

# Ambo Announcements

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Passiontide

### April 6, 2025

- Our charitable tithe this Sunday will go to the [Saint Clare Home](#), a maternity home for unwed mothers right here in our own diocese. We're very happy to support this important outreach!
- Due to the penitential nature of Lent, there are no flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday.
- This weekend, we begin Passiontide, the second and most severe part of Lent. Our statues are covered, the bells are suppressed, and our Mass ends in silence. These additional penances are taken on as a preparation for the Sacred Triduum, when we will walk with the Lord Jesus through his Passion and Death.
- The final outdoor Mass for this Lent will be offered this Thursday, April 10. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. When we have our outdoor Masses, we will also have the Thursday holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and our weekly Fellowship outside at the columbarium.
- This coming Friday – Saturday, April 11-12, we're very happy to welcome Dr. John Bergsma to the parish. Dr Bergsma will give talks on the Old Testament understanding of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The talks are being given right before we start Holy Week. I encourage everyone to participate and to use these talks as a help to enter into the Paschal Mystery.
- Next Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday. For the celebration of Palm Sunday, we'll have our annual Solemn Procession of the Palms at the beginning of our 11:00 AM Mass. All parishioners are invited to come and be a part of this procession as we honor the triumphal entry of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem. Parishioners are asked to come early, park, and meet around 10:45 AM at the flags near the entrance of our campus.
- During our 11:00 AM Mass on Palm Sunday, the homily will be a Children's Homily. All children are invited!
- On Palm Sunday, April 13, we'll have our annual Spring Festival around 12:30 PM. Come and join us for food, a petting zoo, and games in honor of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem!