?**

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Crism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 30</b> Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	<b>MARCH 31</b> Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	<b>APRIL 1</b> Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	<b>APRIL 2</b> Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) Chrism Mass: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	<b>APRIL 3</b> Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	<b>APRIL 4</b> Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 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, 32–44 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	<b>APRIL 5</b> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2026

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)**

Matthew 21:1–11 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11

Matthew 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54



“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

# From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

## Reflect

**How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?**

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**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on  
 Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm  
 availability. Also by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Pastor, at least one month prior to desired  
 date.

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Pastor at least six  
months prior to desired date.

On line donations for February: \$1490.00

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00

0315/26: \$890.00

03/22/26: \$804.00.

Building Fund Donations: \$5,000.00

Signup for On-line Giving at [methowcatholic.org](http://methowcatholic.org).

THANK YOU!

**Fridays in Lent**  
**@ 5 pm Stations of the Cross**  
**With Soup/Bread Simple Supper following**



Thank you to all who volunteer and share!



**CAFFEINE & CALORIES:** The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.  
 Please consider hostina C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info. 509-429-1621.



**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building  
 skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block  
 retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet  
 food is especially needed in the winter.  
 Donations can be left in the basket at the side  
 door.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR  
 PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.  
 GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Mar 29 @ 11:00 am, Fifth Sunday in Lent,**

**Rosary @ 10:20 am**

**Wednesday, April 1 @ 9:30 am, Rosary at 9:00 am**

**Sunday, April 5 @ 11:00 am EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Rosary @ 10:20 am**



**Liturgy of the Word**

*Isaiah 50:4-7 The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.*

*Psalms 22 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"*

*Philippians 2:6-11 Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.*

*Matthew 26:14-27:66 They came to a place called Golgotha 27:11-54 and crucified Jesus  
 there.*

The climax of today's liturgy of the word is a climax befitting a Hollywood blockbuster.  
 Saint Matthew's account of Jesus' death is the most dramatic of the four Gospels. When  
 Jesus breathes his last, the earth quakes, tombs burst open, and the sanctuary veil is torn  
 apart. The soldiers at the foot of the cross, blown away by all of these natural and spiritual  
 phenomena, look up at Christ and proclaim, "Truly, this was the Son of God." At the last  
 moment of Jesus' earthly life, these witnesses have received the gift of faith. May our faith  
 be strengthened as we listen as we do each year at this time to the Passion of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ.

**Question of the Week:** Will I keep watch and pray during the Triduum? When  
 have I accompanied someone during a difficult time, if only to ensure they are  
 not facing it alone?



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

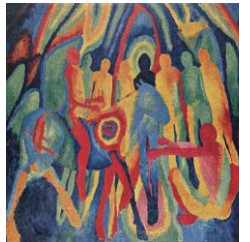
**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2: 4 PM MASS**

**GOOD FRIDAY-APRIL 3 3PM SERVICE,**

**4PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP SUPPER TO FOLLOW**

**NOTE: GOOD FRIDAY—NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS OR ADORATION**

**DIAPER DRIVE for CARENET:** continues until April 5. Donations can be left at the  
 church entrances-**THANK YOU!**



Please  
 Remember  
 in Your  
 Prayers

- Judy Dayharsh
- Dayharsh Family
- Cor Bader
- Wannita Knox
- Malachi Knox
- Jeff Springer
- Hal Groat
- Peter Leon Guerrero
- John Spannuth
- Joseph Carbajal
- Mark Crum
- Jim Perra
- Brooke Stendera
- Sheila Kerr
- Jonathan Kessler
- Fr. Sean Thomson
- Thomson Family
- Evangeline Grace Knox
- Melissa Larson
- Howard Burcham
- Terry & Barb Anderson
- Bernice Morgan
- Fred Nowicki
- Bode Maxwell



Rest of the Soul of

- Robert Springer
- Mary Cucci