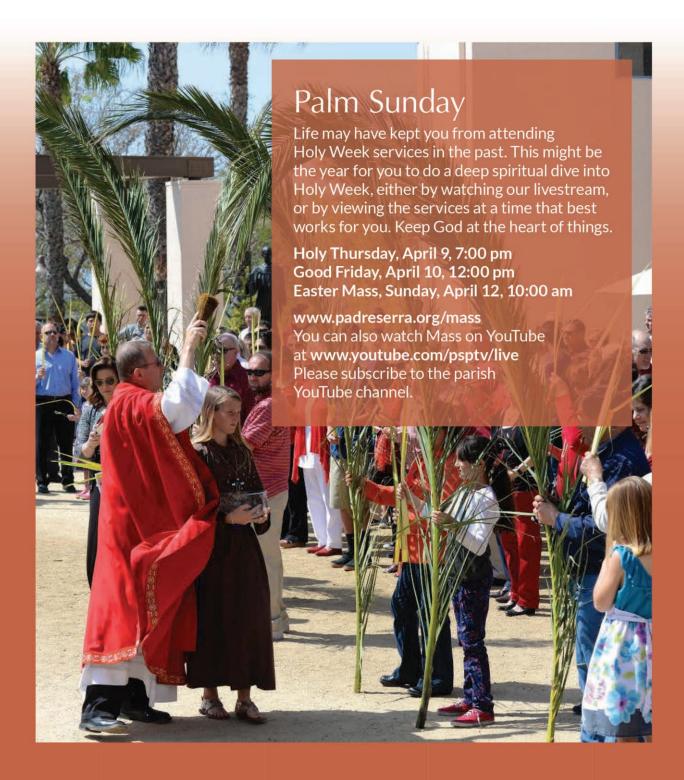


## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

APRIL 5, 2020 · PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD





We were asked not to distribute palms to you, as always for health reasons. But ...

I have it on good authority that in Russia, Poland, Ukraine and Austria, where there are no palm trees, willow branches are used instead of palms. So I invite you, go into your yard, or with your neighbor's permission *their* yard, and find your own worthy substitutes for the palm branches we would have distributed. Bring them to wherever you are going to watch Mass this coming Sunday, 10:00 am. Together, we'll recall our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the royal city, before we experience the spiritual whiplash, from praise and glory to deep suffering, proclaimed in the two Gospel readings of the day.

If you happen to have a palm tree in your yard, all the better.

Also, consider wearing red, even at home (and yes, if you've been wearing your pajamas to Mass these last weeks, let them be red jammies), as an outward sign of our identification with Jesus, as his disciples, in his greatest act of fidelity and selflessness.

I'll be with you at 10:00 am.

Love from your priest,

Fr. Patrick

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Jord: Hosanna in the highest!

#### Reading 1

Isaiah 50:4-7

#### Reading 2

Philippians 2:6-11

#### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

# Christ

to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this,
God greatly exalted
him and bestowed

the name which is above every name.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Hosanna to the Son of E

Psalm 22: My God, My God

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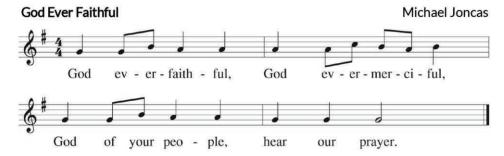
- All who see me deride me, curl their lips and toss their heads.
   He trusted in the Lord; let him save him, let him release him if this is his friend.
- 2. Many dogs surround me, and wicked men assault me.

  They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of by bones.
- They divide my clothes among them.
   They cast lots for my robe;
   O Lord, do not leave me alone!
   You are my strength; make haste to help me.

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#### INTERCESSION RESPONSE



Philippians 2:8-9

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#### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

#### What Wondrous Love Is This



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#### **EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**



#### Memorial Acclamation



#### Amen



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#### Agnus Dei IX

#### **Plainchant**



Agnus Dei, quitolis peccata mundi / Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world miserere nobis / have mercy on us dona nobis pacem / grant us peace

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire you with all my heart.

Since I cannot receive You now sacramentally, I ask You to come into my heart spiritually.

I embrace You as if You were already in my heart, and unite myself to You completely.

Please do not ever let me be far from You. Amen.

St. Alphonse Liguori (1696-1787)



#### Invitation to Communion

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word any my soul shall be healed.



#### **SENDING FORTH**



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## [I'll] See You on the Other Side

This is written for submission fourteen days before it will be published. What a significance that number of days has become for us and for our global community. We have only to look across The Pond to see where we will be two weeks from the day you read this. *Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.* It is something many of us have never seen, many are not now seeing, and many will not see.

"See you on the other side" is a phrase I have seen in print among the Tweets I follow in my attempt to understand from the epidemiologists, immunologists, historians and others who analyze factual data in my quest to confront FEAR, which I see as False Evidence Appearing Real. The ambiguity of whether the phrase pertains to the other side of this crisis or the other side of a transformed life; yes, even a resurrected life does not escape me. However, for me having knowledge of what is ahead allays fear. Both the angel [28: 5] and Jesus [28: 10] say, "Do not be afraid," then they follow up with information as to what is ahead of the listener. So, it is with the Gospel readings of this day. The followers are told what lay ahead.

In the Gospel of the Procession, "... you will find an ass tethered ..." and instructions as to where to go and what to do. Throughout the Passion Jesus is telling his people what to do, who will do what, and what is to come. A drama unfolds. Certainly, I jumped ahead to Easter in the preceding paragraph, but the conclusion of that drama is important to me in the passion in which we are today involved. I quote from the Gospel reflection offered in *Living Liturgy*,

"There is a mob mentality at work and it should give us pause, not only for what happened in Jesus' day but for how such actions continue today. False testimony, deceit, betrayal, even physical force and violence leading to death are prominently on display. The crowd, humanity itself, is only too eager to believe the worst, to mock, taunt, scourge, and kill the incarnation of love itself ... The response demanded by God of humans is faith. When faced with deceit, lies, violence, and death, God has another way, and we are invited to enter into this new way of life."

In the unprecedented absence of an Easter Vigil, we pray especially for our Elect, whose initiation has been delayed, yet are invited into this new way of life in Baptism. May our faith lived out exemplify this new life to them.

I sense *The Way of the Cross* will be unprecedented for us even beyond Easter. May the LORD be present in our kindness and compassion. May we all be Cyrenians and live out the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. May we heed and give credence to the experts in the areas of health, safety, and security of our collective well-being.

Pray for Father Patrick, all spiritual and civic leaders that they convey a global community, compassion, humility and hope. Pray for those who put themselves at risk for the sake of our health and security. Pray for the sick and dying we know and those no longer strangers due to our common suffering. Pray for those who have died before us. Continue to love one another as Jesus loved.

See you on the other side. That is Good News.





#### Children

12 months to Grade 8.

#### Dear Families,

We are working on creating lesson plans for families to do at home; please make sure we have your most updated email address on file. Please contact me if your child(ren) is in Faith Formation, and you have not yet received an email from us this week,

tere@padreserra.org

Please make sure to mark as a VIP email so that they won't accidentally end up in your junk folder.

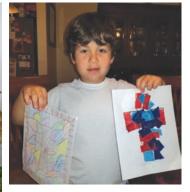
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#### Spark! at Home











"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

#### **High School**

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

#### 4:12 ~ March 11

Join Brett and peer leaders, for fun and fellowship via Zoom. The Zoom links are available at www.padreserra.org/calendar and will be released on our social media accounts, so if you haven't done so, please give us a follow!

Instagram: @pspyouth Twitter: @pspyouth Facebook: @pspyouth412

Ask brett@padreserra.org to add you to our GroupMe to keep you

updated.

#### Youth & Young Adults

Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!

#### Peer Leaders

We are moving our regular gatherings to video gatherings via Zoom. The Zoom links are available at www.padreserra.org/calendar or ask brett@padreserra.org to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated. Peer leaders help engage our Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly Confirmation sessions, our annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team contact youth@padreserra.org

#### Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! youngadults@padreserra.org, www.padreserra.org/young-adults

#### **Bible Study**

We will be having Bible Study every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm until the current COVID-19 situation is resolved and we're allowed to meet again. The Zoom links are available at

www.padreserra.org/calendar and will be posted every Thursday on social media, give us a follow!

Instagram @pspyoungadult

Facebook @PadreSerraYA

For more information please contact brett@padreserra.org

#### Adults

#### It Takes a Parish ~ Thank You!

True to the Padre Serra way, over 80 parishioners volunteered to help with grocery shopping for seniors and the health compromised among us! This response is overwhelming and demonstrates the enormity of God's love present in all of us. Our requests for help thus far have been smaller in number, but, as these days and weeks go on, no doubt the practical needs of food and supplies will increase. If you know a senior or other individuals without support, please let them know we're here to help and refer them to www.padreserra.org/news/it-takes-a-parish

#### **Adults**

#### **Pastoral Care**

During this time of quarantine, if you're feeling a bit blue or just want to connect or chat and would like a friendly ear and virtual shoulder, please reach out to Teresa Runyon at (805) 482·6417 x322 or at teresa@padreserra.org

#### **Parish Seniors**

If you are homebound with no family or friend support and need help with grocery shopping, please contact Teresa at (805) 482·6417 x322 or at teresa@padreserra.org

#### **Virtual Gatherings**

At this time, our goal is to keep people in ministry connected. If you belong to a parish ministry that needs to meet, please contact teresa@padreserra.org and ask how we can help set up a Zoom virtual meeting.

#### **Faith Sharing**

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

#### Holy Week ~ the mystery of our faith

In today's gospel, we hear the words that are spoken over the bread and wine at each Eucharistic celebration: "This is my body ... This is my blood." In the Eucharist, as in his passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus gives all of himself to us. Looking ahead to Holy Week and the Triduum, what actions or practices might you embrace in response to this gift of our Lord? How will you share this Good News with another this Easter?

#### Other Notes

#### Regarding Padre Serra and COVID-19

We have a webpage dedicated to bringing you current information and resources about Padre Serra's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit www.padreserra.org/covid19 to keep updated.

#### Please Help Us Keep Our Records Up to Date

If you have moved, dropped your landline, added a cellphone or email, have adult children who have moved out, please keep us updated. If you live alone, provide us with an emergency contact. Visit www.padreserra.org/join to complete a parish registration form or update your information or contact Mary (805) 482·6417 x321 or mary@padreserra.org

#### Safeguard the Children

#### **Chat Rooms**

Online chat rooms are great places for people to connect over shared interests and ideas. But they're also a great place for predators to lay the groundwork. Talk to your child about online safety rules, such as never agreeing to meet in person and never providing personal and identifying information. Review chats frequently to ensure that your child is engaging in safe conversations. For more tips on chat room safety, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Exposing the Dangers of Internet Chat Rooms" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know

#### **Prayer Life**



#### **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross Garden is available for those who agree to maintain a 6-foot distance from others. If you come as a family, please respect the 6-foot distance others need and allow them to pass. Please do not use the plastic sheets containing the text of the stations. We have no one to sterilize them at this point and they could become a source of contagion. Instead, use the online versions, found at www.padreserra.org/stations. They work really well with your smartphone.

#### **Pray for Our Sick**

Rebeccah Andrews, baby Adeline Bettini, Carrie Botello, Shirley Brown, Katie Ceurvorst, Bruce Colell, Kristi Colell, Thomas Collins, Liesa Comeau, Dorothy Dominguez, Joe Flores, Charlie Garcia, Jeff Hansen, Dorothy Johnson, Therese Kaiser, Kristen Mara, Adele Marietta, Akemi Saito McLaren, Andria Medina, Mark Medina, Malcolm Mingay, Michael Mingay, Anthony Nocon, Margaret Pappin, Molly Ridges, Berta Segundo, Dorothy Simmons, Jackson Soyster, Michelle Tapia and Amy Whitley. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

#### Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Alphonse Henry Baccaro, RIP

Beloved father of Donna Rennemo

Janelle Bettini, RIP

Ismael Galera, RIP

Rebecca Huff, RIP

Beloved daughter of Vicki Huff

Emilio Mendoza, RIP

Piedad Navarro, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

#### **Prayer Opportunities**

Daily Readings: www.usccb.org
Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime
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