



Blessing Of Easter Food

In some European countries the blessing of Easter foods is an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice. Many parishes still participate in this custom of the blessing of the Easter food or baskets. The blessing is done on Holy Saturday and shared on Easter Sunday morning with family and friends. It is said that the blessed food may promote health of body, and salvation of the soul for those who partake of it. There is a specific blessing for each type of food included in the basket. Traditionally, they include sausage, bread, cheese, eggs, lamb (cake or butter), pastry, horseradish, wine, and salt. Children's Easter baskets can also be brought to be blessed. ALL are welcome to this food blessing on SATURDAY, APRIL 16 at 11:30 am.

at The Historic Church of St. Patrick



**The Historic Church of Saint Patrick
and Immaculate Conception
Holy Week Schedule 2022**

Saturday - April 9

4:00 pm @ IC - Blessing & Distribution of Palms/Mass

Palm Sunday - April 10

8:00 am @ HSP - Blessing & Distribution of Palms/Sunday Mass
10:00 am @ HSP - Blessing & Distribution of Palms/Sunday Mass
11:00 am @ IC - Blessing & Distribution of Palms/Sunday Mass

Tuesday - April 12

11:00 am Chrism Mass at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
(2 people only to pick up the oils)

Wednesday - April 13

7:30 pm Tenebrae at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

Holy Thursday - April 14

7:00 pm @ HSP - Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm @ IC - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 15

Historic St. Patrick

12:00 Noon @ HSP - Stations of the Cross
12:40 pm @ HSP - Rosary
1:00 pm @ HSP Meditative Music
1:30 pm @ HSP- Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Immaculate Conception

12:00 pm @ IC - Stations of the Cross
12:30 pm @ HSP - Rosary
1:00 pm @ IC Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - April 16

11:30 am @ HSP Blessing of Easter Food
8:30 pm @ HSP - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 17

8:00 am @ HSP - Easter Mass
10:00 am @ HSP - Easter Mass
11:00 am @ IC - Easter Mass

All are welcome! Please join us.



Art by Matthew Watters

A Reflection on the Passion

Fr. Donald Senior, C.P., a Passionist scripture scholar, asks the very simple question, **“Why the Cross?”** In his book, he examines this question from historical and theological viewpoints. And he concludes with these words:

“Why the cross?” Because, in fact, Jesus of Nazareth was crucified in Jerusalem by Roman authorities in the first third of the first century. He suffered what the ancient world considered a particularly heinous form of capital punishment - one meant to be a profound humiliation of its victim and a deterrent to crimes that challenged or disrupted public order and civil authority.

Why the cross? Because Jesus' death by crucifixion was the unimpeachable proof of his humanity. Through his suffering and death on the cross Jesus of Nazareth demonstrates solidarity with all human suffering, especially with innocent suffering, and offers it the possibility of new meaning.

Why the cross? Because Jesus was innocent and just, his death on the cross was an act of supreme injustice, an act of violence and oppression whose roots are radically evil. Because his mission of justice led to his death, the cross also stands, therefore, as a sign of condemnation of all injustice and oppression, of all infliction of violence and suffering of the innocent.

Why the cross? Because the reality of Jesus' death on the cross makes room for the paradox of suffering within human experience. Suffering can be redemptive but human suffering is not to be embraced or condoned as valuable and purifying without the Christian community first standing in opposition to human suffering and seeking to alleviate it. Jesus is first of all a healer, determined to overcome human suffering and to liberate humans from the power of sin and death. In the face of death, Jesus is portrayed as lamenting and praying for deliverance.

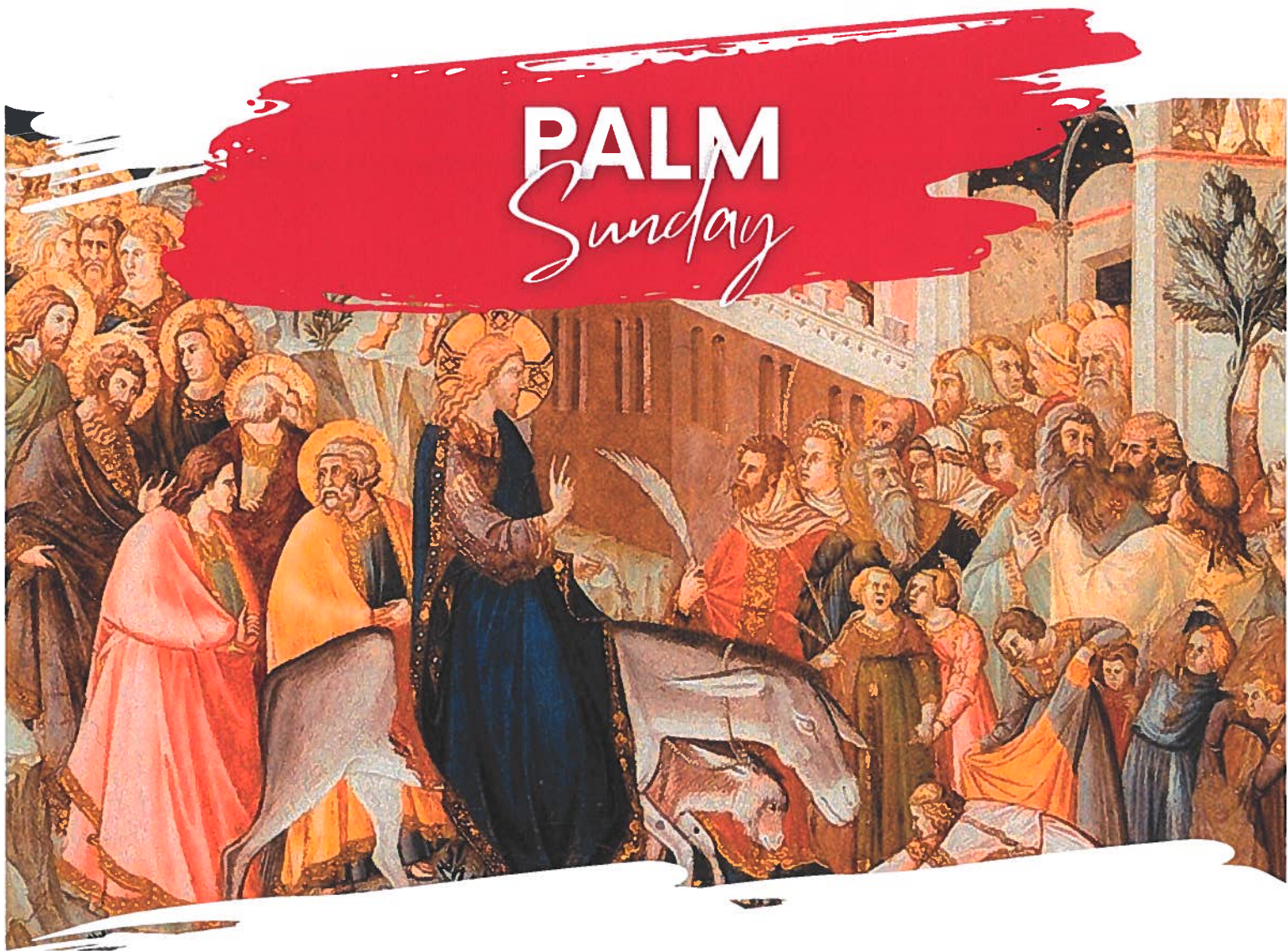
Why the cross? Because Jesus' death on the cross is recognized as the culminating expression of a life animated by self-transcending love, a love that reveals God's gracious love for humanity and the world God created. That death liberates humans from the burden of sin and death. Through participation in the paschal mystery the Christian shares in Jesus' own victory over death and is reconciled with God.

Why the cross? Because through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and Son of God, we come to realize that the wisdom of God is different from human wisdom and that God's ways are not our ways. Through the cross we recognize the God who cares for those who are poor and vulnerable, the God of the "ungodly," the God who embraces all peoples.

Why the cross? Because in taking up the cross and following Jesus, Christians through grace are able to shape their lives in the pattern of Jesus' own life-giving mission: animated by self-transcending love, serving rather than being served, giving their lives for those they love, confronting evil and injustice, being healers and reconcilers in the world.

Why the cross? Because in contemplating the love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus and in trusting in the way of Jesus as a way to life, Christians under duress can persevere in their journey to God.

Why the cross? Because the community formed in the name of Jesus Crucified and Risen is a community that strives for mutual love and respect, is patient with weakness, is willing to forgive and be forgiven, a community that is, in fact, the body of the Crucified Christ who is triumphant but still bears the wounds of his cross, a community able to give a witness of hope and meaning to the world.”



PALM Sunday

ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical year. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

For nearly 40 days, the Christian faithful have practiced the disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Now the Church invites us to an even deeper spirit of prayer as we follow Christ on his journey to the Cross. Here are some suggestions for families to use this week as an opportunity to grow in holiness as individuals and as a family.



Be silent together

Can you resolve to leave TV and other devices off during Holy Week? Opt for quieter activities, like reading. If not for the entire week, how about for Good Friday?



Discuss together

During this most solemn week, how can your family grow closer to Jesus?



Pray together

During the week, pray the seven Penitential Psalms together (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143; www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/6). These are especially appropriate during Lent. Prayerfully reciting these psalms helps us to recognize our sinfulness, express our sorrow, and ask for God's forgiveness.



Craft together

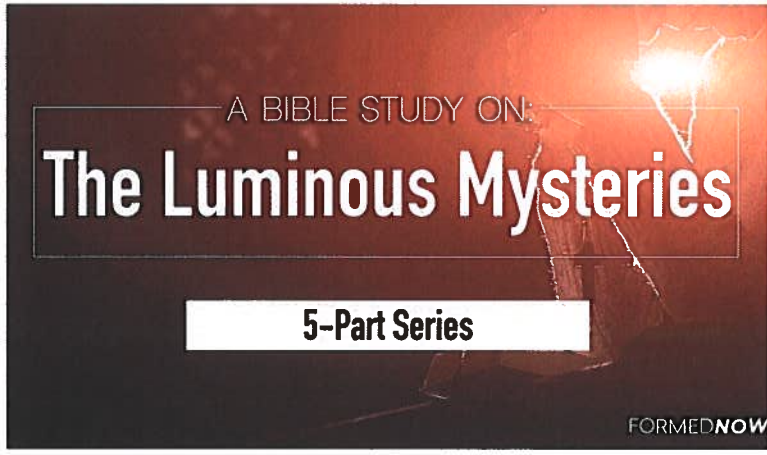
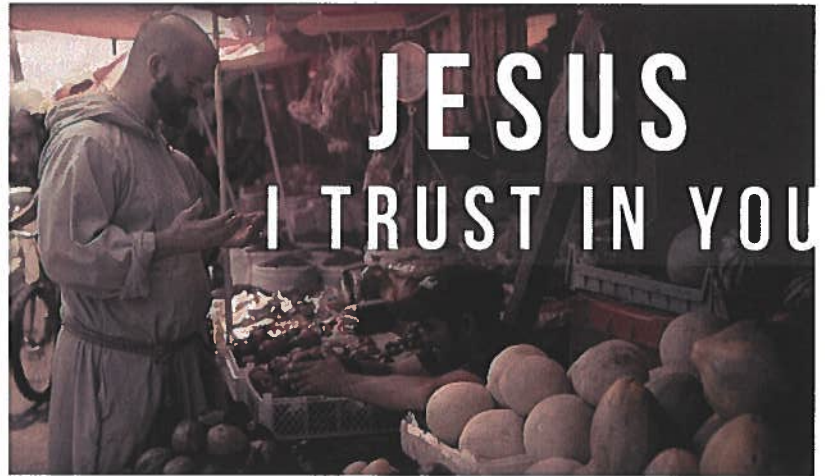
Fold your palm fronds into a cross. There are simple steps here: www.catholicicing.com/how-to-fold-a-palm-cross-in-10-easy-steps/

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WATCH

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

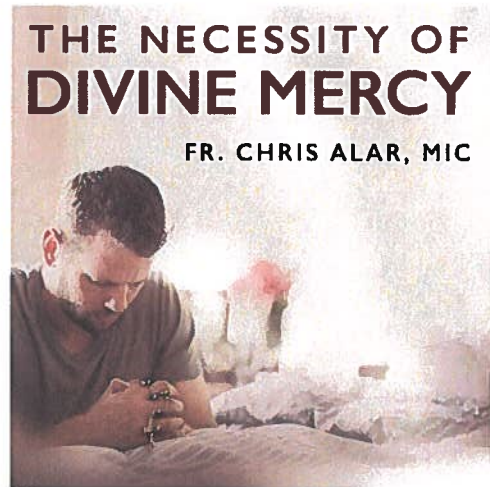
In 2002, St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary. In unique ways, each of these mysteries reveal that Christ is the "light of the world" (Jn 8:20). To more fruitfully ponder these mysteries, join us in this Bible study with the Augustine Institute faculty.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY BY FR. CHRIS ALAR

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week.



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