

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

Dear Parishioners,



Not . . . something to be grasped. (Philippians 2:6)

Today is one of the most important days of the year. It's a day to fix our eyes on Jesus and watch him empty himself on a cross—for us and for our salvation. It's a day to honor the One whose entire life was one of giving, not grasping, one of healing and restoration, not division and rivalry. It's a day to praise Jesus for overcoming sin and death through his act of pure, sacrificial love.

By his humility and obedience, Jesus has undone Adam's prideful attempt to become God—and every attempt that all of Adam's children have made ever since. He has shown that the way to heaven is not by grasping for ourselves and striving against one another. It's not something we earn, and it's not a kingdom we conquer. No, Jesus' death on the cross proves that the way to heaven is one of receiving graciously instead of possessing selfishly.

This can sound so grandiose and heroic that we might think it's out of our reach. But nothing can be further from the truth. God sees every act of self-sacrifice, every decision to put someone else's needs ahead of ours, every decision to empty ourselves. When we give up time to help our child with yet another math problem, God sees it. When we listen carefully to a spouse who tells us about her difficult day at work, even if ours was no better, God sees it. When we put down our car window and offer some food or money to a homeless person, God sees it. He sees them all, and he rewards them.

Every single act of self-giving is a reflection of the cross. And because of that, every act of self-giving warms our Father's heart and moves him to raise us up a little bit more—just as he did for Jesus.

So fix your eyes on Jesus today, and let his self-giving love move you to be more like him.

“Thank you, Jesus, for your cross! Lord, teach me to follow your path of love.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Jo Ann Collin, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Louis Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Hilma King, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Jacqueline Williams, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Mk 11:1-10, Ps 22:8-24, Mk 14:1-15:47
Monday	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-38
Wednesday	Is 50:40-9, Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-14, Jn13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12, Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1-2:2, Mk 16:1-7
Sunday	Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-23, Jn20:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 24

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday March 25

8:00 AM Soul of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, and Willie Morgan, Jr
12:15 PM Soul of Robert Jordan

Sunday April 1

8:00 AM Soul of Lorina Fernandez
10:00 AM Soul of Daisy Pratt
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

WEEKLY OFFERING MARCH 18, 2018

\$5,531.23 Tithe and Offering
80.00 Building Fund
86.00 "We Care"

Easter Flower Offering

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter. Envelopes are at the church exit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

Nothing More and Nothing Less

It's not too late to join Bible Study for our Lenten Reflection, "*Nothing More and Nothing Less*" based on the British movie, "I, Daniel Blake", about a man trying to collect his disability allowance from the government. Our last topic is *The Suffering Servant*. Join us Monday night at 7:00 PM in the hall. All are welcome.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 Transfiguration is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children. Please bring candy and plastic eggs to the rectory office. **NO JELLY BEANS OR UNWRAPPED CANDY** Because it's unsanitary to handle. Thank you for your cooperation.



HOLY WEEK MASSES

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30

Holy Land Offering

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1:30 PM
Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM

Good Friday Lenten Fish Fry

Friday from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31 at 8:00 PM

Easter Vigil Service and Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM

On **Holy Thursday** and **Holy Saturday** during the singing of the "Gloria" bells will ring. You are invited to bring bells from home to the services.



Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, it's just about that time again for the Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. This year, we are delighted to celebrate the weekend of Divine Mercy - April 6th, 7th, and 8th. What a great way to continue your Easter celebration. Rooms are filling up fast! So please call Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 right away to reserve your space.

Virtus Recertification

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a VIRTUS Certification session. Transfiguration will hold a VIRTUS Recertification training class on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the hall. Recertification is required every four years. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. Please call the office 323.291.1136 to reserve a space.

Did You Know?

It can be difficult for parents to gauge when they should stay at or leave another child's birthday party. Once kids reach a certain age, they may no longer want their parents tagging along with them, but others may have fears about being on their own. Find out what activities are planned – will the kids be staying in one location or are they going multiple places? Who is the adult in charge? Assess your child's readiness – does he or she understand the rules? For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Before you drop your child off at a birthday party..." visit [ADLA - VIRTUS Current Online Articles](#)