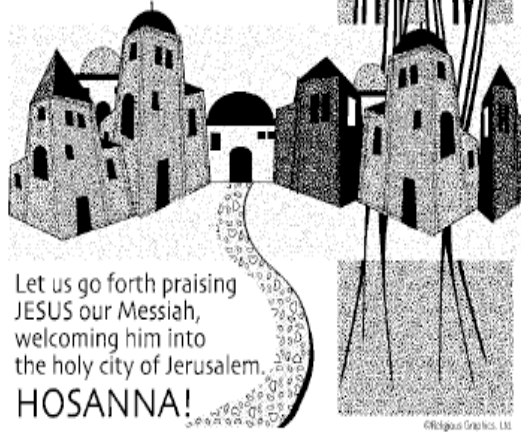


HOSANNA!
Blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the LORD



Let us go forth praising
JESUS our Messiah,
welcoming him into
the holy city of Jerusalem.
HOSANNA!

17 APRIL 2011
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION

We prefer happy endings, but today we are led from the joy of welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem, up to the crucifixion and burial of Jesus in the tomb. Not pretty but pretty real.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the intentional journey we take as a community to enter into not only the passion of Jesus, but to enter into our own stories of passion, betrayal by fickle friends, sorrow, agony and even death – so that we might experience resurrection.

Please do not let the secular world rob you of the graces of this week. In times past the world seemed to slow down and it was easier on a

certain level to make this week holy. Now, it clearly has to be a personal commitment that each one of us makes. We have to choose to pause from our normal, busy routine and to give this week to God. We have to choose to pray, to meditate upon what Christ did for us, and to take part in the beautiful liturgies prepared for us.

The moods created are as mixed as our lives. We have some days of glorious happiness, of success and joy and also sad days of contradiction and failure.

Let this week speak to you and truly be a 'holy week'.

This week is the holiest week of the Church year because it commemorates the "hour" of Jesus. This is the hour he had been moving toward all his life. It was for this hour he came from the Father. He will become sin for us and nail it to a tree.

He returns to the Father and promises,

"I go to prepare a place for you so that where I am you also may be."

Come join with us in liturgical celebration of these great events of Holy Week. On Holy Thursday we enter into the mystery of being master and servant. To do what Jesus did we need to look at our neighbors and pick up the towel.

With authority grounded in humility, kneel before them and wash off the dirt of daily living. If you are a neighbor in need of washing, lay aside your pride and, like Peter, accept the service of the one kneeling before you—then go, and do likewise. Be blessed as you wash the feet of others and reveal the face of the master through the towel in your hands.

On Good Friday we must see the cross as God's solidarity with men and women in the condition of human suffering—not to eternalize it but to suppress it. The manner in which God seeks to suppress it is not by domination, but by love. Christ lived and preached this new dimension. The cross is the symbol of human power—and the symbol of Jesus' love and fidelity. Love is stronger than death, and power collapses before it. The loyalty of the cross, then, the love on the cross, has triumphed. The name for this is resurrection.

Easter is the grand celebration of some really good news.

The really good news is that first the women and then Peter came to the tomb of Jesus' burial and did not find Jesus. Though filled with fear the women then become the confident proclaimers of Jesus' resurrection. Peter is soon filled with "amazement at what has occurred." At the empty tomb amazement is the only reaction but it will

be followed by faith, understanding and carrying out the mission. As we renew our baptismal promises we can do no better than to have that followed by faith, understanding and working with the risen Jesus in the work the Father has given us to accomplish.

Enter into
the
PASSION
and GLORY
of the
LORD

The MOST HOLY DAYS of the Church's Liturgical Year are UPON US !

WELCOME to all who are visiting the
FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL
at this time.



elcome!

Be assured of our fraternal prayers for all of you !



- + HOLY MONDAY / HOLY TUESDAY (April 18 and 19)
~ 7:00 p.m. ~ MASS and LENTEN REFLECTIONS
- + HOLY WEDNESDAY (April 20)
~ 7:00 p.m. ~ CHRISM MASS at The Cathedral
~ NO MASS at the FCMM

- + HOLY THURSDAY (April 21)
~ 8:00 p.m. ~ MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER followed by
A SOLEMN ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT until midnight.
- + GOOD FRIDAY (April 22)
~ 1:00 p.m. ~ ESTACION HENERAL (Stations of the Cross)
~ 3:00 p.m. ~ SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- + HOLY SATURDAY (April 23)
~ 8:00 p.m. ~ EASTER VIGIL MASS
- + EASTER SUNDAY (April 24)
~ 11: 30 a.m. ~ SALUBONG and THE MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE



FASTING- to limit yourself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger- applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE- to abstain from meat and all meat products- applies to all Catholics 14 and over.



THE MASS OF CHRISM takes place at The Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone in the diocese is invited to attend. The priests spend the day together in retreat and then are all present at the Mass. During the Mass they all renew their priestly commitment and promise to the bishop. The oils for the catechumens (used during the rite of baptism), the sick (used during the anointing of the sick), and chrisms (used during the rite of Confirmation and Holy Orders) are blessed during Mass and later are distributed to representatives from all the parishes of the diocese. If you have never attended the Mass of Chrism, make a point of doing so this year. It is a celebration you would not want to miss.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES



Your help is needed now, as in the days of Saint Francis, to protect the Holy Places of the Holy Land.

*Please be generous in preparing your Good Friday Offering.
A special collection will take place during the 3: 00 pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion on April 22, Good Friday.*

HELP PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER !!!



Join with us in a special labor of love! Many volunteers are needed on **Holy Saturday morning, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m** to transform the Church for the most glorious Solemnity of Easter.
More hands make lighter work!!!

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EASTER VIGIL

THE EASTER VIGIL will be held at 8 p.m. on Sat. April 23 this year. Many people decide not to attend the Vigil because "it is too long." Anyone who has attended will tell you that it is about thirty minutes longer than our Sunday Mass but apart from that, it is the most beautiful liturgy in the Church. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the faithful. Easter Vigil is the

time that we welcome new members into our parish community. St. Augustine called the Easter Vigil the "Mother of All Vigils."

Do yourself a favor. Do not miss it again !

*Easter is already upon us.
Why not bring a friend or relative with you next week.
What a beautiful gift to God!*



EASTER POT- LUCK - JOIN US for a pot-luck fellowship celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 24th at 11: 30 a.m. Bring food and drinks to share. For details, contact Ms. Tess Ambayec or Mrs. Alice Panado.



The word Triduum comes from Latin and means "three days." It is commonly pronounced "TRIH-doo-uhm" and is usually used in reference to the Easter Triduum, the three most sacred days in the church year. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Often there is confusion about how that block of time can be counted as three days. The traditional Jewish practice of counting days from sunset to sunset is used during the Triduum. Thus, Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening is the first day, Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening is the second day and Holy Saturday

evening to Sunday evening is the third day.

After centuries of neglect, Pope Pius XII in 1955 restored the Triduum liturgies to their rightful place as the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Although we talk of the three days, our Triduum prayer is best understood as one liturgy in three interlocking movements. The death and resurrection of the Lord cannot be separated. The meaning of these days is distorted when we imagine that the liturgy re-enacts the final events in the life of Jesus in a sort of historical review. We miss the point in that case. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here.

Our past, present and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. We wash one another's feet, reverence the cross, light fires in the night and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptized. The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the church through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. Ideally, no other parish events are scheduled on these three days; the presence, time and energy of every person in the community are needed for what we do here. Yes, this may be inconvenient, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.



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The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the *GLORY OF GOD* and *AS THANKSGIVING* offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ**.



Our regular Hospitality Corner will be back on Sunday, May 1st. Thanks !

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