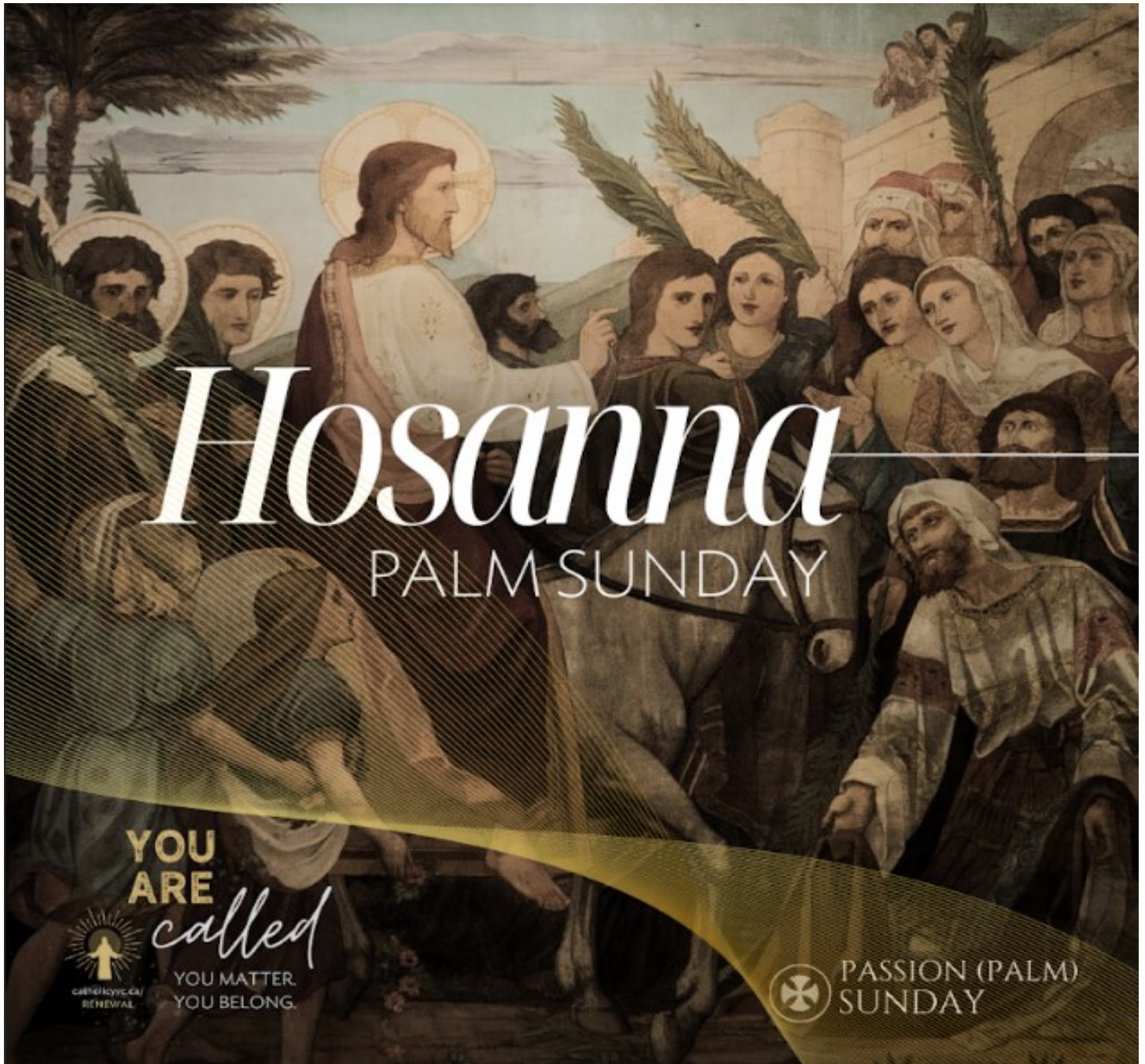


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PASSION (PALM)
SUNDAY

March 23/24, 2024

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday
9:00am

First Friday

Mass at 7pm (no 9am Mass)

PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays
Tues to Fri 9am to 4pm
Lunch break 12:00 – 1pm

Are you **NEW** or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been coming consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.

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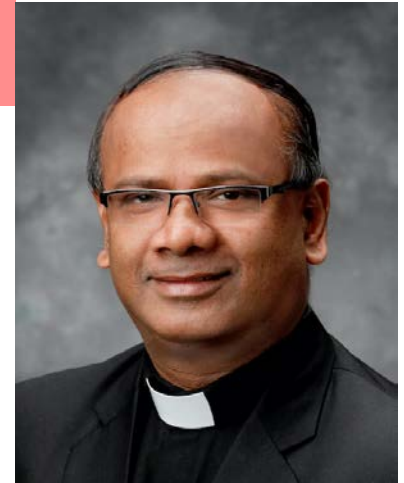
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FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

1538 - 1606 MARCH 23RD



St. Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo (Turibius) was born of a noble parent in the town of Mayorga, northwest Spain. He was a devout child and had a strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

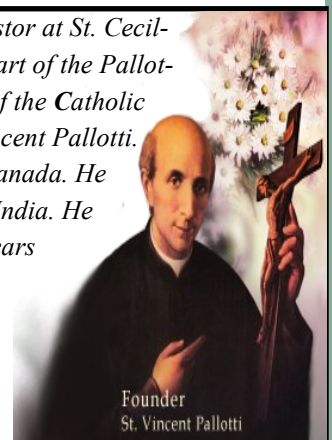
St. Turibius was chosen, when the archdiocese of Lima in Peru required a new leader, He was **installed in Lima on May 24, 1581**, and served as **the third archbishop of Lima for twenty-five years**. He had a **heart for the poor** and was generous in caring for them. He spent seventeen of his twenty-five years as archbishop **traveling on foot to every parish and community**. He traveled through difficult environments, snow-covered mountains, rain, heat, and cold.

St. Turibius built many churches, baptized, and **confirmed half a million people**, had a **passionate zeal for every individual soul**, and **made sure that both Spaniard and indigenous were equally cared for**. From those he confirmed, three became saints namely: **St. Rose of Lima, St. Martin de Porres, and St. Juan Masías**.

Patron Saint of Peru, Latin American bishops, and native people's rights. He was **Canonized by Pope Benedict XIII** on December 10, 1726.

Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallottine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic Apostolate) who's patron is St. Vincent Pallotti. St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He comes from the Tamil province of India. He was also in the Philippines for 3 years serving and studying.

*To learn more about the Pallottine Fathers please visit their website:
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23—Palm Sunday
 9:00am: Int. Edén D'Souza—Birthday
 5:00pm: †Leo Boyko

Sunday, March 24
 9:00am: †Bruce Ross
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, March 25
No Mass

Tuesday, March 26
 9:00am: Int. Jaclynn Drupal—12th Birthday

Wednesday, March 27
 9:00am: †Leon Osina & deceased relatives

Thursday, March 28
 8:00pm: **HOLY THURSDAY**

Friday, March 29
 3:00pm: **GOOD FRIDAY**

Saturday, March 30—Easter Vigil
 8:00pm: †Teodoro Reyes

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday
 9:00am: †Jean-Paul & Rémi Maillot
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Mar 23 (9am)</i></u> Ezekiel 37.21-28 John 11.45-56	<u><i>Sunday, Mar 24—Passion Sunday</i></u> Mark 11.1-10 or John 12.12-16 Isaiah 50.4-7, Philippians 2.6-11, Mark 14.1-15.47
<u><i>Mon, Mar 25 (no Mass)</i></u> Isaiah 42.1-7 John 12.1-11	<u><i>Tuesday, Mar 26</i></u> Isaiah 49.1-6 John 13.21-33, 36-38
<u><i>Wednesday, Mar 27</i></u> Isaiah 50.4-9a Matthew 26.14-26	<u><i>Thursday, Mar 28 Holy Thursday</i></u> Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14 John 13.1-15
<u><i>Friday, Mar 29—Good Friday (3pm)</i></u> Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1-19.42	<u><i>Saturday, Mar 30 (8pm)</i></u> Genesis 1.1-2.2, Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1, Isaiah 55.1-11, Ezekiel 36.16-17, 18-28, Romans 6.3-11 Mark 16.1-8
<u><i>Sunday, Mar 31—Easter Sunday</i></u> Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18	

The Pope's Prayer Intention

March 2024



For the new martyrs We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Got bottles for refunding? We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating.

Parish News Update

10-Minute Way of the Cross

We will be doing the 10-minute Way of the Cross after each Mass on the weekend during the Lenten season. We encourage as many of you to stay as possible.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (Mar 24): 9am & 11am

Holy Thursday (Mar 28): 8pm

Good Friday (Mar 29): 10am Outdoor Way of the Cross, Passion at 3pm

Easter Vigil (Mar 30): 8pm

Easter Sunday (Mar 31): 9am & 11am



Would box 213 please call the parish office. You need to register your number otherwise we won't know who is making the donation.



We are looking for sponsors for the towels and bread given on Holy Thursday. Please let Fr. Paul know if you would like to sponsor.

SACRAMENT CLASSES

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): Apr 13, Jun 1

Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, June 2, 2024 at the 11am Mass

Class Dates for Confirm. (Sat. at 10am): Mar 23

Celebration of Sacrament: Wednesday, May 29th at 7pm

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. Apr. 6 at 9:30am

Sat. May. 4 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.

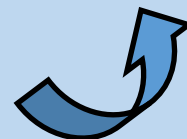
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Spiritual: It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than to look for the ordinary gifts in our life that we too easily take for granted. Before Lent, make a list of at least 10 things you take for granted and let gratefulness lift you up in times of your troubles. God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others who need a lifting hand.

Pantry Needs: Canned lunch meat, canned corn

NEW!



STATIONS of the CROSS
Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

March 22 Pastoral Care, SSVP, Bible Study

Good Friday Way of the Cross

March 29 **10am** Outdoor

Inside if weather unfavourable



The **Seeds of the Word** are here this weekend with their new *Lectio Divina* and homemade bread and cookies! See them after each Mass.



Parishioner Danny Barth will be participating in this year's Hike For Life, collecting pledges and donations for Pro Life Calgary. Envelopes and pledge forms can be found in the

foyer. Please make out any cheques to the Calgary Pro Life Association

We need readers for our **Good Friday Way of the Cross**. Please let Fr. Paul know if you can participate to read.

The parish office will be closed on **Good Friday**.

We will again be having our annual egg colouring in the hall kitchen on Easter Saturday at 10am. Coloured eggs will then be given out after the Easter Vigil.



We are looking for a few volunteers for Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. Please give your names to Fr. Paul or the parish office.

Our schools:

We have within our parish boundary: St. Matthew School (K-9), St. Cecilia School (K-6) and St. William School (K-6)

St. Matthew School

Monthly Newsletter

<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

St. Cecilia School

Monthly Newsletter

<https://stcecilia.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

Parish financial support -Thank you!				
	Dec 16/Dec 17	Dec 24/Dec 25	Dec 30/Dec 31	Jan 6/7
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$3,954.50	\$4,680.00	\$1,726.00	\$2,905.00
Together in Action	\$330.00	\$1,930.00	\$426.00	\$483.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$331.00	\$20.00	\$390.00	\$140.00
Building Maintenance	\$35.00	\$135.00	\$20.00	\$45.00
Christmas/New Year	—	\$6,270.00	\$2,442.00	\$60.00
Mission Mexico	\$129.25	\$10.00	—	—
DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER: \$11,380.00 (includes special donations outside of parish support)				

Thank you and welcome to our new bookkeeper **Ryan Summers!** Due to the backlog it will take time to catch us up so we appreciate your continued patience as we await the updated financials. All methods of your donations have always been getting put through to the bank, there was no change there.

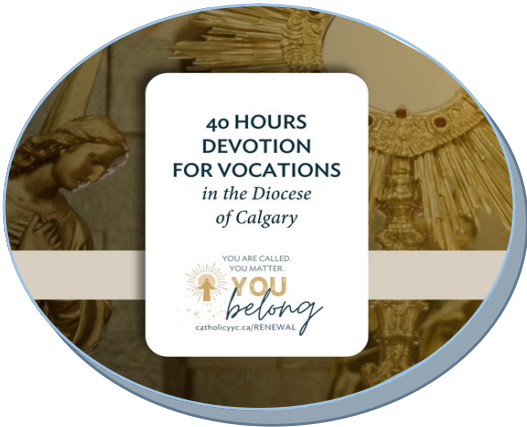


Diocesan News

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Young Adults 19-30: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver

Join the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and accommodation included. For details and registration, visit: catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.



As part of the Diocesan Renewal, the Office of Vocations is excited to launch the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in the Diocese of Calgary - catholiccycc.ca/40hours. This initiative invites us to pray continuously for forty hours before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with a focus on increasing vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

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Vocations Rally

Our Church is facing a crisis of vocations - for both priesthood and religious life. Together, how can we strengthen the future of the Church? You are invited to the Diocesan Vocations Rally, co-hosted by the Benedict XVI Institute of Newman Theological College. It is an afternoon of formation, information, and fellowship on Vocations! Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not. Through the grace of God, the future of the Church depends on us all. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. Lunch is on us. When: **Sun, Apr 21, from 11 am to 3:30 pm.**

Men's Renewal: Life Compass Workshop

Men: Here is an invitation for you to join the "Life Compass" Workshop Retreat at St. Anthony's, Calgary. Ideal for men seeking a deeper sense of identity, purpose, or those feeling lost about their next step. Experience fellowship, spiritual growth, personal value clarification, and goal setting. Includes a full day of activities, follow-up mastermind, prayer time, sacraments, materials, snacks, coffee, and a hot lunch. Empower yourself to create a guiding LifeCompass. **When: Sat, Apr 13 from 8 am to 4 pm.**

A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life Embark on a spiritual journey with the CCCB's engaging webinar series, "A Great Symphony of Prayer," in response to Pope Francis's Year of Prayer initiative, hosted by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. Crafted by the Jubilee Office in Rome, this series offers deep dives into prayer through specially prepared booklets. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the divine and join a global community in prayer. When: **Tuesdays at 11 am MT from Apr 2 to Apr 30, 2024.** [Register Now](#)

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THE Outdoor WAY OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024
AT 9 AM

with **BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN**

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All are invited to join Bishop McGrattan on the **Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 9 am.** We are introducing a new route this year that begins at St. Mary's University and leads us to the Father Lacombe Centre. Remember to dress appropriately for the outdoors.

WANTED:

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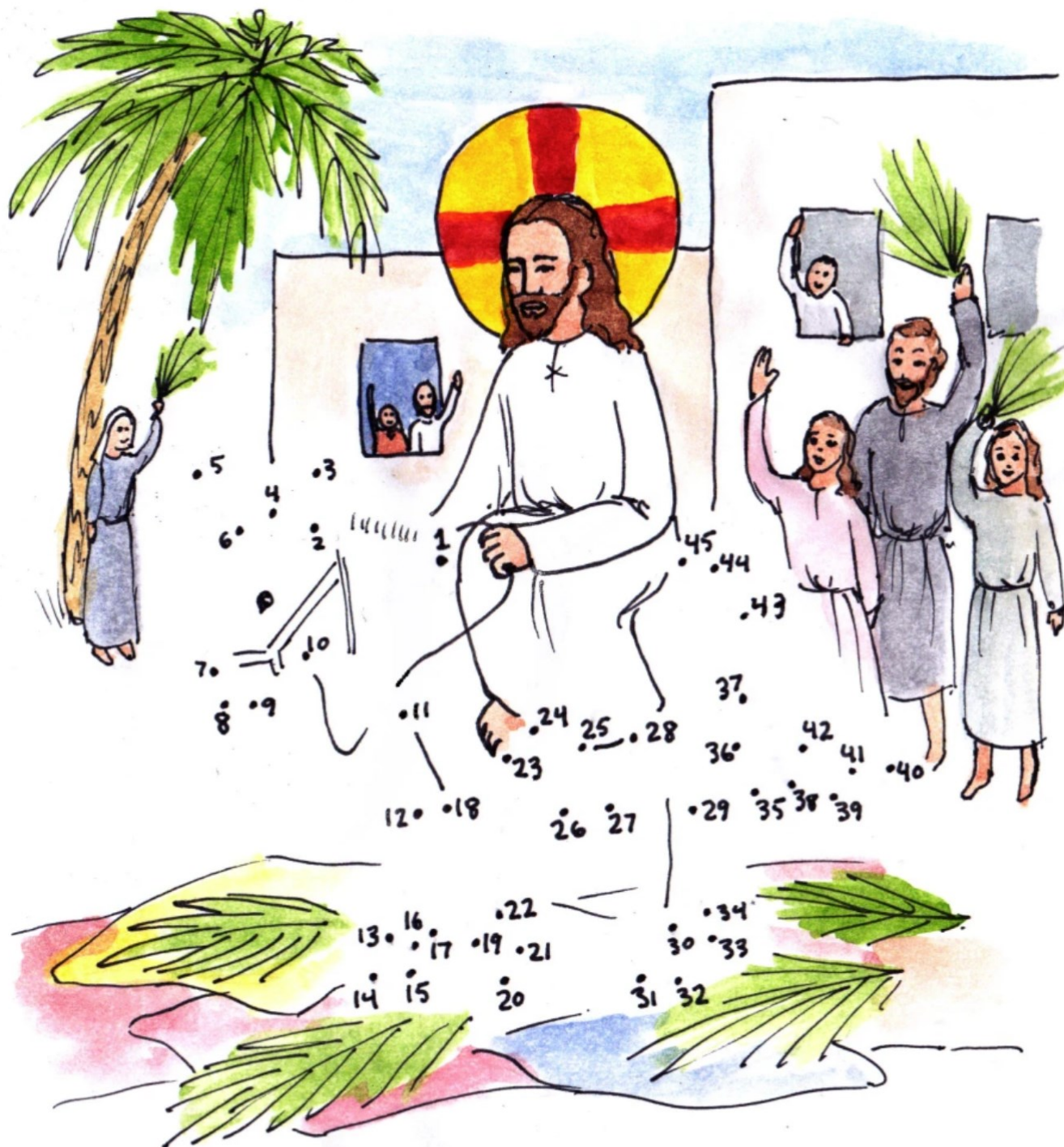
Men who would like to
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KIDS' PAGE








*A few days before He died on the Cross,
Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved
palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!"
He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times.
What was it? Connect the dots to find out!*

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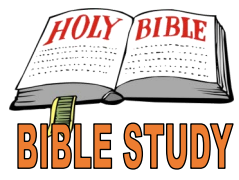
Mon	Mar 25	
Tues	Mar 26	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom) 7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
Wed	Mar 27	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Mar 28	8:00pm—HOLY THURSDAY MASS 
Fri	Mar 29	10:00am—Outdoor Way of the Cross 3:00pm—GOOD FRIDAY PASSION 
Sat	Mar 30	10:00am—Easter Egg Colouring in the big Kitchen  3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 8:00pm—VIGIL MASS 
Sun	Mar 31	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS 3:00pm—Private Gathering (Hall) 



Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available. **Next meet: Tues. Mar 26th**



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm. **Next meeting: Apr 5**



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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