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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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We continue to offer three masses each week to enable people to attend while maintaining appropriate social distancing. The Sunday 9:30 am mass continues to be live streamed on our Facebook page. We are also offering a Saturday 5:00 pm mass and a Sunday 12:00 pm (noon) mass.

In the spirit of trying to make room for those who choose to attend, while adhering to the requirement to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet between households, we encourage people to attend based on their last names:

A-G Saturday, 5:00 pm

H-M Sunday, 9:30 am

N-Z Sunday, 12:00 noon

Attendance at mass is NOT required. Please make choices that keep you and the community safe.

Fr. Joe and the staff hold you all in our prayers, and ask that you pray for us and for all the essential workers who are striving to keep things running.

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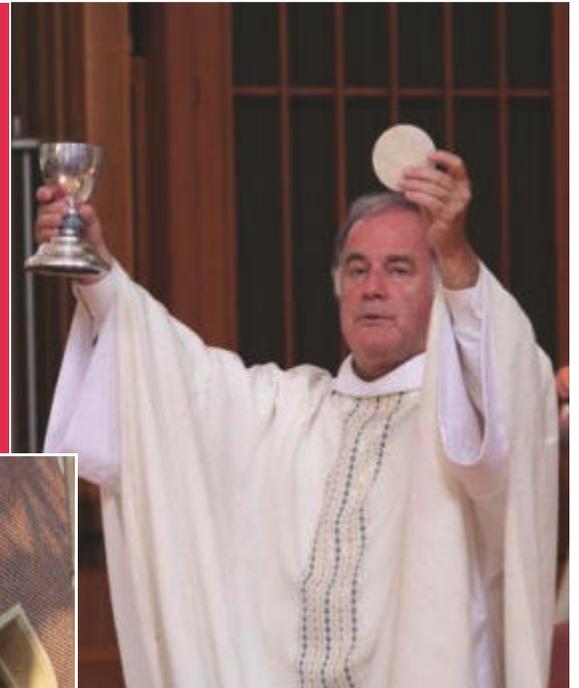
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*“Blessed is the
one who comes in
the name of the
Lord! Hosanna!”*

Mark 11



*Say YES to
love and peace.
Amen!*



This week at St. Albert's(masses and intentions are in **BOLD** type)

*During the pandemic, we are offering **three** masses per weekend to help attendees maintain social distancing. Fr. Joe is still celebrating private daily masses for the intentions below.*

Saturday, March 27 –

Women's Retreat Morning 8:30 am to 12:5 pm
5:00 pm Mass Dorothy Geis †

Sunday, March 28 –

9:30 am – Dorothy Geis †

12:00 pm – Tom Donnelly †

Monday, March 29 – Vivian Mushinski †**Tuesday, March 30** – Marcia Minter †**Holy Thursday, April 1** –

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2 –

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3 –

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4 – Easter

9:30 am – Nancy Bielinski †

12:00 pm – Dorothy Geis †

In our prayers

We remember those who need healing, including Michael Callaghan, Michelle Larson, Diane Marrin, AnneMarie Christensen, Lenny Klosinski, Judith McCormack, Dave Buck, Jack Lachenmeyer and Dick Martin.

Please add a prayer for those who have died, including Rosie Ekelund.

Due to HIPAA privacy standards, hospitals and care centers cannot notify us of your need for our prayers or visits unless you direct them to call.

If you or someone you know would like to be included in our prayers, or have the Sacrament of the Sick, or communion brought to you, please let the office know at 612-724-3643. Messages are checked regularly.

If you don't want your name printed or spoken aloud, you can always ask to be included in the Prayer Chain, a group of parishioners who will hold you quietly in their prayers.

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

The church elevator will now be available at all masses for those with mobility issues. Please limit to one family per elevator ride as a Covid-19 precaution.

As you consider returning to in-person mass:

- * **We are continuing to offer three Masses** each weekend for those who wish to attend in person at 5 PM Saturday and at 9:30 and noon on Sunday. We encourage those who are age 65 or older or who have underlying health conditions to stay home and view the 9:30 AM livestream. Anyone with symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 must remain at home.
- * **ONLY Front center church doors are open, along with the elevator entrance. (One household at a time in elevator.)**
- * While we have asked that **people separate themselves alphabetically by last name** so we need not turn anyone away, you may attend what's convenient for you. Saturday 5:00 pm: A-G; Sunday 9:30 am: H-M; Sunday noon: N-Z.
- * The 9:30 AM Mass is the most popular. If you have the flexibility to attend at 5 PM Saturday or noon on Sunday, we invite you to do that. We have not yet had to turn anyone away due to overcrowding, but we will regretfully do this if we run out of space at any liturgy.
- * **Thank you for wearing your masks!** This important health measure is *required* in the state of Minnesota. Please remember that your mask must cover both your nose and mouth and that you should keep it on for the entire time you are in church except when receiving communion. If you need a mask, we have disposable ones available.
- * As appealing as our music is at masses with cantors, we ask you **NOT to sing, even while masked**. This is a precaution the Archdiocese recommends, as even when we keep six feet apart, viruses can still travel further through the air when propelled by speech or singing,
- * **Please sit in designated spaces only.** We have marked three spaces in each open pew. Please sit at one of these spaces. These spots are marked to ensure that people remain six feet apart. Larger families may need to occupy two spots. ***Do not sit in an available spot if you cannot maintain six feet of separation from people who are already seated in that pew.***
- **The change of seasons is making it tough to control the church heat. We've been warning you about bundling up for the cold, and now we're saying to wear layers because it might be too hot! It IS nice to have the open doors and windows refreshing the space.**
- Communion will be distributed after the dismissal. **Please exit the church immediately after receiving communion.** The only people remaining in church will be staff and volunteers who are cleaning the church in preparation for the next service. You are welcome to have conversations outside with appropriate physical distancing.

To request that the Eucharist be brought to you at your home, please contact Fr. Joe at 612-245-3345, or Jim Curran at 612-483-1546.

Volunteers will mask and safely deliver communion to you.

“We all do better when we all do better.”

The reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday took place, as planned, in a stately Methodist church in Dubuque, Iowa. As part of an ecumenical service, I walked with the pastor as we followed a young adolescent perched on a donkey. People were waving palms and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" As we lurched through the crowd, a young boy shouted out, "Mom, is the guy on the donkey really Jesus?" Before his mother could respond, someone yelled, "No, you dumb ass, it's Mickey Berwanger!" It took a while before I could regain my composure.

Palm Sunday signals the triumphal entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. In the accounts of Mark (11:6-11) and Luke (19:34-44) Jesus arrives on a colt "upon which no one had ever sat." In Matthew's version (21:1-9), Jesus arrives on an ass and a colt upon which "they put their garments on the animals and Jesus sat thereon." The dual animal image has Jesus straddling two animals in what might be construed as a half ass ride into Jerusalem. Parenthetically, most scripture scholars agree that the "dual image" was Matthew's attempt to bridge a reference to the Prophet Zechariah's image (9:9) of the Messiah who would be, "riding on an ass and a colt, the foal of a donkey." Regardless of how many animals it took to get Jesus into Jerusalem, Jesus and his disciples found no resistance from Jewish officials, even though the Pharisees and Scribes were "out to get" him.

All three Synoptic gospels host parallel accounts of Jesus being surrounded by crowds of people who "spread their garments on the road, and others who spread leafy branches (palms) cut from the trees." The crowds went before and after Jesus shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest."

By operatic or grand movie standards, the entrance of Jesus was less than sensational. Giuseppe Verdi's grand march in his opera **Aida** (1871) was filled with elephants and camels. Cecil B. DeMille's portrayal of Moses crossing the Red Sea, in the movie **The Ten Commandments** (1956), had a cast of thousands of horses and chariots chasing Moses as he led the Israelites to the Promised Land. Producer Joseph Mankiewicz's triumphal and lavish entrance of Elizabeth Taylor into Rome in the movie **Cleopatra** (1963) remains one of the most remarkable grand entrances that riveted our attention. Even the movie versions of Andrew Lloyd Webber's **Jesus Christ Super Star** (1973) or **Godspell** (1973), based upon the gospel of Matthew, created extraordinary visions of Jesus struggling with his identity and his reluctance to be a kingly figure even as he entered Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

The hoopla surrounding Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem would be short-lived and a shadow of suffering would be cast upon Jesus and his disciples. "The Chief Priests and the Scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him." The Passion according to the gospel of Mark (14:1- 15:47) will follow Jesus' brief exit from Jerusalem to Bethany where an anointing of Jesus would take place in the house of Simon the leper and then back into the city where Jesus will celebrate Passover and begin his journey to the cross. While Jesus was in Bethany and staying at Simon's home, "A woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on Jesus' head while he was seated at the table." After an angry exchange with Judas and others who objected to the wasting of expensive ointment when it could have been sold and the money given to the poor, Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial." The prefigur-

ing of Jesus' death is obvious, and the anointing would offer a brutal glimpse into the passion and death of Jesus. Jesus was preparing his disciples on how to suffer and die for one another.

The ignominious death on the cross highlights the traditional atonement theory that, indeed, Jesus died for our sins and set us free. In the gospel account found in Matthew (26:26-29), a full understanding of Jesus' reasoning emerges. After the blessing of the bread and giving it to his disciples, Jesus then took a cup, and giving thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."

However, in the other Eucharist accounts in Mark (14:22-25) and Luke (22:17-23), forgiveness is not mentioned as the basis for an atonement theory. Mark does indicate, "The blood of the covenant will be poured out for many" but does not mention the forgiveness of sins as the basis for Jesus shedding his blood. In Luke, Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you." While the gospel of John is a bit elusive in an actual presentation of the institution of the Eucharist, his emphasis on servanthood settles for the "washing of the feet" as a symbolic act of forgiveness and a prime example Jesus offering caring for others.

Palm Sunday introduces us to the overall narrative that is shared in the Synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and in Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians regarding a "Last Supper" Jesus would share with his disciples. Having visited the room traditionally known as the Cenacle (upper room), it is hard not to imagine the commemoration depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's fresco of the last supper which is found in the Dominican Priory of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy. More contemporary images might be found in Dan Brown's fictional novel entitled *The Da Vinci Code* or in Mel Gibson's portrayal of the last supper in his film *The Passion*. In all these scenarios, Jesus blessed bread and broke it, telling the disciples, "Take and eat, this is my body." Then he passed a cup of wine, saying, "Take and drink, this is my blood."

In Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:6-11): "Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross." The everydayness of the Kingdom of God is found in communities of faith that redeem themselves by caring for one another. Embracing the command of Jesus to love one another, we remove the barriers that separate us from being better people. Learning to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you", becomes the norm for reconstructing a world of compassion.

Avoiding a theology of malpractice, we must be prepared to liberate ourselves from the bondage of self-defeating behaviors, get off our donkeys and walk the extra mile with Jesus to Calvary. If nothing else, this year long pandemic has taught us that we are in this crucible together and, if we are to survive, we need to unmask our fears, share our stories, rely on the amazing grace of God and become better people. Indeed, we can all do better when we all do better.

Peace,
Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.



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