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*Palm
Sunday*

**Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 5, 2020

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe

Deacon Ray Brown

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**OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
No classes until further notice**

**Sunday Masses
NO PUBLIC MASS
Daily Mass
NO PUBLIC MASS
Confessions Sundays
BY REQUEST**

ENDURING HOPE

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

A NEW KINGDOM

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

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Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**WEDNESDAY
ADORATION
10AM TO 12PM**

ATTENTION PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be
accompanied by an adult to use the
restroom
The safety of your child is very
important to us

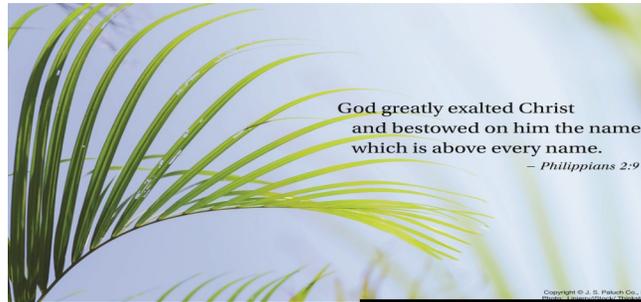


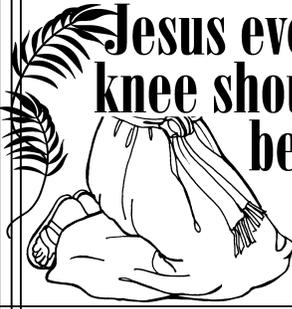
HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Sunday, March 28 - Sunday, April 4, 2010

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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<p>Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament First Saturday 7:00PM to 10:00PM</p> 			
<p>Knights of Columbus Round table meeting Parish Hall Second Sunday of the month at 11:15AM</p>	<p>Rosary Ministry Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364</p> 	<p><i>thankful</i>  March 29, 2020 Collections</p>	
<p><u>Let us pray for the health of:</u> Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Bonnie Cornwell, Naina Waters, Nayar Prado Bisogno, José Hernández, Alan Moore, Fran LaRock, Consuelo Sterling, Michael Kunai Anna Marie Gould, David Stidham, Phylli Fletcher, Lida Paredes Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Don & Angi Christiano, Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Daniela Borrero, Carol Leaverton Alvaro Borrero, Angela Hood</p> <p><u>For the Eternal rest of:</u> Kevin Ward, Stephanie Nelson, Vincent Mancuso, Helen Scaff, Vinh Bui, Maria de Jesus Gallegos, Kelle Jackson, Chris Remick, Misty Lasseter, All faithful Departed</p> 		<p>Regular Collection</p>	<p>\$1982</p>
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