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# Weekly Bulletin

April 4 to April 11, 2009

## "Becoming obedient to the point of death"

It's nice to think about palm trees when we've just been through an "old fashioned Minnesota winter!" We have survived and not been defeated by the wind chill and snow. As much as the palm tree now makes us think about pleasant and warm beaches, to the ancient world it was a symbol of victory. Jesus was greeted as a conquering hero when he entered Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna" and waving palm branches.

For some, the arrival of Jesus was seen as a threat to their own position and power. For others, the initial sentiments of praise vanished quickly when it became apparent that Jesus wasn't going to command worldly dominion and give them material prosperity. Even though the Sacred Scriptures prophesied a "suffering servant," the temptation was too great to think of the promised Messiah as the liberator from the Romans or the Jewish equivalent of Alexander the Great.

There are three important lessons which we can learn from the Passion of Jesus. First, human esteem and earthly well-being are fleeting. Jesus became despised and utterly bereft because He knew that doing the Will of the Father is where ultimate fulfillment lies. Second, God's Love is so much greater than anything we can measure. Jesus freely underwent the most excruciating suffering to demonstrate His Merciful Love. Third, all human suffering now has meaning if we unite it to His Passion. Rather than being victims of the injustice and uncertainties of life, we can claim victory by letting our pains assist us to become more Christ-like. Our hearts can be pried open by suffering to recognize our total dependence on God and to be instruments of compassion to those around us who suffer.

I hope that everyone will prayerfully consider attending the special liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday in preparation for Easter Sunday. The sacrifice of time is more than repaid by the opportunity to delve deeper into the mystery of faith. This Holy Week should see us focused on becoming holy—so we shouldn't forget to make a good confession as well! God is inviting us to deeper intimacy... are we listening and prepared to answer?

**Father Joseph**

**SCHEDULES**

**Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

**Confession:**

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

**Religious Education:**

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

**1st Sat. of Month:**

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 4/4  
8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family  
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 4/5  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 4/11  
8:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 4/12  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Triduum Schedule**

Holy Thursday - April 9 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM  
Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 10 PM

Good Friday - April 10 - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 PM

Easter Vigil - Saturday - April 11 - 8 PM  
(There is no 5 PM Mass).

Easter Sunday - April 12 - 9 AM

(All masses and celebrations are in English and Hmong).

**Good Friday**

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal.

Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

On Good Friday, all Catholics ages 14 and above are to abstain from eating meat.

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 4/4(Vigil)**

Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15: 1-39

**Sunday 4/5**

Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15: 1-39

**Monday 4/6**

John 12: 1-11

**Tuesday 4/7**

John 13: 21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday 4/8**

Matthew 26: 14-25

**Thursday 4/9**

John 13: 1-15

**Friday 4/10**

John 18: 1- 19:42

**Saturday Confession**

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

**Lus ceeb toom**

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov  
tooj hauv peb lub Tsev teev  
Ntuj lawm, mas yog nej hu  
tuaj, tus yuav teb xov tooj  
yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob  
pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj  
(Cathedral). Tso nej npe  
thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig  
mam li hu rov rau nej.

St. Vincent de Paul,  
Pray for us!

**Pro-Life Notice**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is inviting public comment on a proposal to rescind an important December 2008 federal regulation that protects the conscience rights of health care providers. Help protect the rights of our Catholic health care professionals and institutions. Please visit [www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection](http://www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection) to access links to make a comment and to find out more information. Comments must be posted by April 9, 2009.