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PALM SUNDAY

*Blessed
is He
who comes in
the name of the
LORD*

St. Columba Catholic Church • March 25, 2018

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

"I will make with them a covenant of peace; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, and I will multiply them, and put my sanctuary among them forever" (Ezekiel 37:26). On the floor at the rear of a church in San Salvador is a plaque memorializing an event in the 1970's in which sanctuary played a prominent role. When hundreds of young people demonstrated in favor of free elections on the streets outside the church, the military opened fire, killing some and wounding many more. The survivors fled into the body of the church and remained there for over a week until Archbishop Oscar Romero pleaded for their safe release. During that week, the lives of the young people were protected from harm as long as they stayed within the walls of the church. Ezekiel reminds us that God has put just such a sanctuary within our hearts, a place of peace and well-being where all are to be respected, loved, and protected with the same unconditional welcome that God unfailingly offers each of us.

SR. CHRIS KOELLHOFFER, IHM

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);

Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins

Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday



Upcoming Events

March 25, 2018 - Confirmation

March 29, 2018 - Holy Thursday

March 30, 2018 - Good Friday

March 31, 2018 - Easter Vigil

April 1, 2018 - EASTER

April 13-15, 2018 - Fish Fry (Hope for Haiti)

April 22, 2018 - All Family Faith Day

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

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