

March 20, 2016

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.

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PALM SUNDAY

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 (LUKE 22:14 --- 23:56)

SEE THE SEPARATE GOSPEL READING SHEET

Worship Services

TODAY – March 20th Palm Sunday

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Blessing and distribution of Palms. Stations of the Cross following the Service.

Please see the separate Easter Week Schedule Sheet for Holy Week Services.

SUNDAY – March 27th Easter Sunday Solemnity of The Resurrection of Our Lord - Procession

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale (Correction)

We will be holding our annual Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, March 20th after the 9:00 AM Deacon's Service. Please plan to bake or buy. We will not be holding our annual Ham Raffle this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

Easter Dinner

On Sunday, April 3, 2016 we will be observing our annual traditional Easter Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM.

Tickets are: Adults - \$12 & Children under 12 - \$3 I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to attend and join with us as we enjoy good food and Christian fellowship.

Committee Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parish Committee will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 AM Deacon's Service. All committee members should plan to attend.

Food Drive

During this season of repentance and reflection, I urge you to donate nonperishable food items by leaving them in the box which is marked for this purpose in the narthex. All donations will be distributed to those members of our community who are less blessed than ourselves. Thank you and God bless you.

INTENTIONS:

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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; For the health of Claire Armstrong, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Victor McAlanis, Walter Schilling, Phillip Kuhn, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Dennis Wunderlich, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Bob Piechota, Dane Smith, Berne Bloom, Father Fred Mechowski and Henry Nalepa. **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Book.

The Asperges – Setting 2

"The Liturgy of the Palms"

Please open the BLUE HYMNAL BOOK to page or Hymn #115 and follow along.

Offertory Hymn

#112 = O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Communion Hymn

#113 – When I Survey The Wond'rous Cross

Recessional Hymn

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights (Verses 3, 4 & 5)