

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

When the hour came . . . (Luke 22:14)



One of the best ways to read the story of Jesus' passion is to put ourselves in his shoes. First, Jesus watched one of his own apostles betray him with a kiss. Have you ever had someone smile at you on the surface but then do something to intentionally hurt you? If so, you have had a taste of the passion. Have you ever had your best friends abandon you in a dark time? If so, you have had a taste of the passion. If you ever had people make up lies and false accusations about you in an effort to destroy your reputation, then you have had a taste of the passion. If you have ever been the brunt of terrible jokes and pranks that hurt, then you have had a taste of the passion.

Was any of this fun? No. Did it hurt you deeply? Probably. Did you get angry, feel humiliated, harbor resentment? Likely. Did you want to get even? Maybe.

At the passion, if Jesus fell prey to one split second of resentment or one moment of anger, he would not have been able to save us. Everything would have been lost. But he didn't. Throughout this ordeal, as unjust as it was, Jesus acted like a lamb led to slaughter. He didn't defend himself. He didn't fight back. Instead, all Jesus did was say, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34).

All of us will face false accusation or abuse or betrayal at some point in our lives. It's likely that most of us already have. As we hear the passion today, let's resolve to be as merciful as we can to everyone who has hurt us, ridiculed us, betrayed us, or tarnished our reputations. Let's also agree never again to undermine someone or hurt someone.

Reflecting on Jesus' passion naturally creates a moment of sorrow in us. It saddens us to see Jesus suffer and be mistreated so much. But it can also help us. We can look at the cross and ask God to help us be more forgiving—just as Jesus was.

"Lord, help me to be like you."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Ramona Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 13
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	April 14
8:00 AM	Soul of Betty Flowers
10:00 AM	Soul of Michael Francois Jean
12:15 PM	Soul of Robert Johns Jr.
Monday	April 15
8:00 AM	Intention of Aaron & Briana Katz
Sunday	April 21
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Jordan Manning

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Lk 22:14-23:56
Monday	Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-14, Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12, Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1-2:2, Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	Acts 10:34a-43, Ps 118:1-23, Jn 20:1-9



Weekly Offering

April 7, 2019

\$7175.67 Tithe and Offering
240.00 Building Fund
41.00 "We Care"

Annual Seder Meal

St. Bernadette "*Women Moving In the Spirit,*" invites you to their annual Seder Meal on **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 in the parish hall**. The cost is \$22. For tickets or more information call Helen Clemmons at 323.296.7363 or St. Bernadette Office at 323.293.4877.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 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, April 18th at 7 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19th

Holy Land Collection

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 to 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20th at 8 PM

Easter Vigil Service and Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21st

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.



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 27 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 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?

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese would like to reiterate that we stand resolute in our commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese has created a new website, protect.la-archdiocese.org, to serve as a comprehensive resource that will connect you to its programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at 213.637.7650 or protect.la-archdiocese.org for help and support.