

2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 13, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

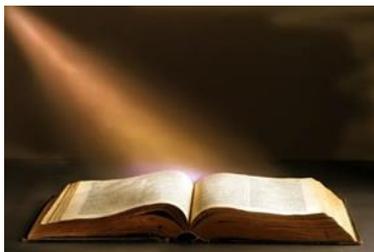
Second: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

FOCUS: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom should I fear? The psalmist writes that his heart speaks of him, and his eyes look for him. The Lord is his helper who awaits him in the land of the living where he shall see his bounty. This psalm of praise complements each of our readings today: In the promise to Abraham, the words of Saint Paul and the shining vision of Christ's glorified body. All of these Scriptures witness to the Good News we have been given, that the Lord is indeed our refuge and we have nothing to fear.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The Lord promises Abram descendants, numerous as the stars, and then makes a covenant with him in which certain land will be given to his descendants. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that *our citizenship is in heaven*, encouraging his listeners to stand firm in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured, revealing his glory to Peter, John and James.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: Louis F. Harlow, Kenneth Carson and the O'Rourke Family

Sunday: Stanley Lewis, Larry Lewis and Richard Tolliver

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 6-March 13: Totaled \$7,086.27

Envelopes: \$ 4,694.00 – Online: \$ 2,392.27

THANK YOU!

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK ...

...and what should Christians do to properly recognize and participate in it?

Holy Week stands at the head of our calendar, the holiest week of the entire liturgical year. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and continues until Easter Sunday. It celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and his victorious resurrection, his triumph over sin and death and his glorification by his Father.

Palm-Passion Sunday is a dual feast, Palm Sunday because palm branches are blessed and carried in procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, and Passion Sunday because the Passion Narrative is proclaimed.

The Mass has two jarringly different moods - jubilation at the outset, then lamentation. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem was exuberant as the people joyfully cheered "Hosanna" to greet him, but moments later all is somber, first with the Suffering Servant who gave his back to those who beat him (Is 50:6), then with Jesus who obediently accepted death on a cross (Phil 2:8), and then with the Passion and his agony, scourging, and crucifixion (Mt 26:14-27:66).



Symbols. The primary symbol for Palm Sunday is palms, a sign that the people regarded Jesus as their victorious king. There are many symbols for the Passion: A single cross, three crosses, the cup of suffering, thirty pieces of silver, a lantern, swords and clubs, a blade and a severed ear, handcuffs or shackles, a rooster crowing, a scourging pillar, whips, a crown of thorns, a reed, three nails, hammer and pincers, a rope, the INRI inscription, a sprig of hyssop, three dice, a tunic, a lance, a ladder, an urn for spices, a shroud or burial linens and a skull.

Action Items. Take some palms home and to venerate a crucifix or decorate a statue, picture or sacred object. Go off by yourself to re-read some or all of the Passion and meditate on it. If there are others at home, discuss what it would have been like to have been part of the Palm Sunday procession or to have been standing along the Way of the Cross as Jesus passed by or at Calvary when Jesus was crucified.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

- St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church is selling Ukrainian foods (pierogis, stuffed cabbage, borscht, kovbasa, sauerkraut, babka, etc.). Items must be **pre-ordered by Monday, March 14**. Pickup will be at the parish hall (141 Sarah Wells Trail, Campbell Hall). from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20. All proceeds will go to help Ukraine.

Call 845-496-5506 for more details and to order.

- You can also drop off a check made payable to St. Paul's R.C. Church with "Ukraine" marked in the memo line. We will then forward a check to the Archdiocese, which will send the funds to Ukraine.

A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. What follows are seven key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Life and the Dignity of the Human Person.

Human life is sacred, and this belief is the foundation of our teachings.

Call to Family, Community and Participation.

The person is also social, and how we organize our society through law and policy affects human dignity.

Rights and Responsibilities. Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. We are instructed to put their needs first.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.

The economy must serve the people, not the other way around, and the basic rights of workers must be respected.

Solidarity. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences.

Care for God's Creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is required by our faith.

To learn more about these themes, with links to further reflections and Scriptures, visit our website, www.stpaulsbullville.org, click on "Read More" under "A Call to Social Justice" on the home page and double click on "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching."

IN THE LOOP



Mark your calendars! There will be a **Bake Sale** to benefit the Prayer Blanket Ministry the weekend of March 25-26 after all the Masses.



Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries is returning to in Appalachia in July. These missionaries will help improve living conditions with construction projects, visit the elderly and infirm, provide Vacation Bible School and set up a food and clothing outreach. High-school-age teens and adults must register by March 31. Registration fee is \$275 plus fundraising. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/CYFMOUTREACH> or email Mary Ellen Yannitelli at myannitelli@capuchin.org.



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is hosting a program at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon the weekend of April 22-24 for men and women of all faiths grieving the loss of a spouse from death, divorce or separation. Call Janice at 845-490-7466 or Denise at 845 325 3147 for info.

THE GIVING BASKET

You will note during Lent quite the innovative Easter basket in Deacon John Hall, waiting to be filled. However, rather than the Easter Bunny, it's students in our Religious Education program – along with any parishioners who wish to hop to it as well – who will be bringing gifts for Montgomery Nursing Home residents.



All ears yet?

It is these eggs-act items only that are needed, unused and unwrapped, and placed in the basket by Sunday, April 3:

- Beaded bracelets**
- Small coin purses**
- Baseball caps**
- Adult coloring books/Colored pencils**
- Stationery and pens**
- Word Find puzzle books**
- Large-piece puzzles**
- Scarves/shawls**
- Blankets/throws**
- Slipper socks with non-skid soles**
- Small stuffed animals**
- Room décor**
- (Such as small artificial plants and wall hangings)**
- Lip balm**
- Lotion**

Some bunny's sure to be grateful for your generosity!

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE

From supporting needy parishes and religious education to mission and charitable works, your generosity makes a difference. As of last Friday, March 4, \$20,550.80 toward our goal of \$45,500 has been received/pledged by 53 families. Thank you.



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