



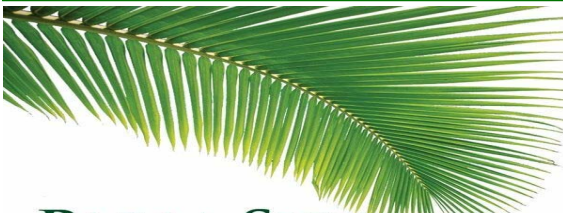
SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH †

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MARCH 24, 2024

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Mass Schedule: Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Hispanic)
Adoration:
Confessions: 7:30—7:50 a.m. Sunday before mass
& by request.



PALM SUNDAY

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If you are a new parishioner, or would like to become one, you are invited to stop by the Office to register. **If you are visiting**, we extend a Special Welcome. We hope you find it spiritually rewarding and will come back.

Daily Readings for the week March 24

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15: 47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2; or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18; or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 17-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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Mission Statement

We will use our skills and resources to promote, maintain and encourage a supportive community that earns the respect and recognition of our neighbors both near and far as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday: 5:30pm CST ★
Holy Friday: Stations of the Cross 3:00pm CST
The Passion of our Lord 8:00pm CST
Easter Sunday: 8:00am CST
Easter Egg Hunt + Brunch

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the **Diocesan Seminarian Education Easter Sunday collection.** ★

Nearly 300 catechumens and candidates participated in the Rite of Election services for the Chattanooga and Five Rivers deaneries on Feb. 17 and the Cumberland Mountain and Smoky Mountain deaneries on Feb. 18, according to the Diocese of Knoxville's Office of Christian Formation. ★

Deacon Jim Bello, who serves as director of the Office of Christian Formation and at Holy Spirit Parish in Soddy-Daisy, said nearly 400 East Tennessee catechumens and candidates are expected to be in full communion with the Church at Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30.

★ = New, Updated, or Important

Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. -Amen

★ **Prayer to Receive a New Bishop**

Praise to You, Lord our God, our Eternal Shepherd and Guide.

We know that all authority comes from You. With confidence in Your providence, we entreat You to provide the Diocese of Knoxville a new shepherd after Your own heart.

In your love for us, send us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice.

Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up Your Holy Church.

We pray through Christ our Lord. AMEN

★ **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had

been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal

Monthly Schedule		
Date	Lectors	Intercessions
03/24/2024	Don Lamb Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
03/31/2024	Mary Anne Moyer Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle
04/07/2024	Lisa Tuggle Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins
04/14/2024	Erin Lamb Nagore Luzuriaga	David Tuggle
04/21/2024	Craig Cerminara Michelle Nuñez	Greg Higgins

Last Sunday—March 17	
Mass Attendance: 85	
Collections:	\$ 1,235
Food Bank:	\$
Online Giving:	\$ 100
2nd Collection :	\$
Online Giving is available through our website. Note: Collection includes all previous week Masses	

	February	YTD
Collection:	\$ 5,298	\$ 9,959
Expenses:	<u>\$ 11,870</u>	<u>\$ 15,252</u>
Net:	(\$ 6,572)	(\$ 5,293)

by Judas as well as Peter’s denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross. During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus’ passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God’s Son.

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Are you feeling depressed? Isolated? Worried? Overwhelmed?

There is hope. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers counseling services in the Knoxville and Chattanooga areas. In Knoxville, please call 865-963-4420. In Chattanooga, please call 423-322-0057. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, or if you are worried about someone who may be in a crisis, help is available by calling the Tennessee Statewide Crisis Line at 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

We Welcome Everyone

If you would like to register, change your address, or have questions about our parish, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

___ I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.

___ Please change my address to the one above.

___ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

___ I would like to volunteer as a Reader, Usher, Maintenance helper or some other capacity.

___ Please Contact Me.





Food Bank: Don't forget to bring in your favorite canned food items. Always in need of plastic bags, canned green vegetables (green beans, peas, etc) and canned protein foods (tuna, salmon, etc). Any donations can be dropped off here at church for delivery to the food bank.

PLEASE NOTE ! No food in the sanctuary or narthex. All food should be confined to the kitchen area and large dining room. If spills do occur anywhere in the church, please take the time to clean it up. Food on the floor attract ants and other insect. So please be careful and clean up. Parents, please watch your children. Thank you !

The Tabernacle Lamp is lit to indicate the living presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle and to Honor and Glorify Him. Parishioners may request to have the Tabernacle Candle burn for one week in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention. Intentions will be published in the weekly bulletin. There is **NO** donation requirement, although donations are accepted. Please contact Kathy West at dandkwest@bledsoe.net or in person or (423)554-3289 to schedule a Lamp memorial week.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to request a Mass intention, there are white envelopes in the Narthex. All Mass Intentions are offered at Our Lady of Lourdes. If the date you request is not available, we'll come as close as we can to that date. A \$5 donation is requested, but **not required**.

Please continue to bring in your plastic shopping bags to be re-used at the Food Bank. Just drop them off in the Narthex and they will be collected and carried to the Food Bank.

Volunteers are always needed for grounds caring, church cleaning, ushers, readers, etc. Please see Father Mark or any council member to serve in God's work.

Please submit all bulletin announcements,
to Don West - (423) 554-3289
shepherdofthevalleyindunlap@yahoo.com

The Sunday bulletin is available through our website on the Friday night before Sunday.

Parish Secretary:	Mary Anne Moyer
Bookkeeper:	Don West
Dir. Religious Education:	Erin Lamb
Council of Catholic Women:	Linda Lambert

Council Members : Fr. Mark; Darcy Cogar, MaryAnne Moyer; Craig & Nagore Cerminara, Mark & Barbara Klusa

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
RCIA is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic or who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact Fr. Mark.

If you would like to have your Anniversary, Birthday or any Special Event mentioned in the bulletin, please come by the finance office after mass and let me know, or send an email to the church email address or place a note in the collection basket.

If you know of anyone on our Prayer List who has recovered, or if you would like to add someone to the list, please share that information with the Parish office so the list can be updated.

Please Remember in your Prayers

The Smith Family, Karen Sprague, Gee Miller, Jeremy Holmes, Margaret Robin, Judith Winner, Jan Schumacher, Richard Kern, Melinda Hendon, Mary Ann Keukel, Adam Turner, Mary Ellen Majewski, Kathy West, Linda Slomian, Dorothy Creedon

In Memoriam

Larry Fish, Emma Hankins, Joan Scholz, Laura Moyer, John Kaprelian, David Ramirez
