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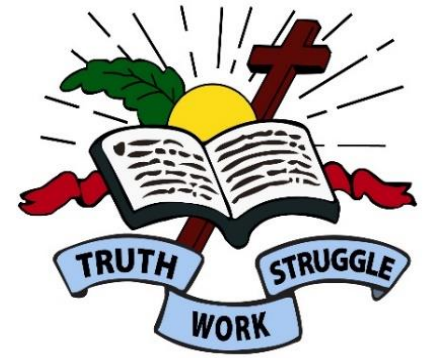
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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 50:4-7

The liturgy puts into Jesus' mouth both the prophet's words of resolution in the face of suffering and confidence in the face of despair. In God's eyes, the disadvantaged and the persecuted possess a far greater dignity than those who abuse them.

Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

"Empty" is a negative word. But, in the case of Jesus, his emptying - that is, his impoverishment in death - is our enrichment! To give completely, to hold nothing back is to live fully the life of the Lord.

MATTHEW 26:14 - 27:66

Here in vivid detail are Jesus' last hours. They are presented, not for morbid curiosity but for our reverent contemplation. This narrative should move us to praise. Through Jesus' sorrow and suffering, joy and healing have become blessings for all. When he appeared most defeated, he was truly triumphant. The servant Son who suffered for the sake of us all won victory through his innocence. Without a thought for himself, he gave all he had and all he was for others. By virtue of his innocence and his loving selflessness, all who believe are made holy and whole.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 24:910; Traditional

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

TRACT – Isaiah 62:10-11 NRSV

V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Due to its extreme length, the Gospel will be published as a separate sheet. Please download it from the website at the link just below this bulletin.

Thank you and God bless

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Recited together in place of the reception of the Holy Eucharist)

Most loving Jesus,

I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

Worship Services

CANCELLED!

*Celebrated by the Clergy
for you, the people of God*

TODAY April 5th

Palm Sunday

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass
With blessing of Palms**

*Please pray together
from home!*

*A Worship Guide is
available on the website.*

*Palms will be distributed to
the faithful beginning at
9:30 AM at the main doors
on the upper level. Please
turn right at the lower level
of the church and drive
around to the upper level,
following the ONE WAY
SIGNS.*

**DO NOT PARK OR GET
OUT OF YOUR CARS.**

*Father Senior Donald will
be at the main doors and
will hand you whatever
number of palms you need.*

*Please, if possible,
remember to bring your
weekly donations and they
will be collected at this time
as well.*

Thank you and God bless.

EASTER WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Will be posted on the
website. You will still, most
likely be worshipping from
home but we will be
together in mind and spirit.*

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially John Czechowski, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Walter Schilling, Bernice Biroscak and Isabella Mularczyk.

Our Father...

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

All Masses, services and other events are cancelled until further notice. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Thank you and God Bless. Take care and stay well.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love, now and forever more. AMEN.