

# Message From The Pastor

**March 5, 2021**

“Shush...No Make Any Noise Now!”

Yup, that is precisely what my grandmother would tell us with firm vigor.

Every Good Friday, exactly at noon until three o'clock, no noise was permitted in our house. None whatsoever. No TV. No music. No laughter. No talking. Only silence. Grandma wanted all of us to never forget what Jesus did for all of us, on the first Good Friday.

I wish my grandmother's voice would be heeded on Good Fridays in American society today! Unlike in the past, sadly, there isn't the respect for that very sacred and solemn day, especially the aforementioned hours of 12 noon through 3:00pm. The three hours do not seem to be special for some Christians anymore. How sad.

Maybe this year you and I can make a difference in our small corner of American society. Why not turn off the noise? Possibly, we should not be anywhere else, but in a church for some, if not all the three hours? Conceivably, if we either hear about or notice ordinary activity occurring, we can share that the three hours of Good Friday should take priority. On the afternoon, when Jesus hung between life and death, it was an action beyond extraordinary, Indeed, we should not be doing anything ordinary, except focusing on Him!

Read again and again the Opening Prayer for the Good Friday Prayer Service. How beautiful it is.

***“Almighty and Everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that you might remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion and that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

Peace  
Fr. Marc