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Christ is Risen!

A Word From Our Pastor:

Passion or Palm Sunday, commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Acclaimed as King and hailed as a conquering hero by the cheering crowd, He seemed to have arrived at the fulfillment of His earthly mission. For Christ, it is the beginning of the last week of His life, a week of violent contrasts, which will end in grief and glory. The palms with which the people welcomed Him, will soon be formed into crosses and the cheers will turn into jeers calling for His death. Throughout the Passion our focus will be on Jesus who appears as a person completely absorbed in prayer, responding quietly and sensitively to each new moment of sorrow.

Palm Sunday invites us to look again at the story of Jesus and examine what it takes for us to walk with Him. It also calls us to examine the test of faith we share with all of Jesus' followers.

Everyone suffers. No one leaves this world without some amount of suffering. Some people seem to suffer much more than others, but still, we all suffer. We hear today, once again, the suffering of Jesus. We hear this story so often, however, that we hardly feel or appreciate the physical suffering that Jesus must have endured. We may not grasp the physical suffering He endured, but we can grasp what we more likely will experience, the suffering of abandonment.

One of our strongest human fears is that of loneliness. We try to avoid loneliness even at the cost of accepting unreasonable or unjust demands from those around us. None of us wish to suffer, and as we do with loneliness, we work hard to avoid personal suffering.

In this Holy week, we are confronted with the primary Christian symbol, the Cross, without which we cannot become His disciples. Jesus wants the work of His Cross to touch our lives, to break our sinful ways, so that we may be changed and know God. The suffering of Christ, which we recall in a special way this week, has been a source of strength to countless people throughout the ages. His Passion gives us at least a tiny glimpse into the mystery of suffering that surrounds us on all sides. In times of trial, suffering, and mental torture, often what keeps people going and gives them strength and inspiration, is the knowledge that they are at one with Jesus who suffered in many ways for us.

Palm Sunday is about remembering that He suffered and that He conquered. His love for us can get us through our own hard times, our pain, and our suffering.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Remember finally, that the ashes that were on your forehead are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die. - Richard Rohr

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

**Pat Haffey, Corrie Derksen,
Pat O'Meara**

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays in Lent at 4:30 p.m. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.



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CWL Meeting: There will be a General meeting on Tuesday April 12 in the Hall after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 14 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration **until 10:00 p.m.**
Good Friday April 15 9:00 a.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 12:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service with Holy Communion
Holy Saturday April 16 12:00 p.m. Blessing of food baskets **in the Church**
Easter Vigil April 16 **8:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil Mass **there will not be a 5 p.m. regular Mass**
Easter Sunday April 17 **Masses 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.**

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 11- April 17)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues 7:00 p.m.	<i>Needs of Our Parish</i>	
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	<i>The People of Ukraine</i>	
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.		
Good Friday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.		
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.		



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues 7:30 p.m. CWL General
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Sat. April 9th 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Tues. April 12th 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Wed. April 13th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thurs April 14th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 cwl@lartist.com
 K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Bulletins are available online at:
<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

Religious Articles for Sale: On April 23rd and 24th
Religious Articles for First Communion will be available for purchase after Mass in the Church Hall. Items are available on a cash only basis.

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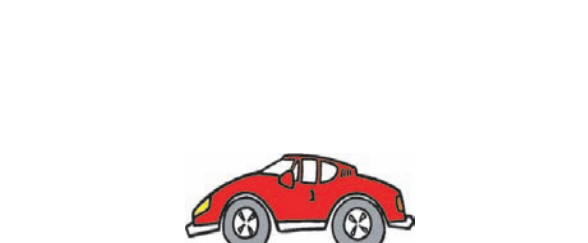
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