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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The above title for Palm Sunday comes from our Missalette; it indicates both the blessing of the Palms and the main focus of HOLY WEEK. It is a full 7 days of reflection and prayer about the events of the final days of Jesus on earth that are treasured by all His friends, and which enable us to celebrate truly and joyously His Glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Although the week starts off with the blessing of the Palms and the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, very soon the proclamation of the long Gospel of the Passion turns our minds and hearts to the tragic events of Holy Week. The long Gospel of this year is from Mark and the second long Gospel on Good Friday is always from John. The Palm Sunday Gospels alternate between Mark, Luke and Matthew but Good Friday's Gospel is always from John. In our liturgies of those days the entire congregation is invited to participate in the proclamation of the Gospel, as it were reminding us that we are all sharing in the Lord's suffering and death.

The Gospels of the first 3 days of Holy Week recall the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter, which enable us to think honestly of our own betrayals and denials of the Lord Jesus; but they also remind us that He is our Savior, inviting us to trust in His merciful goodness.

Holy Thursday is the day of the Last Supper with His disciples when he shares intimately with all 12, and indeed with us too; when he washes their feet and when He institutes the priceless gift of the Eucharist. The Washing of the Feet often gets our attention but this year it will be omitted because of the covid-19 restrictions. That can make us focus more on the Eucharist and the gift of the Priesthood. It is customary that at the end of the Liturgy the Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the altar of repose and all are invited to spend some time in personal Adoration of the Lord up until midnight. This is a very special time of prayer for all of us and especially for those who could not participate in the Sacred Liturgy of the day. If to pray is to believe in Christ's love for each one of us, this is a precious opportunity to personally adore our Savior and renew our trust in His loving presence in the Eucharist. Here we might add the reminder that even in this restricted pandemic times our Church is regularly open and inviting us to pay a personal visit to the Lord present in our Tabernacles. A beautiful prayer of adoration is surely the words of the hymn (which if you know the music, could also be sung quietly)....

*“O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.”*

Good Friday's Liturgy consists of:

- a.) the opening prayers, the Solemn Proclamation of the Gospel;
- b.) the Solemn Intercessory prayers;
- c.) the Adoration of the Cross and
- d.) the Holy Communion service.

Other devotions are the Stations of the Cross and the Pésame service in Spanish.

Saturday is a quiet day of mourning the death of our Savior, with Mary, His Mother and the Beloved disciple John. It is also a good day for Confessions and the sacrament of Penance, in preparation for the joy of the Resurrection.

May Easter bring great joy and new faith to all of us.

~Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.

We are asking for Easter Lily donations to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. You may bring your donation to the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Estamos pidiendo donaciones de lirios pascuales para decorar el altar para el Domingo de Pascua.

Pueden traer sus donaciones a la parroquia. Gracias por su generosidad.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord March 28

(Palms will not be distributed at these Masses but if you bring your own palm it can be blessed.)

4:00pm - Saturday Vigil (March 27) in the school field

5:30pm - Saturday Vigil (March 27)

Palm Sunday

6:30am, 10:00am, 12 noon live-stream only, 6:00pm

4:00pm - Spanish in the school field

Daily Mass of Holy Week

8:00am - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

The Sacred Pascal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1,

6:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday, April 2,

12 noon - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion in English
and Veneration of the Cross

6:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Spanish
and Veneration of the Cross

7:00pm - Pésame

Holy Saturday, April 3,

3:30pm - 5:00pm Confessions

7:30pm - Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 4,

6:30am and 10:00am

12:00 noon at Capilla Guadalupe Live-Stream only

4:00pm - Spanish in the school field

Mass Intentions

Leon Perez/R.I.P.

Jearad Tuccio/Happy Birthday

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our
prayers/R.I.P.

Armando Bonillas Bernal/R.I.P.

Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.

Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Josie V. Bustamante/Improved Health

Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our
Prayers/R.I.P.

Olga Martinez Ramirez/R.I.P.

Frank Leon/R.I.P.

Stephanie Ramirez/Happy Birthday

The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 2nd
in observance of Easter. Regular business hours will
resume on Monday, April 5th.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el viernes 2 de abril
en observación de la Pascua. Resumiremos horas
regulares el lunes, 5 de abril.

Chrism Mass

St. Augustine Cathedral

Monday, March 29 at 3:00 pm

Although at this time the public
cannot attend as we are still observing
the pandemic protocols.

Please remember to pray for our
Bishop Edward and all of our priests.

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:

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Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.

Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~ Note these are suspended during COVID-19

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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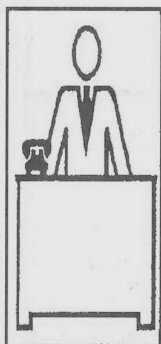
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