

# The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11



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# WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 2)

25 Monday - Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42: 1-7; John 12: 1-11

26 Tuesday - Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49: 1-6; John 13: 21-33, 36-38

27 Wednesday - Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Matthew 26: 14-25

28 Thursday - Holy Thursday, The Lord's Supper

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; John 13: 1-15

29 Friday - Good Friday

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12; John 18: 1 - 19: 42

30 Saturday - Holy Saturday

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a; Mark 16: 1-7

# REFLECTION

#### RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF TRIAL

(by Hadrien Gayap)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. (Isaiah 50:4)

Palm Sunday marks the final stretch before Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, the central element of the Christian faith. Today's readings remind us of several important points for nurturing our relationship with God, as well as our relationship with our sisters and brothers.

The first reading reminds us that the success of our lives depends, among other things, on the quality of our relationships with our sisters and brothers. We must think of those who are exhausted and crushed under the weight of life. We must be attentive to the smallest and the poorest. This is what the prophet Isaiah underlines: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught."

Palm Sunday also calls us to humility. "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward," says Prophet Isaiah. "Though he was in the form of God," Jesus Christ, "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness," says Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians. "Humility goes before honour." (Proverbs 15:33) Following the example of the humbled, triumphant Jesus Christ, we can give new meaning to a world that is losing its identity and bearings. Humility leads us to say to our sisters or brothers that we seek their forgiveness and to be quick to offer them forgiveness.

Humility helps us to take a step towards others, to see others as our neighbours and to love them.

In the Gospel, St. Mark's account of the Passion can be seen as a symbol of deep commitment and sacrifice. It reminds us that true love takes on its full meaning in the gift of self to others.

In this last week of Lent, let us stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world who are showing resilience in the face of hardship. As we make our way towards Easter, let us walk together along paths of solidarity and sharing that allow us to grow closer to God and our neighbours!

# NOTICES

#### Wednesday March 27

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. There will be **NO** midday mass at the Cathedral on that Wednesday.

### Holy Thursday March 28

(No morning and midday masses)

Mass of the Lord's Supper/Washing of Feet at 7:30 p.m.

To be followed by Eucharistic Adoration till midnight.

## **Good Friday March 29**

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy prayers at 2:40 p.m.

Passion Liturgy at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Holy Saturday March 30**

Easter Vigil begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.

#### Easter Sunday March 31

Brizan - 7:00 a.m.

Tempe - 7:00 a.m.

Happy Hill - 8:00 a.m.

Cathedral - 8:00 a.m.

Belmont - 8:00 a.m.

Fontenoy - 9:00 a.m.

Mt Moritz - 10:00 a.m.

There will be liturgical rehearsals for all who have responsibilities during the Triduum - On Tuesday 26th March at the Cathedral at 5 pm. (All readers, leaders at prayers, altar servers, hospitality ministers etc. are involved.

Please take a little private moment and read the Catechesis page of this Bulletin. It is a necessary reminder for the coming Holy Thursday adoration (after mass of the Last Supper.)



#### **CATECHESIS**

## HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION (AFTER MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER)

Stay, here, and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay, here, and keep watch with me. Watch and Pray. (Taizè)

The words of this hymn portrays the tensed words that came moments before Jesus was arrested and began his journey to his final moments of life.

Can you imagine, sitting at dinner with your friends, knowing that your "hour will be coming soon"? Can you imagine, praying in the garden, knowing that your "hour has come" and begging God to "take this cup away from me" (Lk 22:42)? Can you imagine being alone in knowing and understanding what is about to happen?

Jesus did, though. He broke bread with his friends, his disciples, with the full knowledge of what was about to take place. As He anticipated his coming arrest and death, he begged his friends to stay awake with him, to pray with him, to support him in his last moments. Yet, we see in the gospels that his disciples could not even do that. "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test." (Mt 26:41).

This piece of Jesus' story captures for us the understanding of total dependence on God. There was no one on Earth, who could support, who could understand, or who could strengthen Jesus, other than God.

According to Becky Eldredge an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator and writer; the reality is that many of us will never have moment, where we grasp the full knowledge of what is going to happen, in the way Jesus did. However, we do have moments in our lives that occur daily, where we must surrender our will, our choices, our desires to God. The answer to our prayers may not alwavs be concrete answers that we understand, but often, so often, we do get an answer. It is an answer that Jesus got that night, and it is an answer that we get in our lives...the answer is "We are strengthened by God's Spirit".

What does Jesus' experience of the Last Supper and Agony in the Garden say to you? How do you feel you are called to trust God, right now, the way Jesus trusted God?

On Holy Thursday, the first night of the Triduum, Our Lord Jesus extends this same invitation and instruction to us, his friends, brothers and sisters - to keep watch with him and pray. Can we do that for at least one hour or are we going to ignore His invitation and go to sleep or fete?

#### **COLLECTIONS:**

#### March 17th 2024 (5th Sunday of Lent /B)

Cathedral 6.00 p.m. \$ 856.40 \$ 155.45 Belmont \$ 99.00 Cathedral 8.00 a.m. \$ 822.32 Brizan Happy Hill \$ 750.00 Fontenoy \$ 396.50 Tempe \$ 523.50 Mt. Moritz \$ 295.00

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# Why are they veiled?



This ancient Catholic practice stems from the former liturgical calendar in which the old Gospel reading for the 5th Sunday of Lent (i.e., the start of Passiontide) tells us on how Jesus hid Himself away from the Jews when they attempted to stone Him.

According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus "hid Himself" from the lews, Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His Divine nature. To help signify this mystery,

crucifixes and images of Christ are veiled with purple cloth on the evening before the start of the Passiontide. The same goes with the images of the saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants should not appear. Catholic Fortress

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We wish everyone celebrating their birthdays today and this week



We wish everyone celebrating an anniversary today and this week



# CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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Blessed Trinity, **FONTENOY**;

Church of the Uganda Martyrs, **HAPPY HILL**; Our Lady Queen of the Universe, MT. MORITZ; St. Benedict the Moor, **RIVER ROAD/DARBEAU** Our Lady Lily of the Valley, **TEMPE.** 



Palm Sunday - March 24th, 2024

#### **Sunday Mass Schedules:**

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m. Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses:

Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

#### **CONFESSION:**

Cathedral: Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.

#### Welcome!

This week all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us. 'Greater love no man has than he who lays down his life for his friends.' This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. He took on himself our sins and the sins of all the world

**First Reading:** From the prophet Isaiah chapter 50, verses 4 to 7. The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

Second Reading: Because Jesus took on Himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised Him up and made Him Lord of heaven and earth. From St. Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 2, verses 6 to 11.

**Gospel:** According to Mark chapter 14 verses 1 to 15 and 47. St. Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking details of Jesus' suffering.

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