



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

A Message from the Pastor

April 6, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

I hope you were able to spend time together yesterday reflecting upon Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and praying together. And, if you were alone, know that our spiritual prayers combined with yours. We continue the journey this Holy Week abandoning ourselves and giving our very best to Jesus. The gospel reading for today tells of the woman anointing the feet of Jesus with expensive oil. Her critics pointed out that this was a waste and perhaps she could have sold it and given the money to the poor. I think the real point is this: She gave the very best of herself to Jesus enjoying her proximity to Him. He saw this devotion!

What are we willing to give to Jesus? Is it our very best? Our devotion to Jesus is not necessarily something that is seen by others nor should it. Jesus knows of our proximity to him and what we are willing to sacrifice. As we make our way through the beauty of this week and realizing that we will not have that proximity in the way we are used to and, the inability, to receive the physical Eucharist we must find in ourselves that Jesus Himself is proximate to us spiritually. May you know and place your hope in Jesus who is very near.

We invite you to celebrate Eucharist with our broadcast of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday with your priests. Due to the extenuating circumstances we have been given new liturgical directives during this time. Therefore, you will not see some of the things that you may be accustomed to seeing at some of our celebrations. For example, you will not see the Holy Oils brought in, the washing of feet, the procession with the Eucharist and Exposition, etc.

View a livestream of Archdiocese Chrism Mass tonight, April 6, at 7:00 pm at <https://lacatholics.org/mass-for-the-homebound/>

Recording of Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday, we invite you to view the Mass of the Lord's Supper at www.stluketemplecity.org, the Parish Vimeo Channel (<https://vimeo.com/404227524>), or via the e-communication that will be sent on Thursday. **NOTE:** *The Passion Sunday Mass recording available on the Parish website and Vimeo Channel.*

Visit lacatholics.org/holyweek each day to read daily reflections and discover ways to live Holy Week at home. Additional resources available at: <https://stluketemplecity.org/lenten-season-2020>.

Know of your priests' daily prayers for you as we journey together, but apart.

Prayers and blessings from cyberspace,

Fr. Mark

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