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Cross Bearer will continue to vestibule)

9:00 AM - *Celebration of the Eucharist*

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book pg. 63

ENTRANCE HYMN - *"Hymn of Faith"*

READING I - Isaiah 50: 4-7

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

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

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads; "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

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

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

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

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

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

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you;
"You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him."

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

READING II - Philippians 2:6-11

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

GOSPEL - Matthew 26:14-27, 66 or 27:11-54

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Lord Forgive"*

OUR FATHER - page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - *"O, My Jesus"* & *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"Cross of Compassion"*

8:30 am -THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS:

1. Collect & Scriptural Lessons
2. Blessing of the Palms
3. Distribution of the Palms
4. Procession of the Palms *"O, My Jesus"*
(*procession around the inside of the church once*)

ORDER OF PROCESSION: 1. Processional Cross 2. Adoration - Society Members 3. Altar Servers 4. Priest 5. Faithful (*Priest &*

O, MY JESUS

O, my Jesus, knelt in anguish
On that night of pain and grief.
Lo, an angel soothes Thy sorrow,
Brings unto Thy soul relief.

Chorus:

Come, my Jesus, Come my Jesus,
Come, my Jesus, Hear my prayer.
Grant me, Lord, Thy grief to share.

Oh my Jesus, filled with suffering
Crucified on the shameful tree.
When Thou comest
to Thy Kingdom,
There, O Lord, Remember me.

Chorus:

Come, my Jesus, Come my Jesus,
Come, my Jesus, Hear my prayer.
Grant me, Lord, Thy grief to share.

“St. Francis Weekly “Kompositions”

+ PALM SUNDAY +

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of “Holy Week.” On this day we commemorate the last triumph of Our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. On this day we celebrate the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem; when the multitudes, going before & following after Him, cut off branches from the trees and strewed them in His way, shouting, “Hosanna, to the Son of David. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.”

‘The Palm Sunday triumph of our Lord only led to His death. But we know that this death was not a failure. It was through His passion and death that He conquered the world and entered into His Kingdom. So the faithful join in this triumphant celebration in an act of homage and gratitude to Christ our King!

+ PASCHAL TRIDIUM +

For Christians the Paschal Tridium (“Three Days”) is the focal point of the entire year. During these days, covering the period from the evening of holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday, we celebrate our faith in the paschal mystery of Christ with the greatest fervor and intensity. In the liturgy we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ as the means of our salvation. Through our baptism, we share in the death of Christ and so hope to share in his resurrection. The liturgy of the Paschal Tridium then invites us to reflect on where we are in our own Paschal journey in Christ.

+ MAUNDY THURSDAY OR HOLY THURSDAY +

The name Maundy comes from the Latin word which means “command.” It refers to the new command Jesus gave his disciples on the ‘Thursday before he was crucified. On that night, long ago, he served the “Last Supper” of bread and wine, washed his disciples’ feet and said, “A new command I give you; Love one another.” —John 13:13

Church bells fall silent on this day and are not heard again until Easter morning. Instead of tinkering bells, wooden clappers are used during divine services. The altar is stripped at the end of the service to symbolize Christ being stripped of his power. ‘The holy sacrifice is interrupted and will not be offered again until Holy Saturday.

+ GOOD FRIDAY +

Good Friday used to be called God’s Friday, because it was the day Jesus was crucified. This is the most solemn day of the year, as we recall the sufferings and death of Jesus. We take this time to journey the “Stations of the Cross,” Christ’s road to Calvary. The Bible says that when Jesus hung on the cross, the sky became dark from noon until three o’clock in the afternoon. During those hours, traditionally, the faithful may meditate in public or private, on the sufferings of Our Lord on the Cross and remember the words He spoke on the Cross... Take time to remember, read the Passion, meditate, pray! We share now in sorrow, grief and pain...

+ HOLY SATURDAY +

BLESSINGS OF EASTER FOODS

Holy Saturday is liturgically a day of deepest mourning, a day which the Church spends at our Lord’s sepulchre, meditating on His sacred Passion and death. There is no Mass and the altars are bare.

As we end the Lenten penitential period in pious preparation for a festive Paschal season. We have the blessing of our Easter foods on Holy Saturday, March 22 at 1:00 pm, a token of gratitude to God for all his gifts of both nature and grace. Traditionally the baskets are filled with foods covered in a white linen cloth. The foods are symbolic to the season; such as

a lamb, formed in butter or cake, representing Christ slain for our sins; horseradish, symbolizes the bitterness of the Passion; eggs, symbolize ‘new life’ and resurrection. Today the baskets may be traditional or contain items special to the owner. Baskets are then placed on the altar & in a quiet ceremony the priest blesses & sprinkles the food with holy water.

The blessing has a very “special significance,” in that it represents the belief that the Lord is part of our daily life and is always among us!

The baskets are brought home and set aside until Easter morning. At that time the egg is first broken - the symbol of new life, shared by the family in an exchange of good wishes.

The Blessing will be well advertised and opens another opportunity for our surrounding community to see and learn about our church. Please attend and be a friend and bring a friend! Thank you!

HOLY WEEK is upon us...pray, meditate, attend Holy Week Services, grow in your spirit...as we prepare for EASTER SUNDAY!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice - OPEN YOUR HEART

Just close your eyes and open your heart and feel your worries and cares depart.

“But my eye are fixed on you, O Sovereign Lord; in you I take refuge - do not give me over to death.” —Psalm 141:8 Today, as thoughts of God enter your heart, your worries will leave!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come, you are invited, family and friends of St. Francis to attend our traditional "Easter Celebration Breakfast" held in the Parish Hall after Easter Sunday Mass. Come, let us REJOICE together!

