



What Is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before Easter, marking the beginning of **Holy Week**. It is a biblical event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Jesus rode into the city on a donkey on this day, symbolizing peace, fulfilling an ancient prophecy, and signifying his kingship. The crowds greeted him by spreading palm branches and cloaks on the road ahead and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" as a sign of respect and homage.

The celebration of Palm Sunday today involves various liturgical practices across different Christian denominations. It often includes blessing and distributing palm branches (or substitutes in regions where palms are unavailable) to the congregation. These palms are then carried in processions to recall and honor Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. The day is a moment of reflection on the themes of victory, peace, and salvation, setting the tone for the solemn observances of Holy Week, commemorating the events leading up to Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection. Palm Sunday thus serves as a poignant reminder of Jesus's path to the cross, juxtaposing his initial welcome as a king with the suffering and sacrifice that would follow.

St Francis de Paula Parish

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday: Mass 11:00am

Weekdays:

Mass: 8:00am Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service: 8:00am

Tuesday & Thursday

1st Friday of the Month Anointing:

Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm (Mass)

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am-12am & 1pm - 3pm

PRE-BAPTISM: Contact Office

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: To schedule Call Barbara Reay

575-430-4547

MARRIAGE: There is a six-month preparation period

CONFESSION: Will be Thursday's 4pm-6pm EXCEPT the Thursday BEFORE 1st Friday

Thrift Store: Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Mass Intentions must go through the office

If you would like to have any announcements in the bulletin please contact the office or Brianna at 575-921-1025 or bchavez32@yahoo.com

BEFORE WEDNESDAY

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28th 5:30pm — † St Rita (Special Intention), Roberta Carol Guilez, James and JoAnn Duran

Sunday, March 29th 11:00am — † St Anthony (Special Intention), Abie & Leo Maese, Guadalupe Fuentez Jr

Tuesday March 31st 8:00am — † **Communion Services**

Wednesday, April 1st 8:00am — † St Rita (special intention)

Thursday, April 2nd 8:00am — † **Communion Services**

Friday, April 3rd 8:00am — † Rudolfo & Albert Guerra

Saturday, April 4th 5:30pm — † St Rita (Special Intention), Rudolfo & Albert Guerra

Sunday, April 5th 11:00am — † Lucille & Juan Romero, Marcelino & Mercedes Rocha

****Communion Services on Tuesday & Thursday****

Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

Kelton Starr, Naomi Pino, Gloria Diaz, Manny Diaz, Geralyn Aragon, Sylvia Duran, Joe & Yvonne Padilla, Jude Lovato, Jeff Aragon, Larry Stansel, Leah Matinzo

Second Collection for

April 2-3, 2026

The **Holy Land** fund allows parishioners to share resources with those parishes in our diocese unable to raise sufficient emergency funds when needed for facility repairs. **Please be generous towards our poorer parishes.**
Thank you!

ADORATION: We are in dire need of substitutes. If you cannot commit to an hour, PLEASE, consider becoming a sub. Contact Naomi at 575-551-2498.

This weeks readings can be found in the Missal on pages:

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Weekend Total Regular Collection

03/22/2026

\$2,386.39

Sacristans for the Month of April

Saturday 5:30pm— Rosa & Christine

Sunday 11:00am— Rose & Ruthina

Readers

Saturday, January 5:30pm— Steve & Liz Chavez

Sunday, 11:00am— Children's mass

Fiesta News:

We need the following donations for our food booths. Here is a list of items needed: Onions, Crackers, Potatoes, Variety of chips, Green chili (Frozen), and Red Chili. Also!! OUR famous baked goods for the Cake walk booth the day of the fiesta. ANY CASH donation will work as well. For any questions please contact any of the following

Jordan Gaston (575)430-2986, Jon Salazar (720)926-2376, Jennifer Gaston (575)430-8930

Catholic Trivia

Q: In the new testament, how many times does Jesus tell us we need to forgive our enemies?

A. 70 times

If you are able to bring Easter Lillies to decorate the church for Easter, please bring them to the Sacristaty or the office.

Thank you

Ushers for the month of April

Saturday 5:30pm— Billy Artiaga

Sunday 11:00am— Juan Romero

Alter Servers

Saturday 5:30pm — Sheacy Lathan, EJ Padilla

Sunday 11:00am- Robert, Michael & Catherine, Andrew, Claymore

Easter Sunday!

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th after the 11:00 mass. Donations needed of individual Wrapped candy or Cash donations are welcome as well.

Please call Jennifer Gaston for pick up (575)430-8930

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Envelopes are located at the back of the church

Donations for new or "re-gifted items are needed for Fiesta Bingo, kids games or dollar shop. Please contact Barbara Reay for pick up 575-430-4547