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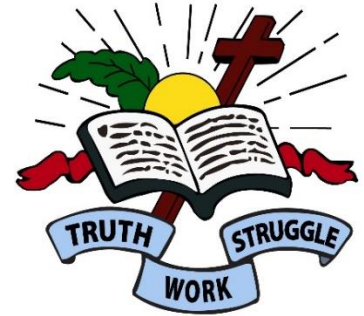
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PALM SUNDAY

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.

MARK 14:1 – 15:47

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: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

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

Worship Services

TODAY – March 25th

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

*Blessing and distribution of Palms
Stations of the Cross following Mass*

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

SUNDAY – April 1st

Easter Sunday

*Solemnity of The
Resurrection of Our
Lord - Procession*

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Ham
Raffle and Pierogi Pickup**

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. You can also pick up the Pierogis you ordered at this time.

HELP THE LESS BLESSED

Once again we will be gathering donations of non-perishable food items, clothing or money for distribution to those members of our community who find themselves less blessed than ourselves. This is an excellent way to fulfil our Lenten obligation of almsgiving. Please leave your items in the Narthex or see Peggy Kowalik. Remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me."

EASTER FLOWERS

It is not too late to be thinking about Easter Flower Memorials. Donations made for the purpose of adorning the Altar for the Easter Season can be made in fond memory of a departed loved one or in honor of a living loved one. Envelopes for these memorials are on the table in the Narthex. Prayers will be offered for those so remembered.

BOOK DRIVE

We will be collecting books that will be sold during our Annual Flea Market on June 2nd. If you have books at home that you no longer need or want, please bring them in and we will find new homes for them. All profits will benefit our beloved Church of Our Saviour Parish. See Michele Ewaskiewicz for details. Thank you for your generosity.

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, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Tom Goff, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Jan Chernesky, Joan Piechota, Teresa Vista Gumiran, George Jugan, Joseph Seliga, Butch Harris, Frank Kaczmarczyk and Helen Young. **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 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