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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is going to be a Holy Week and Easter unlike any other that we have experienced in our lifetimes, so let's not waste it! While indeed there is great sadness for those who are suffering and further sadness that we cannot gather together as the family of the Church, we are still the Church: The People of God, The Body of Christ. This is still Holy Week, the holiest week of the year. We continue even in the midst of the pandemic of COVID-19, to recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his preaching in the temple, his gathering with the apostles for the Last Supper and the events leading to his agony and death on the cross. Most of all during this week, we prepare ourselves and our families to remember and celebrate the conquering of sin and death in Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead! In so many ways, Holy Week is a paradigm of where we find ourselves today and Easter, the perfect antidote to the coronavirus! No virus, no plague, no fear, no terror, no earthly trouble, not even death itself can conquer God's love for us in Jesus Christ!

Every Palm Sunday, I remember and am struck by the transition that took place during those events of that Passover week two thousand years ago. The scriptures tell us that Jesus triumphantly entered into the city on an animal of burden, not his own, amid cheers of Hosanna and the waving of palms by the crowds. These details are not coincidental or insignificant. They are meaningful, significant and deliberate acts of Jesus. Go and read the passages again for yourself (Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-40, Jn 12:12-16). Jesus had been moving to Jerusalem and to this moment his whole life. His whole life is *leading up* to this moment quite literally. Jesus lived and ministered in the area of Capernaum in the Galilee with an elevation of 700 below sea level and his journey ends in Jerusalem, which is 2500 above sea level. In going to Jerusalem, he is literally reaching the height of his ministry and earthly pilgrimage. It is not insignificant that the Son of Man was to be lifted up on a cross and die on a hill (Jn 3:14). To reach Jerusalem, he traveled south but he entered the city via Jericho going to Bethany (the town of Martha, Mary and Lazarus) and Bethphage and then to the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. This entrance from the east is significant as it shows that in Jesus a new day, a new creation is dawning for the world. This entrance from the east was foretold by the prophet Zechariah and is echoed in creation itself. The King of Glory, ushering in the day of the Lord, would come from the east, humble, riding on an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass (Zech 9:9, Mt 21:5). These small details also illustrate the kingship and humility of Christ as he ascends to the great moment. Who is Jesus that he could order the taking of an animal not his own? This simple small detail reveals its significance in the instruction "and if anyone should say anything to you, reply 'The master has need of them'" (Mt 21:3). Only the king could requisition property in such a manner. If further evidence was needed, the crowds laid down their cloaks before Jesus to give him honor and homage. The excitement and fervor of this moment was not lost on his followers. They were ready for triumph, they were ready for prosperity. They wanted it. They expected it. No doubt they believed they deserved it! Jesus' triumphal entry was their moment of victory!

But the transition of this week takes place not in Jesus. Hailed as king but in the crowds themselves. As we are reminded in the Letter to the Hebrews, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!" (Heb 13:8). The transition is what takes place in the crowds. The crowds who proclaimed 'Hosanna to the Son of David' were not the residents of Jerusalem. The crowds were the ones escorting Jesus along the way. They are his followers, those who believed in him! Those who witnessed his mighty works and heard his preaching. They were the ones who bore witness to Jesus when the people of Jerusalem were "shaken" just as when they heard of his birth years before (Mt 2:3). The transition that takes place during this Holy Week is not very pretty. As Jesus challenges the authorities and the people in the temple during the following days, the crowd of "faithful followers" changes. As they see Jesus confronting and demanding, they begin to shrink away, fading from sight and back into their old habits and lives. As Jesus is arrested, tortured, tried, ridiculed and executed, fewer and fewer are left. When the going got tough, when it was challenging to believe, to follow and to be faithful, the crowds shrank. When the cries rang out "Crucify him!" they became silent. They forgot and worked to forget. They wanted someone else to be their focus. The starkness and isolation of Jesus on the cross, his blood, his suffering, his few words, his ultimate silence was not what they wanted. It was not what they thought they had bargained for. If Jesus could suffer, so could they. They did not want a suffering messiah, they wanted a king to save them from all their earthly sufferings. They wanted a Jesus, an earthly messiah, who made them feel good – all the time. They did not want the heights of Calvary, they did not want their faith tested, they wanted the comfort and security of their old lives, just as did their ancestors in the desert (Ex 14:11, 16:2). As Jesus united himself to all humanity in the intimacy of death, the crowd distanced themselves from him.

As we face this Holy Week in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic and the disruption it has brought to our lives and the trials ahead of us, what do we want? Who do we want to be the focus of our lives? What will be the choices we make? Like St. Peter, may we confess, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life" (Jn 6:68). And may we confess like St. Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). May God give us the grace to truly live it. This Holy Week may we not distance ourselves from Jesus but join our sufferings and our whole lives to him, now and always.

Be safe and be holy!

In Pace Christi,
Fr. Joey

I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

St. John Paul II

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,

11:00 a.m.,

12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Spanish: 2:00 p.m.,

7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

7:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

NOVENA &

ROSARY

Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Novena of the

Sacred Heart

1st Fridays following

9:00 a.m. Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

& Rosary after 9:00

a.m.

daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00

p.m.

BAPTISMS

Classes offered

monthly.

Please contact the

Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Please contact the

Parish Office at least

eight months prior to

desired date

ANOINTING OF THE

SICK/COMMUNION

TO THE SICK AND

HOMEBOUND

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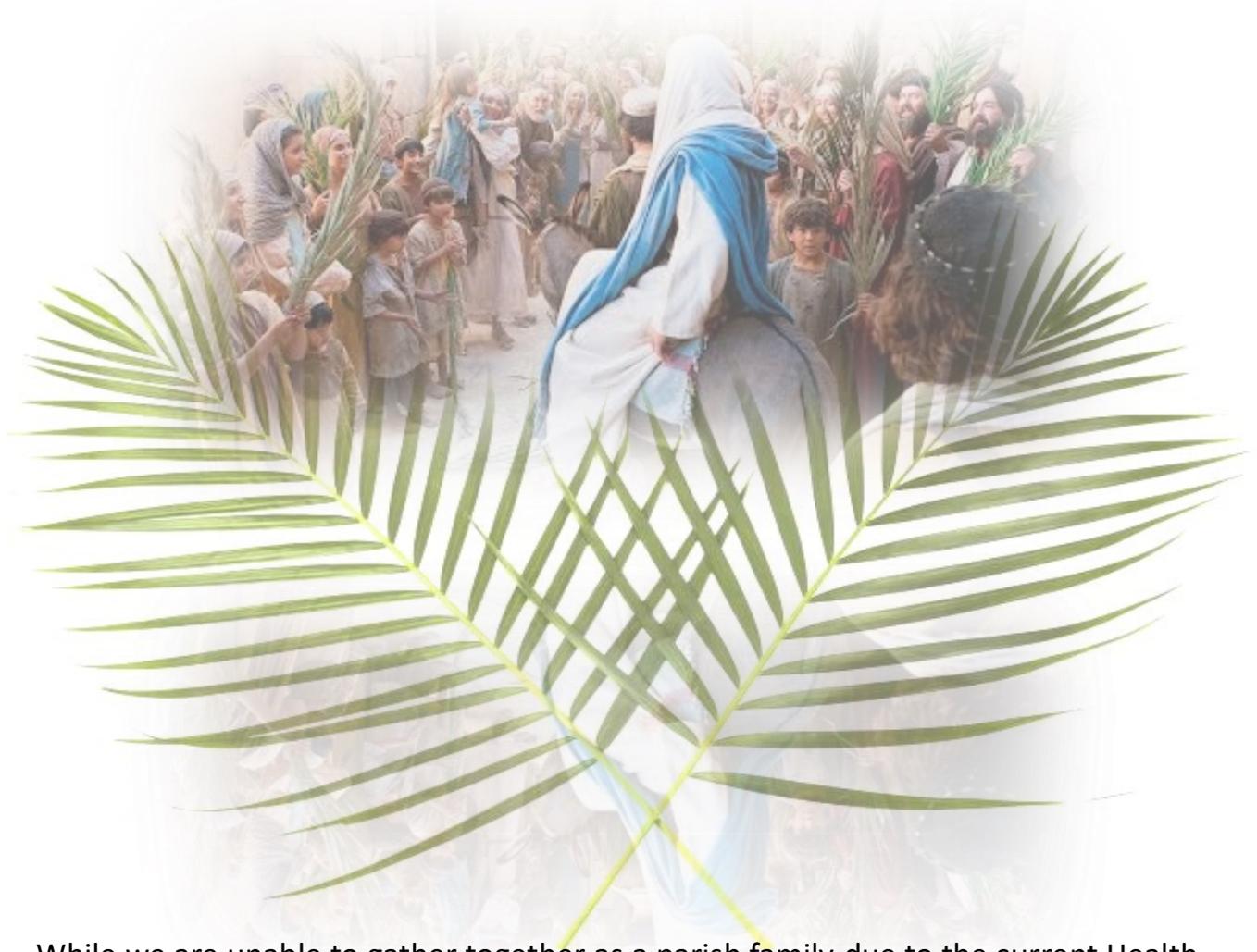
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!*



While we are unable to gather together as a parish family due to the current Health Emergency, we can still commemorate our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem as we begin to observe the holiest week of the year.

Blessed Palms will be available in the narthex of the Church beginning Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm.

Please observe social distancing while you are here.

Use the Palms while praying the Liturgy of the Word at home. This can be found on our [website](#) as well as music and a scriptural reflection.

I then encourage you to attach the Palm to your front door as an outward sign to your neighbors and friends that you are observing Holy Week and remembering Jesus.

In Pace Christi,

Fr. Jay



Holy Week

Together in Prayer and Spirit
Resources for our Families at Home

Holy Week at Home

Palm Sunday

Come and pick up a blessed palm
Available 3:00 - 8:00 pm on Saturday and 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Sun - Thur in the Narthex
Or use your own at home.
Liturgy of the Word
With blessed palms afterward displaying the palm on the front door with a red ribbon
Make a home altar

Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week

Pray together as a family
Family Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy or the Word, Liturgy of the Hours

Holy Thursday

Have a Holy Thursday Supper with the family
During the meal at the dinner able read the Scripture readings of the Mass
Have a shared reflection of what makes Holy Thursday special and different
Share stories of what the Eucharist means to each member of the family
Make a Spiritual Communion
Spend some time in quiet prayer in commemoration of Jesus agony in the garden

Good Friday

Spend the day in quiet (unplug technology)
Pray the Stations of the Cross
Read the Passion together as a family
Venerate the family crucifix
Decorate the family Crucifix with a red ribbon or cover

Holy Saturday

Spend the day in quiet
Gather at night after dinner and begin a vigil in low light with lighted a candle
Read through some of the Easter Vigil readings

Easter Sunday

Gather together for a Liturgy of the Word
Pray the Gloria together
Sing alleluia together
Decorate your front door with white bunting, a white cross, A sign saying "He Is Risen!", "Alleluia!" or "Jesus Lives!"
Celebrate the day with an Easter Feast

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I Love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Masses will be prayed privately for the following intentions

+Don Durdaller
Julia Bello
Sister Margaret Coyne
Alexander Maestas
Deceased Members of Luz Leonardos Family
Mary Gleason
Derrick Chavez
+Pat Gray
Brooks Pierce
Betty Letts
+Frank and Alice Yager
+Joyce Perkins
+Maria Luisa Villanueva Trujillo
+Jessy Antonia Perez Fernandez
Matt and Candice Pierce
+Luisa Lopez
Other Remembrance
Delfino Jesus Lopez , S. Bockholt

Mass Readings

Monday Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday **Holy Thursday Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; **Evening Mass:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday **Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord** Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday **Holy Saturday Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; Ps 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.

While all public liturgies and parish activities are suspended, the Church and Chapel are open for prayer.

The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7.

Please observe “Social Distancing” but not “Spiritual Distancing.”

During this time when Liturgies and Parish Activities are suspended, our bills are not.

St. John Vianney Parish operates on a budget of more than \$500,000 a month. Your continued financial stewardship and support are crucial. You may continue your offerings by Direct Deposit from your bank or [WeShare](#)



Want to donate but you don't have cash or a check to write?

How about donating by texting?

Text a dollar amount to 281.884.3212

or scan QR Code



Mail or drop your offertory envelopes at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your faithful support.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY YOUNG ADULTS

Check us out our virtual offerings!

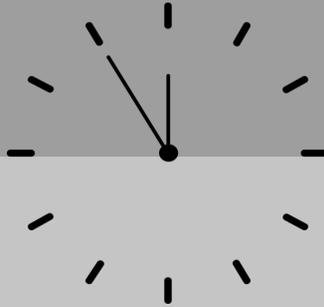
Email: TCooper@stjohnvianney.org

Website: www.stjohnvianney.org/youngadults

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SJVYoungAdults>

Instagram: SJVYA

YOUNG ADULT VIRTUAL
SOCIAL HOUR



6:30 PM FRIDAY
ZOOM CAFE

FOR MORE DETAILS EMAIL TCooper@stjohnvianney.org

CALLED TO GRACE: LOVING LIKE CHRIST
A Lenten Bible Study



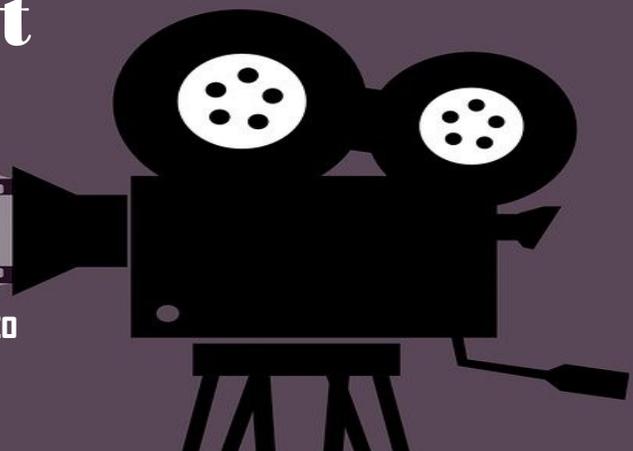
New Virtual Edition with Zoom

Monday's 7pm From the Comfort of Your Couch
Email to Join TCooper@stjohnvianney.org

Wednesday Night Netflix Party



Join us at 7pm each Wednesday as we get together to
enjoy an old fashion movie party, virtual style.
Email TCooper@stjohnvianney.org for details.



PARISH LIFE

CAMP SJV

St. John Vianney

Summer Day Camp 2020



Ages 4 - 12

Monday - Friday

June 1 - July 31

On-line registration for camp is now open

For our camp information with fees, the calendar and the link to register online, visit <https://www.stjohnvianney.org/ministries/parish-life/camp-sjv/>

To contact the camp office, please email sjvcamp@stjohnvianney.org



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



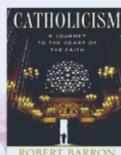
Please pray for the elect and candidates as they continue their formation and journey to the Easter sacraments although, due to the Coronavirus situation their initiation has been delayed. We give thanks to God for them and their response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and look forward with them to the day they will join us at the table of the Lord.

Remember also in prayer their godparents, sponsors, and RCIA team members who journey with them.



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Recommended movies:

The Bible Connection: Jeremiah; Restless Heart: St. Augustine; Mother Teresa

YOUTH FORMATION

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Virtual Classes
Now Available



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We welcome
current or future
CCE students
PK-12th grade

Online CCE

Check us out online:
<https://www.stjohnvianney.org/youth-formation/>

Vacation Bible School



9:30 am-12:30 pm

Week 1: July 27-31

Week 2: August 3-7

Registration Open

email Anabel Acosta at
aacosta@stjohnvianney.org
for information

Teen Acts Retreat Camp Kappe

June 11-14

Cost: \$195



Registration for Teen Acts is now open!
We only have 30 slots available, 15 for girls
and 15 for guys. Priority will be given to
registered parishioners. Registration is first
come, first served. This retreat is open to all
rising 9th-12th graders.

email Lee Clark at
lclark@stjohnvianney.org
for information
www.stjohnvianney.org/teen-acts

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@SJV YOUTH FORMATION



SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRY

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

We know that there will be serious short- and long-term consequences due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Stay Home, Work Safe order. This includes individuals who become sick, as well as those who are affected by closures and being confined to home. Use the links below to learn more about available resources and ways to receive help.

ASSISTANCE WITH BASIC, EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL NEEDS:

- [Catholic Charities](#) continues to offer services in a modified manner. Call 713.227.9981
- Memorial Assistance Ministries is offering services remotely. Visit MAM's website for their [Remote Services Contact Information](#)
- [Texas/United Way](#) HELPLINE connects callers with critical health and human service programs
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs – Temporary relief options for those who cannot pay mortgage or rent: The stimulus package passed by Congress [includes a 120-day moratorium on evictions by landlords with mortgages](#) backed by Fannie Mae, HUD, Freddie Mac, the rural housing voucher program, or the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. Individuals who have mortgages through these entities may also qualify for suspended or reduced payments during this time. For renters, there are ways to get help from the government through grants. The providers listed on the TDHCA [Help for Texans](#) website may get funding through TDHCA or other resources. Contact them to apply for help.
- Unemployment: apply for benefits [online](#) or by calling the Texas Workforce Commission's Tele-Center Center at 800.939.6631 from 8 am to 6 pm Central Time, Monday through Friday. You are encouraged to sign up for [Electronic Correspondence](#) so you can receive your TWC communications online as soon as possible.
- Current Employment Opportunities: We keep an updated list of current job leads. You can [access it here](#).
- Financial Advice in Times of Crisis: Find [helpful information](#) and resources on how to [remain financially healthy](#) during this time of uncertainty.
- Tax Payment Assistance: The deadline for 2019 payments is now July 15, 2020.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR SENIORS:

- Helpful [information and resources for seniors](#) & [Grocery store/shopping options](#) for seniors

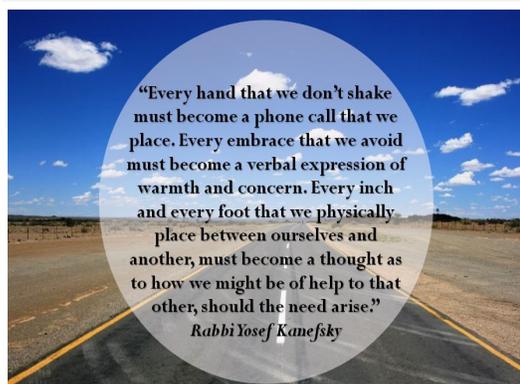
EMOTIONAL & MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

- Crisis Text Line provides free, confidential support 24/7. Text CRISIS to 741741 to be connected to a crisis counselor.
- NAMI Helpline: 1-800-950-6264, Mon-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET, email info@nami.org, or text NAMI to 741741. NAMI specializes in working with anyone with a mental health issue, including anxiety.
- [Betterhelp Online Counseling](#) matches you with a licensed mental health care provider who will talk with you over the phone or email.
- Mental Health America of Greater Houston shares important ways to [lessen anxiety secondary to COVID-19](#).
- [Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#), [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health](#), [Helping Children Cope](#)

EATING RIGHT AND STAYING PHYSICALLY FIT:

- [How to Keep Your Immune System Healthy](#), [25 Ways to Get Moving at Home](#)

Visit SJV's website at <https://www.stjohnvianney.org/covid-19-resources>, as we are continually updating the resources.



Because 'church' has never been about the building. We are the Church. We are SJV, and this is what we do:

Ways to help during times of social distancing

As the Gospel of Life compels us to do, we are reaching out to our elderly parishioners to provide them with support; particularly to those living alone. If you are interested in helping with our outreach efforts, please let us know. Email us at dalvarenga@stjohnvianney.org, grivas@stjohnvianney.org or vclinton@stjohnvianney.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

This antiphon, taken from Matthew 21:9, provides the first words sung before the Procession or Solemn Entrance that precede the Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The cry *hosanna* hearkens to Psalm 118 which originally would have been used to accompany a liturgical procession of the Davidic king into the temple for sacrifice. *Hosanna* originally meant an entreaty for help: "O Lord, save! Grant us salvation!" This is how the word *hosanna* is used throughout the entire Old Testament. (See Ps 118:25) However, by the time of our Lord it had assumed the meaning we generally associate with it: "Praise and Glory!" Psalm 118 is further quoted by the crowd of disciples when they sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (Ps 118:26) While these are the only portions of Psalm 118 that are directly quoted here, the entirety of Psalm 118 casts light on the meaning of this messianic action by Christ and his followers. We recall that Psalm 118 is used on the following occasions liturgically: The Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter and the 4th Sunday of Easter. It is also used every other Sunday for Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. For the Church, Psalm 118 is a "resurrection psalm" perhaps the "resurrection psalm" *par excellence*. I would like to invite you to read Psalm 118 now, a psalm (like all of them) Christ would have known by heart, and consider how the words of that psalm contextualize the procession, the crowd's activity, the city's perplexity and ultimately the messianic mission Christ intends to accomplish in the coming days. I'll leave you know to read Psalm 118.

Stunning, is it not? Christ, mounted on a colt, Israel's true king is he who, "conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth." (CCC 559) So consider Christ meditating on these words of the psalm: "In danger I called on the LORD, the LORD answered me and set me free... I shall not die but live and declare the deeds of the LORD.... Open the gates of righteousness; I will enter and thank the LORD.... The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes." The children of the Hebrews quote the psalm; Christ fulfills it. The pilgrimage of Christ that has Jerusalem and his Pasch as its culminating goal began in the amenable and immaculate womb of the Virgin Mother thirty-three years before. All the mysteries of the Nativity, the hidden years, and public ministry of the Lord have now entered into their final and climactic days. The pilgrim, Priest-King of Israel, assuming the form of a slave, meets his people and allows them to ascend with him to the place of sacrifice and encounter with God, knowing full well how the intense suffering predicted in the Psalm are to be fulfilled. Yet as it is soon to be revealed, that place of sacrifice and encounter is no longer a temple built by human hands, but the true Temple: Jesus Christ.

In the course of the liturgy today, we observe how the cries of "*hosanna*" are replaced with cries of "Let him be crucified!" The expression of exultant praise is abandoned and yields to rejection and condemnation. As much as these two expressions are opposed to one another, recalling the original meaning of *hosanna* with its evolution from: a cry for salvation to an expression of praise and then followed by the sentence that Christ suffer and die: all this reveals the Wisdom of God for us and that of the Paschal Mystery. To save us (*hosanna*) God allows himself to be annihilated in the flesh (crucified), and in this the glory of God shines forth (*hosanna*)! And while our Salvation and the glorification of the Father is something God achieves through himself and his own might (Ps 118:15-18; 23) one of the fruits of the Procession with Palms is that he allows us sacramentally to join him in his triumphant entrance, to join him in procession to the altar of sacrifice, to accompany him into his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and thereby discover anew the reason for all things.

The heart of the Procession of Palms is to be found interiorly, in a soul that meekly follows the Lamb and boisterously cries out that the Lord is glorified in his saving works. This heart of the Procession is not beyond our reach this year. Whether we have blessed palms from this year or years past, or even some branches we cut down today, we have no less opportunity to acclaim him. To acclaim him in our hearts, to acclaim him through the prayers we pray individually or as a family, and to orient ourselves in the same direction as the Lord, moving each day this week towards the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. St. Thomas from last week provides us with the only instruction we need: "Let us also go to die with him." (Jn 11:16)