

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

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A NEW KINGDOM

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1–11; Is 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11–54]

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 Wednesday: 5:00 PM

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emily Walker. Eva Corrigan. Francis Young. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Lucy Munoz, mother of Randy Munoz.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR APRIL

Freedom from Addiction

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Fr. Mike's Private Mass—Intentions

Sat 4/04 Vincent Boyd+ (M/M Eldon Boyd)

Palm Sun 4/05 Parishioners

Tue 4/07 Lucy Munoz+

Wed 4/08 Lucy Munoz+

Holy Thurs 4/09 Theresa Eakes (Eakes Family)

Good Fri. 4/10 Medical & Public Health Professionals

Holy Sat 4/11 Parishioners

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962
Offerings March 29th	\$ 2,470

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading: In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading: Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel: The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

HOLY WEEK 2020

Palm Sunday, Apr. 5th: There is no public Mass. Palms will be held for distribution to the faithful at a later time, approved by the bishop, when health safety measures have been lifted.

The liturgies of the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Apr. 9th; Good Friday, Apr. 10th; and Easter Sunday, Apr. 12th) No public Mass. On Holy Thursday, Fr. Mike will hold a privately celebrated Mass in the evening. Then on Good Friday, Fr. will celebrate a private Passion of the Lord. The Easter Vigil will not be celebrated before 8:30pm privately. Easter Sunday, will also be celebrated privately.

Guidance for Churches Under Stay-at-Home/Shelter-in-Place-Orders **Fr. Mike is expected to fully observe the local orders for Wood County.**

1. **Chancery and Parish Office closed.** You may call and leave a message on the office # 903-769-3235 and Bridget will be checking messages through out the day and will return your call as soon as possible. Or, call Fr. Mike cell# 903-490-3883 and leave a message. You may also, send an email to Bridget's personal email address Bridgetarich@Live.com
2. **Baptisms** are suspended. Where there is a real danger of death, call Fr. Mike 903-490-3883.
3. **Funerals** are suspended. Call Fr. Mike's cell# 903-490-3883 and he will coordinate with family and funeral directors. Especially, when the family request the rites proper to funerals. Graveside services may be still permitted, depending on our local provisions and provided those who attend observe proper social distancing.
4. **Fr. Mike will continue to celebrate private Mass except on Saturday and Monday mornings.** Along with Mass Fr. will fulfill Mass Intentions.
5. **Confessions are canceled except for those that are in dire need of the sacrament.**
Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (*cf.* CCC, no. 1452).
6. **Anointing of the Sick** for those in dire need of the sacrament Fr. Mike will performed the sacrament on your front porch of your home. Call him on his cell 903-490-3883.

Update on Measures to Keep the Diocese of Tyler Safe: April 1

On March 17, 2020, I issued a decree suspending the public celebration of Mass and enacting other measures in support of the effort to keep our communities safe and prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease. I also noted that I would provide a brief, general update to the diocese on April 1.

Because we must continue to remain isolated and do our part to slow the spread of this terrible disease, and following the guidelines and orders from our local, state, and national leaders, the measures taken in the March 17 decree remain in effect until further notice.

All of our priests feel a great sorrow that our communities cannot be together for our public worship, especially for the special celebrations of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection during Holy Week. Yet, we know that on Easter morning, in our homes, we will celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death and that this is our source of joy even now.

Please continue to be comforted knowing that priests here in the diocese are praying for you and celebrating Mass for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Let us remain united in the love of Jesus, praying for the sick, the lonely, and for those who are working to keep our communities safe, particularly the doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals.

Finally, I once again strongly encourage everyone in the Diocese of Tyler to listen to and follow the directions of our state and local authorities. Our president has told us that tough days are ahead. It is our behaviors that will change the course of this pandemic. Whether you are sick or not, please stay in your homes except for essential needs. In doing this, combined with our prayers, we will be helping to bring this crisis to an end so that we can once again come together. Bishop Joseph Strickland

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners,

Although we cannot gather for our sacred, sacrificial banquet, the Eucharist, we must keep Sunday, the Lord's Day, holy through prayer. You are especially invited to reflect on the daily Mass scriptures (<http://uscceb.org/>), make a spiritual communion (see below), and even consider watching Mass which will be available on our **diocesan web site: www.dioceseoftyler.org** or **EWTN** Channel. If you have a cell phone you can add the **Laudate app** for daily readings and prayers, etc.

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I so appreciate the parishioners that are keeping up with their tithing during these challenging days.

April Second Collections: Apr. 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"; Apr. 10th: "Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land"; Apr. 26th: "Catholic Home Missions".

Let us continue to pray for one another, united in God's love.

Rev. Fr. Michael Snider

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. 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.

Or

Oh Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Welcome Committee had candy left over after the Christmas Golf Cart parade. The candy was saved, wrapped for the holiday and given to the Knights of Columbus to put in the Easter food boxes. Thanks to all parishioners who donated the candy initially. It was great to distribute the remaining candy to the less fortunate in our area..





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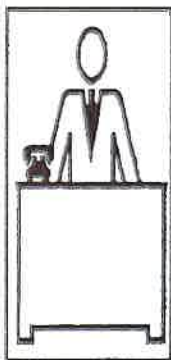
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