Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Matthew 21:9

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of the Passion of the Lord

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### Weekly Gospel Message

Two Guys and a Gospel: Sit down, listen and pray with Fr. Phillip Bogacki and Fr. Ricardo Martin as they brainstorm about their homilies and reflect on the Gospel reading. Catch up on past episodes on our website at www.archmil.org/TwoGuys, and catch NEW EPISODES every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God’s true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God’s power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus’ unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others’ sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God’s power as compassion and mercy.

ENDURING HOPE: Today’s passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God’s faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can’t be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God’s own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus’ suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God’s hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God’s own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God’s purposes.

A NEW KINGDOM: The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God’s forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus’ return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

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FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

Palm Sunday: At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1–11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Holy Thursday: Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

Good Friday: Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday: In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren’t the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Bulletin Announcements

The deadline for articles is usually Tuesday at Noon for St. Mary: email ssmith@stmb.org. Items for St. Charles bulletin should be sent to jmorrow@mystcharles.org and for St. Joseph to saintjoe@bizwi.rr.com.

In Loving Memory: We wish to extend sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Merten. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
God Bless Our Troops
Please pray for the safety of all military personnel who are serving our country, especially the following parishioners, relatives or friends of our parish.

Sergeant Katie Aldrich, U.S. Marine Corps
Capt. Caroline Coppenroll, U.S. Army
Jim & Beth Graves, U.S. Air Force
James Graves, U.S. Air Force
James Hartzell, PFC, U.S. Army
Jolene Kojis, U.S. Air Force
Steven Kojis, U.S. Air Force
John S. Krause, U.S. Navy

Toby May, Spc. Army National Guard
Joshua Muellenbach, Army National Guard
Hertel Novasic, PV2, Army National Guard
Gregory A. Roberts, U.S. Army First Lieutenant
Tyler Rose, U.S. Marine Corps
Captain Jacob Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

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Stewardship Report
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Confession when a priest is not available
This habit of returning home “takes flesh in the Sacrament of Reconciliation”, the Pope explained.

“I know that many of you go to confession before Easter… Many will say to me: ‘But Father… I can’t leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me… How can I do that unless I find a priest?’.

Do what the catechism says. It’s very clear. If you don’t find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He’s your Father. Tell Him the truth: ‘Lord, I did this and this. Pardon me.’ Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, ‘afterward I will go to confession.’ You will return to God’s grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God’s forgiveness, without having a priest at hand.”

Return
At the end of his homily, the Pope expressed the hope that the word “return” might “echo in our ears today”.

“Return to your Daddy. Return to your Father. He’s waiting for you and He will throw a feast for you.”

Prayer Network
If you would like to add a prayer request to the Prayer Network, please call Mary at 262-206-6927 or email BurlingtonPrayerNetwork@gmail.com.
December 24th Message from Fr. Jim

Dear Friends,

I want to communicate some of the latest information regarding the future of our parish life. This is hard to communicate and quite honestly, unbelievable. This Lent and Easter Season, we are being called on to participate in the Paschal Mystery in a very real and new way. It is my ardent prayer that we will be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ as a result of living through these difficult days realizing that all of our trust and hope for a better tomorrow lies alone in Him.

Please take note of the following:

*The suspension of public daily and Sunday Mass will continue indefinitely.
*The distribution of Holy Communion is permitted only as part of the Last Rites.
*The 12 Hours of Reconciliation scheduled for April 1 has been postponed.
*Public celebrations of Holy Week and the Triduum are canceled. The Archbishop will live-stream from the cathedral.
*The baptisms and reception into full communion of the Catholic Church that normally takes place at the Easter Vigil will be postponed.
*There will be no public celebration of Holy Mass on Easter Sunday. The Archbishop will live-stream a Mass and Bishop Schuerman will also in Spanish.
*Along with Confirmation, First Holy Communion celebrations will be postponed.
*The Archdiocesan-wide Capital Campaign, Love One Another, has been suspended.

Fr. Sergio and I will continue to offer a Mass for Sundays that can be found on our websites and Facebook. I will let you know as soon as possible what we will be offering for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Please consult our parishes’ websites and Facebook for up to date information. I would also ask that, as best you can, you communicate with our elderly parishioners who do not have access to computer information. The Knights of Columbus is working to reach out to our elderly and homebound parishioners to assess their needs. Please let the parish offices know if you are aware of someone who needs assistance with groceries, medication pick-up, etc.

Let us continue to hold each other in prayer. God bless you. Fr. Jim Volkert

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**Tri-Parish Mission Statement:** St. Charles Borromeo, St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception (St. Mary), united in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through His saving death and resurrection, by calling, forming and sending disciples to go out and make new disciples. As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus, and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the church.
March 26, 2020

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

These are proving to be challenging times for our communities. Social distancing, working from home, people we know getting sick, restrictions on travel, weddings, funerals and even Sunday Mass, have us feeling a little lost, alone and distant. These feelings have left each one of us desiring *communion* with God and with others. St. Augustine said, “Our heart is restless until it rests in you O Lord.” So, we continue seeking out how to live in this challenging reality that affects our relationship with God, with those we live with, with our neighbors, and with our world.

In this spirit, our St. John Paul II Office for the New Evangelization at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has created a new initiative called, “Courageous Communion: Daily Living for Quarantined Catholics.” This timely initiative serves as an invitation to you and those around you to respond in this unique time in history with a depth of prayer and motivation to serve others in any way that we are able. Jesus is still calling us to “Love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.” Below are some of the various resources at your disposal through this new initiative.

- **Daily reflections from our Bishops**
- **A guide for praying with the Gospels every day**
- Assistance to help people intentionally plan their day/week with Christ at the center
- An at-home retreat called “Into the Quiet,” directed by Fr. Luke Strand
- Consecration to St. Joseph
- **A guide for online Masses**
- Resources related to responding to COVID-19.
- **A FREE subscription to Formed.org for 40 days**
- **A FREE digital subscription to the Milwaukee Catholic Herald**

You can find this resource on the archdiocesan website, archmil.org or by clicking this link [www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion](http://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion). I pray this becomes a resource for you and your fellow parishioners as we weather this storm with Christ by our side.

With the assurance of prayers, I am,
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerone E. Listecki

Most Reverend Jerone E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee
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