



April 10, 2022

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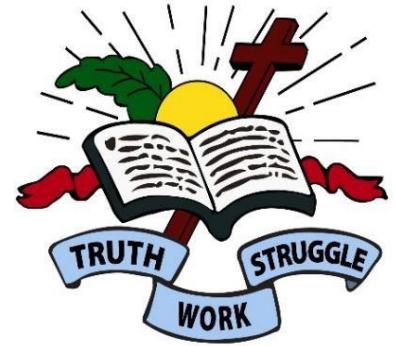
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PALM SUNDAY

A Sabbath Thought

This is a day of heights and depths. We echo the high praise with which Jerusalem blessed him who came in the name of the Lord. But we also plunge into the agony and death of that king who reigned from a cross.

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.

LUKE 22:14 – 23:56

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 23:9-10)

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: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The Gospel will be read in ensemble.

Worship Services

TODAY – April 10th

Palm Sunday

Blessing and distribution of palms to the faithful, Procession

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

THURSDAY – April 14th

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7:00 PM

FRIDAY – April 15th

Good Friday

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

3:00PM

Tenebre

7:00 PM

SATURDAY – April 16th

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Foods

12:00 Noon

Blessing of New Fire, Holy Water and Pascal Candle

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – April 17th

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection of The Lord PROCESSION

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – April 24th

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Coffee and Donuts

There will be no coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall April 10th and 17th and May 1st due to conflicting events. Thank you.

TENTIONS

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 Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroszak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Madison Heckman, Terry Leatherman and Riley Rejniak.

Our Father....

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 12th: Proposed trip to Scranton for the Chrim Mass at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral. More info to follow. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if you are interested in joining us.

Wednesday, April 13th: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00PM. Tuna or egg salad sandwiches served at 6:00PM.

Monday, April 18th: The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Thursday April, 21st: The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 1st: ANS Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children ten and under. They can be purchased from Cheryl Weinhold, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk or Mary Cooper. Masses this day will be 8:00AM and 10:00AM.

Saturday, May 7th: Mother's Day Pottery Sale and Craft Event in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00AM until 3:00PM. Please see the Flyer available soon for more details.

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

PICNIC COMMITTEE

As we begin preparation for the return of our annual picnic, much help is needed. If you can and are willing to help, please contact Jay Rowe, our committee chairperson at jrowe@oblon.com or call him at 484-332-9409 or attend the next meeting on Monday, April 18th at 7:00PM in the Library. Thank you.

RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

We will be taking a second collection today as you leave for financial support to the Ukraine. This money will be sent to the National Church in Scranton to be forwarded to our sister Parishes of the Polish Catholic Church that are near the Ukrainian border to assist in their efforts to help refugees fleeing the conflict. Please be as generous as you can. We are also collecting items for the refugees as well. A list of what is needed is in your April Newsletter arriving in the mail soon. Please have any items that you wish to donate here in the Church by Sunday, April 24th as we will be taking them to Philadelphia on Tuesday, April 26th. Thank you.

His Triumphal Entry

All glory, laud and honor to Thee Redeemer King.
To Whom the lips of children mad sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went.
Our Praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.