

**LITURGIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND  
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**March 30 – April 5, 2026**

**Monday, 3/30 † Monday of Holy Week**  
6pm: SS. C & M – Jamie

**Tuesday, 3/31 † Tuesday of Holy Week**  
9am: A. S. – Adam & Molon

**Wednesday, 4/1 † Wednesday of Holy Week**  
6pm: SS. C & M – Tom

**Thursday, 4/2 † Thursday of Holy Week**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper @ SS. Cyril & Methodius

**Friday, 4/3 † Friday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**

1pm: - Stations of the Cross, SS. C & M  
1:45pm – Passion, SS. C & M  
3pm - Divine Mercy, SS. C & M  
4pm – Stations of the Cross, All Saints  
4:30pm – Passion, All Saints  
5:30pm – Divine Mercy, All Saints

**Saturday, 4/4 † Vigil: Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil**

12N – Divine Mercy – SS. C & M  
8pm -.Easter Vigil Mass, SS. C & M

**Sunday, 4/5 † Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

9am: A. S. Parishioners  
10:45am: Divine Mercy, SS. C & M  
11am: SS. C & M – Parishioners

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Wed., April 1 – 6:30pm – Practice for Holy Thursday  
– Easter Sunday (All Participants)  
Sat., April 4–12:30pm–Blessing of Easter Baskets  
Sat., April 4 – Wine & Cheese Social after the Easter Vigil, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parlor  
April 5 –NO Religious Education

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” shout the crowds in today’s Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

**Oh baby!**

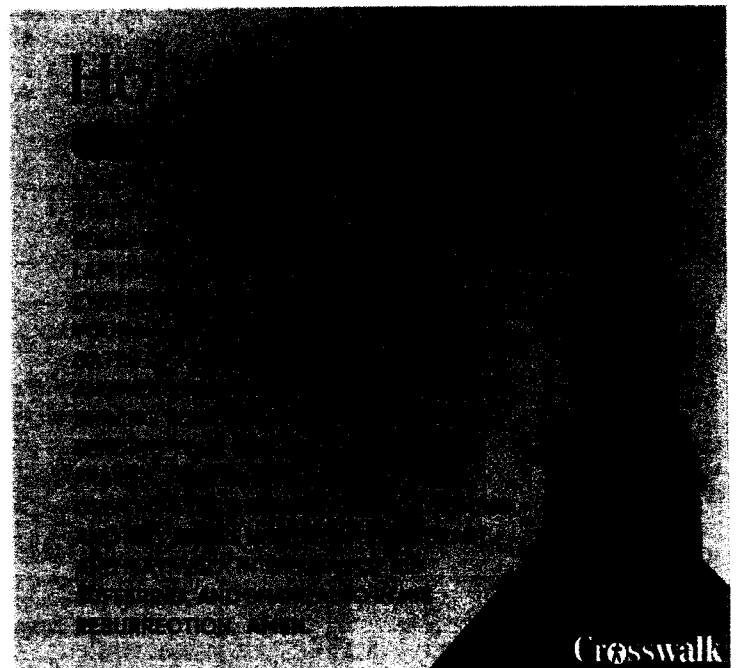
Christian Ladies 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bella Vita Baby Shower  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Parlor

There will be a light carry-in supper and a short business meeting

No Diapers

No need to wrap gifts

Gift Drop off Box in Church Entry



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

April 7, 2026 (Tuesday) – 10 a.m. until bags are gone

SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church Parking Lot

Corner of Adair Street and Keller Avenue, North Judson, IN

The mobile food pantry is open to anyone living in Indiana; proof of residency is required or driver's license. One bag per household.

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SS Cyril and Methodius Conference.

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.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

# Dear Padre

April 5, 2026

***I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?***

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

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# Good News!

April 5, 2026

***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)***

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4  
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 / John 20:1–9  
or Matthew 28:1–10

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**We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring**, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or kerygma, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

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## *Palm Sunday*

*Riding on a donkey of humility,  
Jesus entered into Jerusalem -  
A king without a battalion of guards  
without horses, without military tanks,  
without canons and machine guns.*

*The children laid down the branches  
of palm trees as carpet on the ground  
Others lifted them up to hail him  
while chorusing hosannas as he drove by.  
"Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord."*

*Today Jesus enters into  
the gates of homes, churches and  
other machineries of control and  
down deep into every human heart.*

*Today let hosannas resound  
Saying no to wars and weapons  
no to hatred, revenge and death  
But yes to the subtle claim  
in the heart to let the love of Jesus reign.*

# Palm Sunday Prayer

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Morning by morning,  
creation's voices join in praising you,  
God of every goodness.

The forests form a festal procession,  
the heavens reflect your glory's light.  
Though we were formed by you,  
we looked around at everything  
sin and death had to offer,  
and followed them through the world,  
thinking they could protect us.

You gave prophets  
the tongues of teachers,  
to comfort our weariness  
and teach us the way back to you,  
but we turned our back on them.  
When judgment did not  
lead to redemption,  
you sent Jesus to reach out in love,  
to bring us home to you.

So with those who spread cloaks before you,  
and those who are sustained by your love,  
we join our voices, singing,

Holy, holy, holy, God of enduring love.  
From every part of creation come glad songs.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in humility and hope.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, Sustainer of the weary,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Love become human.  
He emptied himself of glory,  
to be filled with our broken hopes and hearts.  
He chose the path of suffering love,  
so that we could run through  
the streets of the kingdom  
waving branches of joy.  
He walked the sin-cold stones  
into the tomb which could not hold him,

so we could join our voices together,  
'Hosanna! Hosanna! He is risen!'

As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond,  
as we struggle with death, loss, and grief  
we would ponder that mystery we call faith:

In trust, Christ died.  
In joy, Christ was raised to new life.  
In hope, Christ will come again.

Here at the Table graced  
with creation's gifts,  
we discover the world you intend.  
Here where you love enlivens  
the bread and the cup  
we are given more than enough  
of everything we need.  
Sharing deeply in the Spirit,  
we can give hope its wings,  
as it carries us to serve  
the broken all around us.  
Strengthened by the grace  
with which you feed us,  
we can join together  
to sustain the weary of the world.

And when the gates of joy  
have been opened to us,  
we will spend moment by moment,  
every knee in creation bending,  
singing our praises to you,  
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

*Submitted by Rev. Thom Shuman*