PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year C)

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it in includes the last days of Lent and the Beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

"Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise."

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)

The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle so that he can endure all suffering with patience.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)

Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.

Gospel (Luke 22:14-23:56)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

Today we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week in the church calendar. We reflect upon the events that brought about our salvation. Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem, the City of Peace, in order to announce the Good News, not just with His words but by His act of loving sacrifice for all people. We journey along with Him as He celebrates the great feast of Passover and becomes the New Paschal Lamb Whose blood is poured out so that we, the New Israel, might experience the liberation from sin and the new life of grace. We look on as Jesus suffers His passion and crucifixion. And ultimately, we will experience His glorification from the cross and at the tomb.

During this most holy of weeks – Holy Week – may the time you spend reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus bring you a greater awareness of God's love for you!

Mass Intentions from April 9-17, 2022

Sat. Apr 9/4:30 p.m. Blessings for Vic Somera on 95th birthday - Somera family

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Sun. Apr 10/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	-Teresa Baird
	Benedetta Di-Murro	- Daughters
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott
	Vincenzo & Rosina Roti	- Lina, Behrooz & Frank
	Clinton & Hamiltus Seneviratne	- Kahawita family
	Joe Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi	- Felicia Venanzi
	Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino	- Nick Cicchino
	Lucia I. Liganore & Ricardo T. Liganor Sr.	- Wah Keung & Lilian

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Wed. Apr 13/10:00 a.m. Sam Atallah - Atalla family

Thu. Apr 14/6:00 p.m. HOLY THURSDAY Mass of The Last Supper

Fri. Apr 15/3:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF OUR LORD

(Confessions: 2:30 pm) *(Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm)*

(Collection for the Holy Land)

Apr 16/6:30 p.m. HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17/ 9:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord *(St. Patrick's Square)*

11:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord *(St. Richards Parish)*

THANK YOU TO
ST. RICHARDS & ST. JOSEPHS
PARISHIONER'S

WHO HELPED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH AFTER OUR BIG PAINTING JOB!
VOLUNTEER'S …WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. MUCH APPRECIATED.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Vincenzo & Rosina Roti.

By: Lina, Behrooz & Frank.

Easter Sunday treat for our parish children.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10).

3. "If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time"

Each year during Lent we are reminded that "goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day" (ibid., 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. Jas 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who "is generous in forgiving" (Is 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good.
The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that "if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. Heb 10:36), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. 1 Tim 4:16). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-15), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and "pondered all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November, 2021, Memorial of Saint Martin, Bishop.

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