

This Week's Scripture Readings

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| Palm Sunday | Isaiah 50:4-7 | PS 22: 8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66 |
| Week Mon | Isaiah 42: 1-7 | Ps 27:1-3,13-14 | | John 12:1-11 |
| Week Tues | Isaiah 49:1-6 | Ps 71:1-6ab,15,17 | | John 13:21-33,36-38 |
| Week Wed | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 | | Matthew 26:14-25 |
| Week Thurs | Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 | Ps 116:12-13,15-18 | 1Corn 11:23-26 | John 13:1-15 |
| Week Fri | Isaiah 52:13-53:12 | Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-16,17,25 | Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9 | John 18:1-19:42 |
| Week Sat | Gn1:1-22 Ex 14:15-15:1 | Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 | Romans6:3-11 | Matthew 28:1-10 |
| Easter Sunday | | | | |
| | Acts 10:34a,37-43 | Colossians 3:1-4 | 1Corinthians 5:6b-8 | John 20:1-9 |

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions: April 2026 For priests in crisis.
 Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, March 29th Young men discerning the priesthood Sunday, Monday, March 30th Pope Leo XIV, Tuesday, March 31st, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Wednesday, April 1st, bishop Emeritus Michael Hoepfner, Thursday, April 2nd bishop Emeritus Victor Balke, Friday, April 3rd, Fr. Todd Arens, Saturday, April 4th Fr. Michael Arey, Sunday, April 5th Msgr. David Baumgartner

WHY PETER DENIED JESUS, AND WHAT THAT TEACHES US ABOUT COURAGE

Peter did not deny Jesus because he was a coward. That truth already unsettles many people. Peter denied Jesus because human courage breaks when it is not yet crucified. Let's walk slowly through the Gospel, with Scripture, psychology, and grace, in simple words that go deep.

1. PETER WAS NOT A WEAK MAN, HE WAS TOO CONFIDENT
 Peter had already proven his bravery. He left everything to follow Jesus. He walked on water. He drew a sword in Gethsemane. He promised: "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you" (Matthew 26:35). Peter was courageous, but his courage was still self-powered. He believed love alone was enough. Jesus knew better.

2. JESUS WARNED HIM, NOT TO SHAME HIM, BUT TO PREPARE HIM

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to sift you like wheat..." (Luke 22:31)
 This is crucial. Jesus did not say Peter was evil. He said Peter would be tested. Peter's courage had not yet passed through fear, humiliation, and helplessness. Unbroken confidence collapses under pressure.

3. THE DENIAL DID NOT HAPPEN IN THE COURTROOM, IT HAPPENED BY A FIRE This detail matters.

"Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard... warming himself." (Matthew 26:69) Peter denied Jesus not under torture, but in comfort, safety, and anonymity. Fear does not always

shout. Sometimes it whispers: "Stay safe." "Blend in." "Don't stand out." Most denials of Christ happen quietly.

4. THE ROOSTER CROWED, AND PETER SAW JESUS

"The Lord turned and looked at Peter." (Luke 22:61)
 This look was not anger. It was truth. In that moment, Peter saw himself clearly: His love was real. His courage was incomplete. His strength was not enough. And he wept bitterly. Those tears were not failure. They were the beginning of real courage.

5. COURAGE IS NOT PROVEN BY PROMISES, BUT BY HUMILITY After the Resurrection, Jesus did not ask Peter: "Why did you deny me?" He asked: "Do you love me?" (John 21) Three times. Jesus rebuilt Peter where he broke. True courage is not never falling. It is rising without self-deception.

6. PETER'S COURAGE WAS FINALLY BAPTIZED IN WEAKNESS Before Pentecost, Peter hid. After Pentecost, Peter preached publicly. What changed? Not personality. Not memory. Grace. Peter no longer relied on himself. He relied on God. That is why the same man who denied Jesus before a servant girl later faced crucifixion without denial.

7. WHAT PETER TEACHES US Peter shows us: Loving Jesus is not the same as being ready to suffer. Courage grows through failure, not fantasy. God does not discard broken disciples. The Church is built on forgiven men, not perfect ones. If God could trust Peter again, He can trust us too.

FINAL WORD

Peter denied Jesus, but Jesus never denied Peter. That is the heart of the Gospel. Courage is not the absence of fear. It is faith that survives shame and still says yes.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29th, 2026

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From the Desk of Fr. Hamness:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

On Palm Sunday, we stand with the crowds of Jerusalem, waving olive and palm branches to welcome Christ our King. The significance of these branches does not end when the procession is finished. Once they have been blessed by a priest, these palms become **sacramentals**—sacred signs that draw us closer to the spiritual life and the protection of God. (Other sacramentals are things like rosaries and saint medals and holy cards.)

Upon returning from Mass, a common and beautiful practice is to tuck the palms behind a crucifix or a religious image in your home. This serves as a year-round reminder of Christ's victory over death and your own pledge to follow him.

Many families also weave their palms into intricate crosses or braids. This "palm braiding" is more than a craft; it is a meditative act of devotion. These crosses can be placed in bedrooms or near the entryway of a house as a silent prayer for Christ's peace to dwell within those walls.

It is important to remember that because palms are blessed, they should never be discarded in the trash. Instead, they should be kept until the following year. If you find your palm fronds have become too brittle, you can return them to the parish to be burned into the ashes used for Ash Wednesday, or you can bury them in a respectable place on your own property. In this way, the palm completes a holy circle, leading the faithful back to the season of repentance.

Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Mass are at 5:15

| LITURGICAL DAY | WEEKDAY | DATE | TIME | SERVICE/INTENTION | CONFESSIONS |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Palm Sunday | Sunday | March 29th | 10:30am | Mass + Reine Stalberger | 10:10am |
| Lenten Weekday | Tuesday | March 31st | | NO Adoration & Benedic- | |
| Holy Thursday | Thursday | April 2nd | 5:15pm | Mass: Crompton Family | |
| Good Friday | Friday | April 3rd | 5:15 pm | Deceased of Assumption | |
| Holy Saturday | Saturday | April 4th | 5:15 pm | Mass: +Jim Matter | |
| Palm Sunday | Sunday | April 5th | 10:30 am | Mass: +Leo Steffl | 10:10am |

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // chulst@crookston.org

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Question of the week

While I keep watch and pray during the Triduum? When have I accompanied someone during a difficult time, if only to ensure they are not facing it alone.

Liturgy of the Hours: Of the Feast

Reflection of the Gospel

Jesus's invitation to drink from the cup of his "blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matt 26:28), brings together two powerful symbols: blood and cup. Blood signifies the life force over which only God has power (Deut. 12:23). The cup connotes suffering, as in Jesus's plea in Gethsemane, Let this cup pass from me" (Matt 26:39). By accepting Jesus's invitation to drink from the cup, disciples accept suffering that befalls them as a consequence of living the gospel.

-Living Liturgytm, Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion 2026

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Prayer Requests:

The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy.

Carol Bertram Aarness, Rick Bakken, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Arlene Buitendyk, **Debbie Clark**, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidenschink, Rick Flottemesch, John Gerulli, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, LeAnn Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Jeanine Kivi, Jamie Langevin, Delores Manning, Betty, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Barb Muff, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, **Earl Paulson**, Ken Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, **Bev Snyder**, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke, Gary Villard

Please Pray for our Students.....

Madeline Abbott, Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald & Lilly Dillon

Birthday on file this Week

April 3rd Karlee Stalberger



Sunday, March 22, 2026

Adult Envelopes \$ 910.00

Loose Plate \$ 381.00

Additional Money

Catholic Relief \$20.00

Easter Flowers \$90.00

DAA GOAL FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IS:

\$8,445 WE ARE AT \$7,530 WE ARE \$915 SHORT OF OUR GOAL!!

ALL OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE AT 5:15 PM

Ministry Schedule for Holy Thursday April 2, 2026

Altar Server: Nathan Loreth

Lector: Christina Loreth

Presentation of Gifts: Larry & Mary Frank

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi & Lori Stalberger

Ushers: David & Noah Steffl

Music: Avis Flottemesch

Ministry Schedule for Good Friday April 3, 2026

Altar Server: Jake Helm

Lector #1 Julia Steffl

Lector #2 Bill Steffl

Ushers: Don Tietz & Roger Winter

Music: Avis Flottemesch

Ministry Schedule for Holy Saturday April 4, 2026

Altar Server: Freddie Steffl

Lector #1 Al Foltz

Lector #2 Karen Klarer

Lector #3 Kristi Stalberger

Lector #4 Gina Steffl

Presentation of the Gifts: Gary & Sarah Helm

Eucharistic Ministers David Steffl & Roger Foltz

Ushers: Damian Zurn & Jerry Spry

Music Avis Flottemesch

Ministry Schedule for Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

Altar Server: Caleb Rodewald

Lector: Don Tietz

Presentation of Gifts: Mary Ann & Lowell Jorgenson

Eucharistic Ministers: Max Klarer & Colleen Schmit

Ushers: Al Foltz & Gabe Foltz

Music: Rachel Bakken

Upcoming.

- Sunday, April 12th Most Holy Redeemer Ogema Dinner
- Sunday April 12th Beautiful Savior Luthern Church 11:00-2:00 Free will Offering
- Wednesday, April 15th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch.
- Wednesday, April 15th Callaway Daze 5:30 pm St Joseph Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, April 19th Christian Mothers Meeting after Mass
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- Tuesday, April 21st KC meeting in Lake Park Meal at 6:30 meeting at 7pm



Upcoming Fellowship

March 29th Parish Dinner

- April 5th No Fellowship Easter Sunday
- April 12th No Fellowship, Most Holy Redeemer Ogema Dinner
- April 19th St Rachel Circle Brunch Fundraiser
- April 26th St Therea's Circle Bake Sale
- May 3rd Damian & Carol Fellowship
- May 10th NO Fellowship Mothers Day
- May 17th **OPEN**
- May 24th **Open**
- May 31st **OPEN**

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