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Notes from Fr. Nick

Christ's Passion

A year ago, we celebrated Holy Week differently than ever before in my lifetime. The clergy and a few necessary laypeople were all we could safely accommodate in the church. Although our world hasn't yet returned to normal, at least this year we'll all be able to gather outdoors in the Dominican Garden. Our liturgy committee has done an admirable job of adapting, and I hope that our out-of-the-ordinary liturgies will inspire us in ways 'the usual' might not. Hopefully by this time next year, we'll be experiencing the warm comfort of the worship we've known and loved.



Frs. Ioane Patita Ono, Laurent Okitakatshi, & Nicholas Glisson
at last year's 'closed' Palm Sunday Mass.

Too often, I think we hear the Passion story with an attitude of 'Look what they did to him so he could save us'. We are closer to the spirit of this Gospel passage when we see the Lord's suffering as the consequence of his preaching. It's hard to believe that a message of the Fatherhood of God and fraternity of humankind could provoke such a ferocious response. But Jesus' message upset a long-standing power structure that fought to resist it. His death on the cross did not, in and of itself, save us. Rather, his death on a cross was the consequence of the grace of God being unleashed on a world where evil will always succumb to God's goodness.

The Passion should be a warning to us that, no matter how benign the message we carry as Christians, there are consequences for us as well. We may not suffer a shameful death through living out our faith, but at least it should cause us to forego opportunities that, on the surface, look appealing to us. For a young person, it could be choosing to participate in Sunday liturgy rather than soccer tryouts. For adults, it might mean rejecting a lucrative job because it requires a questionable moral stance. This very week, choices we make as part of our faith could be the resolution to participate in the Triduum liturgies rather than relaxing at home... or perhaps taking Good Friday off from work to spend with your family in prayer.

I hope that you will enter into the spirit of Christ's Passion this week. The essence of discipleship is not simply receiving the grace of Jesus' Passion; it is being formed into the identity of Christ and proclaiming His message through our lives. This formation also means accepting the consequences of the Gospel — both in death to ourselves, and in rising to new life.

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Sunday 11:00 am—Dominican Garden

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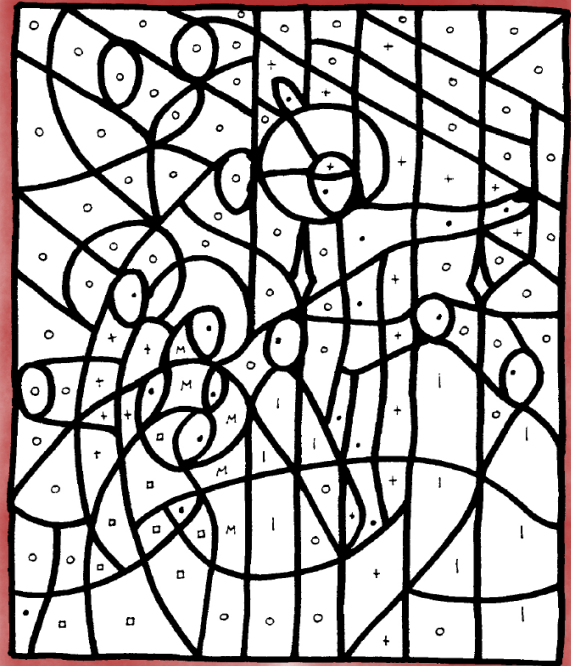
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What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

- skin colour | red M blue
- a dark colour ◻ green + brown

Good Friday Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks.

J C C L O T H E S H E
 M A R Y D I E D I O S
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On Good Friday morning, JESUS, who had been arrested the night before, was judged by Pontius Pilate, the ROMAN governor. Pilate had him WHIPPED. Then to make fun of Him the SOLDIERS made a CROWN of THORNS and put it on His head. They threw a purple cloth on Him and beat Him with RODS, saying, "Hail, KING of the JEWS!" Then Pilate had Jesus brought out in front of the people and asked them what they wanted to do with Him. The people, who had welcomed Him into JERUSALEM a few days before with their HOSANNAS, now shouted that He should be crucified.

So Jesus was made to CARRY a heavy CROSS out of the city and up a big HILL. Because He was so weak from being beaten, a man named SIMON of Cyrene was forced to help Him. The soldiers tore off Jesus' CLOTHES and attached Him to the cross with NAILS through His hands and feet.

Jesus offered His life for our SINS. He hung on the cross for three HOURS until He DIED. Nearby were His mother MARY, JOHN the Apostle, and Mary MAGDALEN. After He died a soldier stuck a SPEAR into His side to be sure He was dead.

Did you know that at every MASS we re-offer Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in an unbloody way on the altar?

March 28th, 2021 ~ Passion (Palm) Sunday, Year B

Due to the early publication deadline, the March 21st collections will be reported next week.

Please Pray for the Members of our RCIA

At last Sunday's 11:00 am Dominican Garden Mass, RCIA companions Camillo and Maham participated in the last Scrutinies in their final step toward baptism and full communion in the Catholic Faith.

Please pray for our two Elect; Camillo and Maham, and our two Candidates; Kelly and Edie, as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments.

Turn in your Rice Bowls This Week



Thank you all for filling your Rice Bowls with the money you saved in your Lenten Sacrifice.

Please bring your Rice Bowls to Mass, or drop them off at the parish office as soon as possible.

Never picked up a Rice Bowl? You can still make a donation at marymagdalen.org/donate.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 28th *PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*
Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Mark 14:1-15:47
- 29th *Monday of Holy Week*
Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11
- 30th *Tuesday of Holy Week*
Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38
- 31st *Wednesday of Holy Week*
Isaiah 50:4-9 / Matthew 26:14-25
- 1st *HOLY THURSDAY*
Exodus 12:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15
- 2nd *GOOD FRIDAY*
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / John 18:1-19:42
- 3rd *HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL*
Genesis 1:1-2:2 / Exodus 14:15-15:1 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Romans 6:3-11 / Mark 16:1-7

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 | Intentions of Velma Richmond |
| | 11:00 | Intentions of Chet & Monica Grycz |
| Monday | 8:30 | Sr. Maureen Therese McGroddy RIP |
| | 5:30 | Eulalia Artiaga RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Sr. Maureen Therese McGroddy RIP |
| | 5:30 | Joseph P. McWalters, Jr. RIP |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Earl Jacobs RIP |
| | 5:30 | Eulalia Artiaga RIP |
| Thursday | 5:30 | Helen Rendon RIP |
| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 | Helen Rendon RIP |
| | 11:00 | Lola Lazo RIP |

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tenebrae: 9:00 am April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Church (35 maximum)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:30 pm, Thursday, April 1st
Dominican Garden

— **Adoration following the Mass:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Rengel Plaza (in front of Norton Hall)

The Lord's Passion: 1:30 pm, Friday, April 2nd
Dominican Garden

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm, Friday, April 2nd
Church Parking Lot

Great Vigil of Easter: 5:30 pm, Saturday, April 3rd
Dominican Garden

Easter Sunday: 9:00 am, Livestream Mass
11:00 am, Dominican Garden



Bring Your Bells & Fresh Flowers!



Help beautify our Holy Week liturgies with sound and color — bring your handbells to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, and again at the Easter Vigil on Saturday (see schedule above).



Note: please do not bring lilies, as some members of the parish liturgical team are highly allergic.



"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!"

Well, not yet—but He will be soon, and Fr. Nick would like for as many parishioners as possible to sing or play this famous hymn for our next 'virtual choir'. Both vocal or instrumental submissions are welcomed. You will find the sheet music and accompaniment on the home page of our parish website, marymagdalen.org.

The deadline for your video submissions is tomorrow!



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