

For The Bulletin Of March 25, 2018



PALM SUNDAY

From Father Robert

Welcome to Holy Week! We are grateful that you are here with us as we begin this “Week of Weeks,” our “High Holy Days,” the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Day. We want you to know that we are blessed by your presence with us and we pray that your being with us will be a blessing to you. You are welcome and encouraged to return for all of the major liturgies of this week, culminating in The Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday morning. Please see the schedule of our Holy Week liturgies and plan to be with us.

About Today: Palm Sunday

Branches of palm, olive, or sometimes even budding willow are ancient symbols of victory and hope, as well as of new life. The procession celebrating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem overflowed with praise and excitement, as onlookers waved these triumphant branches and proclaimed their blessings. Yet in a few days, they will cry, “Crucify Him!” The crowd’s change of heart illustrates the problem of holding God to our expectations. The crowd

expected a liberating leader, the Messiah, to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus instead takes up His Cross and invites us to do the same. Through His Death and Resurrection He is indeed a liberator, but from death and sin, not from Rome. But unable to see past their need, the crowd’s disappointment turns into anger and a death order. As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God’s wisdom not only to meet but shatter and exceed our expectations.

About Today’s Scripture Passages

The Gospel At The Procession

Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph and left in ignominy. He entered carried by a donkey colt, hailed by the crowds with branches and hosannas. He left walking, even stumbling under the weight of the Cross, to the place of execution outside the city walls, jeered there by the bystanders. Lent is a season of paradox, a season of contradictions, a season of successes and failures, culminating in the great paradox of the Cross, where all apparent failure yields to the ultimate triumph of life over death.

The First Reading – Isaiah 50: 4-7

As we enter Holy Week, the scriptures focus on the reason for Jesus’ suffering and death. This selection from one of the four Suffering Servant songs of Isaiah, summarizes well Jesus’ ministry, why He was rejected, how He responded, and what ultimately led to His suffering and death. Through it all, Jesus trusted in God, knowing He would never be disgraced for attuning Himself to God’s ways.

Psalm 22

This is a psalm of lament, the typical pattern of which recounts the experience of bad things happening to a good person. The suffering is narrated, usually in vivid detail, with the psalm concluding on a note of trust, confidence, and assurance that with God, suffering and death are not the last word.

The Second Reading – Philemon 6: 2-11

This well-known text from Paul's letter to the Philippians speaks of Jesus' kenosis, or emptying of His God-self in order to become fully human. In becoming human, Jesus chooses not to grasp onto divinity but rather empties Himself, "taking the form of a slave." He humbly and fully accepts all the limitations that being human entails, while being totally "obedient," that is, attuned and oriented, to God's ways. Such a lifestyle brought about opposition, rejection, and ultimately death at the hands of those unwilling to tolerate such a challenging message. Throughout, Jesus trusted in and turned to God for strength and courage.

The Gospel – Mark 14: 1-15:47

Mark's Passion narrative highlights Jesus' willingness to empty Himself out for others. He does not resist His fate. Rather, he accepts it as the inevitable result of aligning Himself with a God Who invites all to empty themselves for the sake of others. Such a mission is not easily accepted by most individuals, which is exactly why Jesus became fully human. Both fully human and fully divine, Jesus shows us that not only is it possible to live out that mission, but that is what God has always desired of us.



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Sunday, March 25: 8:00 a.m. and
10:30 a.m. *Blessing of Palms,
Procession, Proclamation of the
Passion, Holy Eucharist*

Monday of Holy Week

March 26
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday of Holy Week

March 27
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy
Communion

Wednesday of Holy Week

March 28
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Holy Thursday

March 29
8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper - *Presentation of the Holy Oils,
Liturgy of the Word, Washing of Feet,
Holy Eucharist, Procession to the Altar
of Repose, Adoration until 10:00 p.m.*

Good Friday

March 30
8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Solemn Commemoration of
the Lord's Passion and Death - *Liturgy
of the Word, Veneration of the Cross,
Holy Communion*
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae - *Scriptures of the
Passion and Veneration of the Cross.*

Holy Saturday

March 31

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Lighting of the New Fire, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Initiation, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Liturgy of the Eucharist, followed by a welcome reception in the parish hall for those initiated.

Easter Day – THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

April 1

8:00 a.m. and **10:30 a.m.**

Festive Celebrations of Holy Eucharist Procession, Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Holy Eucharist



Easter Environment

You are invited to become a part of helping to create our Easter Environment! Each year, the environment is created by the members of our Art & Environment Committee to say “Easter!” for the entire seven weeks of the Easter Season. The panels of cloth, candles, Easter Lilies, blooming plants, and trees all contribute to creating and sustaining the joy and beauty of Easter. Contributions to the Easter Environment may be made either In Honor of someone or In Loving Memory of a family member or friend. Simply use the Easter Flower Envelope found on the credenza or in your next

envelope packet and mark it accordingly with you name, envelope number, and that your contribution is either *In Honor of* or *In Memory of* and the name of the person being remembered. All contributions will be listed in the bulletins of the Easter Season. Thank you for your support and helping create the Easter Garden.



Our Saturday Vigil Liturgy

Over the past several weeks, I have polled the members of the congregation who regularly attend the Saturday Vigil Liturgy regarding the time that it is celebrated. There was a strong sentiment that they wished the liturgy to continue to be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. rather than 5:00 p.m. Three separate polls were taken over a period of weeks and the overwhelming desire of the congregation is that the liturgy remain at 4:00 p.m. I am happy to affirm their decision as I am here to serve you and them – this is your parish. The liturgy will remain at 4:00 p.m.



...to our volunteer parishioners who arrive early each Saturday morning to clean the church and parish hall: **Rose Salamanca, Angela Bueno, Carole Miller, Mency Osborne, Emilia Freking, Jun Bajet, Jack Goncalves, and Steve Rojek.**

...to our volunteer parishioners who do such a great job of cleaning and maintaining the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall: **Robert Goncalves, Sofie Zimmerman, Mary Ewing, Virginia Noack, Patricia Britton, and Harlan Young.**

...to our volunteer parishioners who worked on the Easter Letter mailing this past Wednesday: **Bernice Campbell, Teresa Conley, Dave Costanza, Clem Bushman, Marguerite Bloomfield, Mena Macedo, Gloria Olvera, Mila Rodrigo, Vangie Parrilla, Geri Chiechi, Anne Peck, Jane Enos and Carole Miller.**

...to **Mary Anne Douville** and **Faultless Cleaners** for all the dry cleaning, sewing and miscellaneous other tasks that are completed by her for the parish.

...to **Dilcia Aparacio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

...to our Sacristans and Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week:

Peter Degl'Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan

Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.

...to **our counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week:

Melodye Costanza, Harlan Young, Yvette Young, Alicia Perez, Sharon Cissell, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.

...to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Bob Carvalho and Barbara Jackson.**

...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Bob Carvalho, Dave Costanza, Beth Enea, Richard Enea, Bev Iacona, Kathy Augusta and Vince Augusta.**

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during the weekend liturgies: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek and Bob Goncalves.**



Easter Cards For Archbishop Brunette

Once again, I invite you to join me in sending Easter Cards to Archbishop Alexander Brunette, the retired Archbishop of Seattle, Washington. Archbishop was our Bishop for a brief period of time and we were one of only a few parishes who had the privilege and honor of having here with us to preside and preach. He remained afterwards for

Brunch in the tent. All of us were touched by his pastoral gentleness, openness, and love that he exhibited as he greeted our parishioners arriving for liturgy as well as embracing us afterward in the gathering plaza as well as in the tent. Upon returning to Seattle, he suffered a major stroke that has left him paralyzed on the left side. He has been in a rehab facility but is doing remarkably well and is very grateful to God for the gift of his recovery. Please send your Easter greeting cards as follows: Archbishop Emeritus Alexander Brunette, 710 9th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104. In your card, please let him know that you are from St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish, Antioch, California, and that you will not forget his historic visit to our parish. Thank you for extending this loving gift to this holy man, brother, and bishop.



And



St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Festival Dinner

This past Saturday evening, the parish celebrated the feast day of these two

wonderful saints in grand style. The parish hall was decorated to honor both Patrick and Joseph with the magnificent St. Joseph's Table as the center piece. Guests dined on a variety of hot and cold appetizers with Dinner Salad followed by Dave Costanza's Famous Garlic Pasta, Spinach Frittata, and Italian Bread. Following the blessing of the St. Joseph's Table, guests enjoyed a delicious assortment of Italian desserts. We were entertained by the one-and-only Kirby McNesby, singing several Irish folk songs that had everyone roaring with laughter! Thanks to **Jim Peddicord** for bringing his sound system and supplying the Italian and Irish background music for the evening.

The Silent and Live Auctions were lively, spirited, and in great fun. Our thanks to: **Marla Plurkowski, Mary Anne Douville, Frances Rojek, Reggia Desmond, Carole Miller, Zumira Silviera, Susan Batterton, Clem Bushman, Rocco's Pizzeria & Ristorante/Walnut Creek, Bob Plurkowski, Rachelle Martin, Steve Rojek, Dave and Mel Costanza, Marie Battaglia, Annette Pisani, Brian and Vicki McCoy, Lorraine Lohmeier, Lesley Eubanks, Al & Bev Cosce, Will and Catherine Avitabile, Diane Hack, Mary Lucido, Joe & Carol Fanfa, Sharon Cissell, Jeanine Ford, Jose Palomino, Rich and Pam Confetti, David & Sharon Simpson, Mary Ewing, Bobbie Woodland, and our 2018 Confirmandi.** Great thanks to all for a very successful evening!!!