

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 14, 2019

Palms and Paradox

Today we are in the middle of a paradox. On the one hand, we are filled with joy. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, throngs of people rejoice. The promised Savior has finally come! The Messiah is here! Redemption is at hand!

But then, on the other hand, we turn towards the sorrowful narrative of our Lord's rejection, suffering, and death - with his passion. Palm Sunday is also Passion Sunday. It is a solemn, silent moment.

How can a day of triumph be filled with both joy and sorrow? Because what seems to be Christ's defeat is actually his victory, the victory of everlasting love.

- "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).
- That's what Jesus taught, and that's what he did in his passion, to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that his love for us has no limits.
- The angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest" when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and now the people sing, "Hosanna in the Highest" as Jesus enters Jerusalem.

Both entrances were motivated by God's love, the same love that led him to be obedient to the Father even to the point of death, so as to reverse the disobedience of Adam, pay the price of our sins, and rescue fallen mankind from hopelessness and injustice.

We have solved our paradox. The source of our sorrow is sin, our sins, the cause of Christ's suffering. But the source of our joy is Christ's love, the very reason Jesus was willing to suffer, and the very power that, through his sacrifice on the cross, conquers our sins.

And so, Christians can always live inside the paradox of Palm Sunday, can always find joy, the joy of Christ's limitless love, even amidst the profoundest sorrows.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Mon. 4/15	Noon: Mass
Tue. 4/16	Noon: Mass
Wed. 4/17	Noon: Mass
Thu. 4/18	Holy Thursday 7:00 p Mass of Lord's Supper Adoration at the Chapel until 9:30 pm
Fri. 4/19	Good Friday 11:15a Stations of the Cross (Youth day. All are welcome) 3:00 p Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p Divine Liturgy / Veneration of the Cross / Communion
Sat. 4/20	Holy Saturday 9:00 a Morning Prayer 8:00 p Solemn Easter Vigil
Sun. 4/21	Easter Sunday 10:00 a Mass of the Resurrection (bilingual)



Holy Week

Mass Intentions

April 13 - 20, 2019

Sat. 4/13	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
	5:30 pm	+Patricia Hallman
Sun. 4/14	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	+Andre Sims
	1:00 pm	+Daisi Rodriguez
Mon. 4/15	12:00	Evelyn Lowey
Tue. 4/16	12:00	+Fr. Leonard Hurley
Wed. 4/17	12:00	+Terry Dixon
Thu. 4/18	7:00pm	All parishioners
Fri. 4/19	7:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion
Sat. 4/20	8:00 pm	All parishioners

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege, *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Fr. William Gurnee, *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Emilio Lowey, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Father Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.

Question of the week: How is Jesus a model for men when I suffer?

Thank you

To all those who participate in the Spring clean-up. Let's keep Nativity Church beautiful!

TV Mass - every Sunday morning 1030am on WDCW Channel 50 Washington, and daily 2-3 times per day on EWTN. Check your local providers channel list or watch online.

Attendance Report	
4/7/19	
Attendance:	478 souls
Offerings & Tithes:	\$7,384
Spanish Mass:	\$240
Utility fund:	\$97



Thank you! Archbishop Elect Wilton Gregory visited Nativity last Friday, April 5, 2019. Please pray for him.

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass. The Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Basilica. Use the sign-up forms in both entrances to the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26.

Catholic Appeal. The theme of the 2019 Appeal is "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission." and is much different from a one-time special collection. Please find the Annual Appeal brochure and Frequently Asked Questions in your pew for your review. A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



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Keane Council #353

Is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Self-Guided tour of St. John Paul II exhibit, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Noon Mass are included. All are welcome to attend. For those interested, please RSVP to Grand Knight, Derrick Lucas at 202-726-1850