

Palm Sunday – March 20, 2016

From Fr. Zbigniew **Holy Week**

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On **Holy Thursday**, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. This was the day Jesus went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Blessing the Easter Food will be held on the Holy Saturday, March 26 at **12 noon and 1:00 PM**

20/20 Club Winner March 20, 2016: Filomena Sukach

Collection from Sunday March 13: 1580.; 2) For the Diocesan Assessment **321**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for the health: Bette Kuretich, Krystyna Kalwa, Barbara Tyburska, Jeffrey Leonard, Gloria Bednar, and Grace Mudrock.

Niedziela Palmowa – 20 marca, 2016

Od Ks. Zbigniewa **Wielki Tydzień**

Zaczynający się w Niedzielę Palmową Wielki Tydzień - **Triduum Paschalne** - to dla chrześcijan najświętszy czas w roku, w którym Kościół wspomina najważniejsze wydarzenia w historii zbawienia: ustanowienie Eucharystii, Mękę i Śmierć Chrystusa oraz Jego zmartwychwstanie.

Wielki Czwartek pamiątka ustanowienia Eucharystii. Podczas Mszy św. wieczornej kapłani obmywają nogi dwunastu parafianom na pamiątkę obmycia nóg Apostołom przez Chrystusa podczas Ostatniej Wieczerzy.

Dniem największej żałoby jest **Wielki Piątek**. Z ołtarzy znikają wtedy kwiaty i świece, puste jest tabernakulum, a obrazy z wizerunkiem Chrystusa - zasłonięte. Po południu i wieczorem odprawia się niepowtarzalną wielkopiątkową liturgię Męki Pańskiej. Po homilii w bardzo uroczystej modlitwie wstawienniczej Kościół poleca Bogu siebie i cały świat, wyrażając w ten sposób pragnienie samego Chrystusa: aby wszyscy byli zbawieni. Centrum liturgii stanowi adoracja krzyża.

Wielka Sobota jest dniem ciszy i oczekiwania. Dla uczniów Jezusa był to dzień największej próby. Według tradycji apostołowie rozpięzli się po śmierci Jezusa, z wyjątkiem świętego Jana. Pod krzyżem pozostała do końca bolejąca Maryja, Matka Jezusa.

Poświęcenie pokarmów: w Wielką Sobotę będzie o godz. **12-tej w południe - po polsku oraz o 1:00 PM - po polsku i po angielsku.**

Wygrana Klubu 20/20 – 13 marca: Filomena Sukach

Taca z ostatniego weekendu – 13 marca: 1) 1,580.; 2) Diecezjalny Podatek: **321.** Dziękujemy za hojność!

Mass Schedule:

Sat. Mar 19th 5:00 P.M + Marie Kuretich, req. Elenor, Bette & Bill

Sun. Mar 20th 9:00 AM + Sally Mitchko, req. Florence Corigliano

10:30 AM 1) + Jim Carry, zam. Żona; 2) + Sławomir Sawko, zam. znajomi

Mon. Mar 21st No Mass

Tue. Mar 22nd 7:30 AM + Henryk Tararuj

Wed. Mar 23rd 7:30 AM For health and God's blessings for Halina

Holy Thursday Mar 24th **Only Evening Mass** 7:30 PM For Parishioners

Good Friday: Mar 25th 3:00 PM Liturgy in English; 7:30 PM Liturgy in Polish

Holy Saturday Mar 26th 5:00 P.M

Easter Sunday Mar 27th 6:00 AM Rezurekcja – Special Intention

9:00 AM + Józefa, Bolesław, Stanisław, Witold and Krzysztof

10:30 AM + Maria i Jan Słowakiewicz, zam. Władysław Słowakiewicz

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