April 05, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday & Holy Week

Parish Center Hours
Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Baptisms / Bautismos
Call parish at least two months in advance.
Llame a la parroquia a lo menos dos meses antes.

Weddings / Bodas
Call parish at least six months in advance.
Llame a la parroquia a lo menos seis meses antes.

Mission Statement
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is a Christ-centered community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We try to share the Good News of salvation with others. As a diverse community, we value and respect individual differences. As God’s people, we gather in the Spirit to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, to teach, to learn, to console, to rejoice, to minister and to renew our faith with one another.
The very long Passion Gospel that we hear on Palm Sunday, generally read in parts with several readers, contains the heart and core of our Catholic Christian faith. The final hours of Jesus’ life leading to his crucifixion were the best remembered of all the many extraordinary occurrences during his public ministry. Since the stories in the Gospel were all oral tradition long before they were written down, it shouldn’t surprise us that all of the Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, would give their own account of those dramatic events which culminated in their Master Jesus’ death and resurrection from the dead. Our three-cycle Sunday lectionary allows us to hear all of the Passion Gospels. This year on Palm Sunday we will hear Matthew’s account, next year Mark’s, and the following year we’ll hear St. Luke’s version. St. John’s Passion Gospel is always read on Good Friday. And where there are some significant differences among these Gospels, the trajectory is the same in each: Jesus’ arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, his trial before the Jewish Sanhedrin, his second trial before the Roman Prefect Pontius Pilate, his scourging, his carrying of the Cross up Mount Calvary, his Crucifixion and his death. Why then, should Palm (or Passion) Sunday begin so triumphantly? Is this not a contradiction since we know the terrible end that is awaiting Jesus in Jerusalem? The fact is that, despite the constant danger that surrounded Jesus’ public ministry and the serious death threats of which his disciples must have been aware, Jesus was for a time the great hope of the Jewish people of Palestine. Those many followers who witnessed his miracles and heard his preaching had come to believe that he was the promised Savior, the Messiah foretold throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. The problem lay, at least in part, in that the popular vision of this Jewish Messiah was not only as one who would redeem the people from their sins, who would restore the ancient covenant their ancestors had with their God, but also as one who would conquer their enemies. Those enemies had been legion over the centuries — the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks — but in the time of Jesus it was the Romans. Against these pagan conquerors the Jews harbored a deep hatred. They certainly were not looking for a Messiah who advised turning the other cheek, a Savior who taught his disciples to love even their enemies. Then, as now, people might have been willing to accept the difficult teachings of Jesus as an idealistic dream, but as actual praxis or politics-in-action, never. So Jesus rode into Jerusalem, not on a horse of war, but on a humble donkey, and the people who laid palm fronds along the way for their conquering hero little knew that that the prize he was to gain for them was not the throne of Israel, but the glory of God’s eternal Kingdom.

Fr. Ulysses

El largo Evangelio que oímos el Domingo de Ramos contiene el centro de nuestra fe cristiana católica. Las últimas horas de la vida de Jesús y su crucifixión eran mejor recordadas que todos los otros extraordinarios acontecimientos de su ministerio público. Dado que estos eventos eran parte de la tradición oral mucho antes de que fueran escritos, no nos debe sorprender que todos los evangelistas, Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan, le diera a su propia cuenta de esos dramáticos acontecimientos que culminaron en la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús de entre los muertos. Nuestro Leccionario dominical de tres ciclos nos permite escuchar todos los Evangelios de la pasión. Este año el Domingo de Ramos escucharemos el relato de San Mateo, el año que viene de San Marcos, y al año siguiente vamos a oír la versión de San Lucas. La Pascua según el Evangelio de San Juan siempre se lee el Viernes Santo. Aunque hay algunas diferencias entre estos Evangelios, la trayectoria es la misma: el arresto de Jesús, su juicio ante el Sanedrín, su segunda ejecución ante el prefecto Romano Poncio Pilatos, el flagelación, el camino con la cruz hacia Calvario, la crucifixión y su muerte. Entonces ¿Por qué, nos preguntamos, comienza el Domingo de Ramos tan triunfalmente? No es esto una contradicción, ya que conocemos el terrible final que está a la espera de Jesús en Jerusalén? El hecho es que, a pesar del peligro constante que rodeaba el ministerio público de Jesús, él fue a la misma vez la gran esperanza del pueblo judío de Palestina. Los seguidores que fueron testigos de sus milagros y escucharon su predicación habían llegado a creer que Jesús era el Salvador prometido, el Mesías anunciado por las Escrituras. Pero la visión popular de este Mesías no era sólo como una persona que iba a venir para redimir al pueblo de sus pecados, o que restauraría el antiguo pacto que sus antepasados tenían con su Dios, sino también uno que conquistaría a sus enemigos. Esos enemigos habían sido muchos a lo largo de los siglos - los egipcios, los babilonios, los griegos - pero en el tiempo de Jesús fueron los romanos. Contra estos conquistadores paganos los judíos tenían un odio profundo. Por eso, no esperaban un Salvador que enseñó a sus discípulos a amar incluso a sus enemigos. Tal vez estaban dispuestos a aceptar las enseñanzas de Jesús como un sueño idealista, pero no como política en acción, algo real. Así que Jesús entró en Jerusalén, no en un caballo de guerra, sino en un humilde burro, y las personas que pusieron hojas de palma a lo largo del camino para su conquistador, poco sabían que el premio que iba a ganar para ellos no era el trono de Israel, sino la gloria del Reino eterno de Dios. Padre Ulises
Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 4 and 5
Masses w/palms on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and
Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. (Spanish), and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 9
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
(Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, The Lord’s
Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

Viernes Santo, 10 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.
Via Crucis en vivo, Veneración de la Cruz, Comunión

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Today’s Second Collection is for our Parish Facilities.
This collection helps us to maintain our church and other parish facilities in good condition, to do the repairs and upgrades that are needed, and to cover the gardening needs of the Parish.

Next Week’s Second Collection will be for our Religious Education Programs.

The 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.
Our assessment for this year is $78,484, or 20% of our last year's income. To date, we have received $15,130. Please consider what you might do to help us meet our obligation by the end of the year. Thank you very much!

If someone in your family is homebound, lives nearby and is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Julie O’Leary at (650) 361-8681.

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9
**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 04, 2020
5:00 PM  Antonino Pitarresi †
Palm Sunday, April 05, 2020
8:00 AM  Pete Uccelli †
10:00 AM  Olivia Dei Rossi †
12:00 PM  Maria Torres Villa †
5:00 PM  Pro Populo
Monday, April 06, 2020
8:15 AM  Sister Mary Raymunda †
Tuesday, April 07, 2020
8:15 AM  Jackie Norman †
Wednesday, April 08, 2020
8:15 AM  Souls in Purgatory †
Holy Thursday, April 09, 2020
7:00 PM  Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday, April 10, 2020
12:30 to 2:30 PM Service in English
7:00 PM  Servicio en Español
Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020
8:00 PM  Easter Vigil

**This Week at Mt. Carmel**
Palm Sunday, April 05, 2020
Monday, April 06, 2020
Grupo Carismático (Mesa Directiva) 7:00 PM  Old Chapel
Tuesday, April 07, 2020
Padre Parents Ass’n. 6:00 PM  Small Hall
Grupo Guadalupano 7:00 PM  Parish Cntr.
Men’s Basketball 8:30 PM  Large Hall
Wednesday, April 08, 2020
Bible Study 7:00 PM  Old Chapel
ICF 7:00 PM  Parish Cntr.
Grupo Carismático 7:00 PM  Large Hall
Holy Thursday, April 09, 2020 7:00 PM  Church
Good Friday, April 10, 2020 12:30 & 7:00 PM  Ch.
Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020 8:00 PM  Church
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Monday: of Holy Week
Tuesday: of Holy Week
Wednesday: of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday

Welcome Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Registration Form
The following confidential information will be entered in our parish data system. It is only for the purpose of knowing and serving you better.

Name (s): _______________________________
Address: _______________________________
City:_________________ zip:_______________
Telephone:______________________________
e-mail:_________________________________
Others in your household:________________

Number of adults over 18 years of age: _____
Number of children under 18 years of age: ___

Rosary Makers Group
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary Makers Group meets every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Parish Center. We are always looking for new people who’d like to join us in making rosary. Training and materials provided.
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