



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION | MARCH 29, 2026

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WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM
Sun: 8:00, 9:30,
11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM
Thu: 6:00 PM
Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM
Wed: 6-7 PM
Thu: 5 PM
Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent!



OCIA SPONSORS

 We have candidates currently wanting to enter OCIA process and are in need of a parish sponsor! Please prayerfully discern walking with them. Contact Char Mies @ charlene.mies@shoj.org to sign up or to ask questions.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE


There will be no confessions April 2 - 5

- Holy Thursday, April 2: 7 pm Mass only
- Good Friday, April 3: 7 pm Mass only
- Easter Vigil, April 4: 8 pm Mass only
- Easter Sunday, April 5: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses

Parish offices will be closed April 2, 3, 6.




PIZZA & PARENTING

 Couples with kids of all ages are welcome to join us Thursdays April 13 - May 4th at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Meeting Rooms for Pizza and Parenting. We'll share a meal, connect with other families, and explore approaches to raising children in today's world. Cost is \$50 with dinner and \$10 without. Students will receive a FREE Dress Day when parents sign up!



QUO VADIS 2026

 Quo Vadis is an evening of faith, fellowship, and celebration, including a cocktail reception, plated dinner, prayerful reflection and testimony, culminating in a keynote address from Archbishop Shawn McKnight! Proceeds will support the growth of our endowment. We have individual, table and VIP ticket options. Register by April 12th.

<https://givebutter.com/qmfy1w>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

 Registration for Vacation Bible School is open! Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program for preschoolers - 4th grade assists in catechizing children about the love of Christ. Register today!

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT



Join Life Giving Wounds for a retreat in Kansas City April 24-26. The retreat focused on helping young adults and adults with divorced and separated parents give voice to their pain and find transformative healing in Christ.



BUILDING RESILIENCE IN FAMILIES



Are you a parent or grandparent looking to help the young people in your life grow strong in their faith? Join us on April 14 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory for an inspiring evening with JP DeGance, leader of the national organization Communio, to learn the critical role that regular faith conversations at home play in passing the faith on to the next generation.

<https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5766>



MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA



Join us for our 3rd Annual Mother Daughter Tea, on May 3 at 1 PM, in the MPC, to reflect on Growing with Mary's Grace, as we look to our Blessed Mother as a model. Together we will enjoy a charming Tea Party complete with sipping tea (or lemonade), sharing dainty treats, creating a simple craft, and capturing a keepsake photo. Tickets are \$12 per person.

<https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5759>



DASH FAMILY CAMP



Join DASH for a family camping trip at Clinton Lake, May 29-31. There will be meals, campfires, and Mass. Families are welcome to come for the day or both nights.

<https://bit.ly/4dswf7f>



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE



Join Fr. Will Carey and Deacon Tom Doyle for a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Medjugorje on June 22-30. Tens of thousands will be present for the 45th anniversary celebration. An informational night will take place on April 8 at 6:00 PM in the Rectory.

<https://bit.ly/4d8iRFI>





WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

The Ultimate Guide to Holy Week

In his latest podcast, Fr. Zarse offers a crash course on Holy Week in under 20 minutes—walking step by step from Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to His death at Calvary and sharing reflections, insights, and commentary to help you get more out of this week.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, March 30

6:30 - Terry Carter +

8:05 - Janet Day +

Tuesday, March 31

6:30 - Luke Kremer +

8:05 - Kaye B Long +

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 - Guthrie Family

8:05 - Nicholas Owens

Thursday, April 2

7:00 - SHOJ Parishioners

Friday, April 3

N/A (Good Friday)

Saturday, April 4

8:00 - SHOJ Parishioners

Sunday, April 5

7:30 - Bailey Gardner +

9:30 - Juan Pablo Rodríguez Tapia +

11:30 - Patrick Muir +



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year. Already baptized? You may begin right away. To learn more about the process pick up a flyer at the information desk.

HOLY WEEK: TRUE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the point in the Liturgical year when the Church stops us so that we can remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and selfishness which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments; one of glory, the other of suffering. There is the royal welcome of Jesus entering Jerusalem, and the rigged trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of the Christ.

Tidbits of the readings

The first reading from the third servant song of the prophet Isaiah is the song of a disciple. The characteristics of the disciple are carefully underlined. The disciple must be docile; he must be teachable. How? He must learn to repeat lessons with his tongue. But to do that he must have an attentive ear. That is the greatest trait of a disciple. The one who has learned to listen and to repeat eventually can endure the examination, insults, hardships and suffering without turning back.

In the second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Jesus' saving mission is highlighted. It is fundamentally a passage about discipleship. The point here is that the disciple should have the same mind as Christ Jesus. In the first part of today's Gospel reading, we have the details of Jesus' triumphant reception into the city of Jerusalem. We are told that Jesus' followers welcomed him, riding on a donkey, as king and savior. But in the second part, the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Matthew, we reflect on Jesus' unjust trial, humiliating, cruel torture, crucifixion, and death.

Bittersweet experience of Passion Sunday

It's joyful and sorrowful at the same time. It recounts the enthusiasm of the disciples who acclaim the Master with cries of joy, and we can picture in our minds the excitement of children and young people in the city joining in the triumphant mood, waving palms and laying down cloaks on the road to greet Him. Yet on this day, we also solemnly remember the Gospel account of His Passion and death.

What can we do better as disciples?

- 1) Let us not cause Jesus to weep over us. Instead, let us repent and weep over our sins remembering the biblical saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner (Luke 15:7), and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." We need to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ's Resurrection.
- 2) We need to be fruit-producing, not barren, fig trees (Matthew 21:18-20). God expects us to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness, instead of leading barren spiritual lives.
- 3) Let us not desecrate our hearts, thus prompting Jesus to cleanse them with His whip (Matthew 21:12-17). Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of our souls. We are temples of the Holy Spirit and must be devoid of addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words, and deeds.
- 4) We need to welcome Jesus into our hearts in a special way during the Holy Week. Just as Jesus' supporters did on Palm Sunday, we must welcome him into all areas of our life as our Lord and Savior, singing "Hosanna!" and surrendering our lives.
- 5) We need to be ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus. As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we may receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we may also meet the same opposition, crosses, and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service.

Conclusion

What different story would we be telling today if the unnamed owners of the donkey had refused to give it up? Maybe we would have no story of the triumphal entry, at least not in the way Jesus wanted it. No matter how unknown you are, you can still play a crucial role in the unfolding of God's plan. The Lord needs each one of us as he needed the unnamed owners of the donkey in the reading. We are not told who these owners of the donkey are but the fact that they understood that "the Lord/Master" refers to Jesus and freely gave up the donkey shows that they could be his secret disciples or admirers. You must be a disciple, an admirer and follower of Jesus. You can make a difference in your area of influence and ultimately, in the world.



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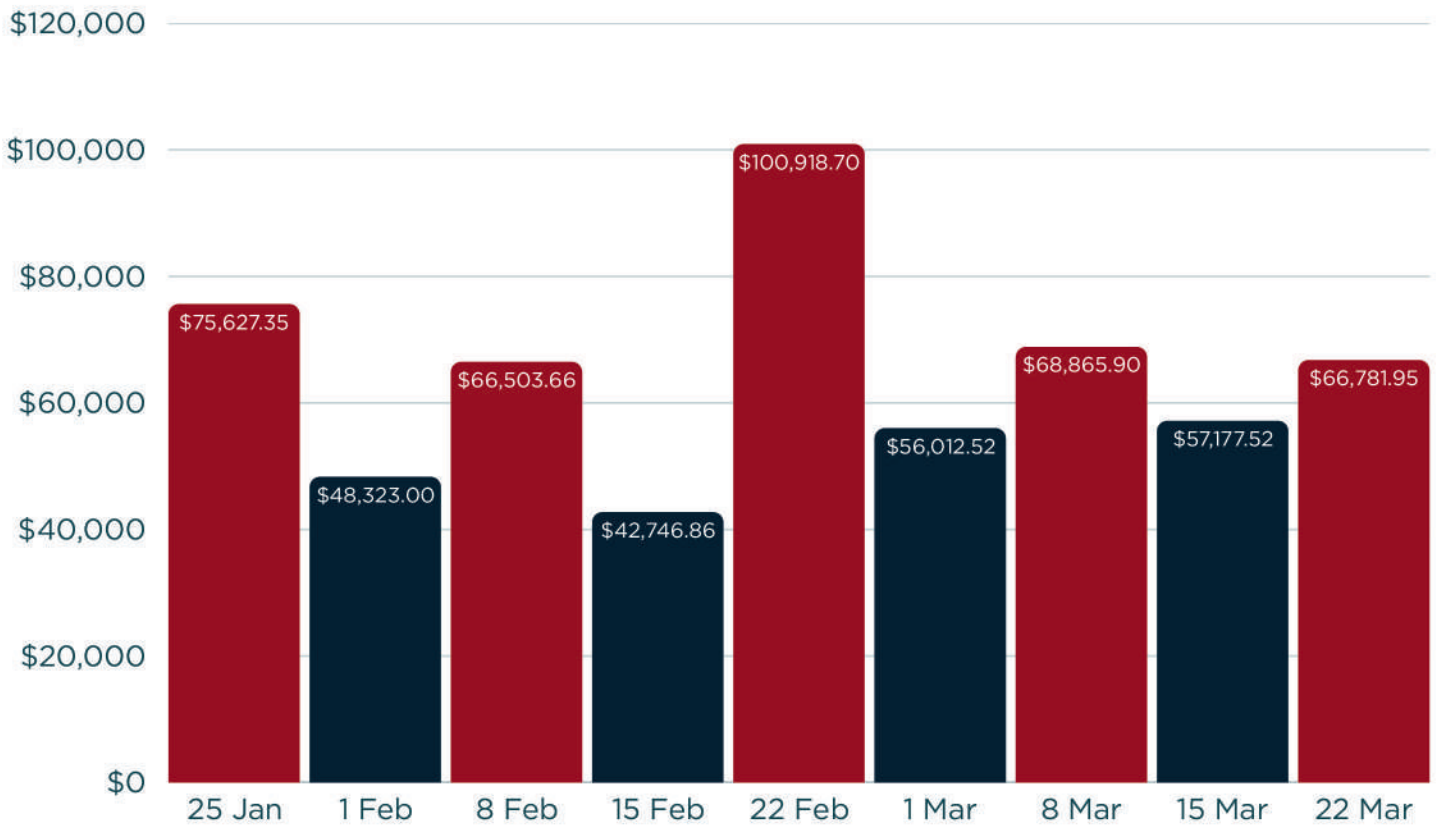
Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

FINANCIALS



"For you were made from dust to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19) If you can't take it with you... where is the best place to put your money? Contact Beth Bucklin at beth.bucklin@shoj.org to make/increase your tithing gifts today, or to inquire about adding SHOJ to your will/trust/IRA, etc.

- In Quarter 1 of 2026, we need \$67,803.46 per week for our operating budget.
- We are currently at 88% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$62,189.82 per week in Quarter 1 2026.



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