

HOLY THURSDAY

There are two things to remember during this celebration. These are the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Order or the Priesthood. These two sacraments always go together. These sacraments were instituted by Christ during the Last Supper. The Eucharist is an eternal memorial of His greatest act of love and service. He wants us to remember and celebrate this great memorial every time we partake of the Eucharist. This is a constant reminder of Jesus' willingness to be taken, blessed, broken and shared for the life of the world. He calls us to be united as members of His Body, sharing in One Body and One Cup. United in His love, He calls us to be a Eucharistic community. Just like Jesus, we are called to be the source of life for the world by our love and service. The liturgy reminds us that Jesus humbled Himself by washing the feet of His own disciples. He invited them to do the same for one another in the spirit of humility and generosity. By virtue of our baptism, we all have shared in the Priesthood of Christ or what we call Common priesthood. Exercising our common priesthood is an invitation to a life of worship. This Holy Thursday, once again, Jesus is inviting us to a life of worship, love and service. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY

During this celebration, we commemorate the Passion and Death of our Lord. By this celebration, Jesus reminds us that the most important element of love is sacrifice. He laid down His life as the greatest testament of His and the Father's love for us. For unbelievers, His death was a failure and the cross is a symbol of defeat. For us, believers, it was a victory over sin and death itself. The cross itself is a PLUS sign. It isn't only a plus factor but the very source and reason for our salvation. Jesus had to endure condemnation, insults, physical and emotional pains inflicted on Him. He was able to bear all these out of love for us. As we contemplate on the Passion and Death of our Lord, we pray that, by God's grace, we may be able to bear all pains and sufferings of life including the present

circumstances that we find ourselves in. Let us unite them to those of Christ's.
Amen.

EASTER VIGIL/SUNDAY

Happy Easter everyone! Today, the entire Christian world celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord. This is considered the greatest Feast and the Mother of all Feasts in the Church. It's quite ironic that we greet one another a Happy Easter while we are still in this period of uncertainty. How can our celebration be happy when we are dealing with our fears, worries and anxieties? We believe, however, that the good news of His Resurrection overpowers all these things. We have every reason to be happy, to celebrate and be hopeful because He has defeated the power of sin, satan, darkness and evil in the world. Indeed, He has risen for all of us. His Resurrection give us a renewed sense of hope, meaning and purpose in life. It gives us a sense of direction and allowing us to know what our priorities are. Now, we can't afford to be lukewarm in our faith and commitment to Christ. It would have been a different story if Christ did not rise from the dead. But with His Resurrection, the future looks brighter for us if we take to heart all that He has taught us. Journeying with Christ through Lent, we believe that we will also rise above the situation where we are right now. Amen.

N.B. One of our parishioners Fred Darasin passed away on April 3rd.after battling with cancer for almost seven years. I would like to request my brother Knights, parishioners and those who knew him to please pray for the eternal repose of his soul. Please lift Alma, his wife and the two young girls in your prayer at this time of grief and sorrow. May the soul of Fred and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

