



# Our Saviour

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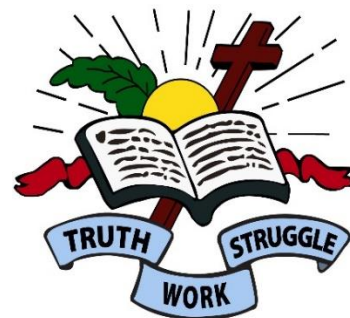
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April 9, 2017

## 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.

#### 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

**PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE GOSPEL READING SHEET AND JOIN IN RECITING TOGETHER AT THE DESIGNATES PARTS**

## **Worship Services**

**TODAY – April 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Palm Sunday**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

*Blessing and distribution of Palms*

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*Please see the separate  
Easter Week Schedule Sheet  
for Holy Week Services.*  
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**SUNDAY – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Easter Sunday**

**Solemnity of The  
Resurrection of Our  
Lord - Procession**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

#### **Special Committee Meeting**

Our Chairperson, Joe Seliga, has called a special Parish Committee Meeting to take place after the 9:00 AM Mass today. Two topics have come up that need attention. It should not take long and I hope that all committee members can participate.

#### **Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Ham Raffle**

We will be holding our annual Ham Raffle and Bake Sale today after the 9:00 AM Mass. Please plan to bake, buy or take a chance. No one's luck can be all bad and it's for a good cause, our beloved parish.

#### **Easter Dinner**

On Sunday, April 30, 2017 we will be observing our annual traditional Easter Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 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.

#### **Food Drive**

During this season of repentance and reflection, I urge you to donate non-perishable 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:**

**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 and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Eric White, Berne Bloom, Mary Ryan and Joan Mainzer.

**Our Father...**  
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## *Today's Hymns*

***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**

#110 – Cross of Compassion

#### **Communion Hymn**

#113 – When I Survey The Wond'rous Cross

#### **Recessional Hymn**

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights