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PALM SUNDAY: WALKING WITH JESUS



Palm Sunday marks the solemn and joyful beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus entering Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, welcomed by people waving palm branches and crying out, "Hosanna!" It was a moment filled with hope, praise, and expectation. The crowd recognised in Jesus the promised King — not a ruler of earthly power, but a servant leader bringing God's peace and salvation.

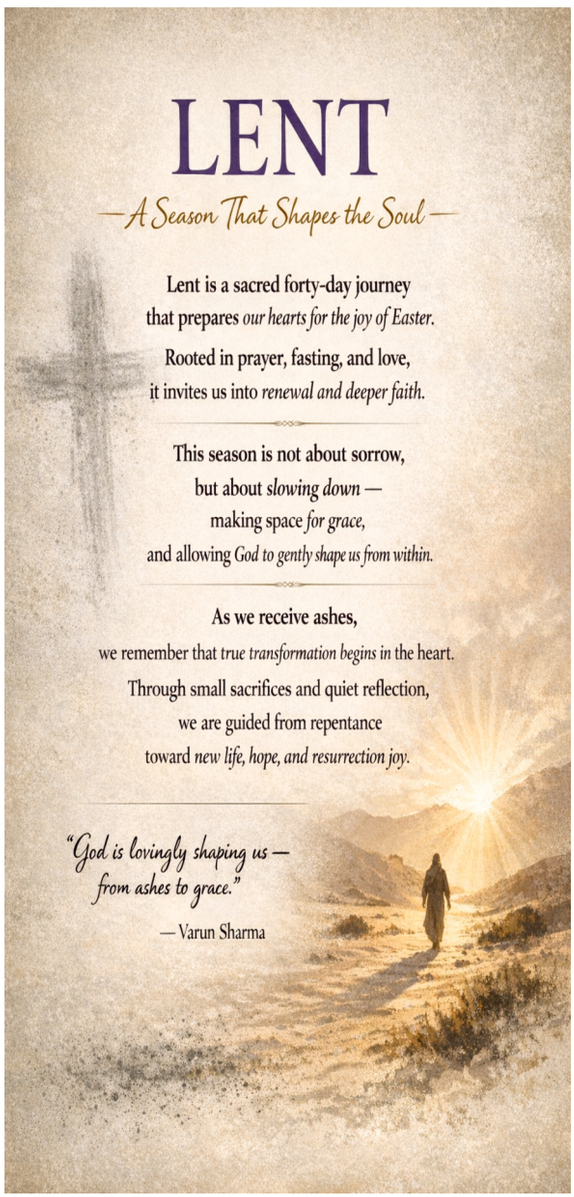
Yet Palm Sunday is more than a celebration of triumph. It opens the doorway to the deeper mystery of Christ's journey through suffering, death, and resurrection. The cheers of welcome soon give way to the path of sacrifice. Jesus knowingly embraces this journey, remaining faithful to the will of the Father. His mission was to build God's Kingdom — a kingdom rooted in justice, peace, equality, and brotherhood.

As disciples of Christ, Palm Sunday invites us to walk alongside Him. Our own lives carry crosses: personal struggles, family burdens, social challenges, and the broader concerns of our communities and nation. In these realities, we are called not to lose heart, but to stand firm in truth and justice. Following Jesus means persevering with faith, even when the path is difficult.

Holy Week is therefore a time of introspection. We are invited to examine whether our lives truly reflect the way of Christ. Like pilgrims of hope, we journey forward trusting that Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life." His passage through suffering did not end in defeat; by rising again, He transformed death into the promise of eternal life.

Palm Sunday reminds us that discipleship is both a celebration and a commitment. We rejoice in Christ our King, and we renew our decision to follow Him — in humility, courage, and love. As we enter this sacred week, may we walk faithfully in His footsteps, confident that the path of the cross always leads to new life.

Alleluia.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Divya Deep**
  Hindi YouTube Channel *'@divyadeep01'* airing "Bible ki Kahaniyaan" with kids of different churches in Delhi.
- **Divine Scroll**
  English YouTube Channel *'@divine-scroll'* airing "Daily Dose of Faith" and "Sunday Reading's Reflections."

NEW INITIATIVES

- **Live Holy Mass**
  Every Friday at 4:00 pm on our YouTube channel @divyadeep01.
- **Digital Books**
  Digitalization of "Meet Jesus" book's second part 'God Calls Again', which will be available on our website.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord never Ceases,
His Mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23



The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord is a profound celebration in the Christian calendar, observed each year on March 25. This feast commemorates the moment when the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and announced that she had been chosen to bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The event marks the beginning of the Incarnation, when God took on human nature to bring salvation to humanity. Occurring nine months before Christmas, the Annunciation reminds believers of God's initiative in reaching out to the world with love and mercy.

The Gospel of Luke provides the primary account of this sacred encounter. The angel greeted Mary with the words, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). Though initially troubled, Mary listened with faith as Gabriel revealed God's plan. When she wondered how this could happen, the angel reassured her, saying, "For no word from God will ever fail" (Luke 1:37). Mary's response demonstrated remarkable trust and humility: "I am the Lord's servant... May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:38). Her acceptance opened the way for the fulfillment of God's promise and stands as a model of obedience for Christians everywhere.

The Annunciation teaches believers about the importance of surrendering to God's will, even when it requires courage and sacrifice. Mary did not fully know what lay ahead, yet she chose faith over fear. Her "Yes" is often viewed as a pivotal moment in human history, as it allowed the Savior to enter the world. Through her example, Christians are encouraged to remain open to God's guidance and to trust that His plans lead to the greater good.

Pope Pius XII reflected on the significance of Mary's role in salvation history, emphasizing her generous cooperation with God's plan. He wrote, "She it was who, free from all stain of personal sin, was chosen to be the Mother of God, and who gave to the world the Author of life." This statement highlights Mary's unique calling and the grace that prepared her for such a mission.

Today, the Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated with prayer, Scripture readings, and special liturgies that invite believers to meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation. It is a time to remember that God continues to work quietly in human lives, often through simple acts of faith. Ultimately, the feast inspires hope, reminding the faithful that openness to God can transform ordinary moments into channels of divine grace..

– Rohan Anirudh Singh





Every year on March 8, the world pauses to celebrate strength wrapped in grace, courage clothed in compassion, and leadership rooted in resilience. International Women's Day is more than a date on the calendar—it is a tribute to the countless women who shape families, transform communities, and inspire nations. From quiet acts of sacrifice within homes to bold decisions in boardrooms and parliaments, women continue to leave an indelible mark on history. This day invites us not only to applaud their achievements but also to reflect on the sacred dignity, divine purpose, and extraordinary potential woven into every woman's life.

Observed globally, International Women's Day is both a celebration and a call to action—reminding society of the ongoing pursuit of equality, justice, and opportunity for all women. It recognizes progress made while acknowledging the work that still lies ahead. Across cultures and continents, women stand at the forefront of education, healthcare, governance, entrepreneurship, and community development, shaping a more compassionate and inclusive world.

From a faith perspective, the Bible offers profound affirmation of women's value and leadership. In the Book of Ruth, we witness loyalty, perseverance, and faith as Ruth rebuilds her life in a foreign land, ultimately becoming part of the lineage of King David. In the Book of Esther, Queen Esther displays remarkable courage, risking her life to save her people from destruction. These stories reveal that women have always been central to God's redemptive plan.

The New Testament continues this affirmation. Mary's Magnificat proclaims a God who lifts the humble and empowers the marginalized. Jesus consistently broke social barriers in His interactions with women — speaking with them publicly, healing them, and welcoming them as disciples. Such examples remind believers that dignity and calling are not defined by gender but by God's design.

Around the world today, this legacy continues. Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for girls' education has become a global movement for change. Jacinda Ardern's leadership demonstrated how empathy and strength can coexist in governance. Women scientists have contributed significantly to medical research and public health breakthroughs. In Africa, women-led cooperatives are revitalizing local economies, while in India, self-help groups empower rural women, enabling financial independence and social transformation.

Yet International Women's Day is not only about globally recognized figures. It is about mothers nurturing families, teachers shaping young minds, caregivers serving tirelessly, and workers striving daily to build better futures. Empowering women strengthens homes, churches, communities, and nations alike.

As we reflect on this day, we reaffirm the biblical truth that both women and men are created in the image of God. True progress flourishes when dignity, respect, and opportunity are extended equally to all. Celebrating women is not merely a social observance—it is a recognition of God-given potential that continues to transform the world.

– Varun Sharma



SAINT OF THE MONTH



St. Joseph was chosen by God to be the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. A humble carpenter of Nazareth, he lived a quiet and hidden life, yet his role in salvation history was extraordinary. Entrusted with the care of the Holy Family, he protected Mary and the Child Jesus with courage, obedience, and unwavering trust in God.

When faced with uncertainty, Joseph listened to God's voice in dreams and responded without hesitation. He led his family to Bethlehem, fled with them to Egypt to escape danger, and faithfully provided for them through his daily labor. Though the Gospels record no spoken words of St. Joseph, his actions speak of deep righteousness, responsibility, and sacrificial love.

The Church honors him as the **Patron of the Universal Church,** fathers, families, workers, and a happy death. His life reminds us that holiness is found not in fame, but in faithfulness. In a world seeking recognition, St. Joseph teaches us the power of silent strength and total trust in God.

Feast Day: 19 March

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** *existed centuries before modern psychology and emphasizes healing, accountability, and mercy.*

PRAYER CORNER

Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the times we have hurt You and others. When we feel lost or weak, hold us close and help us begin again. Give us the courage to change and hearts that truly love You. Amen.

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Your support helps us form faith-filled individuals, strengthen Catholic enquiry centres, empower youth leadership, and bring the light of the Gospel to seekers across India through education, media, and outreach initiatives.

With Gratitude

We sincerely thank all our benefactors, partners, and well-wishers whose prayers and generosity make this mission possible. Your support is not just a contribution—it is a shared commitment to building God's Kingdom.Your generous support enables us to continue faith formation, outreach, and evangelization across India.

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