



March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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even death on a cross. ~ Philippians 2:8

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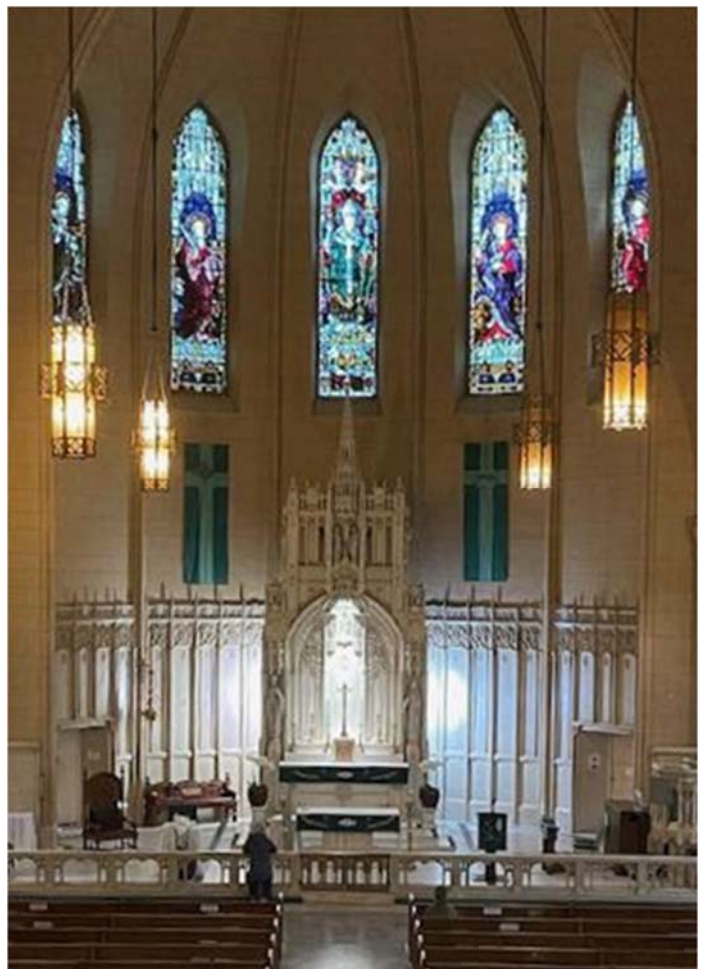
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

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Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession)

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us (2), did not shield his face from buffets and spitting (1), but offered his life on the cross (3). He relied on his Father's love (Ps).

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today we prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Isaiah reminds us of the suffering that Jesus will endure. He says Jesus will not be disgraced or put to shame, but we know that there will be humiliation at the hands of others. The psalm recalls the fear and sorrow as we repeat over and over Jesus' words of anguish and abandonment. Philippians describes Jesus' humility and the exaltation that will follow. But it is Mark who takes us through the last days of Jesus' life, the ordinary and the extraordinary. He describes the meal shared with the one who will betray him; his anguished prayers with friends who cannot stay awake and will later deny him; his treatment at the hands of priests, elders, soldiers; and finally his death and the recognition that truly Jesus is the Son of God.

Contrasts

Jesus' last days are an experience of contrasts. The man Isaiah describes is courageous in the face of buffets and beatings. Jesus will not be disgraced or put to shame. Everything the priests, elders, soldiers, and friends do is intended to disgrace and shame Jesus. But they fail. Jesus is not without anguish and sorrow. He knows what it feels like to be abandoned and he expresses that in the garden and on the Cross. Yet still Philippians insists that Jesus will be exalted even though humbled and obedient to the point of death. Mark takes Jesus and us back and forth between strength and fear, between courage and humiliation, between obedience and anguish. What are we to make of these contrasts?

Recognition

Only a centurion, who with the women looking on from a distance sees Jesus breathe his last, knows what we are to make of this. We are to understand, even before the Resurrection, that "this man was the Son of God." How did the centurion know? The centurion knew because he stood facing Jesus, watching him, looking into his face as he died. Though everything was done to strip Jesus of his sense of self, never, ever did he give up his complete and total commitment to God his Father. Even in his anguish and abandonment, he cries out to God. We are left to imagine how his Father answered him, but whatever Jesus heard in his last moments, it left on his face and in his last breath so clear a sign of God's love that one of his crucifiers recognized who he was. The only thing left to Jesus when he died was the abiding certainty of his Father's love. That is a certainty that Jesus took with him to his grave and to his resurrection.

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Easter Sunday Schedule

We will NOT have our 5:15 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. The office will be closed on March 28th, 29th, and April 1st and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd. Have a safe and blessed Easter.



Palms



Looking for Lay Ministers

The proclamation of the Word of God at Masses and other Liturgies is one of the sources of faith, wisdom and understanding God and Jesus have given to the Church. Because of its importance, the Church takes great care in ensuring that the Spoken Word is proclaimed with dignity and reverence. As a parish, we try our very best to fulfill these expectations.

The source and summit of our life as a people of God are the gifts of Christ's Body and Blood, the Eucharist, and the community gathered to share in this Eucharist. Over time, the Church has seen the need for Lay Faithful to assist with the distribution of Communion at Masses and other Liturgies. As well, Eucharistic Ministers assist the parish by bringing Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

If you're looking for a way to serve your parish, or if you've ever wanted to be a lay minister and serve during Mass, now is your chance. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Angelica Angeles	03/24	Kevin Dizon	03/27
Ric Jennings	03/24	Federico Cabungcal	03/28
Gina Wilson	03/25	Sheryl Ardosa Magbitang	03/29
Cynthia Francisco	03/26		

Please Pray for our Holy Father's Intention for March

Pope's Intention: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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Saints & Special Observances

THURSDAY:

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY: FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY:

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Readings for the Week

Monday: *Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*

Tuesday: *Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38*

Wednesday: *Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25*

HOLY THURSDAY: *Ex 12:1-8,11-14;*

Ps 116:12-13,15-16c,17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY: *Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25;*
Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

THE EASTER VIGIL: *Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1;*

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

EASTER SUNDAY: *Acts 10:34a,37-43;*

Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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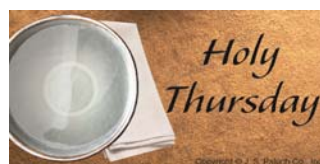
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Living God's Word

Loving God, lift up our hearts to give you thanks and praise for all you have done for us through the saving death of your Son. We sing out in our day, "Blessed is he who continues to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

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Lenten Suggestions For This Week

Monday ~ A love impossible to hide

Meditation: Is my love for Jesus as obvious and extravagant as Mary's? The fragrance of Mary's perfume filled the house, probably the neighborhood. Do I love Jesus with that kind of abandonment and lavishness?

Activity: Pray to the Holy Spirit this week and reflect on how the Spirit gives you the power to believe in the resurrection. Recall people close to you who have died and ask for their intercession that you might grow stronger in faith.

Tuesday ~ "You will deny me three times"

Meditation: When Peter realized his sin, he went to God, wept over his sin and said he was sorry. I am weak, but God always loves me.

Activity: Think about Jesus' Passion, seeing his love expressed. Ask yourself, "What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What will I do for Christ?"

Wednesday ~ Morning by morning he awakens me

Meditation: Like Jesus, the faithful Servant, I should go to God every morning and begin my day talking with my Creator.

Activity: Ask what contribution you can make to improve conditions at home, at work, in your social life, in your city or country. How can you bring people together into unity and peace according to Christ's desire?

Thought for the week

Jesus began what became his Last Supper with the washing of his disciples' feet. He showed them and us, one last time, that we are meant to do as he did and bring forth the Christ consciousness through our relationships and the way we treat one another. Eye to eye. Heart to heart. Flesh to flesh. This is the only way the kingdom will come.

Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these

times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is applied to these programs:

- Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places
 - Social & Charitable Activities
 - Educational & Scientific Activities
 - Pastoral Activities
 - Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs
- Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land,

visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, " ...

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Answer: *The King of the Jews*

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Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

St. Oscar Romero
Outspoken Archbishop of San Salvador martyred while celebrating Mass. He was canonized in October of 2018.
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Live always in the fear of God, and never forget his benefits.

St. John of Egypt
4th-century carpenter who became a hermit. He possessed the spiritual gift of prophecy and healing.
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God has chosen me! He called me to the inexpressible happiness of being his minister, another Christ.

St. Leonardo Murialdo
19th-century wayward Italian who discovered profound peace in the Sacrament of Confession; founder of the Congregation of St. Joseph
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~ *Philippians 2:8*

CATHOLIC CORNER

WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

Today's Gospel tells the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. When Jesus hung on the cross he prayed the words of today's psalm.

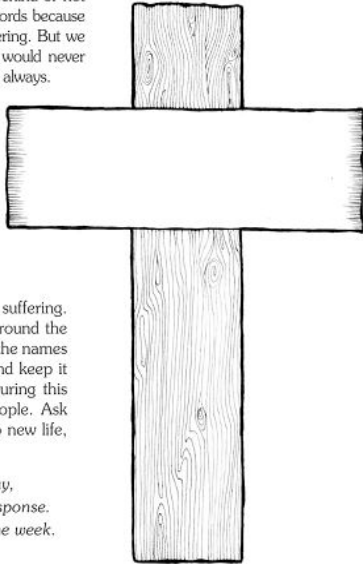
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22:2a)

To "abandon" means to leave someone behind or not think or care about them. Jesus said these words because at that moment he felt very alone in his suffering. But we know that God did not abandon Jesus and would never abandon anyone. God promises to be with us always.

Sometimes when people are suffering, when they are very sick or perhaps without a job, they feel the way Jesus did. But remember what happened. God brought Jesus to new life. God does the same for us in many different ways. We have to trust in God just as Jesus did, even when it is hard.

Think of people you know who are suffering. You might also think of suffering people around the world you hear about in the news. Write all the names you can think of in this cross. Cut it out and keep it on your dinner table or near your bed. During this coming Holy Week, pray for all these people. Ask God to strengthen them and bring them to new life, just as God did for Jesus.

*If you sing the psalm at Mass today,
listen carefully to the melody of the response.
Try to remember it and sing it during the week.*



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The Little Ones

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." Jn 12:12-13

Quando la gran multitud que había venido a la fiesta, oyó que Jesús venía a Jerusalén, tomaron hojas de las palmas y salieron a recibirle, y gritaban: "¡Hosanna! Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor, el Rey de Israel". Jn 12:12-13

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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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Mark 15:39

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"Of course I know what Holy Thursday is all about. It's when the Twelve Apostles had their First Communion."

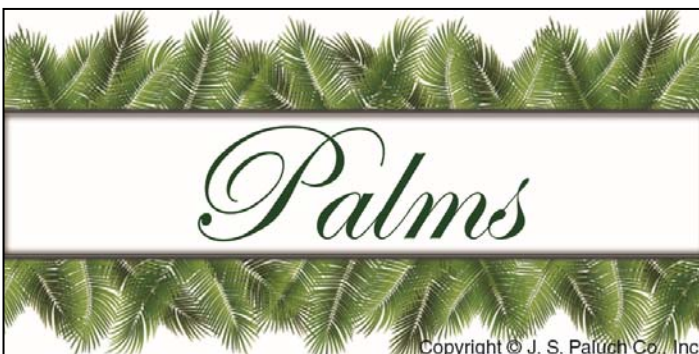
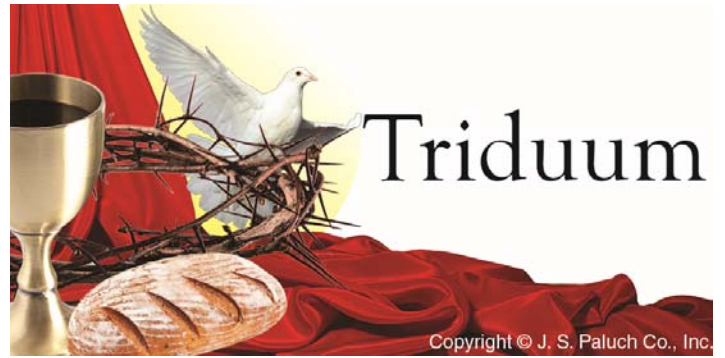
Holy Week

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: The Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week." The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One Who Is to Come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

A Well-Trained Tongue

What can be said after the reading of the Passion of the Lord? It leaves us speechless and sad, and a little numb. We can look to the words of Isaiah, who, speaking for Jesus, prophesies the eloquent teaching of Jesus, his mistreatment at the hands of those he comes to save, and ultimately, his victory over evil and death itself.

Paul stresses Jesus' obedience, the fact that he listened to the word of God, as Isaiah affirms, "Morning after morning / [God] opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4). Jesus brings God's loving message, and instead of welcome, he receives "buffets and spitting (Isaiah 50:6).

He humbles himself to be like us, even to death, a shameful and horrific death by crucifixion. What are we to make of it all?

Not Disgraced

We can get distracted by the horror—so repelled that we turn away, like the apostles, and want to run very far. But we miss the point if we close our eyes to the meaning of the suffering. Jesus' death showed that evil cannot have the last word, for it prepared the way for his resurrection. We fear death, and wish we could make it go away. So did the Lord. We are heavy and sad at the thought of his suffering, of anyone's suffering, and we want to turn and run. So did the Lord. Yet his obedience was perfect; he never heard a word of God that he did not keep and teach others to do the same. His death was his final "yes" to the will of God. And his resurrection is God's final answer to the forces of evil and death.

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With Friends Like These...



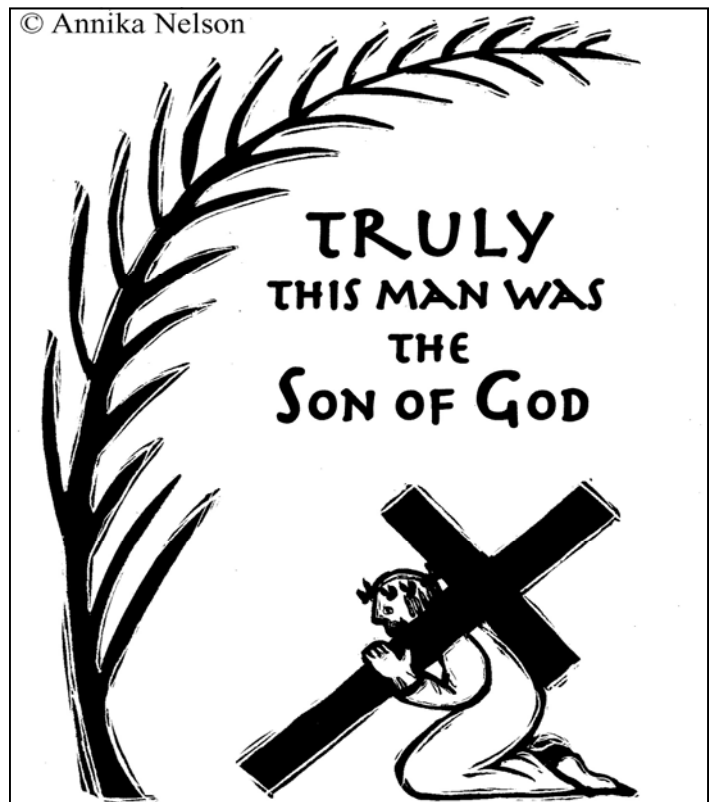
This year, we hear the Passion from the gospel of Mark. One thing unique about this reading is the emphasis on Jesus being abandoned by his disciples. First, the leaders of the disciples, Peter, James, and John, cannot even support Jesus in his agony in the garden: They fall asleep, three times. Then there is Judas, who seeks out the chief priests to make a deal with them, Peter, who denies Jesus three times, and the disciples who flee when he is arrested. The crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for him to be crucified. Even Simon the Cyrenian had to be forced to help carry the cross.

What does this tell us? With friends like these, who needs enemies? No, the point is that Jesus died specifically for these people, not because they were once friends, but because they were sinners, who needed Jesus. All but one of them ended up as saints. And the one who didn't was Judas, who gave up on Jesus, instead of coming back to him for forgiveness. When we find ourselves in sin, when we think that everything we do is wrong, or when we think we can't possibly deserve to be loved by God—that is when God can help us, if we just stop hating ourselves and start loving and trusting the Lord. It is not the time to pretend we have avoided the big sins, or to brag about some of the good we may have done. Instead of trying to convince God that we deserve his mercy, simply agree that you need his help. God loves sinners who know they need his forgiveness and don't deserve it.

But maybe you have already been forgiven and wonder what's next. Remember the ones you would not expect to support Jesus: The centurion supervising his crucifixion proclaims him Son of God. A member of the Sanhedrin gives Jesus a burial place. The women who were there to the end. These were people who did not claim to be worthy, just did what they could to show their love. Ask Jesus each morning when you wake up, "What can I do for you today?" and do what you can.

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Prophetic Anointing

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

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Reflecting on God's Word

Someone once told me that people come to church on Palm Sunday because they get something. But I like to think that palm says something they recognize as true.

"He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness," writes Paul, quoting the words of an early Christian hymn. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," follow soon after (Philippians 2:7, 8). Emptying and humbling are the two key words embracing the trajectory of the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: from incarnation to passion and death.

He poured himself out for us and for our salvation, certainly suffering physically—from the beating, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, being struck with a reed, spat upon, prodded, pushed, and stumbling up the hill to Golgotha. Then he was stretched out on a crossbeam, nailed to it, and lifted up, his body suspended between heaven and earth. Finally, he suffocated, unable to raise himself to take in more air.

There was also the inner suffering of abandonment, of seeing his disciples run off, of realizing that all those who had cried "Hosanna" a few days earlier had either been silent or had cried out, "Crucify him." Only the women had remained with him.

Today, when we take home a piece of palm, it invites us to prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter. Then we can add our voices to that solitary voice almost two millennia ago, saying, "Truly, this is the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39).

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Feast of Faith

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

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Passion

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

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Suffering

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

~ Paul Claudel



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We Don't Go Alone

We aren't fond of the words "humble" and "obedient." When was the last time you read an obituary saying the deceased was a humble and obedient person? No, we tend to list degrees, titles, achievements, and so on. By all accounts Jesus was not successful in the way we generally mean it. He had enough education to be able to read the scriptures in the synagogue (Luke 4:16–20), and he was just a village carpenter by trade, trained by Joseph. He came from Nazareth, not an important city like Jerusalem. Jesus wandered around the countryside preaching, following in the tradition of Jewish prophets. The crowds were mostly ordinary people, not the rich and the powerful. A moment of apparent triumph came on Palm Sunday, when the crowds in Jerusalem acclaimed him as king. Many were probably hoping he would be a new military leader who would overthrow the Romans occupying the land, and restore Jewish life and pride. This "triumph" was brief. In a few days the same crowds turned on him in bitter rejection. He wasn't what they wanted. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, didn't know what to make of him. Jesus was obviously no common criminal. He spoke with truthfulness and was not cowed by Pilate's power. Yet to keep the rabble quiet, Pilate finally washed his hands of the whole business and put Jesus to death. Ever since that first Good Friday, those who pass through the darkest nights know they don't go alone. For each of us Jesus willingly entered the pain and sorrow of humanity. For us he allowed himself to fall into the abyss of death. The Father let his Son count the milestones along the way of despair. There are no dead-end streets anymore. For us, at the end of every road, there shines the light of Christ.

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God's Word Today

Our Lenten journey of conversion today reaches the holy city of Jerusalem. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Throughout Lent we have been journeying with the Lord to Jerusalem. Today he enters the holy city amid cries of joy and gladness. Those cries of joy turn quickly to cries of pain and anguish, which culminate in the words of abandonment that Jesus utters from the cross. Imagine the despair the Lord experienced when he felt abandoned by all, especially his own Father. As we prepare to listen to God's word, let us remember the pain and anguish that the Lord Jesus suffered on our behalf.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Is today "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday"? Though now known officially as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, confusion is understandable, since before the 1969 reform of the calendar two separate Sundays bore these titles. Passion Sunday was a week before Palm Sunday. To add to the confusion, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of the Lord were not read on Passion Sunday, but on Palm Sunday! On Passion Sunday, the cross and statues were veiled in full purple drapes. The organ had fallen silent at the beginning of Lent, and now the sanctuary bells were replaced by wooden clappers. The introit (opening chant) for the old Mass of Passion Sunday hints at a reason for reform: "Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people" (Psalm 42). This liturgy was laden with references to the "infidelity" of the Jews, a theme that gave rise to inflammatory preaching and, in some places, attacks against the persons and property of the Jewish people. This does not stand as a "treasure" of any sort in our tradition. Our authentic tradition, rather, is the ability to reflect and repent and to seek reconciliation with the Jews, our brothers and sisters in the love and service of God.

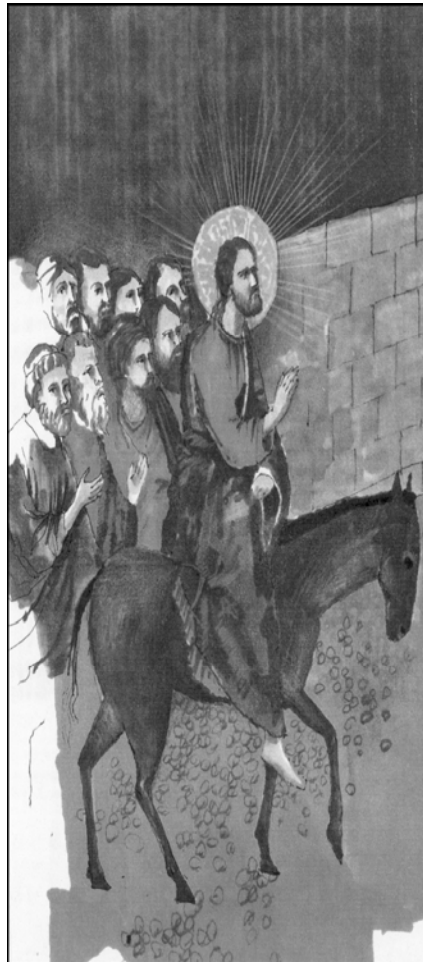
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Living Stewardship Now

"Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love."

*~ Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813–1853),
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who comes
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The Spirit of Love and Sharing

The time of Lent was given to us as the Church and through the Church, to purify us of the residues of egoism, or excessive attachment to goods, both material and other, which keep us far from those with the right to make claims upon us: chiefly those who, physically near or far from us, have no possibility of living their lives as men and women with dignity, as humans created in the image and likeness of God.

So let yourselves be permeated with the spirit of penitence and conversion, which is *the spirit of love and sharing*. In imitation of Christ, bring yourselves close to the poor and those whom the world rejects. Take part in everything being done in your local church, for Christians and all people of goodwill to be able to bring each of their brethren the means, even the material means, for living worthily, for undertaking their own human and spiritual promotion and that of their families.

May the Lenten collections—and this holds good for poor countries as well—give you the means to help local churches in even poorer lands through sharing, so that they may achieve their mission of being Good Samaritans to those for whom they are directly responsible: the poor, the hungry, victims of injustice and those who cannot yet be responsible for their own development and their own human communities.

Penance, conversion: this is the *path*, not a sad but a *liberating path, that of our time of Lent*.

And if you still ask yourselves, “Who is my neighbor?” you will read the answer on the face of Christ and hear it from his lips: “I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me” (Mt 25:40).

*From “Prayers and Devotions - 365 Daily Meditations”
~ Pope John Paul II*

Something New

And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8

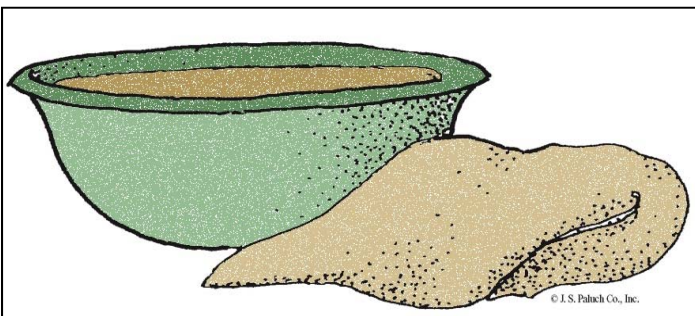


The perfect surrender and humiliation were undergone by Christ: perfect because He was God, surrender and humiliation because He was man. Now the Christian belief is that if we somehow share the humility and suffering of Christ we shall also share in His conquest of death and find a new life after we have died and in it become perfect and perfectly happy creatures. This means something much more than our trying to follow

His teaching. People often ask when the next step in evolution - the step to something beyond man - will happen. But on the Christian view, it has happened already. In Christ a new man appeared: and the new kind of life which began in Him is to be put into us.

Lord, help me to humble myself, to become obedient, even unto death, that I might share in your life and your glory.

from Mere Christianity ~ C. S. Lewis



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It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord *The Passion of Jesus Christ*

The Passion of Christ is not simply a record of Jesus' suffering and death. It is a process through which all of us must go, indeed, are privileged to go. The reason we undertake the annual lenten pilgrimage is to get somewhere. Easter is that somewhere, but there is no Easter without Jesus' passion. Neither is there an Easter in our lives without our sharing in that Passion. But to what sort of passion are we summoned? Are we to be betrayed, abandoned by friends, condemned, and put to physical death? For some of us, the answer may be yes. But for all of us, the passion we are called to share mirrors Jesus' passion in a way that, while not so concrete, is nonetheless very real. We are called to share the passion of letting go of selfish desires, of grasping, of being pretentious, of wearing masks. The Passion of Christ calls us to become vulnerable as Jesus was vulnerable, to wear our hearts on our sleeves, to forgive rather than to seek revenge, to call out resolutely for wholeness and not for division, and to give ourselves over completely to life.

Comment

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of the fulfillment of God's covenant in terms of the actions of God's humiliated Servant, who will ultimately be exalted. The meaning of this passage from humiliation to glorification—from death to life—is made clear in the great hymn to Christ that makes up the reading from Philippians. Like the Suffering Servant, Jesus is obedient, even to accepting a humiliating death. However, because of Jesus' obedience, God glorifies him and bestows upon him his true identity: Messiah and Lord.

The Gospel takes the symbolism of the first reading and the poetry of the second and gives them flesh and blood. The Servant of God, taking on our flesh, suffers and dies that God's new covenant might take root in our hearts and lead us through death to life, safe and at home with God.

Mark's account of Jesus Christ's passion records the events leading to his death with tragic and horrid realism. Like the rapid fire of a machine gun, Mark quickly relates Jesus' cruel betrayal, denial, condemnation, and humiliation. Tersely, he describes Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. Hanging against the darkening sky, Jesus is taunted for his trust and obedience: "Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." As if anything, save death, could melt such hardness of heart.

Jesus does not do anything so simple as descend from the cross. He performs no conjurer's trick. He dies. And by his death he gives life to fledgling faith—"Truly this man was the Son of God!"—and new hearts to all the world.

Reflection

Of the Passion accounts, Mark's is the most concrete, the most blunt. It is unadorned tragedy. Thus, it is all too easy for us to become overwhelmed or blinded by it, to be unable to look beyond the events it relates with the eyes of faith. The Passion is a tragedy, but it is also a story of glory. That is why we read the Passion today, the first day of the week we call "holy."

The Passion of Jesus Christ sets the tone for all that takes place this week: the reconciliation of sinners, the commemoration of the Passover and the first Eucharist, the veneration of the cross, the expectant vigiling, the welcoming and initiation of the elect, the bright light and overwhelming joy of Easter. The Passion of Jesus Christ leads us to all these. The Passion of Jesus Christ enables us to recognize God present in the humiliations and failings of life. The Passion of Jesus Christ makes any passion we may undergo "holy."

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The Inner Word: What's in your Heart?

The Passion account connects directly with our lives. This is what it's like for Jesus to carry the burden of our sinful humanity. "Crucify him!" is our cry, but the priest is called to the unique portrayal of Christ. These roles can be doubly challenging for us.

- ♦ How do I crucify Jesus in my life?
- ♦ How am I crucified in the name of Jesus?
- ♦ What's it like when I give my back to those who beat me?
- ♦ How am I challenged to offer myself as a sacrifice for others?

Applying the Word: Three more lavish gestures

The women stand with Jesus as they had traveled with him since Galilee: Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of two of the disciples, and Salome. Many other women were with them, Mark assures us, nameless women who remain in silent testimony to their faith. These "many" women kept faith in the one who did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Some have suggested that because of childbirth, women expect suffering in life more than men do and learn how to incorporate the bloody part of hope.

Joseph of Arimathea of the Sanhedrin makes the bold and courageous move to claim Jesus' body, making his request to Pilate himself. It may have been a career-ending choice. Pilate may have been grateful to have such a significant corpse off his hands. Joseph's corporal work of mercy is the last kindness offered to the word made flesh.

But one of the most extravagant gestures in the Passion stories is made by another anonymous man, known only by his rank: centurion. This soldier did his duty, stood guard at Golgotha throughout its daily gore. He watched at close range the death of Jesus, enclosed by ill-wishers and some weeping women. The veil of the sanctuary was simultaneously torn, but he wouldn't know about that. Yet what he sees in the dying of this virtuous man tears from him the greatest act of faith in the Bible: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Easy to say at the Transfiguration, or in the presence of a miracle, or a profound teaching. How hard to say this in front of the cross. When we find that kind of faith in ourselves, kingdom comes.

~ Alice Camille

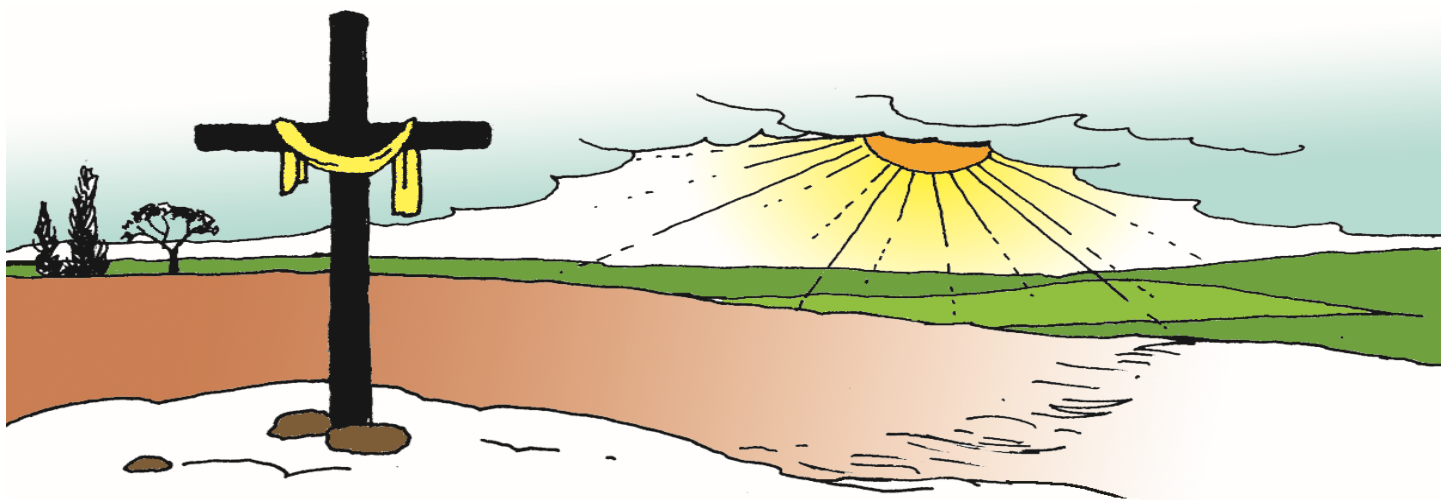
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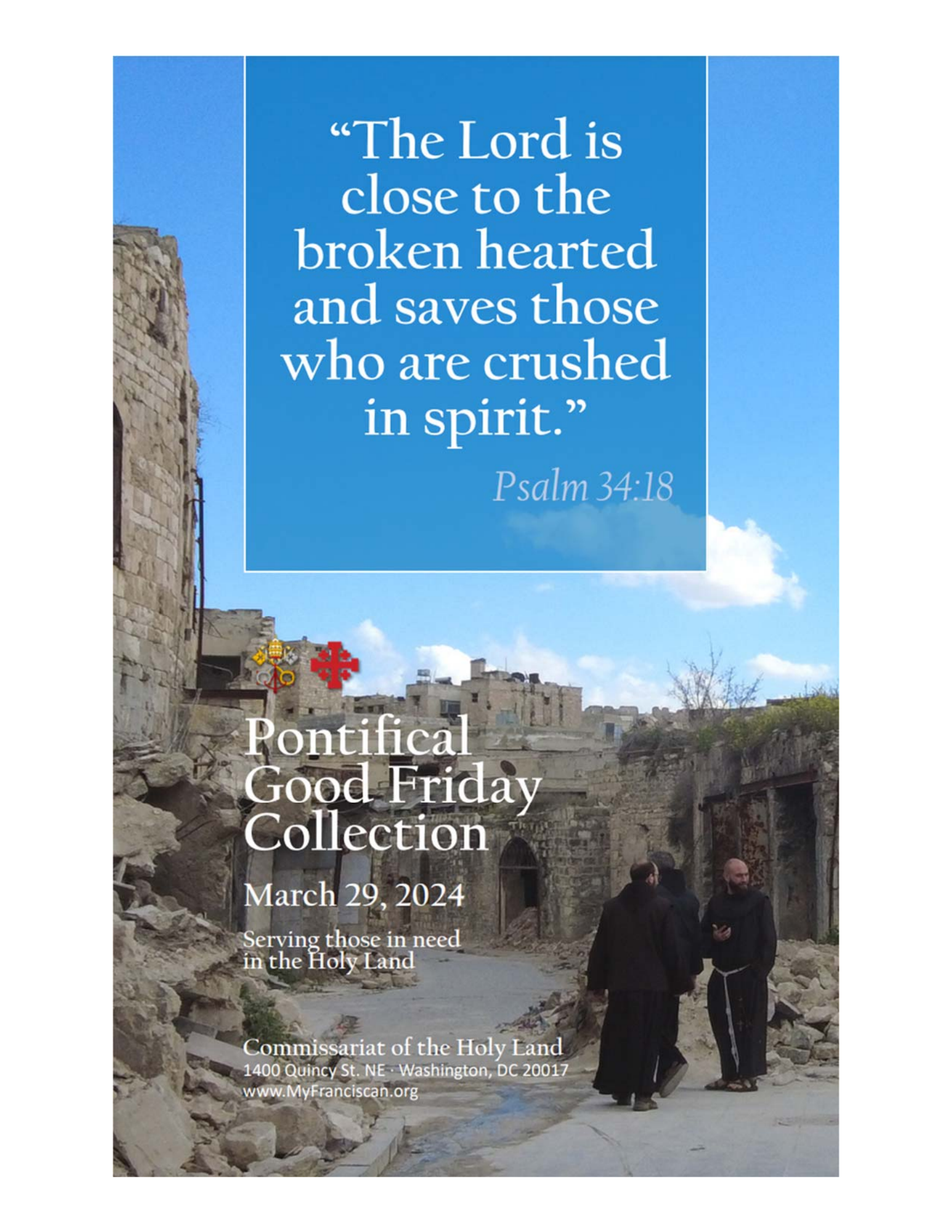
A Person for Others

This day we hear the story of Christ's self-sacrifice. Saint Paul describes Jesus' "self-emptying" in becoming a human being and accepting death on a cross. This self-giving of God for our sake gives us the model of how we in return should live: for God and for one another. And being a person for others can take the form of "doing little things with love," to use Mother Teresa's memorable phrase.

Joe M., a World War II air force radio operator, a father of five, and grandfather of 17, had worked several sales jobs until he became an insurance agent, a position he held for 40 years. When he died last December of complications from Alzheimer's disease, a colleague remembered, "Some salesmen were out there to make a sale. Joe was out there to make sure his customers were taken care of properly."

Such care could mean paying bills for clients who didn't have enough money. People who had been in auto accidents knew that if they called Joe, even in the middle of the night, he would be there to help. In addition to treating his clients more like friends than customers, he volunteered at his parish and unlocked the church doors every morning for 47 years, unless he was on vacation. Joe's life shows a spiritual truth: The more we give of ourselves, the richer our lives will be. ~ Joel Schorn





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Psalm 34:18




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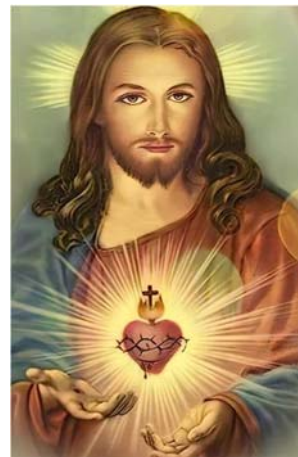
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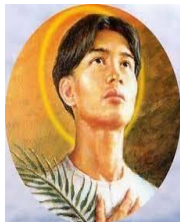
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