

March 24, 2024

# *St. Rose of Lima Church*



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## A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

**PALM SUNDAY From Pope Benedict XVI April 2006** To understand what occurred on Palm Sunday and to know what it meant not only for that time but for all times, a detail is important, which became for his disciples the key to understand that event when, after Easter, they recalled those tumultuous days with a new look. Jesus entered the Holy City riding on a donkey, that is, the animal of simple country people and, moreover, a donkey that did not belong to him, that he had been loaned for this occasion. He did not arrive in a luxurious royal carriage, or on horseback as the world's great, but on a borrowed donkey. John tells us initially that the disciples did not understand this. Only after Passover did they realize that in this way Jesus was fulfilling the prophets' proclamations; he showed that his action derived from the Word of God and led to its fulfillment. They remembered, says John, that one reads in the prophet Zechariah: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt" (John 12:15; cf. Zechariah 9:9). To understand the meaning of the prophecy and thus Jesus' action, we must listen to the whole text of Zechariah, who continues saying: "He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth" (9:10). In this way, the prophet makes three affirmations about the future king. First, he says he will be a king of the poor, a poor man among the poor and for the poor. Poverty is understood in this case in the sense of the "anawim" of Israel, of those believing and humble souls that we see around Jesus, in the perspective of the first beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount. One can be materially poor but have a heart full of anxiety for wealth and power, which comes from wealth. The fact that one lives in envy and avarice shows that, in one's heart, one is part of the rich. One wishes to reverse the distribution of goods, but only so that oneself will be in the situation that the rich occupied before. Poverty in Jesus' sense -- in the prophets' sense -- presupposes above all interior freedom from avarice and the will to power. It is about a much greater reality than a different distribution of goods, which would be limited to the material realm, and which make hearts even harder. Above all, it is about the purification of the heart, thanks to which one recognizes that possession is responsibility before others which, in the sight of God, allows itself to be guided by Jesus who, being rich, became poor for us (cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9). Interior freedom presupposes the surmounting of corruption and avarice which at this point devastate the world; this freedom may be found only if God becomes our wealth, it may be found only in the patience of daily renunciations, in which it develops as authentic freedom. On Palm Sunday we acclaim Jesus, the king who points out to us the way to this goal, and we ask him to take us with him on his path. Second, the prophet shows us that this king will be a king of peace: He will make the chariots of battle and war horses disappear, will cut off the bow and command peace. In the figure of Jesus, this is concretized with the sign of the cross. It is the broken bow, in a certain sense the new, authentic rainbow of God, which unites heaven and earth and builds bridges between continents over the abysses. The new weapon Jesus puts in our hands is the cross, sign of reconciliation, of love that is stronger than death. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we must remember not to respond to an injustice with more injustice, to violence with more violence; we must remember that we can only overcome evil with good, without returning evil for evil. The prophet's third affirmation is the pre-announcement of universality: The kingdom of the king of peace extends "from sea to sea ... to the ends of the earth." The former promise of land is replaced with a new vision: The space of the messianic king is no longer a specific country, which would be separated from others, and which inevitably would take a position against other countries. His country is the earth, the whole world. Surmounting all limitations, in the multiplicity of cultures, he creates unity. Penetrating with a glance the clouds of history, we see emerge from afar in the prophecy the network of Eucharistic communities that embraces the whole world, a network of communities that constitute Jesus' "Kingdom of peace" from sea to sea to the ends of the earth. He comes to all cultures and to all parts of the world, everywhere, to the miserable huts and poor peoples, as well as to the splendor of cathedrals. Everywhere, he is the same, the Only One, and in this way, all those gathered in prayer, in communion with him, are also united among themselves in one body. Christ rules making himself our bread and giving himself to us. Thus he builds his Kingdom. This nexus is made totally clear in another phrase of the Old Testament which characterizes and explains what occurred on Palm Sunday. The crowd acclaimed Jesus: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9; Psalm 117 [118]:25f.). This phrase forms part of the rite of the feast of tents, during which the faithful moved in a circle around the altar, holding in their hands branches of palm, myrtle and willow.

### CHRISM MASS

**BISHOP MARK WILL CELEBRATE MASS AT 11AM AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 AM MASS AT SAINT ROSE.**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday in Lent  
Wed. March 27- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary  
Thurs. March 28 - 6:00 p.m. Monica's Tears Adoration  
Fri. March 29 - Noon  
Fri. March 29—7:30 p.m. Tenebrae



**Monday, March 25**

8:30 a.m. No Mass at St. Rose  
Chrism Mass Altoona Cathedral  
7:00 p.m.  
For the Intention of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, March**

8:30 a.m.  
†Marcia Prorok (Joe & Kathy Harella)

**Wednesday, March 27**

8:30 a.m.  
†Linda Wolf (Marie Eney)

**Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday**

8:30 a.m.  
†Ron Brown (Deb & Bill Kozak)  
8:00 p.m.  
†Mary Tillard (T. J. Sanker)

**Friday, March 29 Good Friday**

8:30 a.m.  
No Mass

**Saturday, March 30**

9:30 a.m.  
For the Intention of the Celebrant  
8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil**  
†Frank & Dorothy Skupien (Family)

**Easter Sunday, March 31 Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 a.m.  
Mass for the People  
10:30 a.m.  
†Steve Lockard (Sally, Joe & Adam)

**GARVEY MANOR COFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR**

This group meets on the **first Saturday of each month in the Chapel at Garvey Manor**. Rosary begins at 9:30 am, attend the 10:00 am Mass, then spiritual reflection led by Sister Jacinta under the loving protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Membership is open to any Catholic who would find it spiritually beneficial to be united with others in pursuit of holiness. Call Sister Jacinta (814) 695-5571

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
March 10, 2024**

Regular	\$ 8,831.00	Loose	\$ 751.00
Children's	\$ 26.00	Candlemas	\$ 20.00
Ash Wed.	\$ 30.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 888.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 126.00	Parish Life	\$ 65.00
Easter	\$ 20.00	Christmas Club	\$ 15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 35.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
Good Friday	\$ 10.00	Vigil Light	\$ 25.00
		Total	\$ 10,887.50

**40 Cans for Lent**

For many families in our community, ongoing economic hardships have resulted in daily struggles to put food on their tables. Some people simply don't have enough food to eat and go to bed hungry. This year the St. Rose of Lima St. Vincent DePaul Conference will once again be joining our Parish's Knights of Columbus members in their "**40 Cans for the 40 Days of Lent**" program. We aspire to have each parishioner at St Rose of Lima contribute one can of food per day throughout the 40 days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and concluding on Holy Thursday, March 28th. Donations of canned food or dry goods can be placed in the donation box located in the vestibule of the Church. All donations will be delivered by March 28th. Each day of Lent we also ask you to say the following prayer at meal time for those needy individuals and families throughout the world. ***Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. Amen*** (Prayer for the Poor by St. Mother Teresa) Thank you and may God Bless You!

**DEACON JIM'S "A MOMENT WITH OUR LADY"  
March 24, 2024**

The diocesan process for the beatification of Sister Lucia, one of the three seers of Fatima (Portugal), ended on the anniversary of her "birth in heaven," on February 13, 2017, in the Carmel of Coimbra (Portugal) where she died 12 years ago, on February 13, 2005. Now it is in Rome, after an examination of the documents, that it will be decided whether or not to continue the beatification process. It is significant that the next phase landed in Rome in the year of the centenary of the apparitions of Fatima in 1917, and in the wake of the Jubilee of Mercy. French bishop Albert-Marie de Monléon explains, in an interview given on January 15, 2017: "One can indeed hear the message of Mary and the Angels in Fatima as a call to mercy. At the second apparition of the angel to the little shepherds, he said to them: 'Pray at great deal! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs on you.' Through these children, it is to each of us that this message is addressed. This prayer is essentially "for the conversion of the poor sinners" and for peace in the world. These are among the highest works of mercy which our time urgently needs."

**St. Rose Liturgy Schedule**

*Weekends*

Saturday 9:30 AM 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

*Weekdays* Tuesday through Friday 8:30 AM

Monday 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

*Holy Day Vigil* 4:00 PM

*Holy Day* 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

*Adoration* Thursday after 8:30 AM Mass to 10:00 AM

Thursday Evening 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

*Confessions* Saturday at Noon, Monday at 6:00 PM or by appointment

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent 7:00 PM

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of March 24, 2024**

**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 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* 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**

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 Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**

Gn1:1—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 and 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; 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; Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday 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

**Night at the Races**

**Holy Trinity Catholic School Eldorado**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**Doors Open 5:30 PM Dinner 6:00pm**

**Horses Races start at 7:00PM**

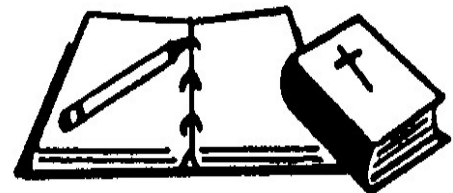
**Tickets \$40.00 per person includes food, drinks ownership of one horse, jockey or trainer.**

**"after hours" get-together!**

**<https://stsgive.com/MOG2>**

**March 24th NO CCD CLASSES**  
**March 31st NO CCD CLASSES**  
**April 1st CONFIRMATION PRACTICE 5:45 PM**  
**ALTOONA CATHEDRAL**  
**April 2nd CONFIRMATION 7:00PM**  
**ALTOONA CATHEDRAL PLEASE**  
**ARRIVE AT 5:45 PM**

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL YVONNE GIBON AT 814-330-2518**



*Religious Education News*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK**

**Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00PM**

Deborah Kawtoski Lector  
William Gburek Lector  
Kathryn Nazaruk Eucharistic Minister  
Helen Mirenda Eucharistic Minister  
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**Good Friday, March 29, 2024 Noon**

Deborah Kawtoski Lector  
William Gburek Lector  
VOLUNTEER NEEDED Server  
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**Saturday, March 30, 2024 8:00PM Vigil**

Laverne Previte Lector  
Deborah Kawtoski Lector  
Helen Mirenda Eucharistic Minister  
William Gbuarek Eucharistic Minister  
Kathryn Nazaruk Eucharistic Minister  
Thomas Charlesworth Server  
James Charlesworth Server

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:30AM**

Ross Talarigo Lector  
James Busch Lector  
Kathryn Busch Eucharistic Minister  
Mary Wiley Eucharistic Minister  
VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister  
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**ALTAR/ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

AS A MEMBER, YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED IN A MONTHLY MASS. THESE DUES ARE USED TO PAY FOR OTHER SUPPLIES FOR THE CHURCH. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES IN YOUR REGULAR OFFERING ENVELOPES. INSTEAD, PLEASE USE THE YELLOW ENVELOPE MARKED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. THANK YOU.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBIS CASH BASH SAT., APRIL 13, EAST FREEDOM FIRE HALL DOORS OPEN 5:30PM SMALL GAMES, BASKET RAFFLES, DINNER AT 6:00 PM TICKETS \$40. LAST TICKET PULLED WINS \$600. TICKET INCLUDES 2 DINNERS, BEVERAGES AND ONE TICKET INTO THE DRAWING. MUST BE 21 OR OLDER. TICKETS: SEE ANY KNIGHT OR CALL 1-203-450-1961 OR 814-695-4752 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 24 - Palm Sunday:

**Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.**

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor.

Thank You and God Bless!

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!! St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul

**St. Rose of Lima Prayer List**

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call the office (814-944-8509) or email Becky Reed at [breed@dioceseaj.org](mailto:breed@dioceseaj.org) to add their name to the prayer list.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Erma Anthony • Steve Anthony •
- Eileen Buxton • Matilda Capouellez • Richard J. Courtot, Sr. • Sarah Dietzel • Jared Dietzel • Syrenah Dietzel • Jeremy Dietzel • Frank & Rose Marie Fochler
- Ed Garlena • David Garman Family • Larry and Nancy Harker • Kelly & Carl Harris Housum Family • Donna Ivory
- Kelly Mullegan Kline • Patricia Kraft Carmie Maniglia • Michele • Mike Murphy
- Rose Nasralla • Mike Nazaruk & Family Nicole M • Jean Raugh • Antonio Recchia
- Joe and Carole Reilly • Scott and Heather Reimer • Alita Ricasoli • Ron Rodgers
- Beth Sanders Julia Scarfone • Ann Schreiber Jim Trexle • Mareo Washer • Webb Family • Linda Zakrzwski
- Mary Beth Zibilich • Carole Zonfrilli