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***Palm Sunday
April 5th, 2020***

REGULAR MASS TIMES

The public celebration of Masses, including Sunday Masses, is not permitted at this time due to restrictions on public gatherings.

Please consider making a spiritual communion (see inside).

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Sacrament of the Sick

- Available upon request

Pastoral Care

- If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital contact us and also pastoral care at the hospital
- To arrange for pastoral visits for the sick and homebound. This may include prayer and reception of the Eucharist

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment to discuss your forthcoming marriage
- No wedding dates can be scheduled until after a meeting with the Pastor
- An approved pre-marriage course is obligatory

Baptism

- Parents participate in a Baptism Preparation Class

First Reconciliation (TBA) &

First Communion (TBA)

Confirmation: TBA

- Baptized persons in grade 6 and older who have received the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - RCIA

- To learn more about the Catholic Faith or to become a Catholic. Begins each fall.

Hope

The road of hope is paved with small steps of hope.

The life of hope is made of brief moments of hope.

Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan

Readings for the Mass this Sunday

Entrance Antiphon for Palm Sunday

(John 12:1, 12-13; Psalm 23:9-10)

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates lift high your heads;

Grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

CHURCH LOCATIONS

Assumption Church is located at 9034 - 95 Avenue, Edmonton

Resurrection Church is located at 10555 - 50A Street, Edmonton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION - 30 minutes before weekday Masses

Saturday 3:30 p.m.- 3:55 at Resurrection

Sunday 9:00 a.m.- 9:25 at Assumption

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Masses Tuesday through Thursday

Adoration each Friday: 8:00 a.m. at Resurrection

Stations of the Cross most Fridays in Lent: 6 pm at Assumption, 7 pm at Resurrection

PARISH STAFF

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Due to restrictions on assemblies as a result of efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, Masses are only offered privately, i.e. in the absence of any parishioners. I continue to offer Masses for intentions requested, and generally for the spiritual and physical health of us all during these trying times.

Fr. Philip Creurer, Pastor

Palm Sunday

Pope Saint John Paul II

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.... Hosanna in the highest!” (Mk 11:9-10).

These acclamations of the crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover accompany the entry of Christ and the Apostles into the holy city. Jesus enters Jerusalem mounted on a colt, according to the words of the prophet: “Tell the Daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Mt 21:5).

The animal chosen indicates that it was not a triumphal entry, but that of a king meek and humble of heart. However the multitudes gathered in Jerusalem, almost unaware of this expression of humility or perhaps recognizing in it a messianic sign, greet Christ with words full with joy: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mt 21:9). And when Jesus enters Jerusalem, the whole city is in agitation. People are asking themselves, “Who is this?” And the crowds [say], “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee” (Mt 21:10-11).

This was not the first time that the people recognized Christ as the king they expected. It had already happened after the miraculous multiplication of the loaves, when the crowd wanted to carry him in triumph. Jesus knew however that his kingdom was not of this world; for this reason he had fled from their enthusiasm. He now sets out for Jerusalem to face the trial that awaits him. He is aware that he is going there for the last time, for a “holy” week, at the end of which the passion, cross and death await him. He faces all this with complete willingness, knowing that in this way the Father’s eternal plan will be fulfilled in him.

Since that day, the Church throughout the world has repeated the words of the crowd in Jerusalem: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”. She repeats it every day while celebrating the Eucharist, shortly before the consecration. She re-

peats it with particular emphasis today, Palm Sunday.

The liturgical readings present the suffering Messiah to us. They refer first of all to his sufferings and his humiliation. The Church proclaims the Gospel of the Lord’s passion according to one of the Synoptics; the Apostle Paul, instead, in his Letter to the Philippians, offers us a marvellous synthesis of the mystery of Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (2:6-11).

This hymn of inestimable theological value presents a complete synthesis of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Good Friday to the Sunday of the Resurrection. These words from the Letter to the Philippians, progressively repeated in an ancient responsory, will accompany us throughout the Triduum Sacrum.

St Paul’s text contains the announcement of the resurrection and glory, but the Liturgy of the Word for Palm Sunday concentrates primarily on the passion. Both the first reading and the responsorial psalm speak of it. In the text, which is part of the so-called “songs of the Servant of Yahweh”, the moment of his scourging and his crowning with thorns are sketched out; in the psalm the painful agony of Christ on the cross is described with impressive realism: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Ps 22 [21]:2).

These words, the most disturbing, the most moving, uttered from the cross at the time of his agony, today resound in loud, obvious antithesis to that “Hosanna”, which also re-echoes during the procession with palms.



2019 PARISH REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2019 Annual Report are available online. Once restrictions regarding meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted, a meeting will be arranged to address any questions you may have.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Depending on the prevailing restrictions for gatherings, the dates of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation may have to be postponed. Details will be provided as we receive them.

HOLY WEEK

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no parish public Masses—See Archdiocesan webcasts: www.caedm.ca

An Act of Spiritual Communion

When unable to receive Holy Communion, one can make a Spiritual Communion. This is an act expressing what was described by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him." In a Spiritual Communion we ask our Lord to come to us in the same way He would if we were able to receive the Sacrament:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
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.

Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr 5	Palm Sunday—All Parishioners
Tues. Apr 6	All Parishioners
Wed. Apr 7	All Parishioners
Thurs Apr 8	Holy Thursday
Fri. April 9	Good Friday
Sat. April 10	Vigil of Easter

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact. To protect yourself and others:

- Use good hygiene practices, such as frequent handwashing with soap
- Cover coughs and sneezes, or cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill, particularly with symptoms of fever and cough

It is particularly important that you not visit people in hospitals or long-term care facilities if you are sick, as people in these locations are at the highest risk of complications from respiratory viruses.