

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

28 March 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,



Hosanna! Hosanna!

Just a little over 2,000 years ago, Our Salvation (Jesus the Christ) arrives triumphantly into Jerusalem hearing the cheer, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” On this Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, we begin the holiest week of the liturgical year. We start this Holy Week with great joy. Still following our theme; “Working to be Transformed!” Hosanna! It is an expression of adoration and extreme joy. How quickly that will change and return again.

Today in Christian Churches all around the world we recall and in a real way relive, Christ’s triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. Only looking at this day 2000 years ago, Jesus is victorious, but this celebration temporary. People are celebrating their king. Israelites have now made it to that promise of greatness. Six days later the same crowd will turn because of fear, hatred, and greed. They will be crying out; Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

Also today we continue to experience the same type of dichotomy in our country. We are divided by politicians and racist opportunists. This “experience” made manifest in the hundreds of people who stormed the United States Capital Building. All Americans (except for the insurrectionists and sympathizers) condemn these heinous acts. Almost everyone has seen pictures and/or read about the country Capitol being seized by a mob wearing “maga hats”, carrying confederate flags, wearing Tee shirts promoting places like Auschwitz. They were yelling things like: “kill Mike Pence.”, “Nancy where are you?” The insurrectionist wanting to do harm to the people they hate. All supposedly based on a lie promulgated by the last occupant of the White House, because of his desire to stay in power. Politicians trying to benefit from the insurrection that they helped to cause try to rewrite the narrative. Using fear and hate to stay in power. Same playbook different game.

Racism (the most egregious sin against the universal Church) is at the root of our problems in this country and in our Church. The sin effects every decisions we make. Back in the ‘60s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that Sunday at 10:00am was the most “segregated hour” in the United States. It still is. We are still feeling the effects of this sin. Easily apparent as people of “goodwill” in this country mourn the massacre of 8 innocent victims of hate. Those six Asian women and two others murdered because of the sin of Racism in the deranged mind of a young white man. Racists in our Church, country, and world are emboldened by the politicians that are trying to hold onto a base and negating any call for reform of our society.

How can we continue in this holiest of weeks trying to complete “working to be transformed” as we deal with this and the pandemic of COVID-19? We recommit ourselves to relive this triumphant week walking with Christ for real. Just as He walks with us. And just like Holy Week 2000 years ago, we the neo-Israelites will be triumphant as our homes, state, country and world will be transformed. We will boldly proclaim; Hosanna in the highest!

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ Pastor

Transfiguration School Registration

We are currently accepting applications for new students for preschool through seventh grade for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in enrolling or receiving more information about our school, please contact the main office: 323.292.3011 or email: info@transfigurationla.org

Did you Know?

Abusive behavior is nonconsensual

The term “consensual” implies that a person freely agrees to do something and understands what they are consenting to do. When it comes to child abuse, no child can give consent, or freely agree, to engage in inappropriate behavior with an older person – however children can be manipulated such that it appears they have consented in some way out of deference to the abuser’s authority. This is why abuse often involves misuse or abuse of power over a victim and can be accomplished through a range of inappropriate behaviors that give the abuser the upper hand. To read more from the VIRTUS® article “Early Identification is Crucial,” visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Stewardship Thought

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

Weekly Offering for March 21, 2021

\$2,703.00 Tithe and Offering

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Holy Thursday, April 1 at 6:30PM

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00PM

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday, April 3 at 8:00 PM

Easter Vigil Service and Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4

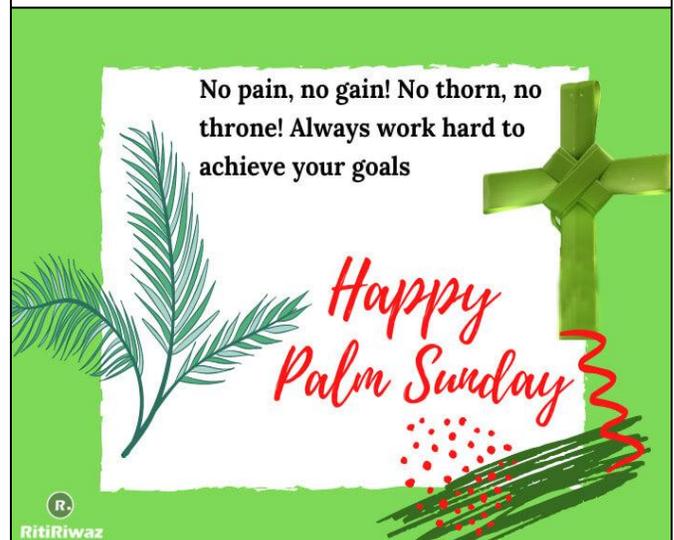
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Call 323.291.1136

Transfiguration Media Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to join our Media Ministry to assist with our live-streaming. Please contact the church office at 323.291.1136 for more details.



Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Tenci Bowden, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Kelli Louie, Vylfred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, and Peggy Wilson.