

Jackson County Catholic Community



Palm Sunday

March 29th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Ash Wednesday's call to return has sounded throughout the Lenten season. The foundation that justifies that call is the story of God's salvific plan for all of creation. That story, which includes the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David, and covenanted Israel, reflects deeply upon and foretells God's plan for salvation. In the coming week, the story of salvation and the call to return will reach full clarity as they intersect in the ministry and life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is described differently by the four Gospels. John has Jesus enter Jerusalem numerous times over a three-year period. The Synoptics all identify Jesus' only entrance into Jerusalem as the culmination of his public ministry, but with different emphases. Luke emphasizes the role of Jerusalem, whereas Matthew and Mark treat Jesus' entrance with somewhat similar insights.

In today's reading from Matthew, there are two scenes. First, Jesus sends two unnamed disciples to attend to details for his entrance. Second, Jesus' entrance is described through the reactions of the crowd and the city. While the details are similar to those of Mark, Matthew interprets them differently through his unique additions.

Typical of his attentiveness to Christianity's Jewish heritage, Matthew relates Jesus' entrance to the fulfillment of scripture, especially through his quotation that begins "Say to daughter Zion...", which is actually a combination of two scripture passages. The first comes from Isaiah 62:11: "Say to daughter Zion"; and the second from Zechariah 9:9: "Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, / Humble, and riding on a donkey." This combination quotation, found only in Matthew, enables him to interpret Jesus' entrance in an apocalyptic-salvific manner.

To understand Matthew's interpretation, we need to understand Zechariah 9:9, as well as Zechariah 14:4. Drawing on Zechariah's 5th century BC oracles that culminate in the apocalyptic "day of the Lord", Matthew ties Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to that of Zion's "king" (i.e., the Lord), whose final triumph will occur over aggressor nations on the "day of the Lord". While the original oracle in Zechariah described the king as "a just savior", Matthew eliminates these words to emphasize that Jesus' victory and triumph will occur through humility. The ultimate victory of the divine warrior is described in Zechariah 14:4, where we read that "on that day God's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is opposite Jerusalem to the east". In this way, Matthew interprets the entire scene of Jesus coming to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives as the beginning of the battle of the day of the Lord. For Matthew it will not be a physical battle, but rather a battle between Jesus and the forces of evil.

Finally, the significance of the moment is reflected in the reaction of the crowd and the city. The crowd is very large and sings out and acts upon Psalm 118, a thanksgiving hymn sung for the king and the people as they enter the temple. The scene has already defined Jesus as king and divine warrior, and the crowd proclaims him Son of David. And as for the city? "The whole city was shaken" is an expression mostly used to describe the shaking of an earthquake. To their question, "Who is this?", the crowd answers; "Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth".

The drama has begun.

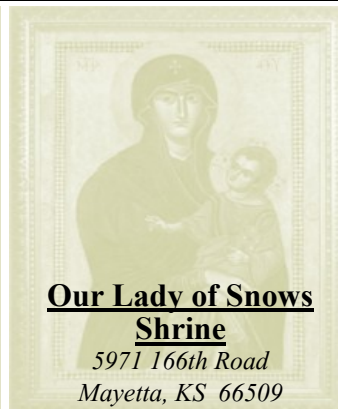
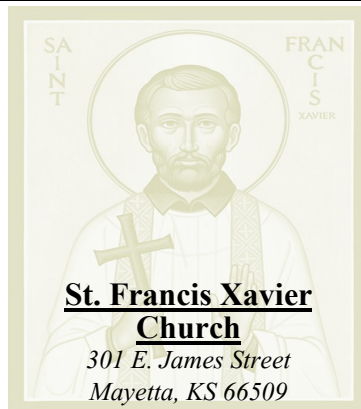
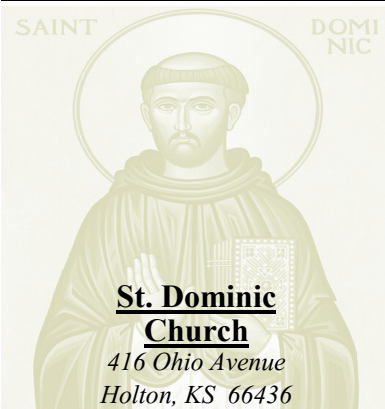
~Stephan J. Lampe

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66



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9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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Vera Rioux (St. FX)

WEEKDAY MASS Schedule:

St. Francis Xavier:

8:30 a.m. ~ Tuesday and Thursday

St. Dominic:

5:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday

8:30 a.m. ~ Friday

WEEKEND MASS Schedule:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 p.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

Sunday

7:00 a.m. ~ @ St. D: **Cancelled until further notice.**

8:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. ~ @ Our Lady of Snows

10:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

CONFESSION Schedule:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. @ St. Dominic

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to St. FX and St. D weekend Masses

ADORATION Schedule:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. @ St. Dominic

BAPTISM: Those requesting baptism

for their children need to be registered parishioners. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents prior to event.

MARRIAGE: Preparation begins with initial consult with parish priest. Please allow at least six months notice to fulfill the Archdiocesan marriage requirements.

ANOINTING of the SICK: Call the office during business hours. Call the rectory after hours or for emergencies.

If no answer, call (785) 364-7402.

DECLARATION of NULLITY:

Please call the parish office for details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

April 4th & 5th	Sat. 04/04 @ 8:00 pm SD	7:00 am SD	Sun. 04/05 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 04/05 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Terry Ludvick	Cancelled	Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvick
MUSIC	Cody Utz, Jenea Chartier		Patricia Goering, Andrea Bailey Charlii Brown, Alysse Berns	Robin Sides
LECTOR	Dyann Parks, Susan Schirmer Mike Tanking		Joann Walker	Barbara Berg
GREETER- USHER	Gary & Annette Schreiber		Ben Ehrhart, Chris Harris	Lee & Pam Doyle
EMHC	Pat Doyle		Mary Lou Koch	Karen Leiker
Acolytes	Nick Rioux, Zach Rioux Julia Keling, Jack Keling		Nick Rioux(CB) Paige Holthaus Hannah Holthaus, Zack Rioux	Westin Tanking (CB) Kyla Tanking, Xavier Howard

Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl (*St. Dominic*), Joann Walker (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Jean Lierz (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 30th, Monday Parish Office is Closed 6:00 p.m. K of C Mtg.	St. Dominic Hall
March 31st, Tuesday 8:30 a.m. NO MASS 9:30 a.m. Catholic Charities 6:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. Class: Rehearsal	St. Francis Xavier St. Dominic Hall St. Dominic
April 1st, Wednesday 5:30 p.m. MASS 6:00 p.m. NO Adoration/Confession 6:30 p.m. Religious Ed.	St. Dominic St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall
April 2nd, Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. MASS of the Last Supper 8:00 p.m. Adoration	St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier
April 3rd, Friday of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m. Service 6:00 p.m. Service	St. Francis Xavier St. Dominic
April 4th, Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL <i>O.C.I.A. Class will be received into full communion with the Church.</i> Immediately after... Reception	St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall
April 5th, Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Confession 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. NO Religious Ed. 8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Confession 10:30 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier Our Lady of Snows St. Dominic St. Dominic
April 6th, Monday Parish Office is Closed 6:00 p.m. Rosary Fellowship	St. Dominic Hall

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Catholic Charities Bus will be present at the St. Dominic Parish Hall on **Tuesday, March 31st, 2026** 9:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.
 —> **Photo I. D. is required**
 —> **Items will vary depending on availability**

Walk-in services will include:

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Personal Hygiene Items
- ◆ Seasonal Items

CATHOLICCHARITIESKS.ORG/BUS

Resource Bus Hotline:
(913) 433-2039

The St. Dominic, St Francis Xavier & Our Lady of Snows Catholic Communities extend their sincerest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to the family of **Mike McClaskey** *St. Francis Xavier parishioner.*
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

ACTS ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE <small>ARCHDIOCESE CALL TO SHARE as of March 20th, 2026)</small>	Saint Dominic	St Francis Xavier
Target Goal	\$18,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Committed	\$19,060.00	\$3,280.00
Goal Progress	106%	66%
Participation %	29%	24%

PARISH STEWARDSHIP March 21st & 22nd, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$1,945.00	\$1,235.00
Plate	538.00	261.25
TOTAL	\$2,483.00	\$1,496.25
<i>Week of March 14th & 15th</i>	\$8,629.00	\$2,113.00
<i>Week of March 7th & 8th</i>	\$3,390.00	\$4,441.00

PASTORAL COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCILS

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Wayne Leiker	Ben Ehrhart
Bethany Henry	Marie Burdick
Leigha Sweet	Chris Everts
Cody Utz	Marguerite Mzhickteno
Niki Meerpohl	Jeri Albright
Joshua Shupe	Mike Henry
Theresa Watkins	Tina Bailey

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
David Ashcraft	Sharon Cole
Diane Gross	Farrell Holthaus
Mark Starr	Donald Sunday

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR MARCH:

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray, that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy, instead of violence.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR MARCH:

For all members of our parish, to make good and honest effort to fulfill our Lenten disciplines as we look forward to the Easter festivities.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Jim Bowhay	Bob Butts
Mary Devader	Steve Devlin	Mildred Eisenbarth	Sheila Fernkopf
Freda Galer	Martin John Hamm	Mary Harris	Pat Hasenkamp
Ed Hrenchir	Carolyn Koger	Karen McClaskey	Don Morford
Mary Morford	Richard Mulroy	Mike Myers	Joe Purcell
Larry Reilly	Ramona Robinson	Barb Schussler	Kade Sides
Arneil Springer	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller	

Relatives of Parishioners:

Bill Albright	Jorgan Beck	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown
James DeVader	Don Dillner	Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler
Jennifer Fiedler	Mike Fiedler	Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler
Van Fuqua	Allan Gibson	Gladys Gibson	Kase Glassel
Jamie Goldman	Vickie Goodman	Eric Harris	Floyd Klein
Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks	Leonard Riley	Danyell Russell
Butch Schiffbauer	Linda Schiffbauer	Anna Segenhagen	Hannah VanHorn
Susana Dizon			

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

US Army: MP ANG Therron Fox SSgt. Matthew Zeller **US Marines:** Maj. JP Turner
US Navy: E-5 Dennis Reed Potter **US Air Force:** Andrew Morris, McClain Morris,
 MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

To place or remove someone's name on the prayer list, please call the Parish Office.

Thank You!!

We are writing to express our most sincere gratitude to your parish community for the recent support for our deployed members of the Kansas Air National Guard. The National Guard is a unique organization within the Armed Forces. These servicemen and women live in the community and have civilian careers. They are called upon to serve at the federal level in times of need.

In light of current events, many of these members were tasked to deploy overseas on incredibly short notice, not knowing where they would be going until they loaded their planes to depart. As such, packing essentials for this trip was difficult. Additionally, many things had to be left behind due to space constraints.

Witnessing the community come together to offer donations to support these airmen on such short notice was nothing short of awe-inspiring. The items collected will bring a much-needed boost to their morale and welfare as they continue to serve down range for a yet undetermined amount of time. It shouldn't be understated how much something as simple as supplies to do your laundry, or a lawn chair to sit in can boost your mood when you are far away from home and family.

The members that are deployed have received the items you all collected, as the packages have made their way to their deployed location. Thank you for your support of the Kansas Air National Guard, and please continue to keep those deployed in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Families of deployed Airmen, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Air Base

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

March 28th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Palm Sunday T.A. Parks+
March 29th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Palm Sunday Samantha Justice+ All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
March 31st (Tues.) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Tuesday of Holy Week NO MASS
April 1st (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Wednesday of Holy Week Alice Kerr+
April 2nd (Thurs) 7:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper Anna Wilder+
April 3rd (Fri) Service 3:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier 6:00 p.m. St. Dominic	Good Friday
April 4th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Easter Vigil All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
April 5th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Easter Sunday Larry & Marguerite Mzhickteno 2026 OCIA Class

We will celebrate our Easter Vigil Mass at St. Dominic Catholic Church, on Saturday, April 4th, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, as they enter the final stages of purification, enlightenment, and discernment in their faith journey. Our Catechumen will receive all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), and our Candidates will enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Please join us for a reception at the St. Dominic Parish Hall after the Vigil Mass, to celebrate those that have come into full communion with the Church!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Angie Reith, Director of Parish Life & Faith Formation
 (785) 364-5941 or jacocatholicsre@gmail.com

**NO CLASS For St. Francis Xavier
 April 5th. HAPPY EASTER!**

Upcoming Dates

April 11, 8:30 a.m.: 1st Communion Retreat, BOTH Parishes, @ St. Dominic Parish Hall
 April 25: First Communion @ St. Dominic
 April 26: First Communion @ St. Francis
 April 29th: LAST CLASS @ St. Dominic
 May 3rd: LAST CLASS @ St. Francis Xavier,
 May 3rd; Graduation Sunday,
 May 3rd: May Crowning

THEMES: PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A

This Sunday remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His death. The readings show His humility, suffering, and obedience to God.

- ◆ **Jesus as King:** The people welcomed Jesus as a king, but He came in humility, riding a donkey. This shows that His kingship is different from earthly rulers.
- ◆ **Obedience to God:** Jesus followed God's will, even when it led to suffering and death. His obedience shows trust in God's plan.
- ◆ **Betrayal and Denial:** Judas betrayed Jesus, and Peter denied knowing Him. These show human weakness and the need for mercy.
- ◆ **Suffering and Sacrifice:** Jesus endured pain, humiliation, and death on the cross. His suffering was an act of love for others.
- ◆ **God's Victory:** Jesus' death was not the end. God raised Him up, showing that good is stronger than evil.
- ◆ **Jesus as Servant:** He did not seek power or glory. He humbled Himself and served others, even in suffering.

Palm Sunday, Year A, calls people to follow Jesus' example of humility, obedience, and love. It reminds them that suffering is not the end, but God brings hope and new life. (YoungCatholics.com)

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This Week on Formed

Week of March 29, 2026



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

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