

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2026
Year of the Church in History

*“Nothing can be begun well unless begun in God, the sole Foundation of all real good;
begin, therefore, each day by raising your mind and heart to God.”*
(Father Ignatius of the Side of Jesus, Passionist, The School of Jesus Crucified, p.7)

Each year as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Church asks her ministers to offer the faithful a brief reflection. This year I would like us to remember the old teaching which said: “The Beginning foreshadows the End.” Palm Sunday is the beginning of the end of the earthly life of Jesus. For as detailed as Sacred Scripture is concerning this great event, it is silent on a beginning and an end which had to occur between Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother.

We are only able to imagine this final meeting of Jesus and Mary before He leaves to accomplish His Mission, the offering of His Life to the Father as the perfect sin offering. We can imagine how both of these pure hearts beat with great sadness and affection concerning this upcoming event. Both of their hearts are filled with love and compassion as they offer themselves to the Father. The Son as High Priest and Sacrifice. The Mother as the perfect follower of her Son. She offers her maternal will, which desired to please her Son and Lord, in union with her Son’s Will to the Father’s Divine Will. In this way she offers this lesson, a Christian must seek to detach themselves from what they desire and seek only to please God.

My family, one could imagine this moment of Mother and Son, Disciple and Lord, wanting to prolong the meeting. This may be why Sacred Scripture is silent upon this moment. We are to remember that as much as we may desire to remain in moments which are good and pleasing, we are called to offer ourselves to God in union with Jesus, His Son. We are to follow Him toward the Cross. We must journey toward Good Friday so we can rise with Him on Easter Sunday.