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Palm Sunday



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (B)

Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7; Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

Acceptance of the Passion

There is a sharp contrast between Jesus' and Peter's acceptance of Christ's passion. Both are afraid, but while Jesus faces and embraces, Peter hides and denies.

We understand Peter's gloomy darkness, and identify with the confusion and weakness leading to his failure. Like us, he tries to follow Jesus, but at a safe distance. He wants to be close, but not too close. He wants to feel he hasn't abandoned him, to be there—but remains on the fringe.

But following Jesus always leads to moments of truth. Jesus and life have a way of bringing us full circle to face our true selves. Are we in or out? How deep is our love? This time, Peter's love for Jesus fails. But like us, Jesus looks at him with understanding and gives him a chance to be honest, repent, and follow him once again.

Jesus' acceptance of his passion is our example. First, he suffers freely. He's not being forced into a fate he cannot escape. As a result, he is calm, self-possessed, in control of his heart, and patient. Second, he suffers peacefully without resentment. He isn't constantly recriminating against Judas, Peter, or John during his trial or flagellation. He doesn't seek blame or payback.

Not only is he not bitter or resentful, but he is full of compassion and focused on others: on the elderly women, his Mother, John the Apostle, forgiving his tormenters, and leading the good thief to heaven. Let's enter this holiest week following our Redeemer and imitating his example.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Denial of St. Peter*, circa 1620
Artist: Passignone del Saraceni
Location: National Gallery, London

For Reflection

Do I value the infinite mercy of Jesus, who forgives me whenever I turn to him sincerely?

What do I need to accept or embrace in order to love with greater peace?

Rather, he emptied himself...becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7–8

THE FIRST MOMENT OF THE TRIDUUM

The primary sign of the Mass of the Lord's Supper is the washing of feet. When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples he didn't look up. Whether the feet were Peter's or John's or Judas', he didn't want to know. He just wanted everyone to know that his love went out to them all, whether they were saints or sinners. He didn't want to see whether the face was beautiful or ugly, whether the face had virtue or vice written on it, whether the face was white or red or yellow or black, whether the face was a man's or a woman's; he loved them all.

John's Gospel account of the Last Supper, which is always the Gospel of this first moment of the Triduum, doesn't give us the story of Jesus blessing and sharing the bread and wine. John tells us instead of this foot-washing action of Jesus' universal love. And this is what we are commanded to commemorate; this is the Church that we invite our candidates to join.

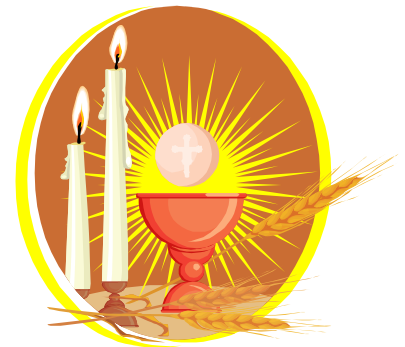
Lent ends as we move into our paschal fast!

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 7:00 PM

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- ♦ Welcoming the Easter Triduum
- ♦ Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ Washing of the Feet
- ♦ Liturgy of the Eucharist
- ♦ Rice Bowl Collection
- ♦ Procession to Reservation Chapel & Adoration
- ♦ The Paschal fast begins
- ♦ Night Prayer 9:45 PM



THE SECOND MOMENT OF THE TRIDUUM

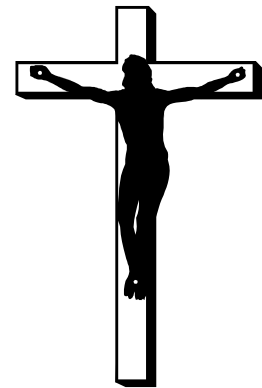
Pain, sacrifice and inconvenience are today viewed as experiences of no value, which are to be avoided. So we choose addictions, divorce and physician-assisted suicide to achieve the quality of life we prefer. But in a life marked by the DNA of original sin, Jesus calls us to own life's pain and grow through life's pain. The primary sign of the Good Friday liturgy is Jesus' passion and death on the cross, a passion and death which makes it possible for us to live with God's love.

By reverencing the cross of Christ we reverence all crosses of our lives. Crosses which teach us conscience and commitment and generosity and faithfulness. As we focus on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and venerate the Cross, we bring to this liturgy those persons who seem hard to love and those commitments which seem hard to remain faithful to.

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 12:00 Noon

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH



- ♦ Prostration in silence
- ♦ Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ The Solemn Intercessions
- ♦ Adoration of the Cross
- ♦ Collection for Holy Land
- ♦ Holy Communion

Living Stations of The Cross at 7:00 PM (Good Shepherd School Community)

The Church will close immediately after Stations.

THE THIRD MOMENT OF THE TRIDUUM

As we celebrate symbols of our life in Christ during the Triduum, we wait for Christ to return again as He rose. That waiting becomes most intense in the third moment of the Triduum, the liturgy of the Easter Vigil. While we watch, we renew our faith by recalling God's mighty deeds as recorded in our Scriptures. And when Christ does not come in glory this year, we celebrate that we are not a people abandoned and despairing. Rather we are a people of vision and hope, a people with whom Jesus is constantly present in sacrament. Now that we have earlier celebrated the universal love of our Master and Lord, and the sacrificial cost of that love, we now enter sacramentally into Christ's dying and rising. When we have done all this and done this well, our Triduum comes to an end.

We continue to keep watch in fasting and prayer at home with our families.

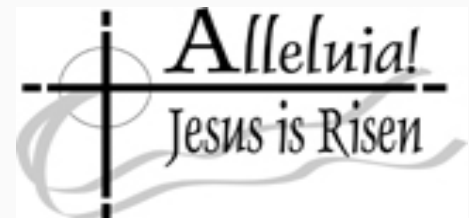
Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

Blessing of Baskets - Noon in Conlan Hall

SATURDAY 8:00 PM

THE EASTER VIGIL

- ♦ Blessing of the fire
- ♦ Thanksgiving for the Light (Exsultet)
- ♦ Liturgy of the Word
- ♦ Blessing of the Water
- ♦ Reception Into Church
- ♦ Liturgy of the Eucharist



EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 1, 2018

7:00 AM & 8:30 AM EASTER MASS AT CHAPEL

10:30 AM & NOON EASTER MASS AT CHURCH

REMEMBERING March 26th—28th

Monday

7:30—Dr. & Mrs. Philip J. Ferry-ALM

Daughter, Anne

12:10—Joseph Hurst-ALM

Carole Sharon

Tuesday

7:30—Ann Marie Brady-7th

Sister, Betsy Brady

12:10—Richard E. Kane, Jr.-ALM

Mother

Wednesday

7:30—Francis Leeson-ALM

Peggy Kostick & Family

12:10—Guy Agati-ALM

Agati Edmunds Families

The Altar Breads and
Wine for this week are
offered

In Memory of

Guy Agati

as requested by

Agati Edmunds

Families



**Sanctuary Candles Burn
this week**

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WEEKLY MEDITATION

Palm Sunday commemorates the glorious arrival of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem with palm branches at his feet and a crowd crying out "Hosanna." At that time, palm branches were a symbol of triumph. Today, palm branches serve as a reminder of Christ's victory over death. So, in this last week of Lent, remember the 4R's: to remember the Passion; to reflect on our relationship with God; to reconcile our busy hectic world to a quieter place in our hearts and minds so we can listen to Him; and to repent, turn away from sin and return to Him.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Holy Name Society will conduct its annual Easter Egg Hunt **today (Palm Sunday)**. The hunt will take place at St. Ann's Chapel at **1:30 PM sharp**. All children are welcome.

PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday will be held on **Wednesday, March 28th** at 6:00 PM in the Church

Good Friday will be held on **Friday, March 30th** at 10:00 AM in the Church.

Holy Saturday will be held on **Saturday, March 31st** at 10:00 AM in the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, April 7th - Grade 8 Confirmation retreat-11:00 AM - after 4:00 PM Mass. This retreat is mandatory.

Wednesday, April 11th - 6 pm, First Communion Family Potluck Dinner/Mtg., Conlan Hall. Information will be sent to the families.

Thursday, April 12th - 7 pm, Confirmation Parent Mtg., Conlan Hall. Due at this mtg. is the Confirmation fee and all paperwork (sponsor card, if needed; saint's name report, letter to Father, service information)

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Please join us as we celebrate Evening Prayer of the Church in honor of the Annunciation of Mary, one the patron saints of our parish, on **Monday, April 9th** at 7 PM in the Church.

MARY'S MINISTRY MEETING - APRIL 10TH

A general planning meeting of Mary's Ministry will be held **Tuesday, April 10th** at 6:30 PM in Conlan Hall to review suggestions for updating our operating guidelines and make plans for our spring/summer activities, May Crowning and Pro-Life Carnation Sale. Anyone interested in sharing ideas for next year's calendar or helping with these projects is welcome. Rosary will be recited at 6:15 PM.

COME, JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY!

Starting **Wednesday, April 4th** at 1:30 in Bergan Hall, Cindy Liskov will be facilitating, *Israel's Story, Part II*. This is a follow up to Part I which was used in our study series about 3 years ago. This part explores Israel's history and theology from the division of the Kingdom into North and South, the exile to Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. This Little Rock series includes a study guide and a second book with a set of questions. Participants will use their own Bibles as they work through the study. The cost for materials is \$16.00. Please call the rectory to reserve your place and indicate if you would like to purchase the materials.

CONGRATULATIONS

Through the **Sacrament of Baptism** we joyfully welcome into our Christian Community the following baby: Dylann Rene Amen. Many prayers to her as she begins her new life in Christ Jesus.

Penance Service will be held tonight (Sunday)

at 7:00 PM in the Church.

**Please note: There will be NO Confessions on
Holy Saturday, March 31st.**