

Ss PETER & PAUL

MARCH 25, 2018

Palm Sunday
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Sunday Reflection

Palm Sunday

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’”

-MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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INSIDE OUR SOUND

“WHAT DID JESUS HEAR IN JERUSALEM?”

On Palm Sunday, we are told that the people greeted Jesus in Jerusalem singing “Hosanna”. We indulge in the amazing visualization of Jesus riding into the city. Yet, as beautiful as this day is, what moves me the most is that Jesus was also welcomed on that day in Jerusalem with music.

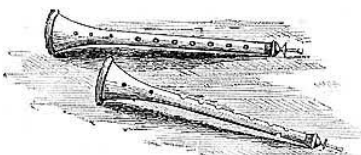
We often forget that music transcends all cultures and times, and was as much a part of Jesus' life as our own today. He must have been so pleased to hear their welcome through song!

What kind of music did Jesus hear in Jerusalem?



A Shofar (A) would be blown during religious and wartime events, and was the predecessor to today's trumpet or bugle.

The Oud (B) was a musical instrument that was heard throughout the ancient world in Israel, Egypt, Northern Africa, Persia and Greece. This lute was plucked by hand, similar to a modern guitar.



The Hail (C) is similar to today's oboe. Meaning “to bore through”, this hollow piece of wood was played as an early wind instrument.

The Timbrel (D) is still used today in its original form. We know it as a “tambourine”. This celebratory instrument was traditionally played by women in ancient times.



Jesus may have heard these instruments upon his entry as the people sang to Him and even throughout his life. Lifting our voices in song each Sunday brings us back to this very moment in Jerusalem with Jesus. Let us continue to lend our voices, our talents, and our best efforts to praise God together as a musical and joyful community.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ: Which contemporary song in our **Worship Aid** is directly related to **Handel's Messiah**? The answer will be revealed in our next article!

ANSWER: Worthy is the Lamb. While the “Hallelujah Chorus” is only in the middle of Handel's Messiah, the grand finale section is titled “Worthy is the Lamb”, based on the passage from the Book of Revelation.

Brian Walters
Director of Music Ministries





Weekly Reflection

By Matthew Ziarnik

Recently I haven't been writing due to the flu season and my recent trip of Fatima. Fatima was beautiful encounter as the whole world is able to visit one small village in Portugal. Three little children Francisco, Lucia, and Jacinta witnessed the Virgin Mary as Mary asked the world for more prayer. The call to prayer is just as necessary today. In the morning I would celebrate mass in the Old Basilica and this was a fun experience as I tried to understand Portuguese from my limited Spanish vocabulary. There is also an outdoor chapel which contained the original chapel that was built, and this is where the rosary was prayed in the afternoon. One of my favorite experience was the stations of the cross as it takes place on a hill in an olive orchard. My dad and I were able to sing songs and pray the stations in Polish as we strolled to each of the stations. It reminded me somewhat of what Jesus must have felt when he was in the garden of Gethsemane. Also, I fell in love with the plants as the climate is somewhat Mediterranean. I also visited several old monasteries and their architecture was beautiful and precise. Although the trip was very nice, one thing that saddened me was the emptiness of some of the churches in Portugal. The churches are gigantic and once they fit thousands, but now they do not fit as much. As a Church we must never forget about evangelizing to the world.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS

MONDAY, MARCH 26

MASS ● 8:00 PM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

DAILY MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

MASS ● 12:10 PM

SPY WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

MASS ● 12:10 PM

CONFESSIONS ● 6:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH MUSICAL PROGRAM ● 7:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

NO 12:10 PM MASS

MASS OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER ● 7:00 PM

ADORATION ● 8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

NO 12:10 PM MASS

PASSION OF OUR LORD ● 3:00 PM

NO EVENING MASS / PRAYER SERVICE

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

NO 5:00 PM MASS

EASTER VIGIL MASS ● 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

MASS AT

8:00 AM ● 9:00 AM ● 10:00 AM

11:00 AM ● 12:00 PM

EASTER MONDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 2

PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH ARE CLOSED

PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil (Saturday) 5 PM
Sunday (no music) 8 AM
(Family Mass) 9 AM
(Liturgical choir) 10:30 AM
12 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ● Friday 9 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday ● Wednesday ● Thursday 9 AM - 7 PM

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday ● Friday 7:30 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday ● Wednesday ● Thursday 7:30 AM - 7 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM
Sunday 8 AM - 1 PM

DAILY LITURGIES

Tuesday ▶ Friday Mass 12:10 PM

Other Daily Masses available in the Deanery:

St Ann Monday ▶ Friday 7 AM
St Francis Monday ▶ Friday 8 AM
St Lawrence Tuesday ▶ Thursday 9:30 AM
OLG Monday ▶ Friday 12:30 PM
OLG Monday ▶ Thursday 7 PM

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 26

Church Open - No Services

Tuesday, March 27

12:10 pm + John & Katarina Knezic

Wednesday, March 28

12:10 pm + Charles Puncerelli

Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm Mass of our Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30

No Mass Today

3:00 pm Passion of Our Lord

ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

Special graces may be obtained when a priest applies the Mass to a particular intention. When Mass is said for a deceased person, the entire Church unites to ask God to remember them and welcome them in His light. Masses can also be offered for the intention of a living souls as well as for your special days: birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and engagement. Offering a Mass for them invites Jesus to be present during those times. Because the intention is essentially a spiritual act, its publication neither adds nor subtracts from its efficacy.



The Catholic Community of Saints Peter & Paul

Catholic PSA for Palm Sunday: Treat Blessed Palms with Reverence

Public Service Announcement: The palms we receive on Palm Sunday are blessed objects or sacramentals that need to be treated reverently, not as toys, mere craft material or trash.

Every Palm Sunday I just cringe because the palms are abused and such a distraction during Mass. The sound of palms being ripped apart is similar to fingernails on a chalkboard. There are all sorts of pieces of palms on the pews and floor. And as for the rest of the palms, they often become an object of play, or part of a distracting craft project during the Mass.

We are asked to hold up the palms during the sprinkling and procession. After Father prays the Collect, the blessed palms are no longer necessary during the rest of the Mass. The palms should be put in a place in the pew so they are not a distraction.



What Is the Purpose of the Palms?

The Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy beautifully describes the significance of the palms: *139. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, or "Passion Sunday", which unites the royal splendour of Christ with the proclamation of his Passion.*

The faithful usually keep palm or olive branches, or other greenery which have been blessed on Palm Sunday in their homes or in their work places. The faithful, however, should be instructed as to the meaning of this celebration so that they might grasp its significance. They should be opportunely reminded that the important thing is participation at the procession and not only the obtaining of palm or olive branches. Palms or olive branches should not be kept as amulets, or for therapeutic or magical reasons to dispel evil spirits or to prevent the damage these cause in the fields or in the homes, all of which can assume a certain superstitious guise.

Palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory. Next year, the dried leftover palms from this Palm Sunday will be burned to ashes. Those ashes will be signed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday.



What to Do with the Palms?

I wrote an article years ago on some traditions related to palms. I particularly love the idea of making a small palm cross for each member of the family to wear every day during Holy Week. But please wait until after Mass.

There are cultural traditions, like palm weaving, that need to be treated with balance. Mass is not the appropriate place to craft an elaborate palm object. The crafting can happen at home. And maybe it would be better to use palms that are not blessed for testing out some weaving skills.

Other traditions, as The Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy mentions, are not appropriate, such as burning the palms for protection against storms, or using them in fields or gardens to protect them from storms or damage.

After Palm Sunday the blessed palms, and all other worn or broken blessed sacramentals, do not belong in the trash can, but need to be either buried or burned.

So this Palm Sunday, realize the blessed palm is a sacramental and not an object for sword play, not a weaving project to do during Mass, not something to pull apart and toss onto the floor, nor something that provides power or protection.

Palm Sunday Mass is not about obtaining the palm, but participating in the Mass commemorating Christ's entrance solemnly into Jerusalem, and the beginning of Holy Week and His Passion. The blessed palm is a "witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory;" a reminder of this commemoration.

By Jennifer Gregory Miller | CatholicCulture.org
Source: www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgical/year/blog/index.cfm?id=194

The Blessing of Palms

At the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday, the palms are blessed with either of these prayers:

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever...

OR

Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you that we we, who today hold high these branches to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever...

Amen.

After this blessing and the sprinkling of holy water, the palms are now sacramentals, or "little sacraments." Every part of the palm is blessed, including the "strings" or thin threads that often find their way on the floor.

1677 Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare men to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church) As I mentioned in my review of The Rural Life Prayerbook, any blessed object or sacramental needs to be treated with respect.

Can. 1171 Sacred objects, which are designated for divine worship by dedication or blessing, are to be treated reverently and are not to be employed for profane or inappropriate use even if they are owned by private persons (Code of Canon Law).

FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN PRESENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Good Friday
March 30 at 10:00 am

St Lawrence Church
22 Hackensack Ave
Weehawken, NJ



FRANCISCAN MONASTERY
of the **HOLY LAND IN AMERICA**

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit

www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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THE RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD FROM THE CUP

We all are aware of the News reports of the prevalence of the Flu and Colds affecting many people, some ending in tragedy. We include all those affected in our prayers. We ask that those who may be ill, or feel either the ill-effects or early onset of any illness to be responsible and refrain from the optional receiving of the Precious Blood from the Chalice Ministers. Whereas, the Archdiocese has not issued any blanket prohibitions, we rely upon your adult prudence and responsibility. Thank You.

IN THE EVENT OF SNOW OR OTHER INCLEMENT WEATHER,

and when either the local City Officials or the Governor proclaims a 'state of emergency' requiring all to stay off the roads and recommending that people stay indoors, the public celebration of Mass and opening of the Church on that Day would be suspended. Such action is taken for the safety of all and in cooperation with government advisories. Be assured that the Mass Intention for that Day will be satisfied by a Priest's celebration of Mass in private.

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An Examination of Conscience

Oftentimes, we revert to our childhood in order to list our sins without really giving some prayerful thought to a good preparation. Using the themes from Catholic Social Teaching, please find below some supplementary questions to examine your conscience in light of the sacramental grace to be received in confession.



Life and Dignity of the Human Person

- *Do I respect the life and dignity* of every human person from conception through natural death?
- *Do I recognize the face of Christ* reflected in all others around me whatever their race, class, age, or abilities?
- *Do I work to protect* the dignity of others when it is being threatened?
- *Am I committed* to both protecting human life and to ensuring that every human being is able to live in dignity?

Rights and Responsibilities

- *Do I try to make positive contributions* in my family and in my community?
- *Are my beliefs, attitudes, and choices* such that they strengthen or undermine the institution of the family?
- *Am I aware of problems* facing my local community and involved in efforts to find solutions? Do I stay informed and make my voice heard when needed?
- *Do I support the efforts* of poor persons to work for change in their neighborhoods and communities? Do my attitudes and interactions empower or disempower others?

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

- *As a worker, do I give my employer* a fair day's work for my wages? As an owner, do I treat workers fairly?
- *Do I treat all workers with whom I interact* with respect, no matter their position or class?
- *Do I support the rights of all workers* to adequate wages, health insurance, vacation and sick leave? Do I affirm their right to form or join unions or worker associations?
- *Do my purchasing choices* take into account the hands involved in the production of what I buy? When possible, do I buy products produced by workers whose rights and dignity were respected?

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

- *Do I give special attention* to the needs of the poor and vulnerable in my community and in the world?
- *Am I disproportionately concerned* for my own good at the expense of others?
- *Do I engage in service and advocacy work* that protects the dignity of poor and vulnerable persons?

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

- *Do I recognize and respect* the economic, social, political, and cultural rights of others?
- *Do I live in material comfort and excess* while remaining insensitive to the needs of others whose rights are unfulfilled?
- *Do I take seriously my responsibility* to ensure that the rights of persons in need are realized?
- *Do I urge those in power* to implement programs and policies that give priority to the human dignity and rights of all, especially the vulnerable?

Solidarity

- *Does the way I spend my time* reflect a genuine concern for others?
- *Is solidarity incorporated into my prayer and spirituality?* Do I lift up *vulnerable people* throughout the world in my prayer, or is it reserved for only my personal concerns?
- *Am I attentive* only to my local neighbors or also those across the globe?
- *Do I see all members of the human family* as my brothers and sisters?

Care for God's Creation

- *Do I live out my responsibility* to care for God's creation?
- *Do I see my care for creation* as connected to my concern for poor persons, who are most at risk from environmental problems?
- *Do I litter?* Live wastefully? Use energy too freely? Are there ways I could reduce consumption in my life?
- *Are there ways I could change* my daily practices and those of my family, school, workplace, or community to better conserve the earth's resources for future generations?

Reminder: A number of Priests will be available to hear Confessions in our Church on **Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30pm, followed by The Stations of the Cross with musical accompaniment at 7pm.** Please join us as another act of preparation for the Sacred Days and celebrations of Holy Week.

April 26, 2018

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Need a reservation: Offer access to dining at a fabulous restaurant or a private dinner party at a gallery, museum, private yacht, rooftop or art experience.

Your dream job: Give a high school student the opportunity to observe a newsroom, workplace or business experience.

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Night out on the town: Contribute tickets to the ballet, theater, sporting events, concerts, runways, back stage events or celebrity encounters, red carpet or awards shows.

Once in a lifetime: Donate time with an influential or interesting person, actor, author, politician or artist.

Special anniversary: Provide a memorable meal cooked by an amazing chef.

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We look forward to an evening of community and fellowship!