

Thoughts from the Deacon

April 2, 2020

As we approach Holy Week, may the peace of Christ fill your heart in these unprecedented times. Sadly, the Churches remain closed and Masses continue to be private. I know this is a difficult period for us as Catholics, with no access to the Eucharist, but these things are not in our control. In the history of the Church, many faithful have gone for long periods without access to the Sacraments. It has always been the personal piety of Catholic individuals that has kept the faith alive during these times. Each person has the individual responsibility to grow in knowledge of the faith and bring themselves closer to Jesus Christ and Holy Mother Church. Take any free time you have, or better yet, make time and invest it in your salvation. Read Scriptures, pray the Rosary, pray the Stations of the Cross, spend time listening to the Lord. Christ is ultimately in charge. "Tempest Fugit Memento Mori" "Time flies; remember death". Not to be macabre but our end goal as Christians is salvation of souls and eternity with Jesus Christ. Now as always, we need to be ready.

Are you ready?.....

"Viva Christo Rey!" Long Live Christ the King!

Palm Sunday - Private Mass 4:30pm St Mary

Palms will be available at both Churches: St Mary's - outside the back door starting after 4:30 Mass on Saturday; St Ann's - inside front door of the Parish Hall beginning Saturday evening.

Announcements from Bishop Brennan:

Thursday of Holy Week

- **The Chrism Mass -- 9:00 a.m.**
 - Broadcast on St. Gabriel Radio, 820 AM, Columbus, and 88.3 FM, Portsmouth
 - Live-stream at www.columbuscatholic.org, Diocesan Facebook page, and Diocesan YouTube Channel
- **Diocesan-wide Lenten Retreat from St. Joseph Cathedral**
Leader: Father Michael Kelly, Director of Spiritual Formation, Pontifical College Josephinum
 - *Monday, April 6 – Our Response to This Particular Holy Week*
 - *Tuesday, April 7 -- The Evil that Challenged the Last Supper*
 - *Wednesday, April 8 -- The Blessed Virgin Mary Guiding Us Through Holy Week*
 - Broadcasts each day at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on St. Gabriel Radio, 820 AM, Columbus, and 88.3 FM, Portsmouth
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God be Praised in ALL Things

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