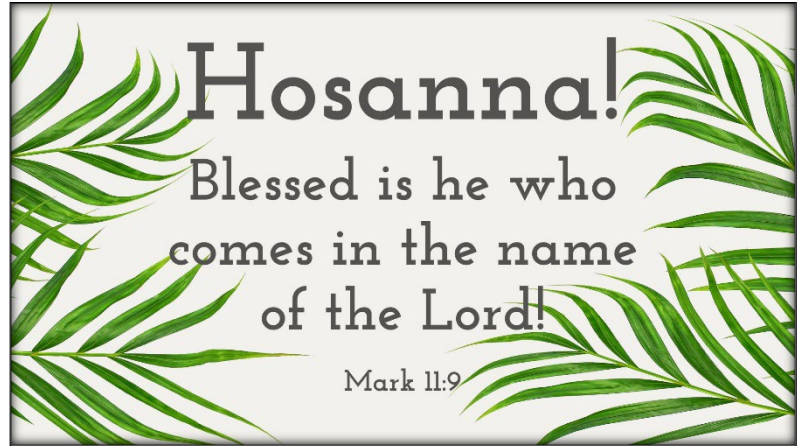


Dear Friends

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is the most holy time of the Liturgical Year. To experience the full joy of Easter Sunday, we need to travel the road that takes us through this Holy Week - especially the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.



Over two thousand years ago, crowds of people greeted Jesus, cheering and waving palms, as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Lord came into the city greeted as a King.

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” Mark 11:9-10.

On Holy Thursday Jesus eats the Last Supper with his disciples and institutes the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Priesthood. During this year of Eucharistic Revival, may we acknowledge the true presence of Christ that he gave to us during the Last Supper. At each Mass, he is present to us through the Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus is arrested in the garden and unjustly sentenced to death after the Last Supper. Only days after the crowd greeted him with shouts of joy, they now condemn him with shouts of **“Crucify him!”** On Good Friday, we commemorate the death of our Lord. This is a very strange event - the Just One is killed by the unjust. The Giver of Life is crucified. Ironically, even the death of the Giver of Life brings life!

Holy Saturday is a joyous occasion as we welcome our RCIA Elect as part of our faith family. Some will join us through the Sacrament of Baptism and others, who are already baptized, through a Profession of Faith. We welcome them with open arms and hearts into the Communion of Faith!

I invite everyone to travel through these most Holy days with Jesus and let these events touch our hearts, so we can begin to grasp the great **hope** that is ours when we can say the simple, yet powerful, words next Sunday – He is risen.

Have a blessed Holy Week,
Fr. Krzysztof