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April 10, 2022 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Week is a kind of homecoming

Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP



We are coming to a place we know. What can we rediscover here?

As our Lord approached the city, a great multitude came out to meet him. They waved palm branches and spread their cloaks before him. Cries rang forth from their hearts as they shouted from the depths of their souls, “Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

On Palm Sunday, we re-enact, we remember the Lord’s triumphant entry to Jerusalem. By our words and actions, the Lord gives us the grace to make present in the here-and-now the mercy poured out in days of old.

The words of the liturgy pierce us. They are familiar and well-worn. Holy Week is a kind of homecoming, a returning to a place we know and love. This return, filled with all the joy of an arrival, is an opportunity to discover hidden meanings, new depths of Christ’s work in our lives.

One simple example: What is the cry “Hosanna”? We say ‘Hosanna’ at every Holy Mass. But what does it mean?

SUPPLICATION

Hosanna was prayed by the priests of Israel as part of the celebration of a Temple feast in Jerusalem. It was a supplication, a crying out. It was a plea for God to hear and answer Israel’s cries for deliverance. John the Evangelist writes in his Gospel, “Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest!” The words of the Gospel, quoted from Psalm 24, can be understood as describing the assembly moving to the holy city. As the people of God grew closer to the place of the Temple where they would invoke God, the gates loomed larger.

PRAISE

Hosanna is a cry of praise. We shout HOSANNA to thank almighty God for the wonderful work he has done. God has remembered his covenant of old. He has been faithful to his promise to Israel; that he would send a savior from the house of David. And so we cry out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mk 11:10).

BLESSING

To cry “Hosanna!” Means to grant adulation and honor to the name of the Lord. For Israel, God’s name is holy and by extension the words we use to bless are particular. Hosanna is a sanctifying cry, making holy in the name of the Lord the things blessed by our acclaim. Every Sunday as we sing the *Sanctus* (the Holy, Holy, Holy) we sing these words: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” It is a cry of welcome, and acclamation, for at every Mass, we welcome our King. May we cut green branches and spread our cloaks, making our hearts ready places, places fit to welcome Christ our King!

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

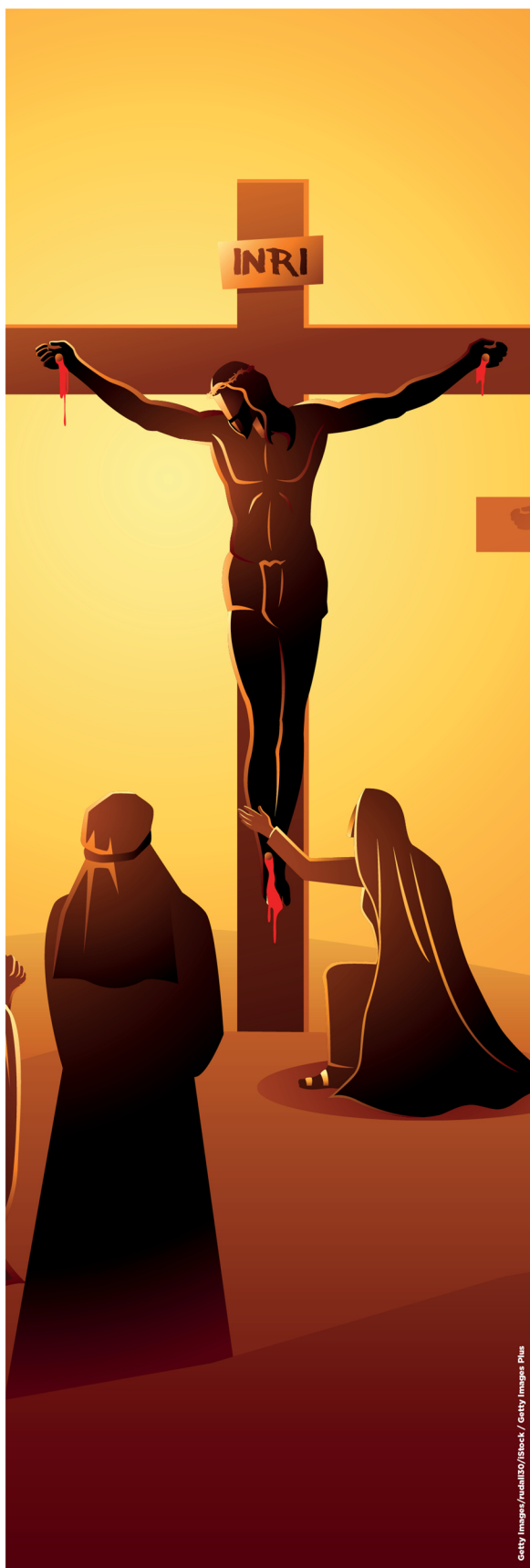
Palm Sunday can seem like a study in contrasts. We hear the jubilant account of Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. Then we listen to the Passion narrative, reminded that Jesus' kingship bears little resemblance to royalty as we perceive it. He will suffer and he will die. As Paul describes it, "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." Jesus tries to explain this to the disciples, who don't fully grasp the events about to take place, instead quarreling over who would be the greatest. Yet even in this chaos of misunderstanding, Jesus continues to teach them, promising that those who stand by him in his trials will join him in the kingdom of heaven. There are certainly times when we fail to fully perceive and understand all that the Lord is teaching us, or why we are undergoing certain trials and difficulties. As we enter into Holy Week, we can ask Jesus to help us understand the meaning of the cross in our own lives, using this time to reflect on the meaning of his sacrifice for each of us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we listen to the Passion narrative, we hear Peter betray Jesus, the soldiers jeer at him, and a passer-by being told to carry Christ's cross. Only Luke's account describes the two criminals, one of whom demanded that Jesus "save yourself and us." The second criminal rebukes him, asking Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." After Jesus dies, the centurion glorifies God, a good man takes him down from the cross, the women prepare his body for burial. As we enter Holy Week, we will have time to reflect on Jesus' last days, but also on the individuals in the crowd the day he died. How did they react? How would we have reacted? What can we learn from the women who stayed beside Jesus, the criminal who looked beyond his own pain and sin to see Jesus as Messiah, and even Peter in his initial betrayal? During the week ahead, we can also make an effort to attend each liturgy of the Triduum, using this time to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter.

PRAYER Take time to read the Passion narrative at home. Invite Jesus into your heart. If you've fallen a little behind on your Lenten commitments, Holy Week is a great time to hit refresh.





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Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM
Fr. Victor Bartolotta

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination



Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux, Pastor



In Thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux
Requests the Honor of your Presence

For the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving,
in Celebration of his
Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April Twenty-third,
Two thousand and Twenty Two
at Four o'clock in the Afternoon
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

Please RSVP by Phone: (727) 867-3663

Because of Covid-19 uncertainty there will be no dinner after the Mass.
A dinner will be held at a later date.



Fr. Wayne in St. Peter's Basilica during the Chrism Mass.
Pope Saint John Paul II, Celebrant | Rome, Italy | March 27, 1997



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

04/10 • For All Retired Priests

04/11 • Rev. Anthony Ustick

04/12 • Vincent Washburn,
Seminarian

04/13 • For Vocations to Priest-
hood & Religious Life

04/14 • Rev. William Santhouse

04/15 • Rev. Thomas Morgan

04/16 • Rev. James Johnson

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 a.m. Joyce O'Connor (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Alberto Castillo (Dec)

Monday, April 11, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Edward Crader (Dec)

Tuesday, April 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Fessler (Dec)

11:00 a.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
(Note time change for the Mass)

Wednesday, April 13, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, April 14, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Harriet Huff (Dec)

Church closes at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15, Good Friday: Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet Begins

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Begins

Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday

No 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church will be closed 9-12 for decorating)

6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet
(Note Time Change this day only)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

*There will be no 8:30 Mass, contrary to a mailer sent to non parishioners.

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Jean McGarry (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Jean Rogers (Dec)



Ushers – Help Urgently Needed



Ushers

Since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, our Knights of Columbus have served to usher all Masses. Many of them also serve in ministry as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. For several of these men, this has meant serving as many as three to four Masses per weekend for the last two

years. We can't thank them enough for their dedicated service.

Particularly now, as we begin ramping up events and our Knights are hosting weekly Lenten fish fries, and coffee and donuts, monthly pancake breakfasts and other special events like last week's wonderful St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner, our small but mighty crew of Knights needs some relief.

We are in need of several ushers for all Masses. No experience necessary. Please leave your name and phone number with the sacristan at Mass, or call the office to volunteer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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CRS Rice Bowls



Blessed Trinity is making Rice Bowls with Lenten reflection

calendars available for parishioners to participate. At the end of Lent, **please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church**, but rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

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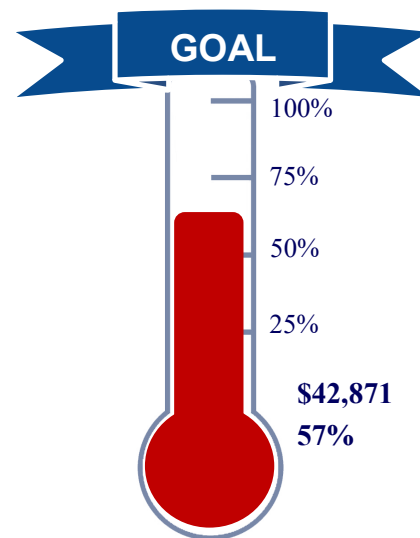
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Let us join in

Present before our eyes is a deep mystery. The Lord invites us to participate in his work of redemption. Archbishop Fulton Sheen says,

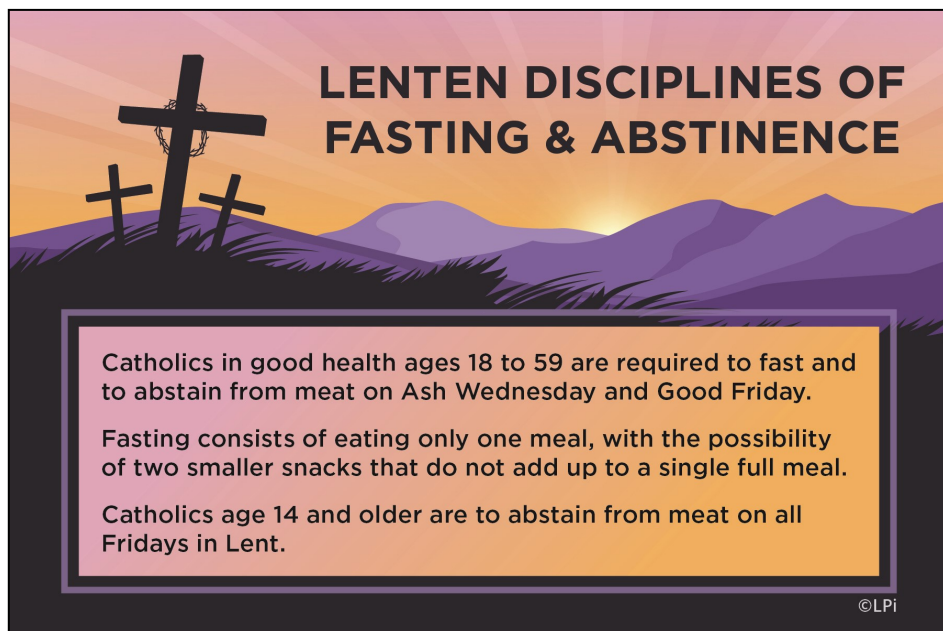
He borrowed a boat from a fisherman from which to preach; He borrowed barley loaves and fishes from a boy to feed the multitude; He borrowed a grave from which he would rise; and now he borrowed an ass on which to enter Jerusalem."

The Lord extends to us the chance to join in his saving work.

Whether the Lord looks to us this week for assistance—helping out our stressed parish priest, teaching our children about the saving mysteries of Easter, or taking palm branches to the sick or homebound—or whether he simply looks to meet us in the quiet of our prayers, he wants us to choose him.

Choose Christ this week. Turn to him in supplication, praise his holy name and bless his work! Cry out again, Hosanna!

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LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew's Church

12 noon

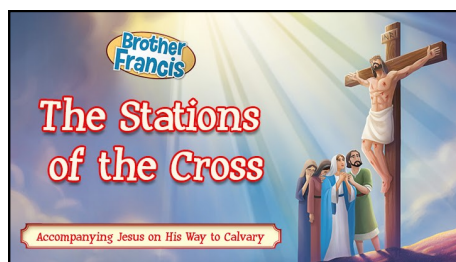
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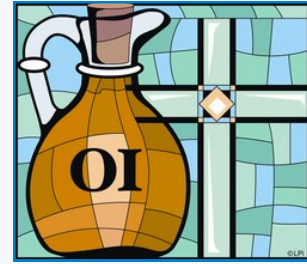
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