

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 20th, 2005



From the Pastor,

WELCOME TO HOLY WEEK! This is the most important week of the Christian calendar. Today I would just like to outline a little bit of what it all means.

Palm Sunday relives the great day when Jesus come up to Jerusalem from Jericho, arrives at the edge of the city, and then enters Jerusalem in triumph. But the joy is cut short by the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus as the Gospel.

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week -- The daily readings follow Jesus in the days between Sunday and Thursday.

Spy Wednesday -- Judas makes the offer to betray Jesus.

Holy Thursday -- The liturgy, which begins today, does not end until Saturday night. We begin in joy with the story of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet, which we relive in the church itself. The Gloria is sung for the first time since the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. After communion the church relives the move of the Apostles and Jesus from the upper room to the Garden by moving the Blessed Sacrament out of the church to the Altar of Repose [for us this is in the office building] and then the solemn stripping of the altar and church. For two hours all of us are encouraged to spend time in prayer with Jesus in from of the altar of repose. But the service nevers really end.

Good Friday -- The solemn evening service just begins, there is no opening because the service the night before never ended. There are readings, the Passion of John, the ancient sung General Intercessions, the veneration of the cross, and the distribution of communion from the Eucharist saved from Holy Thursday. The service just stops, there is no conclusion. Mass cannot be celebrated on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday -- This day technically does not exist in the church. No sacraments can be celebrated except in emergency. Because Jesus is in the tomb, time stops.

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter -- For us this is Saturday night, but for the church Easter begins at sunset. After that the people gather in from of the office and light the Easter Fire. This concludes the Mass of Holy Thursday and begins Easter. We process in to the hall and hear the singing of the great Easter hymn, then three Old Testament readings. The transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament is the words of the angels at the birth of Christ, which we call the Gloria. We sing that as we process to the church, which is decorated. We listen to the words of Saint Paul and then have the Easter Gospel with the great acclamation [Alleluia], which we have not used in six weeks. After the homily is the baptism of the catechumens and the reception into the church of the candidates, then confirmation. Mass continues in joy.

Easter Sunday -- the Masses are the celebration of good over evil and the most festive of the Church year.

There are some Catholics who have never experienced the great events of Holy Week, and just come to Mass on Palm Sunday and then again on Easter. These people miss so much of the richness of our faith. Please try to come to all the services; it is so good for the soul.

Peace, Fr. Tom Faucher, Pastor.

March 24th, Holy Thursday. The office will be closed this day and Friday 25th

The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday at 6pm and soup is then served at the parish hall after the prayers



SUNDAY READINGS

Palm Sunday of The Lords Passion

March 20th

First Reading: Mt.21:1-11/Is. 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17

Gospel reading: Mt 26:14-27,66/Mt 27:11-54



SCRIPTURE READINGS march21st - March 27th

MON. Is 49:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

TUE. Is 49:1-6/Jn13:21-33, 36-38

WED. Is 50: 4-9/Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday. Ex 12:1-8,11-14/1Cor 11:23-26/Jn13:1-15

Good Friday, Is 52:13, 53:12/Hb4:14-16:5:7-9/Jn18:1;19:42

Sat. Easter Vigil. As in the lectionary

Easter Sunday, Act 10:34-43/Col 3:1-4/5: 6-8/Jn20:1-9

Reflections

1. Describe a time in your life when a job, task or money became more important than someone you loved?
2. Tell of a person you know who stood alone to stay true to the values of their life. How did it influence you?
3. Share a time when you were faithful to God's call despite personal sacrifices.

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Stations of the Cross to Table Rock. On Palm Sunday March 20 at 3pm, the Stations of the Cross will be at table rock, we will converge in the parking lot behind the Bishop's House at the Old Penitentiary off of Warm Springs. For those who cannot hike, we will pray the Stations of the Cross [at the top of the hill](#) by the cross as well, beginning at [4:15 pm](#). Call Molly Roscoe or Meg Lawless for details at 344-2597.

Quilt Raffles at Soup Suppers. Would you like to win a hand made quilt? Please come to the soup suppers after the weekly Stations of the Cross and buy your tickets... they're only 3/\$1! There will be a new quilt each week and the drawing will be that night. If you have no use for a quilt, please give it to someone in need.

Caregivers wanted!!! Interested in helping, the elderly and disabled people in their homes? Work flexible hours, 6-12 months experience, CPR, TB, test, auto, references, and F/p background check a must. We are looking for caring, motivated people to work with our clients. \$7.00-\$9.00, an hour. Call Kelli 208-321-7896

or come by our office Advanced Home Health Care @ 1102 North Cole Road Boise, Idaho 83704.

Taxi Service Update - We are pleased to be able to help the people who have called regarding this service. Unfortunately, we were not aware our folks living in Garden City do not qualify since it is a Boise City based program. Please continue to pass the word about this program and call the office for more information.

Volunteers Needed - If you can volunteer to pick someone up for any of the Masses, please call the office. Deacon Francis Hess is trying to put together a group of volunteers to help anyone who wants to go to church but is unable to drive. Call the office.

Note from Fr. Faucher... I had previously, appointed Vic Haus as a member of the New Parish Pastoral council for a four year term. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rita Briltz for a two year term still in the Pastoral Council. The names of the council members are... Susan Jones - St. Anne Area, Jose Luis Garcia - St. Anthony Area, Juan Mena - St. Cecelia Area, Michael Thomas - St. Francis Area, tom Kinsley - St. Joan Area, Erika Delva - St. Juan Diego Area, Bob McQuade - St. Michael Area, Robert Parsley - St. Sylvester Area, Mike Pape - St. Theresa Area, Maryann Hogg - St. Winefride Area, Vic Haus - At Large, and Rita Briltz - At Large

