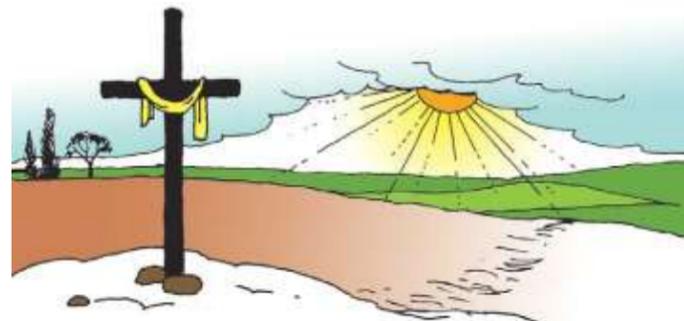


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



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PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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Mass Intentions

Monday

8:00 am

Tuesday

8:00 am

Wednesday

8:00 am

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am

7:30 pm

Friday

8:00 am

12:00 -3:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

8:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

March 26

† Manuel Scerri

March 27

† Joseph Busuttill

† Carmen Pullicino

March 28

Communal Service

† Daisy Ramos Daulot

† Rebecca Assidao

† Maria Dolores Oropeza

March 29

Prayer and Meditation

Mass of the Last Supper

March 30

Individual Meditation

Stations of the Cross

March 31

Morning Prayer and

Reflection

Easter Vigil

April 1

Easter Sunday Service

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As we prepare for the solemnity of the Passion we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection. We hope to express our joy by decorating our altar with a generous display of Easter lilies. We are asking parishioners to donate Easter Lilies for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Please bring the flowers to the rectory or the Church (when open) beginning March 26th.

Bring your Bells

You are invited to bring bells to the liturgies on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. It is a Catholic tradition to ring the bells as we sing the Gloria at both of these liturgies.

Palms

Please return last year's holy palms to the church. (There will be a box at the entrance of church.) The collected palms will be burned and the ashes used for the Ash Wednesday service the following year. Since the palms have been blessed and therefore holy objects they should not be thrown away.

Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday – March 29th

8:00 am Morning Prayer and Meditation

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose Until 11:00 pm

Good Friday- March 30th

8:00 a.m. Individual Meditation

12:00 noon-3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Seven Last Words, Lord's Passion, Communion and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 31st

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Reflection.

Confession 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 1st

Masses:

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will be closed on Monday April 2nd for the Easter Holiday.

Good Friday Parking

Please note that parking WILL NOT be available on Good Friday in Alta Vista Schoolyard.

Sunday Collection March 18 ,2018

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00

Sunday Collection \$ 3,205.00

Over/Under \$ 1,795.00

Catholic Relief Services \$ 1,060.00

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A friendly reminder: If you have not sent in your payment for your 2018 masses please send your payment to the parish office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank You!