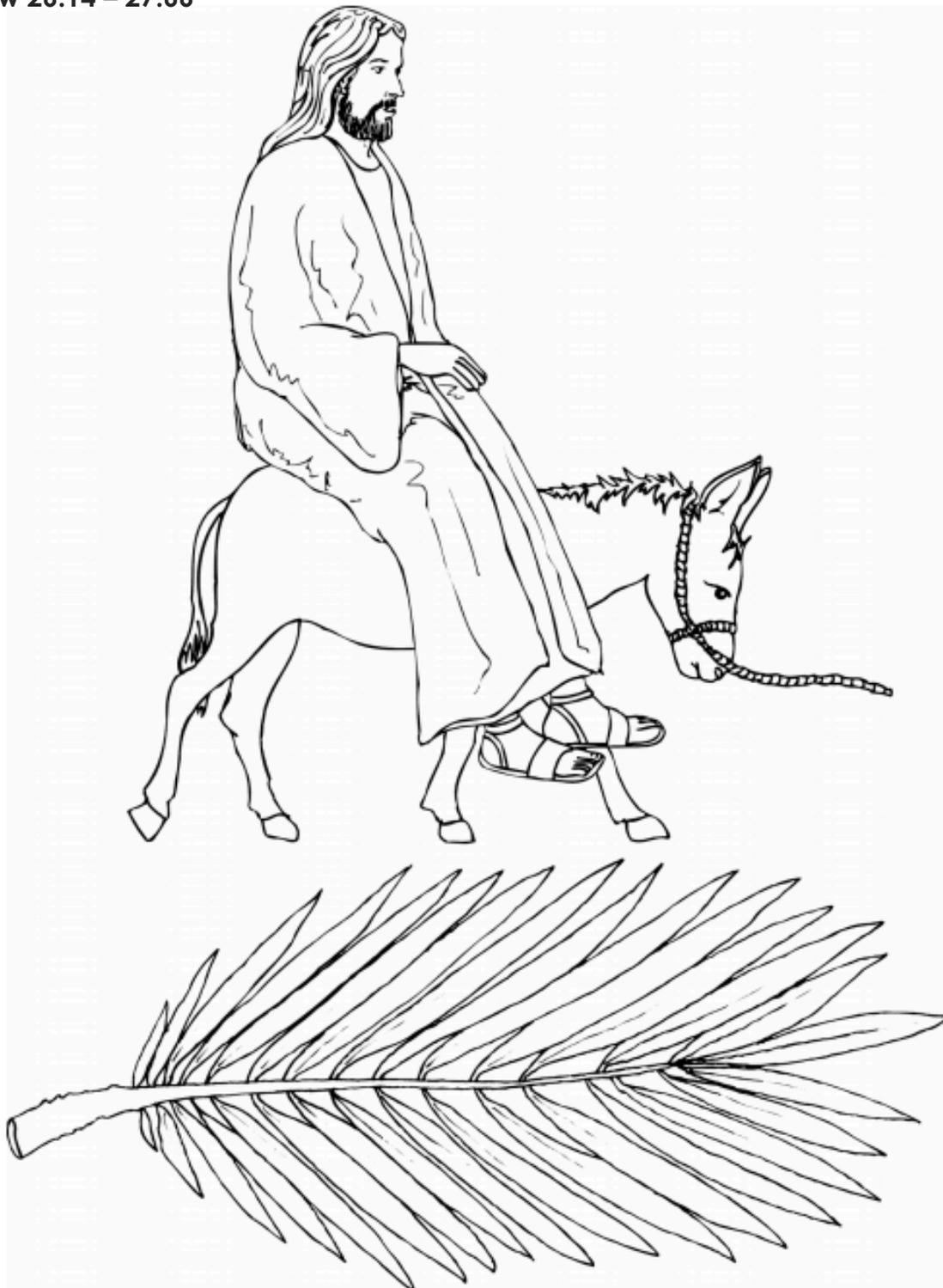


Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Matthew 2:1-11
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

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This week we have the readings for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. At many Masses where the Procession of the Palms is celebrated, a special Gospel will be read before the blessings of the palms. This Gospel tells the story of Jesus' great entrance into the city of Jerusalem in the days before the Passover feast. Passover was a very special celebration for the Jewish people of Jerusalem, who took time to remember how God had brought them out of slavery in Egypt. Jesus sent his disciples before Him into the city with instructions to bring a colt (a young donkey or horse) that they would find

tied to a tree. They found the colt, brought it to Jesus, and laid their cloaks across its back. Jesus sat up on the colt and went into the city. As he entered Jerusalem, the people were so happy to see Him. They laid their cloaks and palm branches across the road and a sign of respect for this special person. They knew that Jesus had come to save them, but they did not really understand what this all meant.

Also this Sunday, we will read the story of Jesus' Passion and Death. Matthew's Gospel tells about the time leading up to and including Jesus' death on the cross. This gospel story is very long, and tells all of the important things that happened leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. If you have a children's bible, please take time this week to read this story with a grown up and talk about your feelings before going to Mass on Sunday. Palm Sunday is the beginning of our Church's Holy Week, the most special time in our Church's year. This is a special time to learn more about how and why Jesus died to save each of us and to bring each of us to God, His Father. His suffering was so great, but He loved you and I so very much!

While you color this week, think about how you can make this last part of Lent very special. If you are old enough to receive the Eucharist, you should receive the sacrament of Reconciliation soon (if you haven't done this yet!). Take these last few weeks of Lent to focus on prayer and giving and spend some quiet time to pray to God as you color.

For More Fun:

- ✓ For Palm Sunday, we have special palm crafts and activity ideas at http://www.catholicmom.com/palm_crafts.htm

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