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WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020 – EASTER

READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 9th – Jesus celebrates the First Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. How blessed we are for both these gifts.

EXODUS 12: 1-8, 11-14 – The recounting of the first Passover in Egypt a precursor for what is to happen on Good Friday.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 – Paul reminding his disciples of the institution of the Eucharist

JOHN 13:1-15 – The recounting of the washing of the feet and the institution of the priesthood.

Good Friday April 10th – We follow our Lord's journey to His death. Has this Lenten journey mirrored for us Jesus' journey?

ISAIAH 52:13-53.12 – He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities and by His death we are healed.

HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9 – God made man who can sympathize with our weaknesses and has been tested as we are.

JOHN 18:1 – 19:42 – The Passion and Death of Our Lord.

Easter April 12th – Jesus has risen! He did what he said he would do!

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 – Peter affirms Jesus' Godhead by testifying to his death and resurrection.

COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4 – Paul reminds us to set our sights on the things of God not of the earth.

JOHN 20: 1-18 – Our Lord has risen. It is a marvel for our eyes.



REFLECTION for EASTER

No matter what you had decided to do for Lent, whether big or small, it was all overshadowed by this coronavirus. Perhaps God was calling us to make a bigger sacrifice than we usually make. Perhaps not! Whatever the case, for most of us, it was the longest Lent ever and does not seem to be over.

Holy Week and Easter have always been for me a roller coaster of emotions. We journey with Jesus through the triumph of Palm Sunday, when He is hailed as a King, to the wonder of Holy Thursday, where He offers Himself to us in the bread and wine, to the despair in the Garden of Gethsemane, the fear and terror of the trial and torture, to the total desolation of His death on the cross. The emptiness and anticipation of Holy Saturday bring us to the overwhelming joy of Easter Sunday.

This year feels different for so many of us. Where is the overwhelming joy of Easter? It is there just below the surface. God is calling us to trust in Him, to be patient. As is said in a Yiddish tale about King Solomon, “this too shall pass” and I believe it will. As a child of God, I must believe that it will pass and when it does there will be overwhelming joy on Earth.

As Christians, when there are times of trouble, we usually gather together, comfort and carry each other, through prayer and support. This Lent has been very different and we have had to find new ways of caring and comforting each other while maintaining our distance. So it is with the joy of Easter. We will find new ways to bring the joy of the resurrection to everyone we know. God will bring us through this and when it is over, we will celebrate an Easter joy of such magnitude that it will overwhelm us and bring us to a new understanding of God’s everlasting love. Happy Easter to all of you and know that Father Pierre, Deacon Nic and I are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Anne Coulter

Pope Francis' Prayer For These Times:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.*

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O
glorious and blessed Virgin.*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who, through this difficult time, have reached out to support their parish by continuing their donations through PAD or leaving their envelopes in the church mailbox (which is checked daily). We realize that many of you are suffering financially during this time and we pray that this time of struggle will soon be over. God keep you safe, well and sane.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy. Anyone affected by the virus.

***Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed and Holy
Easter – until we are together again.***