

Palm Sunday ***March 20, 2016***

The Story and You: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

It's weird, the things you remember. I'm sure I've been thirstier, or hotter, or in more pain than that sweltering hot Good Friday many years ago. But carrying four bags of groceries up several flights of stairs at three in the afternoon that particular day imprinted on me an awareness of just a fraction of the pain of Calvary, and that's the day I realized how central to our faith is the Suffering Servant. It's not that the Father requires it. It's that we require a God who knows thirst, who knows pain, who knows terror, who knows us. I can't think of an experience of sorrow that Jesus didn't know, and I take much comfort in that. He knew the little stuff—like arms burning from carrying a few bags up a few flights of stairs—because he endured the big stuff, like carrying the crossbeam of his cross up the hill of Calvary.

He knew the pain we suffer when our friends don't love us, because the night before he died, Peter, withering under the scrutiny of a maid in Caiaphas's courtyard, denied that he had ever known him.

Do you have asthma? Jesus knows what it is to struggle for breath. It was the particular torture of crucifixion that the victim eventually asphyxiated from pulling up to get air, then collapsing down again.

Someday the little pains of our lives will magnify. The diminishment of old age will bring us to our knees, and we will pray one last time, *Jesus, remember me.*

And then *he who was obedient unto death, even death on a cross*, will say to us, "This day you will be with me in Paradise."

What particular affliction in your life did Jesus also suffer?

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La Historia y Usted: Domingo De Ramos de La Pasión del Señor

Es raro, las cosas de las que te acuerdas. Estoy segura de que he estado más sedienta, o he tenido más calor, o más dolor de lo que sentí aquel abrasador Viernes Santo hace muchos años. Pero el hecho de cargar cuatro bolsas de mandado mientras subía muchos escalones a las tres de la tarde en ese particular día me permitió percatarme de esa fracción del dolor del Calvario, y en ese día me di cuenta de que tan central en nuestra fe es el Sirviente que Sufrir. No es que el Padre lo requiera. Es que nosotros requerimos a un Dios que conozca la sed, que conozca el dolor, que conozca el terror, que nos conozca a nosotros. No puedo pensar en una experiencia de dolor que Jesús no halla conocido, y eso me da mucho consuelo.

Él conoció de las cosas pequeñas- como el ardor de los brazos después de cargar unas cuantas bolsas al subir muchos escalones- porque él soportó las cosas grandes, como cargar un madero de cruz mientras subía el cerro del Calvario.

Él sabía del dolor que sufrimos cuando nuestros amigos no nos aman, porque la noche antes de morir, Pedro, flaqueando ante las preguntas de una sirvienta en el patio de Caifás, negó que lo hubiese conocido.

¿Tienes asma? Jesús sabe lo que es luchar por alcanzar resuello. Fue en la particular tortura de la crucifixión en la que la víctima eventualmente se asfixia de jalararse hacia arriba para alcanzar aire, y entonces dejarse caer otra vez.

Algún día los pequeños dolores de nuestras vidas serán magnificados. Las decadencias de la ancianidad nos harán caer de rodillas, y oraremos una vez más, *Jesús, acuérdate de mí.* Y entonces *el que fue obediente hasta la muerte, hasta la muerte en una cruz*, nos dirá, - Este día, tú estarás conmigo en el Paraíso.- *¿Qué sufrimiento en particular de tu propia vida también sufrió Jesús?*

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Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

BUTTER BRAIDS *delivery today!!*

This year, our proceeds will be going toward an improved sound system in the church. Delivery is this Palm Sunday weekend.

WORD ON FIRE – CATHOLICISM SERIES

Our next session in the *Catholicism* series, is this Wednesday, March 30, at 7:00 pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We are currently seeking a faith-filled, energetic and FUN person to join our Catechetical team to help lead our middle school youth in our Sunday Faith Formation Program. Ideal candidates must be practicing Catholics who have a desire to share their faith and who enjoy working with young people. Previous experience is appreciated, but not required. Must be available and ready to begin by late summer. Interested candidates should contact Laurie Lopez at the Parish Office, or via email at laurie.srldenver@gmail.com.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—
Jana Purdy, Lucila Pimental, Baby
Stephany, Gretchen Testerman, Rosi
Cervantes, Ana Portillo, Barbara
Deaguero, Tony Romero, Audrey
Magee, Lucy Ortega, Conception
Ayala, LaSelle Pino, Frank Romero,
Fernando Olivas, Olivia Scott,
Guadalupe Sanches, Clarita Rubio,
Veronica Aragon, Mary Maes.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sun Mar 20 – **PALM SUNDAY**

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Mon Mar 21—

8:00 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Communion Service

Tues Mar 22—

7:45 am Morning Prayer

8:15 am Mass

Wed Mar 23—

8:00 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Mass

Thu Mar 24 – **HOLY THURSDAY**

8:00 am Morning Prayer

NO morning Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri Mar 25 – **GOOD FRIDAY**

8:00 am Morning Prayer

NO morning Mass

Noon – Meditation on 7 Last Words

3:00 pm – Tennebrae

7:00 pm – Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord; Veneration of the Cross

Sat Mar 26 – **HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

NO 4:00 PM MASS

Sun Mar 27 – **EASTER SUNDAY**

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Help with TAXES—if you make less than \$53,000 and have children at home, there is FREE tax help. Emily Griffith Technical College, 1205 Osage Street, now to April 14, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (*closed March 21 to April 1 for spring break*). There are flyers in the back of the church.

