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PALM SUNDAY

A Sabbath Thought

This is a day of heights and depths. We echo the high praise with which Jerusalem blessed him who came in the name of the Lord. But we also plunge into the agony and death of that king who reigned from a cross.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 50:4-7

The liturgy puts into Jesus' mouth both the prophet's words of resolution in the face of suffering *and* confidence in the face of despair. In God's eyes, the disadvantaged and the persecuted possess a far greater dignity than those who abuse them.

Responsorial Psalm:

22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

"Empty" is a negative word. But, in the case of Jesus, his emptying - that is, his impoverishment in death - is our enrichment! To give completely, to hold nothing back is to live fully the life of the Lord.

LUKE 22:14 – 23:56

Here in vivid detail are Jesus' last hours. They are presented, not for morbid curiosity but for our reverent contemplation. This narrative should move us to praise. Through Jesus' sorrow and suffering, joy and healing have become blessings for all. When he appeared most defeated, he was truly triumphant. The servant Son who suffered for the sake of us all won victory through his innocence. Without a thought for himself, he gave all he had and all he was for others. By virtue of his innocence and his loving selflessness, all who believe are made holy and whole

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalm 23:9-10)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

Tract (Isaiah 62:10-11 NRSV)

V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

R. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

The Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

***The Gospel will be read in ensemble.
Please remain seated due to the
extreme length.***

Worship Services

TODAY – April 13th

Palm Sunday

Blessing and distribution of palms to the faithful, PROCESSION

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

WEDNESDAY – April 16th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

“Free” Lenten Meal Before

@ 6:00 PM

Tuna Salad Sandwich & Salad!

THURSDAY – April 17th

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7:00 PM

FRIDAY – April 18th

Good Friday

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

3:00PM

Tenebre

7:00 PM

SATURDAY – April 19th

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Foods

12:00 Noon & 6:45 PM

Blessing of New Fire, Holy

Water and Pascal Candle

7:00 PM

SUNDAY – April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection of the Lord PROCESSION

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – April 27th

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon, Gwen and Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Greg Potash, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante, Dre Curto, Brenda Hoffa, Teri Hettinger, Joe Gimont, Dan Chujko, Chester and Cherrie Kitchman, John DeHart and Bob Price. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 24th; The Book Club will resume by meeting in the library at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Please join us!

Sunday, April 27th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, April 27th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 AM Mass.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The drive continues. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked “YMS of R Table Drive” and checks should be made payable to: “St. Stephens YMS of R” and noted for Table Drive.

PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They continue as follows: April 25 & 26 (Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. Please sign up!

24th NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The 24th National Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held on Friday, May 30th through Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, Colorado. Please see the Pamphlets on the table in the vestibule for more information.

