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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: At the Procession of the Palms

Love and Betrayal

Gospel at the Procession Luke 19:28-40 **Isaiah 50:4-7** *Salvation Only through the Lord's Servant*

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Imitating Christ's Humility GOSPEL - Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Gospel – The Traitor; The Bread and the Cup; Gethsemane; With Swords and Clubs; False Charges; Denial in the Courtyard; Thirty Silver Coins; Pilate; The Crucifixion; The Tomb.



HolyWeek@Home Experience https://holyweek.pastoral.center/

We have this resource available to you to help your Family observe Holy Week at home. Activities from Palm Sunday (April 5) to Easter Sunday (April 12).

Cancelled Events

- All Public Masses including Sunday through Saturday. (See the Virtual Mass Schedule below.)
- All Regularly Scheduled Activities
- All Prayer Groups
- All Religious Education except for an online course for Confirmation
- ➤ All Communal Penance Services
- ➤ All Stations of the Cross Available Friday by livestream at 3:00 PM.
- ➤ All meals/social time associated with activities
- > This schedule is subject to change and may be altered if necessary.

May God bless you, keep you safe, bolster your faith, and grant you abiding peace.

WEEKEND VIRTUAL Mass Schedule

Access through Facebook or Diocesan website. Live streamed Masses may be accessed when aired or later.

4:30 PM Saturday Vigil – Fr Ross 6:00 PM Latin – 28 March – Fr. Robert 11:00 AM Sunday – Fr. Tom 1:00 PM Sunday – Spanish Mass – Bishop Chad 5:30 PM Sunday – Fr. Robert

CBNA April 2019 UPDATE

Daily Mass will continue to be Live streamed at 8am on <u>Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks</u> Facebook Page and 7 PM on <u>St. Nicholas Catholic Church</u> North Pole, Alaska Facebook Page.

Adoration: The tabernacle in the Chancery Chapel has been placed in the window with a light on it to be adored from the Chancery Building parking lot 24/7. The Chancery is located at 1316 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Ak.

Daily Exposition: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6-7pm every day with a guided Holy Hour to be Facebook live streamed on <u>Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks</u> Facebook Page. The monstrance will be placed in the window of the Chancery Chapel to be viewed from the parking lot. People can gather in their vehicle observing physical distancing protocols.

Saturday Exposition, Eucharistic procession and Benediction: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance from the Chancery Chapel to be viewed in the parking lot from 1-4 PM. At the conclusion of the adoration, there will be a Eucharistic procession of just the priest and server through the parking lot (please remain in your vehicles). Priest will be available for confessions outside in such a way to maintain a 6-foot distance.

Confessions: If anyone desires confession (while maintaining social distancing), by calling Fr. Fath's office at 374-9504 or your parish priest for arrangements.

Speaking with a priest: If anyone is need of speaking with a priest, please contact your parish.



Sunday (April 5) — Palm Sunday Mass at 11:00am. Distribution of palms in Sacred Heart Cathedral parking lot at 12:30pm. *Please stay in your cars where priests will meet you wearing gloves and hand palms to you through a rolled down window.*

Monday-Wednesday: Daily Mass at noon.

Holy Thursday (April 9) - 7:00 pm (tabernacle will remain in the Chancery Chapel window until midnight).

Good Friday (April 10) - 3:00pm Stations of the Cross; 7:00 pm Adoration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday (April 11) - Easter Vigil at 8:00pm.

Easter Sunday (April 12): 10:00 am

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you
Are present in the most
Blessed Sacrament. I love
You above all things and I
Desire to receive You into my
Soul. Since I cannot now receive You
sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into
My heart. I embrace You as if
You have already come, and
Unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
Separated from You. Amen.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions April **2020**:

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Pope offers Prayer to Virgin Mary for our Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,
O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas –we who are put to the test –
and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Fully Alive an Easter Retreat.

Easter is around the corner. Celebrate Easter with six Christians who have poured out their lives in love. Journey the seven weeks of Easter with Dorothy Day, Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Teilhard de Chardin, Paul the spotle, and Julian of Norwich. For free retreat go to online site at



https://www.goodgroundpress.com.

Charitable Giving

If you are able, please continue to donate what you can while we experience disrupted schedules. Your support to Diocesan churches is important. Online giving is available on church websites and is secure. You can drop off envelopes at SHC or mail to St. Mark University Catholic Parish, PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166. Our CRS Rice Bowl Collection will be extended, or you can go to crs.org to donate directly. If practicing strict social distancing, the Chancery has a secure drop-box next to the front entrance doors. Parish donations can be deposited by envelope in the drop-box. The Chancery will make sure parishes receive these donations. Please clearly identify the donation purpose with the parish name.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Palm Sunday

We carry palm branches as a tribute of *waving* joy, before Christ, victorious over death;



also, as a symbol of our *wavering* fickleness, betraying Christ unto His Death.

Jesus is our "example;" let us never lose sight of the eternal joy of "sharing in His Resurrection," when with Him we now "suffer on a cross" (Prayer).

In glorious language we read how the Son of God became the "slave" of man; how "He humbled Himself" and is now our pledge "in the glory of God the Father" (Epistle).

Even as Christ adhered to the Father, so must we, despite the seeming "prosperity of the sinner" (Gradual).

The "long Gospel "enables us, as it were, to be eyewitnesses of Christ's Passion and Death, revealing His love "unto the end" (indicated by Calvary in background).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

A Time of New Life

April boasts the most solemn and sublime event of

human history: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Paschal mystery. Though the way to the Resurrection was the Via Crucis, the Sacrificial



Lamb of God is now and forever Christ our Light, the Eternal high priest of the New Covenant. And his sorrowful mother, the *Stabat Mater* of Good Friday, is now the jubilant Mother of the *Regina Caeli*.

We the members of Christ's Mystical Body exalt in the mystery by which we were redeemed. If in Baptism we were buried with Christ, so also will we share in his resurrection. By his death we were reborn; "by his stripes we were healed." (Is 53:5) Easter, the epicenter of time, is the event that links time and eternity. It is indeed "the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Ps 118:24)



Catholic Relief Services

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 27, 2020 - Bill O'Keefe, executive vice president for Mission, Mobilization and Advocacy at Catholic Relief Services (CRS), issued this statement today following passage in Congress of the third supplemental bill for responding to the coronavirus. In all, Congress has appropriated about \$2.3 billion in coronavirus funding to the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. In the emergency supplemental legislation approved today, Migration and Refugee Assistance received \$350 million and International Disaster Assistance received \$258 million. After the president signs the bill, agencies will allocate the appropriations to specific needs. The statement is as follows:

"We are grateful for Congress' leadership and wisdom. As Martin Luther King said during troubled times, the world is a 'single garment of destiny.' We are in this together as a global family. What affects one of us affects all of us. Supporting vulnerable populations now and into the future is the American way, and in our own best interest.

"Catholic Relief Services is ramping up to prevent the spread of the virus. The pandemic has not stopped us from carrying out our mission around the world. Along with local partners, we have initiated COVID-19 responses in over 15 countries, including support of refugees, migrants, and vulnerable communities. We evacuated 250 people from a tent city in the Philippines before a lockdown would have made them a prime target for infection.

"CRS will continue to work with Congress and the administration to assess global needs moving forward and urges the United States to provide necessary leadership and resources to address the pandemic overseas."



PALM SUNDAY: Do This in Memory of Me As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We

continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Liturgy Matters - 18

After the procession of the gifts, the altar is prepared, and the bread and wine are placed on it. The priest comes to the altar, picks up the bread, and says a short prayer. In this action we



see Christ begin his action of leading our prayer. Into his hands we have placed our gifts; from his hands they will be offered to the Father. Before the wine is offered, we see the deacon or priest pouring wine into the chalice and then mixing a little water into the wine as he does so. The words he says inaudible call this action a mystery. He says, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Of the two elements, wine and water, wine is the more precious, and so let it represent divinity. The water placed in the wine represents our poor humanity, which will be completely joined to Christ's divinity in the course of what follows. As early as the middle of the third century Saint Cyprian of Carthage was talking this way. He said that we should never offer the wine without water since that would be like offering Christ without his people.

The transformation of both the bread and the wine are anticipated, and we feel the pull of



what is about to happen. "It will become for us the bread of life. It will become our spiritual drink." The relation between the gifts that the people bring and their very bodies and lives is manifested with special clarity in the liturgy when incense is

used at this point. First the gifts themselves are incensed, which is a ritual gesture marking them out as holy. Then the altar is marked out as holy. The table on which the gifts lie is designated as the holy place that is truly the center of the world: the place for Christ's Paschal Sacrifice. Then the incensing action shifts to honor the bishop as the head of the body, after which the whole body, the assembly, is incensed to indicate that they themselves are what lies on the altar. The whole church is become a sweet-smelling offering rising up to the Father; the whole church becomes a mysterious and holy place precisely because of what is about to happen.

The following column is provided courtesy of CatholicCulture.org web page:

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy

Spirit. The first eleven days of the month fall during the season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The



remainder of April falls during the **Easter** season which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

Symbols



St. Mark: The winged lion, ancient symbol of St. Mark, refers to his Gospel, which informs us of the royal dignity of Christ.

St. Anselm: Writer of the Christian classic, "Cur Deus Homo." This thirtyfourth Archbishop of Canterbury, amid difficulties with royalty, guarded the spiritual independence of the Church (represented by the ship symbol).





St. Catherine of Siena: Among many diplomatic achievements, St. Catherine is known for effecting a reconciliation between the Florentine people and the Papacy. This emblem refers to her faith and charitableness.

St. George: The patron of England, a Christian warrior who is said to have suffered martyrdom in Palestine, during the Diocletian persecution. His shield was the badge of the English from the days of Richard Coeur-de-Lion on. It is for this reason these arms are borne by the Order of the Garter.

