

April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, Good Morning!

1. A schedule of live streaming Masses from the Diocese of Charleston is attached.
2. Holy Week description from Jan Heithaus - Director of Religious Education

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with rejoicing in a procession to honor Him. How will we welcome Him into our hearts and homes, especially this week?

Monday of Holy Week: Jesus cleanses the temple. What has defiled our temple (body, soul) and is in need of God's forgiveness? Ask Jesus' mercy. Forgive anyone who you might need to forgive.

Tuesday of Holy Week: Jesus teaches in the Temple, where the Pharisees dispute his authority. Later, he leads the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane and delivers what has become known as the Olivet Discourse, the last of five great discourses recorded in Matthew's gospel. Are we taking time to listen to Jesus and learn from Him?

Wednesday of Holy Week: This day was traditionally called "Spy Wednesday" because Judas contracts to hand Jesus over to the authorities. How might we deny Jesus in our thoughts and actions?

Holy Thursday: This begins the Sacred Triduum (3 Holiest Days). Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, washing the feet of His apostles and instituting the priesthood. Do we give our Lord thanks for the ministerial priesthood and the Eucharist that He gives us through our priests?

Good Friday: The passion and death of Our Lord. Let us remember, with deep sorrow for our sins and immense gratitude to Our Savior, the great love He showed to us through His agonizing death on the cross.

Holy Saturday: Our Lord's body rests in the tomb. A day of quiet emptiness. We wait in expectation for Our Lord to defeat death through His resurrection.

Easter Sunday: He is Risen, He is truly Risen!

3. An inspiration came from a parishioner who was praying at the Stations of the Cross. At Station 4, Jesus Meets his Mother. As the parishioner was meditating she looked at the statue we have in that corner and the thought came to her: Perfect Joy, Perfect Sorrow. Mary with the Baby Jesus and Mary with her Son carrying the Cross.

(See attached picture)

4. Palm Sunday Doors - If you decorated your door for Palm Sunday, please send me a picture. I have already received two! We will try to gather up the pictures so you can all see them!

5. A shared sermon from Fr. Runnion:

Source: The Liturgy of the Hours, Passion Sunday, Office of Readings, Second Reading -- Please pay attention **specifically to the last paragraph**:

From a Sermon by Saint Andrew of Crete, Bishop

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is

glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens—the proof, surely, of his power and godhead—his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.

6. Remember to call the office, if you need assistance!

Grace and peace on Palm Sunday!

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Perfect Joy, Perfect Sorrow
(at the 4th Station)

DIOCESAN HOLY WEEK LITURGIES LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

- **April 5 - Palm Sunday / Domingo de Palma,:**
Mass in English at 11 a.m. and Misas en español a las 12:30 p.m.
- **April 6, Monday: Mass at 8:30 a.m.**
- **April 7, Tuesday: Chrism Mass at 11 a.m.**
- **April 8, Wednesday: Mass at 8:30 a.m.**
- **April 9, Holy Thursday: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 8 p.m.**
- **April 10, Good Friday: Liturgy at 3 p.m.**
- **April 11, Easter Vigil: Mass at 8 p.m.**

- **April 12, Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua:**
Mass in English at 11 a.m. and Misas en español a las 12:30 p.m.

Parishioners can join the livestreams on
facebook.com/DioceseChas and youtube.com/DioceseChas