

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Today, we begin Holy Week. We follow Jesus from his joyful procession into Jerusalem to His Last Supper to his Crucifixion and Resurrection. Christians take this journey with Jesus of Nazareth each year to come closer to God, our Father, and to find strength for their own personal journey. Reconciliation Monday is a special day for all of us to go to Confession—a good way to begin the journey. This year our parish is emphasizing the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. We want to follow the example of Pope Francis to remind ourselves that we are a compassionate people who should help others who are in need. This Holy Thursday is usually not well attended. It is on a weekday night and the time (6:30pm) may not be convenient. However it is a most important moment. I, as pastor, will wash the feet of twelve of our parishioners who serve our parish or serve others beyond our parish. I will publicly thank all our people who help our parish in many different ways. The boys and girls in our religious education program will join us in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the chapel. Hopefully the action of the washing of the feet will imprint on their young minds and souls what being a Catholic really means.

This has been a tough winter but the flowers have begun to appear. They always gladden our heart especially at the time of Easter. This year think about the beautiful gift of the planet earth that God has given to us but which is in great danger because of global warming. It may not dramatically affect us today but it will endanger the lives of our children and grandchildren. Do something today for tomorrow's children.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, March 22, 2015 was \$3,191.00

The second collection this Sunday March 29, 2015 is our Special Palm Sunday collection.



Easter Flowers:

Please remember in your prayers those names on our Easter Flower Plaque in the back of the Church.



Palm Sunday:

We begin our Holy Week celebration with palm branches in our hands, recalling the crowds that cried both "HOSANNA!" and "CRUCIFY!" While we cannot walk the streets of Jerusalem of two thousand years ago, we can walk with Jesus Christ through our world today proclaiming his salvation, especially in the most desolate and downtrodden places as well as in the well-worn paths of our own lives. These branches, and we who carry them, will now be blessed so that the mission of Jesus Christ will, like our loud hosannas, be proclaimed to the entire world.

The first reading.

Isaiah 50:4-7; the loyal Servant of God is determined to carry out God's assignment. Personal hardships cannot break the Servant's spirit.

In the second reading.

Philippians 2:6-11; we hear the astounding story of the Son of God. He emptied himself of glory, became obedient to death and is now glorified.

In the Gospel.

Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39; Jesus undergoes rejection, condemnation, beatings and ultimately death. This is his way of saving those who believe in him.

Holy Week Schedule-March 29-April 5th :

- **March 29-Palm Sunday:** regular Sunday Schedule; palms will be distributed at all the Masses.
 - **April 2-Holy Thursday:6:30 pm** Evening Mass of the Last Supper **(Bilingual)**
8:30 pm Evening Mass of the Last Supper **(Arabic)**
 - **April 3-Friday of the Passion of the Lord(Good Friday):1:30 pm** Indoor Stations of the Cross & Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**(English)**
3:00 pm-Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion **(Spanish)**
4:30 pm-Outdoor Stations of the Cross (through the neighborhood) **(Spanish)**
8:00pm –Indoor Stations of the Cross & Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion **(Arabic)**
 - **April 4-Holy Saturday:Easter Vigil -8:00pm (Bilingual)**
10:00pm(Arabic)
- ❖ All Mass during Holy Week will be in the Main Church



Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness and mercy.

Reconciliation Monday March 30, 2015:

11:30-12:30; English and Spanish

4:00-8:00pm; English and Spanish

7:00-8:00pm; English and Arabic

