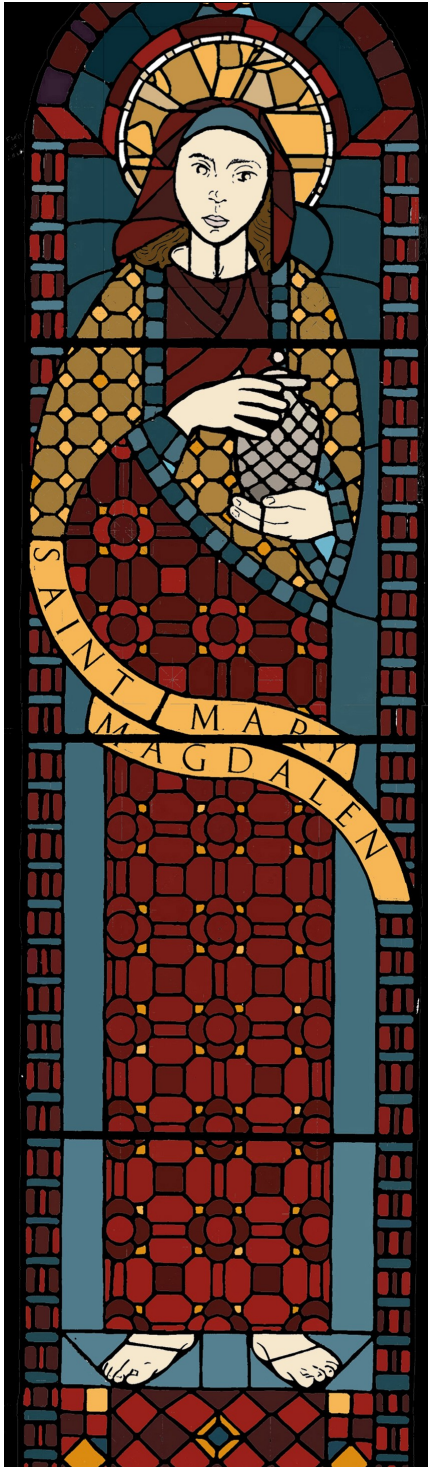




**Saint Mary Magdalen Parish**  
 2005 Berryman Street  
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**March 25, 2018**  
**Passion Sunday**  
**Year B**

*“Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
 We live the Gospel, and we care for others.”*



**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Saturday: **8:00 am**  
 Monday - Friday: **5:30 pm**

**SUNDAY LITURGY**

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil Mass  
 Sunday: **8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am**

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Monday - Friday: **7:30 am & 5:15 pm**  
 Saturday: **7:30 am**

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: **4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**  
 and by appointment

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS**

**Monday-Friday**  
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Closed for Lunch:  
 Noon - 1:00 pm

**WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

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**Mass Times:**  
**8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am**  
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## Calendar: March + April 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

March 24 & 25	<b>Palm Sunday Mass Times:</b> 5:30 pm, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
March 25 Sunday	<b>4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor</b> 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
March 26 Monday	<b>REHEARSAL for Holy Thursday Liturgy</b> 6:00-8:30 pm, Church. [Everyone but Lectors]
March 27 Tuesday	<b>REHEARSAL for Good Friday Liturgy</b> 6:00-8:00 pm, Church. [Everyone but Lectors]
March 27 Tuesday	<b>RCIA</b> (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
March 28 Wednesday	<b>REHEARSAL for Easter Vigil Liturgy</b> 6:00-7:00 pm, Church. [Everyone but Lectors]
March 29, 30 & 31	<b>TENEBRAE SERVICES</b> Thursday/Friday/Saturday: 9:00 am, Church
March 29 Thursday	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)</b> 7:30 pm, Church
March 29 Thursday	<b>Adoration at the Altar of Repose</b> Following Mass until Midnight, Norton Hall
March 30 Friday	<b>Stations + 7 Last Words:</b> 12:00 pm, Church <b>Passion of the Lord:</b> 7:30 pm, Church
March 31 Saturday	<b>LECTOR REHEARSAL for Easter Vigil</b> 10:00 am-Noon. Church.
March 31 Saturday	<b>Easter Vigil</b> 8:00 pm (Easter Fire Lighting on Berryman Plaza)
<b>April 1st Sunday</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>Masses: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am</b>
April 1st Sunday	<b>Berkeley Food Pantry Collection</b> Drop off in Vestibules. (See page 3 for details.)
April 1st Sunday	<b>1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor</b> 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
April 2 Monday	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Conference</b> 7:15 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome!</i>
April 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>RCIA/Mystagogy</b> Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
April 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Faith Studies: Oremus-Catholic Prayer</b> 7:00 pm Thursdays in Norton Hall
April 8 Sunday	<b>CONCERT: Music Sources</b> 5:00 pm, Church. <i>'Henry Purcell &amp; Friends'</i>
April 10 Tuesday	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> <i>All are welcome!</i> 7:00 pm, Conference Room.
April 11, 18 & 25	<b>SPRED</b> [Special Religious Education] Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Norton Hall
April 13 Friday	<b>Refugee Aid Committee</b> 4:00 pm—5:00 pm, Conference Room
April 15 Sunday	<b>CONCERT: VOCI Women's Ensemble</b> 4:00 pm, Church. <i>'Celebrating the Elements'</i>

# Palm Sunday ~ March 25, 2018

## LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

<b>Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> + EFT</b>	<b>\$7,596.89</b>
Sunday Donations	\$4,764.89
Food for the Poor	\$30.00
School of the Madeleine	\$50.00
<b>EFT Donations — 03/12-03/16:</b>	<b>\$2,752.00</b>
Sunday Donations	\$1,900.00
Capital Repair & Improvements	\$45.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$272.00
Food for the Poor	\$110.00
Mexicali Mission Support	\$300.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$45.00
Refugee Aid	\$45.00
School of the Madeleine	\$35.00

## 2018 Bishop's Appeal: Fantastic Progress!



The second report issued by the Diocese shows that **we have already donated 42.76%** of Bishop Barber's \$27,700.00 goal for our parish. The details below:

- 16 donors, \$5,445.00 in outright gifts
- 7 donors, \$6,400.00 in pledges

If you are not among the 23 noted above, appeal envelopes are in the pews, but you may also donate directly to the Diocese online at [tinyurl.com/BishopsAppeal](http://tinyurl.com/BishopsAppeal). Or you may make a one-time or periodic EFT donations on our own site: [marymagdalen.org/donate](http://marymagdalen.org/donate).

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Ed Joseph, OPL, RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Erin Hansen
	9:30	For the people of the parish
	11:00	Mary J. Maerz RIP
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Jack Berkman
	5:30	Intentions of Kevin Kerr
Tuesday	8:00	Intentions of Will Berkman
	5:30	Intentions of Kevin Kerr & Family
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Emily Berkman
	5:30	Matthew Morton Farmer RIP
Thursday	7:30 pm	Intentions of Fr. Nicholas Glisson, Fr. Ioane Ono, and Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi

## 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor: Today!

Today (Palm Sunday) is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dinner for the Poor and Homeless; likewise next Sunday (Easter) will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Dinner. **Please lend us a hand today if you have time. We will especially need help next week on Easter Sunday, when families often gather together to celebrate.**

Join our family of volunteers in the Parish Hall as we set up the room and cook from **noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:45 pm**, and clean up from **3:30 pm until closing**. *We particularly need help cleaning up the Parish Hall and Kitchen.*

We count on your delicious desserts! You may drop them off at the Parish Hall by **1:30 pm** today.

## Berkeley Food Pantry Collection: PICKUP NEXT WEEKEND!

PLEASE BRING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE VESTIBULES ON **EASTER SUNDAY**.

- Canned **tuna & chicken**—low-sodium & low-fat.
- **Peanut butter** (in plastic jars only)
- **Breakfast cereal**—low-sugar
- Canned **soups & beans**—low-sodium
- **Brown rice**
- **Healthy snack foods** for kids
- **Gluten-free grains and pasta**
- **Non-dairy milk**—soy, almond, oat (shelf-stable)
- **Condiments**—ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, & mayonnaise (in plastic jars only)
- **Seasonings**— salt, pepper, herbs, spices,
- **Cooking oil**—including olive oil
- **Teabags**—in boxes
- **Meal replacements**
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc.

**THE FOOD PANTRY IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR LAST MONTH'S 275-POUND DONATION!**

**F**r. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P., our preacher at all the Masses of March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, was too modest to ask for donations directly, but *if you would like to help support our sister parish in Mexicali*, here are two easy methods:

- (1) Drop a check in the collection plate with "Mexicali Mission" on the memo line; or
- (2) Go to our website — [marymagdalen.org/donate](http://marymagdalen.org/donate) — and select Mexicali Mission Support. ¡Gracias!

## Notes from Fr. Nick

### Why I Haven't Spoken Out

The School of the Madeleine's sixth, seventh and eighth graders staged a school-sponsored walkout recently to show solidarity with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas students' action for sane restrictions on gun ownership.



*Madelaide Seventh-Graders led fellow middle school students in a prayer service honoring the victims in Florida and calling for an end to gun violence.*

It appears that young people are making progress where politicians could not muster the will. I applaud their work and wish them continued success.

We all know that gun violence has taken a particularly vicious upsurge recently. Angry men with a score to settle load their rifles and fire indiscriminately into crowds. Then we are all justifiably horrified, resolve to make changes but, until recently, our efforts have been defeated.

Advocates of the 2nd Amendment stretch the Constitution to bizarre limits, and yet

carry the day. It seems as if our leaders are more interested in protecting the rights of domestic terrorists than assuring the lives and welfare of the rest of us. I suspect that all of you reading feel the hopelessness and powerlessness that I do. What is most disheartening is that these tragic events have become the 'new normal'.

This is not an essay on ending gun violence or the morality of gun ownership. It's a meditation on how I, as your pastor, am choosing to respond to it. I don't want to appear to be a quietist, but I'm not sure that a public expression of my horror every time a carnage occurs is always helpful. In fact, public attention can play right into these domestic terrorists' agendas. You may have noticed that the *San Francisco Chronicle* rarely prints articles about these atrocities on the front page anymore. Although I haven't seen a policy statement from their editors, I suspect they realized they were giving these criminals a forum to spread more fear.

I face a similar dilemma. If I preach, write, and pray about gun violence and terrorism too often or too loudly, I give it a power it doesn't deserve. Further, I rob our community of precious time to give praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition to God when we gather. Obviously we cannot ignore these tragedies, but I won't let them overwhelm what we're about.

Here are some general thoughts on how I intend to address gun violence and terrorism in future:

- ◆ If an incident isn't local and does not affect our community directly, we will pray about it in the Prayers of the Faithful.
- ◆ If an incident does affect us directly, depending on the magnitude, we will offer special prayers and, perhaps, conduct special services.
- ◆ We will follow our bishop's and the greater Church's lead, when directives are given.
- ◆ Outside of liturgy, I'm open to projects, fora and cooperation with other groups. We can work to express our feelings and make concrete steps for ending this cycle of violence.
- ◆ My personal prayers for those affected, our leadership, even the perpetrators, will continue.

Seeking a balanced response to something so thoroughly beyond the pale of decent human behavior may seem out of step with the problem, but standing in horror or fleeing from it won't help either. If we can't resolve the matter, we should at least decide how we can cope with it.

I'd welcome your thoughts on this ugly subject. They can be directed to our Parish Council, School, or to me directly. Please pray that our response will always be prayerful and effective.

# Parish News

## Lenten Giving Tree

Palm Sunday is here and our Lenten Giving Tree needs to bloom! **Please bring the household items you have purchased to the basement of the School (ECP area) by noon today.** We will be boxing these items and getting our gifts ready to deliver to the Oakland Office of the International Rescue Committee.



Thank you for helping to welcome and provide a start for refugee families in Alameda County.

# Social Justice Notes

## Informational Event TODAY:

*"Current Threats to Immigrants"*

1:00-4:00 pm at Synagogue Beth El's Social Hall  
(our neighbors on Oxford at Berryman Path).

**PROTEST FROM HOME:** Support the *Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC)*, which had its visitation rights revoked by Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston on March 5<sup>th</sup>. *CIVIC* is often the only link between immigrant detainees and their families, community and legal resources. The Sheriff's action further isolates our immigrant community and obscures detention practices from the public. Sign the petitions protesting his order at [tinyurl.com/SheriffPetition](http://tinyurl.com/SheriffPetition)

## Schedule for Triduum

### Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 am: **Tenebrae**

7:30 pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper** [Holy Thursday Service], followed by (until Midnight): **Adoration in Norton Hall**

### Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 am, **Tenebrae**

12:00 pm: **"Seven Last Words" + Stations of the Cross**

7:30 pm: **Passion of the Lord** [Good Friday Service]

### Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:

9:00 am: **Tenebrae**

8:00 pm: **Easter Vigil** (Fire Lighting on Berryman Plaza)

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am: **Mass of the Resurrection**

## Good Friday Vigil at Livermore Labs

Sponsored by the Ecumenical Peace Conference at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory. Gather at Vasco & Patterson Pass Roads in Livermore at **6:45 am**. Worship at **7:00 am**, Rev. Ben McBride preaching.

## Saturday April 7, 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Attend the next **Interfaith Vigil** at West County Detention Center (5555 Giant Highway, Richmond). Stand in solidarity with immigrant detainees held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at this facility. This will be a Passover Seder Vigil. Learn more at [www.im4humanintegrity.org](http://www.im4humanintegrity.org).

## Take Action for Syria, a "Hell on Earth"

Russian planes are killing children in Syria, just as the world is gearing up to laud Russia at the World Cup! Join others in boycotting World Soccer to protest Russia's bombings of the Syrian people and its collaboration with President Bashar Al-Assad. Sign the boycott petition at [avaaz.org](http://avaaz.org).

## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to 'Our' St. Vincent!

The Alameda County Society of St. Vincent de Paul will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It was founded in 1938, with its first four conferences at **St. Mary** (Oakland), **St. Leander** (San Leandro), **St. Leo the Great** (Oakland), and **Corpus Christi** (Niles/Fremont) [See their [Facebook page](#).] Our own conference will next meet on **Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Norton Hall at 7:15 pm**. *All are welcome!*

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*Travels with Charley*  
IN SEARCH OF AMERICA



## Next Parish Book Group Meeting: Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

After some heavy reading over the past few months, the Book Group has chosen a light classic from the past: John Steinbeck's *Travels with*

*Charley: In Search of America*. We'll meet to discuss it on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at **10:00 am** in the **Parish Conference Room**. *Rent or buy the book and join us!*

## Did you take photos or videos at the St. Patrick's Day Party?



Please share them on our Facebook page!  
[facebook.com/SaintMaryMagdalenParish](http://facebook.com/SaintMaryMagdalenParish)

## SMOKELESS MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Incense has been a part of Catholic liturgy for millennia; the Church uses it as a symbol of sanctification and purification. However, if you are allergic to incense, Fr. Nick is concerned about you. He has, therefore, designated a **SMOKELESS MASS** on **Easter Sunday: the 9:30 am Mass.**

Incense lovers should come to the 8:00 am and 11:30 am Masses! [Please note that incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil Mass.]



**CONCERT: Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

**VOCI Women's Chorus**

[Featuring our own Joan Bell]

### *"Celebrate the Elements"*

**Johann Strauss, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Gustav Holst & Samuel Barber; the Norwegian Ola Gjeilo; & Voci composer-in-residence, Julie Herndon**

Suggested donation: \$25 at the door; \$20 in advance.

Students: \$15, free, Children: Free.

Tickets at the door or online: [tinyurl.com/Voci-Elements](http://tinyurl.com/Voci-Elements)

Information at [www.vocisings.org](http://www.vocisings.org) or 510-531-8714

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Combined Parish + School Picnic  
Sunday, August 26th, Noon-5:00 pm**

Parish picnics were a great success in his previous assignments, and so Fr. Nick is initiating our parish in an annual tradition of a **free picnic** to start off the school year. The first planning meeting was held last week, and the picnic will take place in **Live Oak Park**. The School Parents' Association will supply drinks and the main dish; parishioners will bring side dishes. Musicians will play, and prize-filled activities will be organized for children *and* adults.

## Seder Dinner Postponed

Due to its contiguity with Easter, the Seder Dinner has been postponed until next year. We look forward to an exciting service led by Mike Cassidy in 2019!



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## Women in the Hebrew Scriptures Tell Their Stories

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By focusing on stories of two well-known women in the Hebrew Scriptures, and through an introduction to artistic renderings of their stories, we will reflect on the action of God in the lives of these women and consider ways in which the characteristics and values that guided their actions have relevance for us in our day.

Tomorrow & Tuesday, **March 26 & 27, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**

Cost: \$80 [tinyurl.com/SAT-Women](http://tinyurl.com/SAT-Women)

### Longtime SMM Sunday Dinners Volunteer

**Sr. Barbara Green, O.P.**

Professor of Biblical Studies, DSPT

will lecture at the

**Graduate Theological Union**

2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Reception 6:30 pm ~ Lecture 7:00 pm**



### *"Can We Do That?"*

*Reading Sacred Texts As They Read Us"*

*"Our eyes and ears do not perceive quite the same world as did the authors of ancient texts.*

*How do our capacities to read this material help or hinder us?  
How is that deep texts may prompt compassion in us?"*

# SPIRITUALITY OF CREATIVITY

**Father Arthur Poulin**

Father Poulin is a Camaldolese monk, priest, and artist living at Incarnation Monastery, Berkeley, California. He holds a degree in fine arts from Loyola University.

"Art offers a silent invitation to enter into a mysterious, non-verbal interior world and landscape that exists within each of us. My presentation offers people *vision, joy, hope and comfort* in confusing and challenging times. I am always inspired by the words of Dostoyevsky: *'Beauty will save the world.'*"



**Saturday, April 14th, from 9:00 - 11:30 am**

RSVP by April 9, 2018 at [bit.ly/2018\\_FrPoulin](http://bit.ly/2018_FrPoulin)

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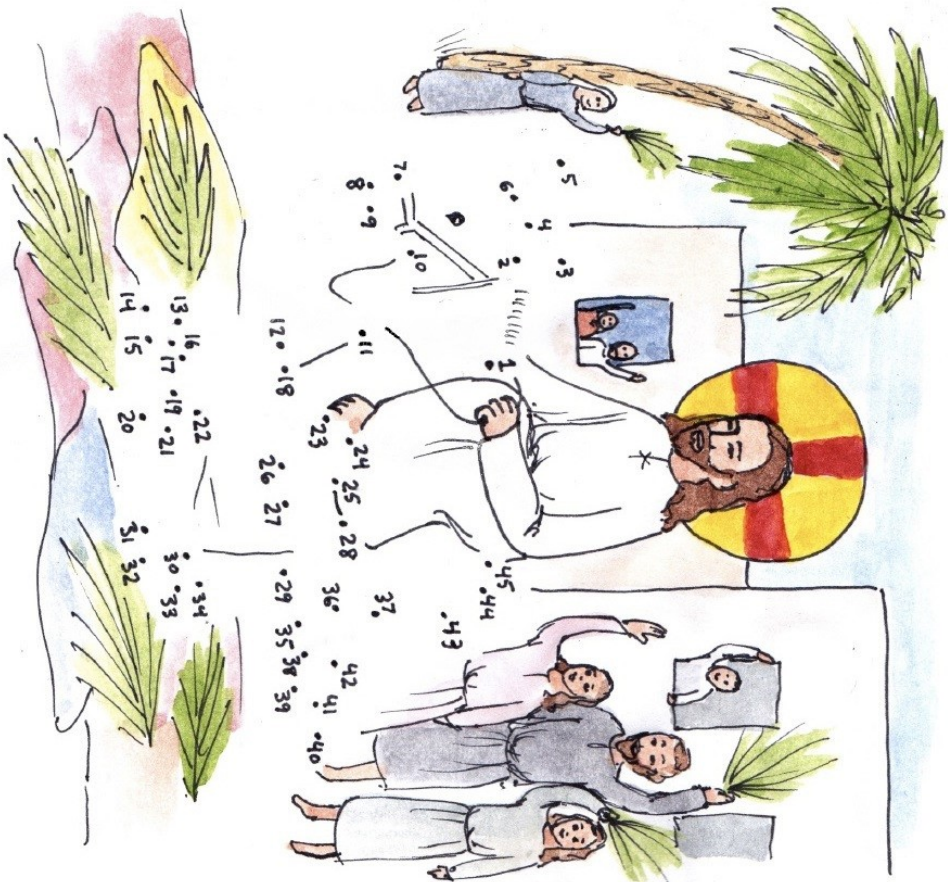
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# The Kids' Bulletin

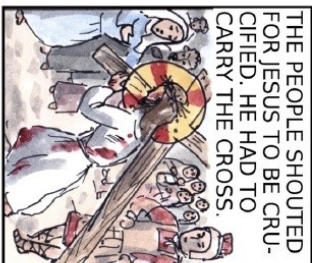
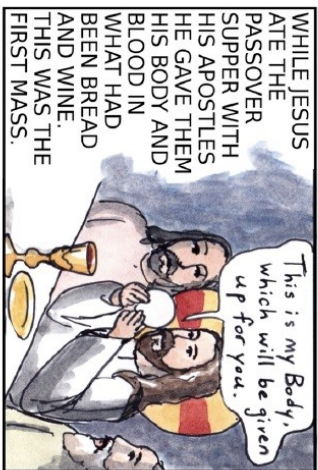
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday



[thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com](http://thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com)

# The Passion of Jesus

Holy Thursday and Good Friday



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!