

Why Did Jesus Ride a Donkey?

Jesus rode a donkey on Palm Sunday as a symbolic fulfillment of prophecy and a declaration of His true mission. This act directly fulfilled Zechariah 9:9, which prophesied that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem “righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey.” "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." By doing this, Jesus publicly announced that He was the long-awaited King, but not in the way many expected. In ancient times, rulers rode horses into battle, but a donkey symbolized peace. Jesus did not come as a warrior to overthrow Rome; instead, He came as a humble King bringing salvation.

The donkey also reflected Jesus’ humility and servanthood. Unlike the powerful image of a warhorse, a donkey was a simple, everyday animal, used by common people. This choice emphasized that His Kingdom was not about earthly power but about love, sacrifice, and redemption. As He entered Jerusalem, the crowds laid palm branches and cloaks before Him, shouting “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” They welcomed Him as a King, but many misunderstood His purpose, expecting a political savior rather than one who would die for their sins.



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Our Weekly Bulletin


100th Anniversary Celebration
 Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

196 days or 28 weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
 Christ is among us! He is and always will

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Mar 29	Triumphal entry into Jerusalem	✠ Catherine Lutak
Mar 30	No Liturgy	
Mar 31	No Liturgy	
Apr 1	Presanctified Liturgy	5:00PM NC 
Apr 2	Vespers and Divine Liturgy	6:00PM R
Apr 3	Vespers and Procession with the Shroud	2:00PM NC 4:00PM R
Apr 4	Vespers and Liturgy	4:00PM NC
Sunday, Apr 5	Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ	8:00 AM R 10:30 AM NC

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Passion Week Schedule

Holy Wednesday

5:00PM Presanctified Liturgy - NC

Holy Thursday

6:00PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Great Friday

Vespers and the Laying of the Holy Shroud

2:00PM Northern Cambria

4:00PM Revloc

6:00PM Altoona

Holy Saturday

3:00PM Blessing of Paschal Foods - NC

4:00PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy - NC

6:00PM Divine Liturgy for the Resurrection - A

Pascha

8:00AM Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy - R
Blessing of Paschal Foods following the Liturgy

10:30AM Divine Liturgy - NC



Keeping Traditions:

Our world is pulling us from God everyday and every minute. Stop the world and put God back in His proper place. This week gives us the opportunity to do this. Come to church as often as you can. Our Tradition has a richness that is unsurpassed. The vespers and burial of Christ with its poetic sticheria making us ponder all that Christ did for us. We His faithful, like Joseph of Arimathea, bring Him to His tomb. The guarding of the tomb or Adoration of the Holy Shroud is a time where the world can stand still and you are only with Christ. From the stillness and quietness of the tomb to the Resurrection Procession with the bells ringing and the people singing telling the World that Jesus is Risen and has conquered Death. Christ gives us "new life". Come and begin your "new life". Christ is waiting. Let Him in. Go to confession and clean your soul. Come to church for services. Sign-up for a time before the shroud. Wake up early as the women did on the first Pascha and come and announce to the World Jesus is God and has Risen from the Tomb!

Weekly Collection - March 22, 2026 - \$395.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$370.00 Fuel - \$10.00 Candles - \$5.00 Holy Day - \$10.00

PARISH NEWS

Holy Thursday Dinner - Please sign up if you plan on attending the dinner on Holy Thursday.

Prayer List

Millie Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Bill, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock, Helen Farster, Bekka Facemire, Steve Barnyak. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

Joke of the Day

A man buys a new Cadillac and wants to have it blessed. He goes to the Protestant minister who lays hands on the hood and prays, "Bless, O Lord, this shiny new Cadillac!" The man then goes to the priest, who sprinkles it with holy water and prays over the new car in Latin. The man then takes it to the rabbi, who prays over the car in Hebrew...and cuts off two inches of the tailpipe.