



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

Those preceding him as well as
those following kept crying out:
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord!”

MARK 11:9

Empty Praise

How could anyone think that the joyous cry
“Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise?

Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *How steadfast have you been in your support of others?*
- ★ *Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.*

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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

Fr. George is available through the week during this time. Please contact him by using his cell phone number if immediate assistance is needed. Francine - No formal office hours during this time. Bulletin and information is available on the website: stbrieuxparish.ca

COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATE**(as of March 19, 2021)**

Dispensation continues for those who are not yet ready to attend Mass. Bulletins are available online only.

1. Masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are mandatory for attendees.

2. Mass attendance has changed to 1/3 capacity or up to 150 people, whichever is less. St. Brieux Church has pew spaces still set up as previous. One family/couple/person per pew.

3. Phone-in registration is still required by calling 306-275-2043 (this Tuesday) from 11-2 for any space left for the Holy Week Masses. Any space left after will be first come/first serve basis.

EVENTS THIS WEEK & UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 30: St. Brieux Parish Registration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by calling 306-275-2043 for spaces left for Holy Thursday; Good Friday; Easter Vigil and the two Easter Sunday Masses.

St. Brieux Parish Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: 8:00 p.m. Adoration: 9 p.m.-10 p.m.

Good Friday: Service: 3:30 p.m. Due to Covid protocols no formal Way Of The Cross.

Easter Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 1:30 p.m. Due to Covid protocols no formal Way Of The Cross.

Easter Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 5-9: No weekday Masses. Fr. George is away.

Weekday Mass Time in April stays at 10:00 a.m.

Apr. 9: St. Brieux Parish Registration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by calling 306-275-2043 for Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

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| Tues. Mar. 30 | 10:00 a.m. | For All Parishioners |
| Wed Mar. 31 | 10:00 a.m. | For All Parishioners |
| Thurs Apr. 1 | 8:00 p.m. | For All Parishioners |
| Fri Apr. 2 | 3:30 p.m. | |
| Sat. Apr. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | +Dennis Bitz by Estelle Bitz & family |
| Sun. Apr. 4 | 9:00 a.m. | For All Parishioners |
| Sun. Apr. 4 | 11:30 a.m. | For All Parishioners |

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

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| Sun. Apr. 4 | 4:00 p.m. | +John (Jack) Anthony Boehm by Mike & Elizabeth Rybinski & family |
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We have a new Bishop-elect

Fr. Stephen Hero has accepted and will become the Bishop of the Diocese of Prince Albert in June.

Collections

St. Brieux: Mar. 21: \$840.00
Share Lent: \$175.00

Mary, Mother of God: Mar. 21: \$141.00
Share Lent: \$10.00

Stewardship: Palm Sunday

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

Our Prayer for the Week:

Christ Jesus, we remember that you have shown us how the path of life includes dying. Give us the courage to accompany you and others into the tomb, that we will walk out together when you remove the stone. Amen.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Prayer of the Faithful: For the courage to stay in the tomb with the dying and the dead, we pray to the Lord.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Vocation Corner: Palm Sunday

A Vocation View: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

Prayer: That in imitation of Christ who emptied Himself for our salvation, more men and women will share in His passion for souls through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: RELIGIOUS ORDERS are receiving younger members and those who are more educated than those of previous years. In 2011, the average age of women professing perpetual vows was 39, 4 years younger than those surveyed the previous year. This was the first year men were included in the survey and the average age of those entering Religious Orders was 42. When the participants

were asked at what age they first considered a religious vocation, the average age was 19.

Pray It Forward Prayer Group: to join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day
www.clicktopray.org

The 2021 Message of Pope Francis for Lent is titled "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20:18), *Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love*. In his message, the Holy Father writes: "In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who 'humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross' (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the 'living water' of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."

ONLINE MASS TIMES: These upcoming celebrations will be streamed on Facebook and later that same day at www.padiocese.ca

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| -March 28, 2021 | @ 10:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday |
| -April 1, 2021 | @ 7:00 p.m. | Holy Thursday |
| -April 2, 2021 | @ 3:00 p.m. | Good Friday |
| -April 3, 2021 | (TBA) | Holy Saturday |
| -April 4, 2021 | @ 10:00 a.m. | Easter Sunday |

SUITES AVAILABLE: COLUMBIAN CENTRE in Prince Albert is a quiet secure senior citizen's complex, designed for those who wish to live in community but independently. The Centre has been in operation by the Knights of Columbus since the mid 1980s and is affordable and close to many downtown services. Currently, we are accepting applications for **one and two bedroom suites to be filled by May 1st**. If you are interested, please contact **Rob Fahlman** at 306-922-2833 or email me at kcpainc@sasktel.net. Visit us online for more

information, at columbiancentre.com!

Our Seniors - Our Mission.

Dear Padre,

I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they

were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 29

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1–7

Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1–6

Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

MARCH 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4–9a

Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

APRIL 1

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14

1 Cor 11:23–26

Jn 13:1–15

Friday

APRIL 2

Good Friday

Is 52:13–53:12

Heb 4:14–16, 5:7–9

Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

APRIL 3

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1–2:2 or

1:1, 26–31a

Gn 22:1–18 or

22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18

Ex 14:15–15:1

Is 54:5–14

Is 55:1–11

Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4

Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28

Rom 6:3–11

Mk 16:1–7

Sunday

APRIL 4

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or

1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or

Mk 16:1–7