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Palm Sunday

How are you doing these days? It must be tough for all of us. I find time to write my next book, "how to become saint within 365 days". I have not stopped the habit of getting up at 5:00 am and do exercise. I say Mass every day for your intentions even on Mondays. Hope things will be alright soon. See in our church the face book the blessing of blessed sacrament. The blessed Palms will be available at the entrance of St. Patrick's Church, Hallock.

It is the first time you and me might have missed the Palm Sunday Mass. Probably the passion readings may come in our minds. Our community and parish need encouragement to carry the crosses. Let us ask few questions in our mind.

What are the most difficult things I ever faced? Can I remember "setting my face like flint" toward it?

What is my experience of friendship and betrayal?

Where am I on my journey to the cross?

Do I believe Jesus has always been with me in my personal suffering? If I have been insulted, how have I responded?

With whom do I identify in the Passion narratives?

World health day is on 4/7. April is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Eucharist. Today's scripture takes us from joy and triumph to despair and desolation. However, we already know the end of the story- resurrection.

Honoring the will of the father, Jesus gives his body and blood freely to those who would ultimately free to show who would seek to destroy him. Jesus knew in his heart that as long as his sprit was connected to the father, he would not die. Can we make the same claim? Is our relationship with God so intimate that we would be willing to place our lives and our reputations on the life as we trust that God will grant us eternal life?

All of us have "little crosses" - times in life that are difficult, even painful for us. Our church teaches that we can unite our sufferings with those of Jesus. When we are suffering, it may have to feel that God cares for us. We are asked to trust God just as Jesus did.

Once I asked some children if they know the first letter of the alphabet. They all responded "A."

Then I asked, "But do you know what's the first letter of God's alphabet?" After a number of guesses, I told them, "It is the cross." Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Cross is the first letter of God's alphabet and it is written in the life of each person."

No one can escape the cross, but you can choose how you respond. As we see today, one man responds by mockery, "Are you not the Christ?" The Messiah? "Save yourself and us."

The good thief embraces the cross. For sure, it means shame and suffering. Still, the cross contains everything we need: forgiveness, healing, hope, humility. To reject the cross results in self-exultation, rage and finally, despair.

Let us Pray: Lord you humbled yourself and took the punishment that was rightly ours, only to make manifest once and for all, the father's love. Make us grateful for such awesome a gift, and may our gratitude be made manifest in our willingness to lay down our lives for others, most especially those in need.

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Fr. Emmanuel

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Father Emmanuel will continue to offer Mass each day for our intentions as listed below.

SATURDAY Holy Mass	April 4th *Juliana Urbaniak	
SUNDAY Holy Mass	April 5th *Pro Populo	PALM SUNDAY
MONDAY Holy Mass	April 6th +Harry Swiontek	
TUESDAY Holy Mass	April 7th +Andrew Urbaniak	
WEDNESDAY Holy Mass	April 8th +Noel Olsonawski	
HOLY THURSDAY Holy Mass	April 9th +Lawrence Neuschwander	
GOOD FRIDAY	April 10th	
HOLY SATURDAY Holy Mass	April 11th +Sarah Nissen	
EASTER SUNDAY Holy Mass	April 12th *Pro Populo	

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request. There are envelopes in the entry that can be completed and dropped in the collection basket for these requests.

RESOURCES

The Diocese of Crookston web site, crookston.org, has many resources for us during this time of no Mass. Just click on the COVID-19 Updates - Impacts box.

POEM BY SARAH HUNT (submitted by her son, Ray Hunt)

"Conception"
Life is a stillness,
An emptiness to fill,
For mothers with children's faces,
Who in the Baptismal cleansing of water
Become heirs to heaven,
And children of God.

How gracious is God
Our heavenly Father.
In every child born,
In every life He creates,
"His mercy endures forever
In Goodness and Love."

BLESSED PALMS AVAILABLE

Father will bless the palms and have them available in the entry of the church by 9:30 am on Sunday, April 5th. You are welcome to pick one up if you are in the area.

DONATIONS

To maintain the viability of the churches, we encourage you to continue to use your envelopes to donate to your church during this unprecedented time of having no Mass. Please be generous. You have several options (I will make sure Holy Rosary donations get to Potrament's):

Mail - PO Box 596 Hallock MN 56728
Online Giving - there is a tab for online giving
Drop off - at St. Patrick's church

FORMED.ORG

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To access our account:
Go to: www.Formed.org
Our parish code is: WPKWQV.

BULLETIN BITS

April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday
"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32)
The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Prayer List

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Catherine Klegstad

Elmer Hungate

Sophie Olsonawski

Andi Olsonawski

Betty Lockman

Eleanor Kraska

Cathy Cleem

Iver Cleem

Janet Olsonawski

Dion Turgeon

Jeanette Forfang

Jim Schrankler

Kim Short

Virginia Coffield

Wayne Stewart

LeRoy Vonasek

Renee Stewart

Deceased Loved Ones

H Jeannie Howe

Louise Docken

Kristen (Hunter) Erickson

Verona Karboviak

Angie Plaine

Alice Carlson

Lois Pantzer

Don Cheshire

Maynard Docken

Allan Cleem

Lawrence Anderson

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.