

DOMENICA DELLE PALME, PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE • 29 MARZO 2026



Messe della Settimana Mass Intentions

Martedì - Tuesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. - Santa Messa

Mercoledì - Wednesday, April 1

9.00 a.m. - Santa Messa

†Alessandrina, Firenze e Alessandro Pozza

†Peter e Antonio Pellegrino, Virginia Salvalio e Michele Cesario

SACRO TRIDUO PASQUALE

HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - Giovedì Santo - April 2

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Last Supper of Jesus Christ

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight)

Good Friday - Venerdì Santo - April 3

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Liturgia della Passione (Italiano)

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion (English)

7:00 p.m. Rosary in the church, followed by outdoor Via Crucis, Candlelight Procession.

(Flameless Candles available in the church entrance for \$5.00)

Holy Saturday - Sabato Santo - April 4

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Holy Mass - Easter Vigil (English)

Easter Sunday - Domenica di Pasqua - April 5

9:00 a.m. Santa Messa

†Franca Provenzano e tutti defunti Provenzano

†Rosina Critelli e tutti defunti Critelli

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

†GianLuigi Bertolone

*Amanda e Albina Bertolone

†Egidio Masci

Communion for the Homebound: If you know someone who is homebound and wishes to receive Confession and Holy Communion during this sacred season of Lent, please contact the parish to arrange a visit.

Comunione per i Malati: Se conoscete qualcuno che non può venire in chiesa e desidera ricevere la Confessione e la Santa Comunione in questo tempo di Quaresima, vi preghiamo di contattare l'ufficio per organizzare una visita.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

► March 22 Offertory: \$3,813.85

Gospel Reflection: On Palm Sunday, we commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where crowds greeted Him with joyful shouts of "Hosanna!" and waved palm branches in celebration. This day marks the beginning of Holy Week, where we journey with Christ towards His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This day invites us to reflect on the paradox of our faith: the same people who praised Jesus would later call for His crucifixion. As we process with our palms, may we renew our commitment to walk with Jesus in His Passion and embrace the love and sacrifice that He offers for each of us.

Riflessione sul Vangelo: La Domenica delle Palme commemora l'ingresso trionfale di Gesù a Gerusalemme, dove le folle lo accolsero con grida di gioia "Osanna!" e agitarono rami di palma in segno di celebrazione. Questo giorno segna l'inizio della Settimana Santa, durante la quale camminiamo con Cristo verso la Sua Passione, Morte e Risurrezione. Questo giorno ci invita a riflettere sul paradosso della nostra fede: le stesse persone che lodarono Gesù, poi chiesero la Sua crocifissione. Mentre percorriamo il cammino con le nostre palme, rinnoviamo il nostro impegno a camminare con Gesù nella Sua Passione e ad abbracciare l'amore e il sacrificio che Lui offre per ciascuno di noi.

Good Friday Candlelight Procession: Join us on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. for a solemn evening of prayer and reflection. We will begin with the Rosary in the church, followed by the outdoor Via Crucis (Way of the Cross) with a Candlelight Procession. As we walk together, carrying the light of our candles, we accompany Christ on His journey to Calvary, uniting our hearts with His sacrifice. Let us come together in faith and devotion to honor this sacred night and prepare for the joy of Easter. **Flameless Candles will be available in the church foyer for a \$5 donation.**

Bring your bells to Easter Mass!
Celebrate the joy of Easter with us by bringing bells of any kind to all Easter Masses. Together, let's ring them triumphantly throughout the Gloria and fill the church with sound and spirit!

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Portate le vostre campane alla Messa di Pasqua!
Unitevi a noi per celebrare la gioia della Pasqua portando campanelli di qualsiasi tipo a tutte le Messe di Pasqua. Suoniamoli insieme durante il Gloria per riempire la chiesa di suono e spirito

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Why Are the Statues and Crosses Veiled?

The practice of veiling statues in the church alerts us that something is different; it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss, and they serve as a reminder to get ready! The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened, and we become more aware of what is missing. We encourage you to do the same at home, start a new tradition. When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

Office Closure: The parish office will remain closed from Friday, April 3 to Monday, April 6. For emergencies, please call the parish office and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Chiusura dell'ufficio: L'ufficio parrocchiale rimarrà chiuso da 3 aprile a lunedì 6 aprile. Per emergenze, si prega di chiamare l'ufficio parrocchiale e lasciare un messaggio. Vi risponderemo al più presto possibile. Grazie per la vostra comprensione.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

This collection will go to the "Mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land" to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land.

La colletta per la Terra Santa il Venerdì Santo

L'offerta va alla "Missione del Commissariato della Terra Santa" per aiutare le comunità cristiane della Terra Santa.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as I begin this Holy Week, I open my heart to Your presence and grace. Help me to walk with Jesus, reflecting on His sacrifice and the depth of His love. Teach me to embrace humility, patience, and compassion in my daily life. Fill me with Your Spirit, that I may carry my own cross with faith and trust in You. May this week strengthen my relationship with You and renew my heart. Lead me to the joy and hope of the resurrection, living each day for Your glory. Amen.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31 at St. Michael's Cathedral by Archbishop Francis Leo. This special Mass is held during Holy Week and brings together the bishop, priests, and faithful of the diocese.

During the Mass:

- The Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism—used in Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders—are blessed. The Sacred Chrism is not only blessed but also consecrated with a special prayer and the invocation of the Holy Spirit.

- Priests renew their promises made at ordination. The oils blessed during this Mass will be used in all the parishes of the diocese throughout the year, reminding us of the unity of the Church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament

Messa del Crisma: Sarà celebrata nella Cattedrale di S. Michele martedì 31 marzo da S.E. l'Arcivescovo Francis Leo. È una celebrazione speciale che si svolge durante la Settimana Santa e riunisce il vescovo, i sacerdoti e i fedeli della diocesi.

Durante la Messa:

- Vengono benedetti l'Olio degli Infermi, l'Olio dei Catecumeni e il Sacro Crisma – usato nel Battesimo, nella Cresima e nelle Ordinazioni. Il Sacro Crisma viene consacrato con una preghiera solenne e l'invocazione dello Spirito Santo.

- I sacerdoti rinnovano le promesse fatte nel giorno della loro ordinazione. Gli oli benedetti in questa Messa saranno usati in tutte le parrocchie della diocesi durante l'anno, come segno dell'unità della Chiesa e della presenza dello Spirito Santo nei sacramenti.

St. Fidelis Summer Camp 2026

We are now accepting applications for **Counselors and Coordinators**. Please refer to the Summer Camp Portal on the St. Fidelis Parish website.

Application deadline is Sunday April 12th.