

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart  
Baltimore, Maryland

## Passion (Palm) Sunday March 28, 2010 ~ Cycle C

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*From our pastor, Msgr. Cramblitt....*

### HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7PM

Good Friday ~ Service of the Passion ~ 3PM

Holy Saturday ~ The Easter Vigil ~ 8PM

For us as a faithful people, followers of the Lord Jesus, there is no more important time than the Triduum, the three days in Holy Week when we walk with the Lord Jesus. We are there with Him on Thursday when He washes the feet of the disciples and gives them the priceless gift of the Holy Eucharist. We are there with Him in the Garden of Agony when He prays and when He is arrested. We are there with Him at His trials before the High Priest and Pontius Pilate. We are there as He carries His cross and is crucified for our sake, and when He is laid in the tomb. We are there to watch and wait for the dawn of new life when Jesus the savior rises from the dead.

Here at our parish we will keep this journey of love in the most beautiful way possible: with prayer and music and great reverence. You will have the opportunity to have your feet washed on Thursday evening. You are invited to remain and pray in the Chapel after mass on Thursday. You will be invited to venerate the relic of the True Cross at the service on Good Friday. On Saturday you can join us in the candlelight Vigil to hear the account of our salvation and revel in God's power and God's love for us.

I hope all of us will join together at these most glorious services!

### Easter Sunday

(Please note that there is no Mass at 5PM, next Saturday, Holy Saturday.  
The only Service permitted on that day is the Easter Vigil which takes place at 8PM.)

### Mass on Easter Sunday at:

7:30AM

9:00AM

11:30AM (with choir and instruments)

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## Join Us In Worship

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**PALM SUNDAY VESPERS:** The Shrine community will celebrate Vespers at 4PM on Palm Sunday. Please join us for this beautiful prayer of the Church.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:** *The Parish Staff and RCIA Team whole-heartedly encourage you to participate in the Easter Vigil, 8PM on Saturday, April 3, to witness the baptism of Timothy Battle and William White as well as the completion of Christian Initiation of Joy Severe as she celebrates Confirmation and Eucharist. You have prayed with them through the rituals of the RCIA process. Please come to worship with them at their joyful profession of Faith and to welcome them personally at the reception to follow in the Undercroft.*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, March 27 5:00 p.m. . . . . For the People of SSH  
Mon, March 29 7:00 a.m. . . . . +Andy Hannon  
Wed, March 31 7:00 a.m. . . . +Rev. Francis P. Mackall (1931)

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### PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 3 - 4

#### NO 5PM MASS NEXT SATURDAY

8:00 PM . . . . . Msgr. Richard Cramblitt  
7:30 AM . . . . . Father Charles Borges, SJ  
9:00 AM . . . . . Msgr. Richard Cramblitt  
11:30 AM . . . . . Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

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**BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Second time:** Royela Kim and Patrick Joyce.



**Monday ~ 29 March**  
**Monday in Holy Week**

7AM ~ Mass

8:30AM ~ Morning Prayer with Parish School

7:30PM ~ Archdiocesan Chrism Mass (Cathedral of Mary Our Queen)

**Tuesday ~ 30 March**  
**Tuesday in Holy Week**

7AM ~ Mass

8:30AM ~ Morning Prayer with Parish School

7PM ~ Shrine Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Nave)

**Wednesday ~ 31 March**  
**Wednesday in Holy Week**

7AM ~ Mass

**Thursday ~ 1 April**

**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with Foot Washing ~ 7:30PM

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30PM (Chapel)

Night Prayer ~ 10:30PM (Chapel)

**Friday ~ 2 April**

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

~Celebration of the Lord's Passion~

with Veneration of the Cross ~ 3PM

**PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE HOPKINS DRIVEWAY  
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH.**

**Saturday ~ 3 April**

**Holy Saturday**

**THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY.**

The Solemn Vigil of Easter with Rites of Christian Initiation ~ 8PM (Garden)

Easter Reception for the Neophytes ~ Following the Vigil (Undercroft)

**Sunday ~ 4 April**

**Easter Sunday**

Eucharist 7:30 and 9AM

~ Choral Eucharist on the Day of Resurrection ~ 11:30AM

# Meditations for Holy Week 2010

## PASSION SUNDAY

When this enigmatic man marched on the capital, the adults did what they always do when they don't know how to handle their religious ambiguities. They sent their children, who waved palm branches and cheered.

The grown-ups knew that their lives were leaden, and they needed a parade. They knew that their lives were without direction, and they needed a leader. They knew that their sins were beyond self-help, and they needed a savior. But real adults do not parade or let themselves be led or admit to being less than self-sufficient. So, they sent their children to see if this man could be trusted with the little things in life. Then maybe the adults could entrust their larger problems to him. But because children's crusades have never been effective against serious violence, the man was executed.

And the same pattern persists to this day. Because we are afraid to laugh, clowns cry. Because we forget how to celebrate, life is tedious. Because we are indifferent, good people die. Because we do not want to face the demands of Christianity, we pretend that religion is good for children but a bit naive for mature tastes.

And if Jesus marched on our town today, would we send our children to check him out?

## HOLY THURSDAY

The Last Supper was the most intimate moment in the life of Jesus; it is the most intimate moment in the life of his church. This is the night when people who are personally close to Jesus intuitively know that he does not want to eat alone. Tonight of all nights, he wants someone to talk with, someone to be with.

When he had gathered his friends into a safe circle of concern, he washed their feet. As a kindness, because they were tired; as a courtesy, because he was their host; as a sign that in the long run, service to them is more to the point than teaching or leading or saving them.

Then he gave them his peace. As a kindness, because they were afraid of the future; as a courtesy, because they were ill at ease; as a sign that physical chaos, psychological insecurity or spiritual turmoil need not override the balm of his presence.

The he gave them bread and wine. As a kindness, because they were hungry; as a courtesy, because it brought them together; as a sign of his body and blood, and a promise that whoever lived in his memory would never die.

On this Holy Thursday, Jesus invites us to his supper. He will serve us, extend his peace to us and give us his body and blood. As a kindness, because we desperately need peace; as a courtesy, because we are awkward servants; as a sign, because we are awash in a sea of irrelevant facts and need a code to interpret our days.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus knows that he must die. We know it, too. And so we cry: "If the foul deed must be done, then do it quickly!" But between the intention and the execution of some monstrous crime, there is an empty space while the forces of hell barrage the soul with confusion. A time for the powers of darkness to overshadow the conscience with a small, still voice: "It is expedient."

We know how that is, don't we? We know how it will be. We will shout "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We will stare in amazement while mortal enemies join hands for an instant, just long enough to destroy a more despised enemy. We will feel the bitter Judas-kiss on our cheeks.

We will recoil in horror when they take him from the garden. We will hide in the shadows and plead, "I tell you, I do not know that man!" We will mingle our voices with the crowd screaming, "Crucify him!"

Then, finally, when we can do no more, we will follow him for the last time. Back through the city, back through those winding, torturous streets plunging toward that overwhelming question. We will climb the hill, nail him to the wood and raise the crossed question in the face of heaven: *Why?*

Why do people kill life itself?

Why do people despise love himself? Why must God die?

And if the Father demands the life of his Son for sin, what must he demand for the death of his Son?

Will the questions never end? Is death the final, silent answer? It cannot be. Death answers nothing. And we know that somehow, death is swallowed up in life. We know that some time, the mystery of death is fulfilled in the larger mystery of life.

Somehow ... some time ... But today is the dying of Jesus. Tomorrow, perhaps, it may be light. But today, the shadow of the cross begins to creep over the face of the earth. Tomorrow, perhaps, it may be warm. But today, it is cold as death.

And so we huddle together in the darkness, shivering against the chill, straining with naked eye into the vast desert of death. Waiting ... praying ... hoping against hope for the burst of the Rising Son.

## HOLY SATURDAY

It is quiet as a tomb. Almost as if nothing dares to move. For if the Son of God dies, then what has a right to live?

Yet it is not a deadening silence. It is fulsome, expectant, like the rest in a musical score. The Word will not be silenced forever. It will gather its strength, find a voice, shatter the tomb and explode into the cosmos shouting, "*Jesus Christ is Lord!*"

Fr. James Smith is the pastor of St. Matthias Church in Columbus, Ohio, and a frequent contributor to *Celebration*.

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## Holy Thursday

### The Washing of Feet ~ Mandatum

In the gospel on Holy Thursday, Peter and Jesus engage in a dialogue about what it means to wash feet. Jesus' model for Peter, and for us all, is that of humble service, a command (mandatum) for us to live as disciples whose lives are marked by compassion, and self-emptying love, as was the model of Jesus himself. Even today, we remember Jesus' command to wash feet and we strain to live as he taught us. We remember in a special way each Holy Thursday when we hear the gospel and then wash one another's feet as an outward sign of the reality of service in the life of the Christian. Every person has the option of having his or her feet washed at one of the stations on Holy Thursday. Simply remove your shoes, walk to a station, allow someone to pour water over your foot and dry it, and then, if you are able, wash the feet of another in the same manner. Then, go forth renewed in your everyday commitment to live as Jesus commanded.

### The Gifts of Food for the Poor

During the preparation of the gifts on Holy Thursday, many things are brought forward to the altar of sacrifice. First, the oils blessed by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass are brought forward in the midst of the assembly. Each of the following is brought forward: The Oil of the Catechumens, to bless those preparing for baptism as adults; The Oil of the Sick, to bless those who suffer infirmities of sickness or age; The Sacred Chrism, to bless those who are to be confirmed in the faith, newly baptized infants and candidates for Holy Orders. Next, a basket of food for the poor is brought forward as a representative amount of the whole collection from the parish. This puts the mandatum into action...Please bring a bag of non-perishable food items to the church with you on Holy Thursday as a sign of our commitment to social justice for the most poor and marginalized in our midst. Finally, we bring forward our gifts of bread and wine which will be used for the holy meal which is the ultimate sign of our oneness with the Lord, with one another, and with the whole broken world.

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 29 ~ Monday of Holy Week**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday, March 30 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday, March 31 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week**

Is 40:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 1 ~ Holy Thursday**

Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday, April 2 ~ Good Friday**

Is 42:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday, April 3 ~ Holy Saturday**

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1

Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

**Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Lk 24:13-35

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#### *Join Us In Service*

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**PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** are currently being accepted to fill three seats on the council. The council serves in an advisory capacity to the Parish Staff. Prayerfully consider service on the council or invite someone to run who you think would be a good candidate. If you have any questions you may contact Patti Moninghoff, 443-974-0086 or Craig Purcell, 410-764-5628.

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:** On Good Friday our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY:** Larry Preller, Gloria Marble, Patricia Rhinehart, Mary Lou Hubbard, Matthew Costello, Daniel Shannon, Willy Wade and Bob Welsh.

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#### *Join Us In Learning*

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#### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation classes are not in session Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on April 11. Have a Blessed Easter Season.

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**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 1PM ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, AND REOPEN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6.**

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