April 05, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus

Peace
I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
~ John 14:27

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Mt 21:1-1 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
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).

Hosanna!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer’s willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today’s feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ’s victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day’s opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday’s joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

Prayer for Healthcare Workers

God of everlasting goodness,
you sent your Son among us
to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world.
Be with all health care workers and their assistants
in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.
As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care,
renew them in mind, body, and spirit.
Keep them safe from infection and illness,
and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them
as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name,
Christ the healer,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

O God of compassion,
your people are anxious
in this time of pandemic.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel our fears.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us.
Strengthen and sustain those who are ill,
and be with those who care for them.
Help us to travel this road
in solidarity with our neighbors,
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

The Cross

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

Pope’s Intention: Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.
Today’s Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

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

Psalm — 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 Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

From the Desk of Fr. Obet

Peace in the Risen Lord

I hope that you are all well and doing everything you can to stay safe. This pandemic has impacted our daily life and this includes our church services. I am sorry to say that this year we are not able to celebrate Holy Week with a congregation. This is something unprecedented. But we will do everything possible so that we can still celebrate Holy Week, especially the Triduum, in a meaningful way. Since the church is not open to the public, we will livestream via Facebook Live the following services:

- Palm Sunday on April 5 at 10:30 AM
- Holy Thursday on April 9 at 5:15 PM
- Good Friday on April 10 at 3:00 PM
- Easter Vigil on April 11 at 8:00 PM
- Easter Sunday on April 12 at 10:30 AM

So that you can join us in these services via Facebook Live, please add my FB account: Roberto Andrey. When you add me as a friend you will receive a notification when FB Live starts. If you can, please organize a watch party with your family and friends. We are also livestreaming the Sunday mass at 10:30 AM until further notice. My daily postings on FB are all about updates and info concerning our parish life here at Saint Patrick’s. When you share my FB posts it will be very helpful in reaching out to more parishioners.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can, although on a limited basis given the circumstances, to provide services to our parishioners and to those who consider Saint Patrick as the source of their spiritual nourishment. But we still need your support, especially financial support. I am very grateful for your donations in the past. I hope and pray that more than ever, you will continue to support Saint Patrick Church so that we can sustain the parish operations.

Easter brings us hope even under very difficult circumstances, may this hope linger in your hearts forever. Here’s wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Blessings,

Fr. Obet Andrey

USCCB Reflection Prayer

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Blessings,

Fr. Obet Andrey

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A Litany to Pray Frequently in Time of Health Pandemic

This may be prayed individually or in alternation with others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Mother of Christians, pray for us.
Mother of the human family, pray for us.
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.
Consolation of the lonely, pray for us.
Solace of the fearful, pray for us.
Hope of the poor, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Companion of the dying, pray for us.
Strength of caregivers, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.
Queen of apostles, pray for us.
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Compiled from liturgical and traditional sources by Anthony Ruff, Saint John’s Abbey.

Bells Call to Prayer

Have your parish set your church bells to ring every three hours at these times, or set your smartphone alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.

9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill
Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick
Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers
Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders
Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today
Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

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 blank squares.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and...”

Answer: John 6: 9-10, 13-15
Pray for your Priests

Mass Intentions for Apr 05–11

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Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.
He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger.
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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

EASTER TRIDUUM

THURSDAY: Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116:12-12,15-16bc,17-18; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
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
SATURDAY: (1) Gn 1:1-2; Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35; (3) Ex 14:15-15:1; (Ps) Ex 15:1-6,17-18; (5) Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4-6; (8) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Lk 24:1-12
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
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 Lk 24:1-12

Resurrection to Come

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

~ Walter Raleigh