

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 28, 2010

Homily Next Week:
Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

**Readings for
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010**
FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43
SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours
Monday-Thursday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Holy Week: A Primer

Oh happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer. ~Exultet, sung at the Easter Vigil~

Beginning in Jerusalem sometime between 349 and 386 AD, the celebration of Holy Week has become the touchstone for the liturgical life of the entire Church—especially since its revival in 1955, under Pius XII, and its reform after Vatican II. In this coming week, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by his betrayal, death, and resurrection, we place ourselves in the founding mystery of the Church—the Pascha (i.e., Pass-over) celebration of our faith tradition. With that in mind, I thought it might help us enter more fully as a community into this season to understand better some of its elements.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Recalling the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem for the final time, a story recalled in all of the gospels, Passion Sunday highlights Jesus' role as Messiah (a Hebrew word, translated through the Greek as "Christ"). Coming into the city on a mule, as was predicted of the Messiah by the Prophets, Jesus rides over branches and cloaks that are laid out as they would be for a king, so that the king would not be dirtied. The song the people sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!" refers, in the Prophet Isaiah, directly to the Messiah. It is this which leads the Jewish leaders to see in Jesus such a threat. In waving palms, at the beginning of mass, we identify ourselves, not with the leaders, but with the people, who saw Jesus as the "Anointed One" (i.e., Christ or Messiah), and we welcome him into Jerusalem—the home of the King of Israel since the days of David.

Holy Thursday

In the Catholic tradition, Holy Thursday begins with a Chrism Mass, celebrated by the local bishop. Although, for practical purposes, this mass is often celebrated earlier in Lent (this year it is 25 March), it is meant to recall the unity of the Church around the bishop, and the healing grace which comes from that. All the holy oils—the oil of the catechumenate, the oil of the infirm, and the sacred chrism—are blessed at this mass by the bishop, for use during the year, as a sign of this unity. Likewise, priests and deacons from all over the diocese are encouraged to attend, as representatives of the bishop to particular communities. The oils are taken from this mass and brought to each church community (including St. Joseph) during the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, where they are stored in a place of honor.

The primary mass of Holy Thursday, however, is the Mass of the Lord's Supper—indeed, no other mass is allowed on that day in any parish. This mass signals the beginning of the *Triduum* (which means "three days") where we will recall the central story of our faith: the death and rising of Jesus.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper, though it recalls the institution of the Eucharist, begins not with the Eucharist, but with the washing of feet, and the gospel of John, which tells of this rite. In taking the role of foot-washer, Jesus does the work of the least important servant, and thus binds himself, absolutely, to the poor. This is how he chooses to begin the Passover meal, in which all Jews recall their liberation from Egypt and from slavery. It is at Passover that Jesus institutes the Eucharist, and the symbolic connection between his death and this feast fill our liturgy: Passover was a celebration of freedom and the holiest meal of the Jewish year, when Jews would gather with their whole family to break the unleavened bread (i.e., *Matzah*),

Calendar

Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday Come to the Quiet, 5 PM Passion Play, 5:30 Mass
Monday, March 29	Sacred Silence, 7 PM, Church
Wednesday, March 31	Pathfinders, 6 PM Social Hall VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Thursday, April 1	Holy Thursday Mass, 7 PM
Friday, April 2	Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 12:30 PM, Church Good Friday Liturgy, 7 PM
Saturday, April 3	Easter Vigil, 8 PM No Reconciliation
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday Masses at 7, 9, & 11 AM (No 5:30 PM Mass)

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Molly as she journeys with the hopes and prayers of family, friends and her medical community in dealing with a tumor. . . For our daughter and the safe delivery of her baby in April.

Prayer Tree



“Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine . . . I am . . . your God . . . I regard you as precious . . . and I love you.”

Is 43:2-7

If you are interested in having someone placed on the prayer tree, please contact Renée Leet at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Please remember in your prayers Sr. Aloysia Maria, SNJM who passed away March 15th in Spokane at the Convent of Holy Names. Sr. Aloysia spent a number of years in this community and will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.

and drink several ritual glasses of wine, offered in thanksgiving to God who had rescued them from slavery; the main food was a sacrificed lamb—the lamb of God—shared among them. In instituting the Eucharist (a word that means “*thanksgiving*”) Jesus uses the ritual bread and one of the ritual cups of wine, saying “*This is my body*” and “*This is the covenant of my blood,*” thus suggesting that he gives his life to the people before anyone can take it from him, and also suggesting that this gift (this sacrifice) is a new covenant to replace the covenant of Moses begun in Passover.

After mass, the consecrated host—the same bread given to the disciples—is carried in procession to an altar of repose, a sign of Jesus departure to the Garden and then to his arrest. We sing in this procession to celebrate this birthday of the Mass and the grace that Christ leaves us, permanently, in the real presence of the Eucharist. Meanwhile, the altar is stripped, as we face the trial and death of Jesus.

Good Friday

The one day on which Mass is never said, this is the day to recall the death of Jesus, and his acceptance of even this degree of humanity. The liturgy of Good Friday—“*good*” because of its blessing to us—is one of sorrow and humility, where we pray with Jesus and watch as he empties himself completely into the hands of God, while never ceasing to love, even to the last. In John’s gospel, this is Jesus’ Hour of Glory, since he is raised up in love and fully unites our human loss with God’s gracious receiving. For this reason, we venerate the cross, honoring this “*tree*” where love is triumphant.

Holy Saturday

This day recalls Jesus in the tomb, and is meant to be a day of quiet and prayer. According to tradition, Jesus, who has descended fully into death, goes to the dead and liberates them. One of the great icons is Jesus meeting Adam, and lifting him up in the redemption—the reunion with God—that Christ effects.

Next Week: Easter & Its Symbols



Attention All CFF Families...

There will be no CFF classes today or next Sunday (Easter Sunday). **Classes will resume on Sunday, April 11th.** See you then!

Confirmation Candidates

There will be no Confirmation class on Easter Sunday, April 4th, or on April 11th. **Class will resume Sunday, April 18th.**

FAITH FORMATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Friday morning following 7 am Mass, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel in the Parish Center until 11 am. Please come by for quiet prayer time during the adoration. The chapel is also available for prayer during regular Parish Center business hours, 8 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and 9 am-1 pm on Saturday.

First Friday Prayer Service

Spring is in the air, a time for renewal and growth. Join in the April First Friday Prayer Service as we celebrate spring's arrival. The Prayer gathering will be held on Friday April 9th and will begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Arrupe Room. There will be a potluck immediately following and we ask that you bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, and whatever you wish to drink. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Quinn-Shea at quinn-shea@msn.com or Mary Beth Hribar-Deitz at Marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com

CFF2 Families:

*Please make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming First Eucharist Important Dates:
Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, April 22nd at 6 pm in the church.*

First Communion Dresses & Blazers

Borrow a beautiful dress or a stylish blazer for your child's First Eucharist on April 24th and 25th. Contact Robin Cole at recole1954@hotmail.com to set up a time to check out the options. *If you have any outfits to donate, please let Robin know and she will add them to the collection.*

Seattle U Alumni Day of Prayer 2010

Hearts On Fire: Finding Hope in One's Journey
Presenters Fr. Natch Ohno, S.J. & Stacy Cates-Carney
Saturday, April 10th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Seattle University, Chapel of St. Ignatius
Join Magis in the annual Alumni Day of Prayer for an experience of reflection, liturgy and community. Magis welcomes Fr. Natch Ohno, SJ (Seattle University) and Stacy Cates-Carney (L'Arche Tahoma Hope) for a reflection on the meaning of hope within our everyday experiences. This retreat is open to persons of all faith traditions and ages. We encourage you to bring a friend or family member! Cost is \$15 for pre-registration or \$20 at the door and includes presentation, meals, materials and parking pass. To register, email Magis at rsvp-magis@seattleu.edu

St. Joseph Parish

Men's Weekend Retreat

"Response and Responsibility"

What We Can Do In a World of Need?

April 16-18th ~ Friday evening through Sunday morning

Camp Sealth on Vashon Island

Facilitated by George Kunz, Don Manning,
Steve Trainer and Dick Ellis

For those who can.. please join us for *Men's Barbecue*

Dinner at Bill Weller's home on Vashon with
Horseshoes and Lawn Bowling (Friday 3-7pm)

Cost: \$125.00 per person (includes two nights lodging &
five meals - double occupancy)

\$75.00 per person for our community elders 65 and older!

Partial scholarships available.

Cost does not include transportation.

We will help organize carpooling.

Accommodations are simple and rustic!

All rooms sleep two.

We need a minimum of 25 guys to go
and a maximum of 35 participants.

Sign-up on first come, first pay basis. Questions?

Call Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Women's Spirituality Group

The Wednesday morning Women's Spirituality Group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, April 14th in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. For information contact Giselle Pavlovec at 206-329-7122 or gisellepavlovec@msn.com or Tracy Janney at janney@mac.com

Ignatian Spirituality Center Presents Ignatian Eco-Spirituality Series

Five Thursday Sessions: April 22 - May 20, 7-9 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

Presenters: Christine Paintner & Joseph Carver, SJ
Registration Fee is \$25 / Total Program Cost is \$125

Some partial work scholarships are available

Make checks payable to "ISC" and send to 732 18th Ave E,
Seattle 98122

or pay online at www.IgnatianCenter.org

(click on "Programs")

Contact Christine with any questions
christine@ignatiancenter.org or call 206-329-4824

St. Vincent de Paul Society Honors

Tom Connor

Parishioner Tom Connor received the St. Vincent de Paul "Least of My Brethren" Award for outstanding service to the needy in Capitol Hill and our region at the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Seattle/King Co. Council's Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, March 2st1. The event, held at Kennedy Catholic High School in Burien, celebrated the Society's 90th anniversary of serving the poor and needy in Seattle/King County—and the special people who make home visits and run programs to assist neighbors in need. Fr. John Whitney, S.J. was the Keynote Speaker. Thank you Tom for your commitment to so many in need.

Needed: Volunteers for St. Martin De Porres Shelter

For the past 20 years, St. Joseph parishioners have brought sandwiches, milk and fruit every Saturday night to feed the 200 plus men who call St. Martin de Porres Shelter home. Currently, volunteers are needed for the 1st and 2nd Saturday volunteer teams. The expectation is that once a month you contribute one of the following: 2-3 gallons of milk, 25 sandwiches, a box of bananas, or help serve. Please help us keep this long-standing ministry strong. To help contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Volunteers are needed to provide

Catholic prayer presence and sacrament of Eucharist to patients and their families at Harborview Medical Center. Previous experience being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion preferred, but not required. Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork, background checks and complete three orientation/training sessions and personal interviews. Time expectation is once a week - 3-4 hour shift, plus monthly check-in gatherings. There is lots of flexibility in regards to specific day & time. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org All paperwork must be turned in by April 20th.

Art Show at Chief Seattle Club

American Indian and Alaska Native artists will be showing and selling their artwork. Thursday, April 1st, 6-9 pm, Chief Seattle Club, 410 2nd Ave. Proceeds will benefit both the artist and the program.

SENIORS ON THE GO

Attention Seniors...

April's First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon will be **Friday, April 16th**. (First Friday in April is Good Friday and the 2nd Friday Fr. John will be in New Orleans supporting the youth trip.) Also note that May's First Friday will be May 14th.

St. Joseph Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd, 10 am sharp on the church lawn (if raining, then in the social hall)

For children birth to 10+

Please bring a dozen filled eggs for each child you are bringing

before 12 noon on Friday, April 2nd to the Parish Center

Also, bring a baked item the morning of to share!

Hospitality to follow the big hunt in the

Arrupe Room of the Parish Center

For questions or to help, please contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Choosing Compassion: The Paradox of Power

Developed by Michael Crosby, OFM Cap.

Six facilitated sessions, include videos and discussion.

Location: IPJC Offices, 1216 NE 65th St, Seattle, WA

Date: Wednesdays, April 14th—May 19th

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Cost: \$10

Facilitated by: Judy Heasley, IPJC Staff and

Kristin Brown, Intern - Comparative Religions

Registration: Space is limited—Please register by April 9th,

206-223-1138 or ipjc@ipjc.org

CYO Track and Field Registration

CYO Track and Field is open to all parish boys and girls in K-8th grade. The track program for K-3rd graders is a fun, non-competitive running club that includes some skill (throwing, jumping, running) development. There are no meets. The 4th-8th grade program includes competing in CYO track championship meets (individual and team). 8th graders may participate in a pentathlon. For K-3rd Grade, contact Rasa Raisys at rasaraisys@hotmail.com or for 4th-8th Grade, contact David and Kirsten Rothrock at davidkirsten@comcast.net To register, visit www.stjosephsea.org/studentactivities/cyo Deadline is April 16th.