

Today's Introit takes from Psalm 21, verses 19, 20, 21; then 2. We identify them scripturally then understand them in relation to the feast. Bold print indicates the Introit inclusion.

Psalm 21 is paraphrased: "Christ's passion: and the conversion of the gentles."
19. (But thou,) O Lord, remove not thy help to a distance from me; look to my defense. 20. Deliver, O my God, (my soul from the sword: my one and only from the hand of the dog.) 21. (Save) me from the lion's mouth; and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns.

Psalm 21 (Psalm 22 in protestant bibles) is a well known Psalm. Throughout this Psalm, recited every Good Friday during the stripping of the altar, David speaks in the person of Christ. **O Lord, remove not thy help...** St. Robert Bellarmine comments: Having previously detailed the Passion, the Prophet commences a prayer to God for "a speedy resurrection." **Deliver, O God, me from the lion's mouth.** The lion stands for the enemies of Christ mentioned in verse 13: "They have opened their mouths against me, as a lion ravening and roaring." St. Robert says the unicorns (rhinoceroses) are included in place of bulls, spoken of earlier, as they are more fierce and wild, "to show the cruelty and ferocity of his enemies, so far from being softened by his many sufferings, was only excited and increased."

2. O God, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins.

So the Crucified uttered from the Holy Cross. St. Robert comments: "When Christ complains of having been forsaken by God, we are not to understand that he was forsaken by the Second Person, or that there was a dissolution of the hypostatic union, or that he lost the favor and friendship of the Father; but he signifies to us that God permitted his human nature to undergo those dreadful torments, and to suffer an ignominious death, from which he could, if he chose, most easily deliver him. Nor did such complaints arise from impatience or ignorance... they merely declared his most bitter sufferings... when his last moment drew nigh, he protests that he is true man, truly passable; forsaken by his Father in his sufferings he then intimately felt."

The Feast of Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, finds us 6 days shy of the end of our Lenten journey. The intensity of the Passion is most acute... "the hour" of Christ has come! The Epistle posits the true human nature of Christ, the Christ who truly suffered for us: "Who being in the form of God... emptied himself, taking the form of a servant... Becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross..."; the Gospel attests the great humility of our saving God: "Behold, thy King comes to thee, meek and sitting upon an ass and a colt,..." Thank you Lord Jesus for giving us life, but more, thank you for giving us your Life! Thou hast loved us so much as to die for us. Oh Jesus, Thou are so good and worthy of all my love, when will I love Thee as I ought! When will I live to die for you!

A saint is a sinner who doesn't give up!



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The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)

Saturday at 9:00 am.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; 10:30 am sung; and 12:30 pm low.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the 12:30 pm Mass; or, after the 10:30 am Mass, if there is no 12:30 pm Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

Sarasota "Lost & Found"
now located in the office

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 04-10	Palm Sunday	1/R&V	
Mon 04-11	Feria of Holy Week	1/V	
Tues 04-12	Feria of Holy Week	1/V	
Wed 04-13	Feria of Holy Week	1/V	
Thu 04-14	Holy Thursday	1/W&V	
Fri 04-15	Good Friday	1/B&V	
Sat 04-16	Holy Saturday	1/V&W	
Sun 04-17	Easter Sunday	1/W	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 04-10	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
	(8:30 am) FssP & Preservation of the Traditional Mass	
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Hallagan family	rb M/M JP Marchand
Mon 04-11	(12 pm) Henk & Helen Brouwer++	rb T&D Wade
Tues 04-12	(7 am) Audrey McGuckin+	rb A Reners
	(9 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb K Dinh
Wed 04-13	(7 am) Special intention	rb M/M B Shehwen
	(9 am) Lawrence Cooke+	rb R Hoffman
Thu 04-14	(7 pm) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
Fri 04-15	(3 pm) No Mass, but Good Friday Service	
Sat 04-16	(10 pm) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
Sun 04-17	(8:30 am) Fr Dupre	rb M Funderburk
	(10:30 am) Frs Hathaway & Huber	rb CtK parishioners
	(12:30 pm) The Holy Father	

Today's 10:30 am Mass- Entr: *Hosanna Filio David*, 131; procession hymn - *Gloria, laus et honor*, 137; Mass XVII, 762 & Credo I, 768.

Also, today, only at the 10:30 am Mass will palms be blessed (in the church) followed by an outdoor procession (good weather permitting); blessed palms will be available after this ceremony through Easter Sunday; please don't hog them.

This week, Monday, staff meeting (4 pm) & server practice for Holy Week (5:30-7 pm) & St Theresa Guild (7-8:30 pm); **Wednesday**, Vespers (5 pm) & server practice for Holy Week (5:30-7 pm), & choir practice (7 pm); for rest see **Triduum Schedule** (infra).

St Theresa Prayer Guild invites you to pray for your priests; stay tuned!

Last Sunday: Collection – \$7,367.94; CFA: \$2,076.00 and no pledges.

Attendance - 7 am-68; 8:30 am-129; 10:30 am-205; 12:30 pm-103; total 505 souls.

Did someone mistakenly take Mass cards for funerals from the St Joseph altar when it was taken down, if so, please return them to the office. Thank you.

Please pray for: Ralph Johnson, Lynda Hall, Terry Cullen, Gloria Flynn, Talsness family, Brian Meadows (3/20), Margo & Lou Maffei, & McNamara family (3/13).

On Easter Sunday, Father will bless your Easter bread baskets in Fausto Hall, if you bring them.

The Power of the Palm, know the benefits of your blessed palm:

The Blessing of Palms before processing:

Bless, + we beseech Thee, O Lord, these branches of palm: and grant that what Thy people today bodily perform for Thy honor, they may perfect spiritually with the utmost devotion, by *gaining the victory over the enemy*, and *ardently loving every work of mercy*. Per Dominum nostrum.

Blessing of Palms after processing

O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Redeemer, in Whose honor we have borne these palms and gone on praising Thee with song and solemnity: mercifully grant that *whithersoever these palms are taken*, there the grace of Thy blessing may descend, and *may every wickedness and trickery of the demons be frustrated*; and may Thy right hand *protect those it hath redeemed*. Qui vivis et regnas.

Again, while you will not have actually borne a palm in honor of our King and Redeemer, your desire will suffice for this permissible neglect. Note further that the blessing: "whithersoever these palms are taken, there the grace of Thy blessing may descend." Blessed palms may be put behind a crucifix in one's room or made into ornate crosses for the same purpose. But the phrase, "whithersoever these palms are taken" suggests traveling with them. And, "taking them whithersoever" what do we ask of God? We ask, "there the grace of Thy blessing may descend." For what purpose?: that "every wickedness and trickery of the demons be frustrated" and that the right hand of God "protect those it hath redeemed." In virtue of these observations, may I suggest you make a small cross from your blessed palm and, using the wider-sized clear tape, attach this on the underside of your front windshield, off to the driver's side to avoid blocking your view. And, sandwich another palm cross between two pieces of clear tape and put this in your wallet or purse. In this way, "whithersoever" you go, by car, foot or kayak, you will have this wonderful blessing & protection with you. How awesomely cool!

Triduum Schedule - Sarasota: Holy Thursday, *Tenebrae* (10-11:15 am), server practice (2-4 pm), & Mass of the Last Supper (7 pm); **Good Friday**, *Tenebrae* (10-11:20 am), server practice (1-2 pm) & Good Friday Service (3 pm) [Divine Mercy Novena begins]; **Holy Saturday**, *Tenebrae* (10-11:45 am), server practice (8-10 pm), & Easter Vigil Mass (10 pm); **Easter Sunday**, Low Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm. **Ocala: Holy Thursday** (4 pm); **Good Friday** (12 pm); **Holy Saturday** (nothing); **Easter Sunday** (2 pm).