

# PALM SUNDAY INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY! FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4 - 7

The servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back.

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6 - 11**

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

## GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Jesus is betrayed, tried, condemned, crucified and buried; this is His Passion and death. A Roman soldier said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Faithful women stayed with Jesus.

Today's first reading foreshadows what comes later. Isaiah's Suffering Servant continues to preach to those who are weary and hopeless despite the abuse he receives from his adversaries. St. Paul, in the second reading, attests to Jesus' sacrifice and victory. In the Passion, we hear St. Mark's account of Jesus' final hours before His death on the cross. Listening to the word of God today, let us echo the words of the centurion upon Jesus' death: "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):** 

5:00 PM: Gene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

## **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Blessings for the members of St. Joseph workers.

10:00 AM: In loving memory of Greg Mikey Adrien rb His mother, Suzanne Adrien.

5:00 PM: God's continuous blessings for the Haitian community.

### **Daily Masses:**

Tues. Mar. 30, 7:00 AM: St. John Climacus God's guidance and protection for Gersha Eusebe rb Her family.

Wed. Mar. 31, 7:00 AM: St. Guy of Pomposa Clarisa Warrington (*deceased*) rb The Warrington family.

Thurs. Apr. 1, 7:00 PM: St. Hugh of Grenoble - (HOLY THURSDAY) Deacon Leonard Monsanto (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

Fri. Apr. 2, 3:00 PM: St. Francis of Paola The Passion of the Lord (GOOD FRIDAY)





ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's continued guidance and protection for Oner Renal, requested by his mother. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the Bishop's Appeal. Next week's second collection will also go towards the Bishop's Appeal. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** "Where there is a need, there is the Bishop's Appeal." Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities to provide needed assistance to a fast-growing segment of our community, THE HOMELESS. Please give generously to this year's Appeal so that we can supply needed medicines and doctor visits for our impoverished and infirmed homeless in our community.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

"It's not how much we give, its how much LOVE we put into giving." Mother St. Theresa of Calcutta

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

**CONFESSIONS:** In preparation for the Triduum, Holy Family Church will have its penance service on <u>Monday, March 29, 2021</u>, available from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed on <u>Holy</u> Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 12 noon and ALL day on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 and Easter Monday, April 5, 2021, respectively. Please be guided accordingly.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE: HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00 p.m. Mass; GOOD FRIDAY: 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross; 3:00 p.m. Service; HOLY SATURDAY: 7:00 p.m. Mass; EASTER SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. and Creole mass at 5:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

ADORATION: On Holy Thursday, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00 p.m. mass until midnight. We are encouraged to spend some time with Jesus. "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?" Matthew 26:40.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the church on <u>Good Friday</u> followed by the service at 3:00 p.m. <u>Please remember to</u> fast and abstain on Good Friday.

### **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is committed to protecting children from all harm. If you have knowledge of any member of the clergy or other church worker who may have abused a minor, please contact the diocesan child protection coordinator. Callista Julien at 340-772-4214.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem at the beginning of the first Holy Week, He was welcomed with much enthusiasm, and He accepted the love and devotion of those who welcomed Him. He was their King. He was the Messiah, and the welcome they gave to Him was but a pale gift of the true adoration He deserved. And though Jesus entered Jerusalem with this glorious welcome, less than a week later He would leave Jerusalem with a heavy cross on His shoulders, carrying it outside the city walls to die.

When we contrast the entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday with His arrest, abuse, LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D mock trial, carrying of the cross and death, these two extremes do appear to follow Him, and hold nothing back in be at the opposite ends of the spectrum. our resolve to lay down our lives out of There is rejoicing and praise as He love. enters, and sorrow and shock as He leaves. But are these two events all that Reflect, today, upon the events you different from a divine perspective? will commemorate this week. Commit From the perspective of the Father in yourself to share in them, not just as Heaven, the end of the week is nothing an intellectual remembrance but as a other than the ultimate culmination of the full glory of His Son. You to step forward in a sacrificial way

Today we read the long and beautiful account of the Passion of Jesus as told in Mark's Gospel. But on Friday we will read the account of John's Gospel. Mark's Gospel tells the story in clear detail, but John's Gospel will most notably add the spiritual insight that Jesus' crucifixion and death is nothing other than His hour of glory. We will see His Cross as His new throne of grace, and the earthly glory Jesus receives today as He enters Jerusalem will be fully realized from a divine perspective as He mounts His Throne of the Cross to take up His eternal Kingship.

As we enter into the holiest week of the year, it is essential that each of us see the journey of Christ this week as our own calling in life. We must journey toward the glory of the Cross with our Lord. From a worldly perspective, the Cross does not make sense. But from the perspective of the Father in Heaven, the Cross is not only the source of the greatest glory of His Son, but it is also the path by which we share in that glory. We must die with Him, sacrifice all for Him, choose to



# LITURGY AND WORD

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **342** Last Weekend's collections FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,869.50

Thank you for your weekly contribution. We pray God's continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

living participation. How is God calling out of love? How is God calling you to courageously embrace your calling to give your life away? Strive to see this week from the perspective of the Father in Heaven and pray that you will also see the ways in which the Father is calling you to imitate His Son. Let us go and die with Him, for it is in the Cross of Christ that we will discover His eternal glory.

My glorious King, You are worthy of all praise and adoration. Hosanna to You, hosanna in the highest! Draw me into Your glorious passion, dear Lord, and help me to see the glory of Your Cross. As I see its glory, give me the grace I need to share more fully in Your life of transforming sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You.

