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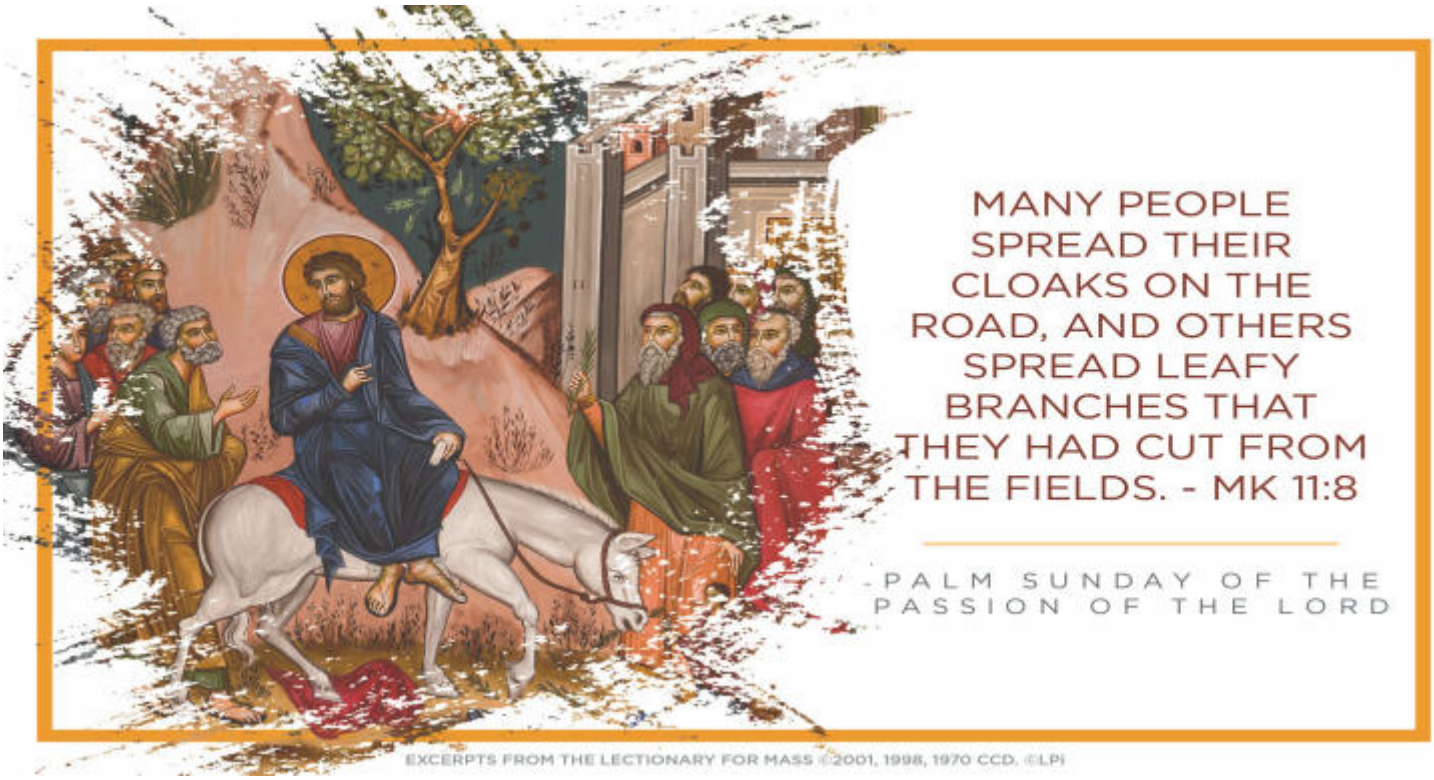
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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9:00am — 12 Noon, 1:00pm — 4:00pm

Friday : Closed

Mission Statement

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments, to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm	Saturday Evening
8:00am	Sunday Morning
11:00am	Sunday Morning

Daily Masses: 8:00am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Adoration: Thursday; 2-4pm

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

The Church is open Monday —Thursday, 9am — 4pm for private prayer

God is Good, All the Time.

Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.

A Message from Deacon Owen

As we continue in this strange year (as if you have not noticed), the calendar keeps moving ever forward. We may be stuck somewhere in last 12 months, but time itself keeps its continual march into the future. And as much as we would at times like it to slow down (or maybe forget it all together), I have a feeling that many just want to move on as quickly as possible and get past these moments. For it seems that we move from moment to moment ever wondering what the future will be like after this pandemic trial.

Will we be or feel "normal" again? And what was that like? It has been so long I personally often forget what it was or what it felt like before 2020. If this goes on much longer, I fear many may forget and we will lose what was good, reasonable, and proper. That is the beauty and the encouragement Palm Sunday and Holy Week gives us, the anticipation and foundation of the Triduum/Paschal Mystery.

It begins with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of Jesus. The Apostles and disciple must have been in awe of the response of the people. Under normal circumstances we would commemorate this joyous event, with blessing of palms, waving them in procession, singing of "Hosanna in the highest" at the beginning of Palm Sunday Liturgy. Then we settle in for the extensive reading of the Passion Gospel, with its multiple parts including the congregation. Our joy would be morphing into somber reality as we recognize just what Jesus was willing to do for us. The Disciple must have been asking themselves, "Will it ever be normal again?" Is all that Jesus taught lost? It was good, reasonable and proper for everyone, and we might forget with the Jesus no longer with us.

The Gospel, any gospel, but perhaps especially the Gospel on Palm Sunday that recounts what Jesus has done for us, is not then just some distant story, or something remote from us. It is about what God has done for us; it is about our salvation and our life. We are not just passive spectators, or onlookers, or listeners: all that we recall on Palm Sunday (and during Holy Week and Easter of course) is about what Jesus has done for us and does for us right now. This is such a welcome message as we continue to try and do our best in the strange and difficult situation that we face at the moment. The opening address at the Mass expresses this very well: "…with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life." Amen to that!

Peace, Deacon Owen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS—Questions of the week ***First Reading:*** The prophet Isaiah reflects on his obedience to God's call regardless of personal suffering that he endured. Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help frame your suffering? ***Second Reading:*** Paul speaks of Jesus' humility as central to his divine identity. What does this teach us about God's nature? ***Gospel:*** We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. What parts of the passion narrative are you drawn to?

Parish Prayer Opportunities:

Owen Wagner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CBD Evening Prayer 7:00pm March 29th, 30th & 31st
Meeting ID: 852 6637 2234 Passcode: 396189

Topic: CBD Rosary at Noon March 30th, March 31st & April 1st
Meeting ID: 881 7898 8714 Passcode: 188220

Topic: CBD Stations of the Cross
Time: 12:00 PM Date: Apr 2, 2021
Meeting ID: 889 0120 0040 Passcode: 195906

Topic: CBD Morning Prayer
Date: Apr 3, 2021 Time: 10:00 AM
Meeting ID: 824 8027 8431 Passcode: 899996

Topic: CBD Easter Evening Prayer
Date: Apr 4, 2021 Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting ID: 850 5415 8536 Passcode: 421893

Parish Book Club News: Our next selection is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. The story of a grumpy man that is interesting and revealing. It is available for purchase online for under $10.00. Information on the next meeting is below. To join the club, just purchase and read the book and then join members of Beloved Disciple on line at Zoom.com to discuss the book. I believe you will enjoy our time together. Hope to see you. There are two scheduled meetings, you can join both or just one. Thursday April 22 at 11:00 AM or 7:30 PM. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Owen in the Parish Office.

Owen Wagner is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: CBD Book Club Meeting
Date: Apr 22, 2021 Time: 11:00 AM
Meeting ID: 882 7083 3979 Passcode: 741818

Topic: CBD Book Club Meeting
Date: Apr 22, 2021 Time: 07:30 PM
Meeting ID: 864 3779 3850 Passcode: 548657

SUNDAY'S READINGS **First Reading:** The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (IS 50:7) **Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (PS 22) **Second Reading:** Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; (PHIL 2:7) **Gospel:** They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (MK 15:17-19)

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, March 29
8:00am Nancy Louise Barson — Sister, Pat Bellizia
IS 42: 1-7, JN 12: 1-11
Tuesday, March 30
8:00am Bill Felix — From His Family
IS 49: 1-5, JN 13: 21-33; 36-38
Wednesday, March 31
IS 50: 4-9, MT 26: 14-25
Thursday, April 1 (No Adoration Today)
Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm Father Michael Allison — Mikey Bancroft
EX 12: 1-8; 11-14, 1 COR 11: 23-26, JN 13: 1-15

Friday, April 2
3:00pm Good Friday, Passion of the Lord
IS 52: 13—53: 12, HEB 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9, JN 18: 1—19: 42
Saturday, April 3
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
9:00pm For Those We Honor and Remember This Easter
GN 1: 1; 26-31, EX 14: 15—15: 1, IS 55: 1-11, ROM 6: 3-11, MK 16: 1-7
Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
ACTS 10: 34; 37-43, VOL 3: 1-14, JN 20: 1-9
8:00am For Those We Honor and Remember This Easter
11:00am For Those We Honor and Remember This Easter

Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion. You are to continue to wear face masks while in the Communion line. Please step to the side and remove your mask before receiving Eucharist.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Gospel Meditation - To Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPi

We are mindful that many of our families are not yet comfortable returning to Mass in-person. However, our homebound households are still valued members of our parish community. We look forward to celebrating Mass together in-person whenever it is safe for everyone to return. In the meantime, Beloved Disciple wants to support the faith lives of all our parishioners, near and far, during this sacred time in our Church's liturgical year.

This year, we will offer packets of prayerful resources to support your observance of Holy Week at Home. The resources will include prayers, reflection questions, links to video reflections, and interactive family activities for Holy Week. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of homebound families in mind, but they are open to everyone. If you would like to request a packet of resources, please contact the parish office BY March 25th. You can also access the resources on the diocesan Office of Faith Formation website at: https://www.eriercd.org/holyweekathome.html

Whether you observe it from home or within the church walls of Beloved Disciple,
our parish staff wishes you a blessed Holy Week.

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Please check one: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

Change of Address _____

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Monday, March 29th 1:00pm—7:00pm

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New to our Community? Join our Parish!
Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

Sacramental Preparation For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

Stewardship We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued an appreciated.

Sacrificial Giving the Week of March 21, 2021

Online Giving is Available
Call the office, we can help to set up your online contributions.

Families in Parish: 390 Envelopes Mailed: 352
Envelopes Used: 63 Online Givers: 26

Yearly Budget: 535,176.00
Weekly Budget: 11,149.50
Our Total: 4384.00
Offertory — 3089.00
Loose — 185.00
Monthly — 345.00
Sister Parish — 75.00
Capital Needs — 765.00

We have only met 40% of our budget.

Thank you so much for your continued generous support!

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 5:

Half-way there and just over one pound! If born today, I would have a chance of surviving... with lots of help, of course. Your prayers have helped my mother with her pregnancy and helped her seek the support she needs the past few months since she learned about me.

"See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand" Deuteronomy 32:39

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