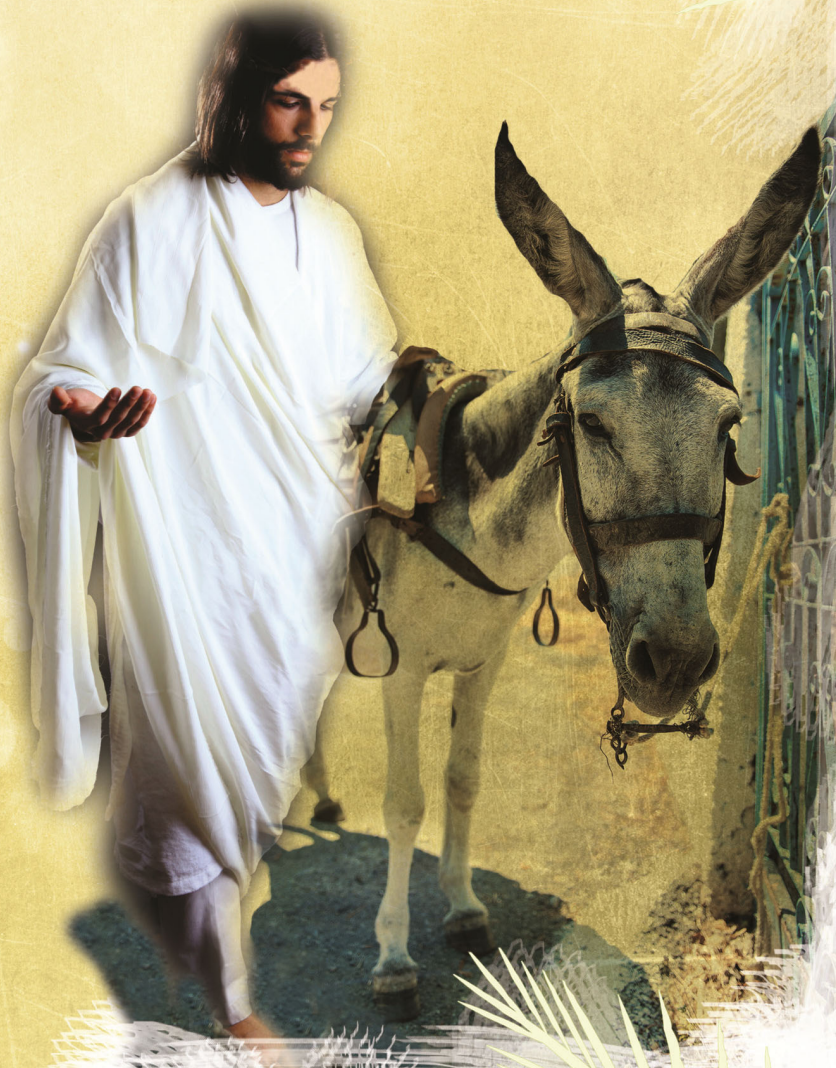


Blessed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

~ Matthew 21:9



Reflecting on God's Word

Today's Gospel before the blessing of the palms presents an exuberant scene. Imagine the large crowd just outside Jerusalem spreading their cloaks on the road, breaking off palm fronds, strewing them about and waving them as Jesus passes by. Hear the people shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." As Jesus enters the city, the people there are asking, "Who is this?" The crowd accompanying him answers: "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee. This is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." A journey of joy.

But a few days later Jesus took his last journey: a winding walk from the upper room on Thursday night out to the garden of Gethsemane, then to the house of Caiaphas, on to Pilate's house and courtyard, and, finally, to the hill of Calvary. During this time, he was spat on and struck, stripped, scourged, and crowned with thorns; he was denounced, mocked, and ridiculed. Most likely some of the same crowd that cried out "Hosanna" cried out, "Crucify him!" It ended with his being nailed to a cross, and after three torturous hours, he died. At this journey's end, there was one final cry from a small group, a centurion and the men with him: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54).

Allow some time to relive these two journeys. You might hear some things you haven't noticed before. Perhaps the words of one of the secondary characters or Jesus' response to a particular situation or his silence before another will speak to you this time.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.



Living God's Word

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.

DROGA PALMOWA CHRYSTUSA

Chrystus tłumaczy nam dzisiaj sprawy trudne do zrozumienia. Chce, byśmy uwierzyli, że to jest „Jego godzina, dla której przyszedł na świat” (por. J. 12, 27). To było od wieków postanowione i objawione. Starszyzna żydowska i „cały lud”, doprowadzając do śmierci Jezusa, byli przekonani, że odnoszą zwycięstwo. Apostołowie bali się tej drogi do Królestwa Mesjańskiego. Piotr chwycił za miecz, później wyparł się Jezusa, Judasz Go zdradził, inni - oprócz umiłowanego ucznia - puciekali.

Opowiadanie o męce, śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu stanowią najstarszą część Ewangelii i zasadniczą treść pierwotnej katechezy apostołskiej. Tchnie ono realizmem, prostotą i powagą. Dramat męki i śmierci Jezusa ukazuje się w pełni na tle ludzkiej nienawiści oraz pychy sędziów i katów. Jezus z niezwykłym spokojem wychodzi naprzeciw swej męce, poddając się woli Ojca, która musi się wypełnić.

Dzisiejsza liturgia ukazuje tragizm zderzenia dwóch postaw tych samych ludzi. Tłum oddaje Jezusowi hołd, wita Go z entuzjazmem, uznaje Go swoim królem, a parę dni później ten sam tłum skazuje Go na śmierć. Triumfalna droga, usłana palmami i gałązkami z drzew, zmieniła się w bolesną, krzyżową drogę. Ramiona, obejmujące kilka dni temu naręcza gałęzi palmowych, wzniosły się do góry z zaciśniętymi pięściami, a triumfalne okrzyki „hosanna” zastąpiło złowieszcze „ukrzyżuj”. Jak zmienne potrafią być nastroje tłumu.

Jak przewrotny jest człowiek i jak niestały w swoich osądach i uczuciach! Zmienia zdanie, zależnie od sytuacji. Byle skorzystać, byle się wygodnie urządzić. Takie wartości - jak: prawda, szlachetność, wdzięczność za doznane dobro rzadko są docenione, a często - lekceważone.

Każdy z nas nosi w sobie możliwość zdrady. Niewierność Bogu, grzeszny upadek, mogą stać się zamianą radosnego „hosanna” na pełen dramatyzmu okrzyk: „precz z Nim, ukrzyżuj!”

Idąc przez wieki, w swoim Kościele Chrystus wciąż doznaje uwielbienia, ale także momentów zdrady, zadających ból. Jakże często słyszy się: „Bóg tak”, „Chrystus - nie”, „Kościół Chrystusowy - nie”. Są powody do obaw, czy nasi „dyskretni katolicy” ujęliby się za Jezusem na dziedzińcu Piłata.

Wchodzimy w Okres Męki Pańskiej. Będziemy przeżywali ból, poniżenie, ale także triumf Jezusa Chrystusa, który przez mękę i śmierć wszedł do chwały zmartwychwstania i został wywyższony ponad wszystko, co stworzone. Chciejmy wzmocnić ducha i dochować wierności Jezusowi Chrystusowi w Jego Kościele.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (13)**

- 8:30 — ++Salvaatore and Maria De Simone (Michael)
 +Helen Tyc Anniversary of Death (Theresa)
 +Thomas J. Grossmayer 14th Death Anniversary
 (Grossmayer Family)
 +John Gow (Barbara Taschler)
 +Andrew Doppel (Parents)
 +Marie Dalrymple (Denise DuPlantis)
- 10:30 — O bł. Boże dla Ojczyzny i wszystkich Polaków na całym świecie, święte owoce działalności Ligi Katolickiej oraz dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie, Boże bł. i wszelkie łaski dla Marka Więckowskiego w dniu urodzin (Rodzina)

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Victor Burzynski w 8-mą rocz. śmierci (Mama)
 ++Katarzyna i Paweł Dziura (Tato z rodziną)
 +Dominik Kalinowski (Żona i dzieci)
 +Victor i Adolf Burzynski (Hanna)
 +Patricia Tytro (Rodzice)
 +Victor Burzynski w rocz. śmierci (Koleżanki i koledzy)
- 12:15 — +Bill Senne Birthday Remembrance (Family)
 +Florence Mikurt (S. Kubitz)
 +Mariano Ocampo 18th Death Anniversary (Wife and daughters)

5:30 — **Gorzkie Żale**

- 6:00 — +Danuta Puc 3 miesiące po śmierci (Syn z rodziną)
 +Genowefa Wójcik (Rodzina)

MONDAY (14) Monday of Holy Week

- 8:00 — +Victor Burzynski 8th Death Anniversary (Mother)
 +Mario Campanella Birthday Remembrance (Alleva Family)
 +Priscillo P. Cabrera (Gutierrez Family)

TUESDAY (15) Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:00 — +Ruth Schweitzer (Friend)
 +Wincenty Maliszewski 15th Death Anniversary (Family)

7:00 pm — Penance Service in English

WEDNESDAY (16) Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8:00 — In thanksgiving Reyes Family
 For family of Rose Fliss
 +William Jenkins (Wife Maria)

8:30 — +Wincenty Maliszewski

THURSDAY (17) Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

7:00 pm — Mass of the Lord's Supper (English and Polish)

FRIDAY (18) Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- 3:00pm — Stations of the Cross - Polish
 4:00 — Good Friday Liturgy - Polish
 6:30 — Stations of the Cross - English
 7:00 — Good Friday Liturgy - English

SATURDAY (19) Holy Saturday

- 11:00 — Blessing of Easter Baskets
 1:00 — Blessing of Easter Baskets
 3:00 — Blessing of Easter Baskets
 7:00 — Easter Vigil Mass in English

Pray for ...

Fernando and Pat Abella	Peter Leyden
Ann Aitken	Joseph LoPiccolo
Joe Bargi	Mary Lund
Lorraine Belokon	Mary Lynch
Evelyn Cademartrie	Michael Manczko
Maria Ceglarek	Barbara McDonald
Jan Drożdż	Mike Muka
Dorothy Heck	Antoni Nierzejewski
Jennifer Hebda	Carol Niewinski
Marian Henaghan	Henry Orry
Andrew Jennings	Joseph Rath
Carrie Kacen	Marge Reavis
Marie Kane	Frank Reckmann
Janet Kaplan	Augusto Sandoval
Maureen Kearney	Norbert Schultz
Chester Kmiec	Gina Swensen
Lavergne Kmiec	Roger Vlasos
Helen Kumiega	Jola Wolfe
Dolores LaCour	Katie Young
Helen Lapore	Carla and Adam
Maria Lech	

If you would like to have a name added or removed from our Parish "Pray For..." sick list, please call the rectory at 773-545-8840 ext. 221. Thank you!



Rest in Peace

Marie Dalrymple



Our Weekly Offering	March 30, 2014
Currency	\$ 4,388.00
Checks	\$ 2,718.00
Loose Coin	\$ 4.15
Total	\$ 7,110.15
Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500.00
Budget Year to Date	\$292,500.00
Collections Year to Date	\$248,794.72
Under Budget	\$<43,705.28>

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

GOOD FRIDAY



Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit www.MyFranciscan.org.

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father.

Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17th

7:00 PM Bi-lingual Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 12:00 midnight.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 18th

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
4:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy in Polish
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross in English
7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy in English
Adoration at the Cross and at the Grave
until 12:00 midnight.

Holy Saturday, April 19th - Easter Vigil

11:00 AM, 1:00, 3:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy in English

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord, April 20th

5:30 AM Mass of Resurrection in Polish
English Masses: 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM



EASTER CONFESSION SCHEDULE 2014

April 13th - Palm Sunday

4:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Bilingual English & Polish Confession

April 15th - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 PM Communal Penance Service
in English & Confession

No Confessions are heard during the Triduum.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 30th at 12:00 Noon
 Elmcrest Banquets
 7370 W. Grand Ave.
 Elmwood Park, IL

Entertainment by Kym Frankovelgia

**Come join us for good food and be entertained
 with lovely songs and music by Kym.**

Tickets are on sale at the Rectory or call
 Emily at (773) 777-4903

Donation: \$30.00

Hope Out of Darkness: Easter 2014

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35)



Pope Francis teaches "*There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way... especially at moments of great difficulty.*" (Evangelii Gaudium, para 6) Let the joy and assurance of the Easter resurrection provide hope for people of faith that the God of justice, compassion and love will reign in our hearts, communities and country. Continue to pray and act for immigration reform.

ACTION: Send a postcard to your Representative by accessing the USCCB Justice for Immigrants website at www.justiceforimmigrants.org. Join others working toward compassionate immigration reform. Learn more at www.archchicago.org/Immigration/.



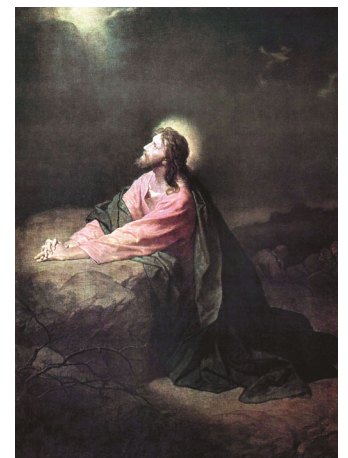
Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education
 3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
 Elena Segura (312) 534-5333, esegura@archchicago.org



Palm Sunday and Symbolism: Why are you carrying around tree branches?

Sometimes, one of the hardest things to explain as a Catholic is our attachment to symbolism. Palm Sunday is a great example of that. We come home from Mass holding palm branches, and we tuck them behind a crucifix or next to the picture of the Last Supper. To anyone who does not know our faith, it looks as though we stuck a few weeds on the wall... imagine their questions! The truth behind this tradition, however, goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming and "they took out palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel.'" (John 12:13) . It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city. It was a way to welcome him, to show him glory and homage. Thus, Christ, the true King, was welcomed into Jerusalem. This fulfilled the prophecy in the Old Testament, which declared, "Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zech. 9:9)

It revealed that Christ was a great king, but also a humble king. The people greeted him with wild joy and cheers of Hosanna. But one short week later, they crucified him. We celebrate this feast and carry palm branches home with us to commemorate the great humility of Our Lord, who loved us so much that he chose the cross for our salvation.



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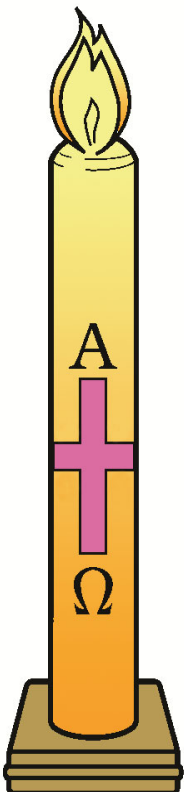
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HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

FIVE STEPS FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

PROCEDURE IN THE CONFESSIONAL

You say: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state the length of time) since my last confession. These are my sins."

Then tell your mortal sins and the number of times committed. If you have no mortal sin to confess, then confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession.

When you have finished telling your sins, you should say: "For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry."

The priest now gives you the necessary advice, assigns your penance and asks you to say the Act of Contrition (in some form). Then wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution.

Then say "Thank you, Father", then leave the confessional and then perform the penance assigned by the priest.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I give God time every day in prayer? Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart? Have I been involved with superstitious practices (horoscopes or Ouija boards) or have I been involved with the occult? Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church? Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? Have I been angry with God? Have I wished evil upon any other person? Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Have I not kept Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? Do I do needless work on Sunday? Do I make others work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents? Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children? Have I given my family good religious example? Do I try to bring peace into my home life? Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives? Do I respect my elders? Do I respect my pastor, bishop and the Pope?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion? Have I physically harmed anyone? Have I abused alcohol or drugs? Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin? Have I been angry or resentful? Have I harbored hatred in my heart? Have I been sterilized for reasons of birth control? Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage? Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control? Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life? Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects? Have I been guilty of homosexual activity? Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words and actions? Am I careful to dress modestly, so as not to tempt others? Am I guilty of masturbation with myself?

7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Do I waste time at work, school or at home? Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs? Do I pay my debts promptly? Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness.

Have I lied? Have I gossiped? Have I harmed someone's reputation? Have I spoken behind someone else's back? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by impure television, movies, books, magazines or internet? Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations? Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversation or jokes?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have? Do I envy other people's families or possessions? Am I greedy or selfish? Are material possessions the purpose of my life? Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

The Differences in Sins

There are two kinds of actual sin: **mortal** and **venial**.

Mortal sin is a horrible offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: (1) the act must be something very serious; (2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; (3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will. So I cannot commit a mortal sin if the matter is not serious (e.g. I stole a small amount of money from my employer), or if I did not know what I was doing (e.g. if I were to hurt someone accidentally or unthinkingly), or if I did not act with full freedom (e.g. I was under physical or emotional pressure.)

A Catholic should know well the difference between mortal and venial sins. Deliberately missing Sunday Mass without sufficient cause is to be considered a very serious mortal sin.