

"He said not, *After two days will be, or will come, the feast of the Passover*, but not meaning the ordinary annual Passover, but that Passover such as had never before been, "the Passover to be offered." He foretells His crucifixion to His disciples, adding, *And the Son of Man shall be delivered to be crucified*; thus fortifying them against that shock of surprise, which the sight of their Master, led forth to crucifixion, would otherwise have occasioned them. And He expresses it impersonally *shall be delivered*, because God delivered Him up in mercy to the human race, Judas from covetousness, the Priest for envy, the Devil through fear that through His teaching the human race would be plucked out of His hand, little aware how much more that would be effected by His death, than either by His teaching or miracles."

Origen

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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Sunday - Domingo	6:00 PM	Español Ingold

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Wednesday, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Confirmation - Year II
Wednesday, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

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INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4

People of the Parish

Week of Sunday, April 5

Sunday, April 5

+ Jack Bisbey

Monday, April 6

+ Stan Hunter

Wednesday, April 8

+ Oscar Rodela-Tello

Thursday, April 9

+ Gabriel, Maria, Lupe, Alejandro, Francisca,
Julian Martinez

Friday, April 10

+ Esther Castillo Piña, Pompella Piña,
Vicente Castillo

Saturday, April 11

People of the Parish

Week of Sunday, April 12

Sunday, April 12

+ Zulma Marin

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

All masses, classes and meetings are
canceled



Act of Spiritual Communion

A Prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

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.

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Diocese of Raleigh Parishes Streaming Mass

[St. Mary Magdalene, Apex](#) – On YouTube, Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

[St. Catherine of Siena, Wake Forest](#) on Facebook, 10:00 a.m.

[St. Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines](#) – On Facebook, Monday-Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

[St. Michael The Archangel, Cary](#) – On Livestream: Daily Mass, 8:30 a.m. and Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

[Duke Catholic Center](#) – On YouTube, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

[St. Ann, Clayton](#) – On Facebook, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

[St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh](#) - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

[Immaculate Conception](#), Durham - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

[St. Thomas More, Chapel Hill](#) - On Facebook, Daily Mass, Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.

[St. Raphael the Archangel, Raleigh](#) - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Misa en español

[St. Ann Clayton](#), en YouTube, Sábado a las 7 p.m.

[Immaculate Conception, Durham](#) - En Facebook, Domingo a las 10:30 a.m.

**Please pray daily for
our church community:**

Chester Cukrowicz, Marie Stowers, Peggy Schoenleber, Katharine Crostic, Beth Malone, The Parents of Beth Johnson, Tom & Vivian Gallagher, Esidora Butler, Julia Moore, Joan Troublefield, Carlyle Williams, Theresa Williford, Pearl Bradshaw, Liz Wills, Warren Montgomery, Gene Settelmaier, Londyn Marie Gwinn



Please call the church office if you wish to add a name to this list.

THIS IS HOW WE LEARN TO CONQUER FEAR IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY

Often, we live as if we were in a bubble, which makes us feel safe from the buffets of life. That way, we allow our- selves to go on in life distracted, pretending that we can control everything. Sometimes, however, circumstances spoil our plans and send us the rude awakening to take ourselves seriously and rethink what our situation in life really is. In recent days, reality has torn apart our more or less peaceful routine by taking on the threatening face of Covid-19, a new virus, which has caused an international health emergency.

Paradoxically, however, precisely the challenges that reality does not spare us can become our greatest allies, because they force us to look more deeply at what it means to be human. Situations as unpredictable as the present one awaken us from our torpor, snatching us out of the comfort zones in which we were comfortably planted. This reveals what kind of progress we—each of us personally and all together—have made on the path of maturity, how much self-awareness we have gained and how capable we are of facing the life in front of us. All our ideologies, big and small, and our convictions, including religious ones, are put to the test. The crust of a false sense of security shows its cracks. Everyone, without distinction, is called into question and better understands who he/she is.

On such occasions, we understand that “the subject’s power lies in the intensity of his selfaware-ness” (Servant of God, Luigi Giussani), or in the clarity with which he perceives who he is and what makes life worth living, because the enemy we find before us is not so much coronavirus as it is fear. A fear always in the back of our minds that explodes when reality exposes our essential powerlessness, for many people, taking over and, at times, prompting impulsive reactions: pushing us to close ourselves up, , stock-piling provisions “in case they could be needed,” etc. Over the last few days, we have witnessed both the spread of an individual and collective irrationality and hurried attempts to propose a remedy, all aimed at getting out of this situation as fast as possible. Each of us must say for him or herself, observing all that is happening within and around him, which attempts are really capable of addressing the problem and overcoming the fear, and which, instead, just make it worse. This is the value of every crisis, as Hannah Arendt teaches us: they “force us to return to questions,” they bring out our “I” and all of its need for meaning. There is a deep connection between the relationship we have with reality and our human self-awareness... The question that arises right now, more powerfully than any other, is, “What can conquer our fear?”

Perhaps the most elementary experience available to us to answer that question is that of a child. What conquers a child’s fear? The presence of his mother. This “method” applies for everyone. It is a presence, not our strategies, our intelligence or our bravery, that propels and sustains each of our lives. But we must ask ourselves, what kind of presence is capable of conquering the deep fear that grips us at the depths of our being? Not just any presence. This is why God became man, why He became a historical, embodied presence. Only the God who enters history as a man can conquer that deep fear, as the lives of his disciples have testified (and continue to testify). “Only this God saves us from being afraid of the world and from anxiety before the emptiness of life. Only by looking to Jesus Christ does our joy in God come to fulfilment and become redeemed joy” (Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Regensburg, September 12, 2006). These affirmations are only believable if we see people whose lives, here and now, show the signs of God’s victory, of His true and contemporaneous presence, and therefore a new and different way of facing circumstances, one full of hope and an otherwise unimaginable joy that is channeled into an indomitable industriousness. What we need, therefore, more than any reassuring speeches or moral instructions, is to tap into the people who embody the experience of this victory, that there is a meaning in life proportionate to the challenges. Nothing could be simpler, because in times like this, when hysteria dominates, people like this are so uncommon that they stand out. All the rest is useless.

Father Julián Carrón
President of the Fraternity of *Communion and Liberation*

Cómo Aprendemos a Vencer el Miedo en Medio de las Dificultades

Vivimos con frecuencia como en una burbuja que nos hace sentirnos al resguardo de los golpes de la vida. Y de este modo nos podemos permitir vivir distraídos, fingiendo que todo se halla bajo nuestro control. Pero las circunstancias desbaratan a veces nuestros planes y nos llaman bruscamente a responder, a tomarnos en serio nuestro *yo*, a interrogarnos sobre nuestra concreta situación existencial. En estos días la realidad ha sacudido nuestra más o menos tranquila vida cotidiana asumiendo el rostro amenazante del Covid-19, un nuevo virus que ha provocado una emergencia sanitaria internacional.

Paradójicamente estos retos que la realidad no deja de plantearnos pueden convertirse en nuestro mayor aliado, ya que nos obligan a mirar más en profundidad nuestra humanidad. De hecho, situaciones imprevisibles como la actual nos despiertan de nuestro torpor, nos arrancan de la zona de confort en la que nos habíamos instalado cómodamente, y sale así a la luz el camino de maduración que -cada uno personalmente y todos juntos- hemos hecho, la conciencia de nosotros mismos que hemos alcanzado, la capacidad o incapacidad para afrontar la vida que tenemos entre manos. Nuestras pequeñas o grandes ideologías, nuestras convicciones, incluso las religiosas, se ponen a prueba. La costra de las falsas seguridades muestra sus grietas. Cada uno sin distinción se ve preocupado por esta circunstancia y percibe mejor quién es.

Es en estas ocasiones donde se entiende que "la fuerza de un sujeto radica en la intensidad de su autoconciencia" (Siervo de Dios, Luigi Giussani), en la claridad con la que se percibe a sí mismo y aquello por lo que merece la pena vivir. Porque el enemigo contra el que nos vemos combatiendo no es el coronavirus, sino el miedo. Un miedo que percibimos siempre y que sin embargo sale a la luz cuando la realidad desvela nuestra impotencia esencial, un miedo que con frecuencia nos supera y nos hace reaccionar a veces de forma descompuesta, llevándonos a aprovisionarnos "por si hiciera falta", etc. Durante estos días hemos asistido tanto a la difusión de la irracionalidad, individual y colectiva, como a protegernos con propuestas destinadas a salir de la situación lo más rápido posible. Cada uno podrá decir, observando lo que ve que sucede en sí mismo y a su alrededor, qué propuestas son capaces de hacer frente a la circunstancia y de derrotar el miedo y cuáles, en cambio, la agravan...

Quizá la experiencia más elemental de la que disponemos en este sentido es la del niño. ¿Qué vence el miedo en un niño? La presencia de su madre. Este "método" vale para todos. Es una presencia, no nuestras estrategias, nuestra inteligencia, nuestro valor, lo que mueve y sostiene la vida de cada uno de nosotros. Pero -preguntémonos-, ¿qué presencia es capaz de vencer el miedo profundo, el que nos paraliza en el fondo de nuestro ser? No cualquier presencia. Por este motivo Dios se ha hecho hombre, se ha convertido en una presencia histórica, carnal. Solo el Dios que entra en la historia como hombre puede vencer el miedo profundo, como nos lo ha testimoniado (y testimonia) la vida de sus discípulos. "Solo este Dios nos salva del miedo del mundo y de la ansiedad ante el vacío de la propia vida. Solo mirando a Jesucristo, nuestro gozo en Dios alcanza su plenitud, se hace gozo redimido" (Benedicto XVI, Homilía, Ratisbona, 12 de septiembre de 2006). Tales afirmaciones son creíbles únicamente si vemos aquí y ahora personas en las que se documenta la victoria de Dios, su presencia real y contemporánea, y por ello un modo nuevo de afrontar las circunstancias, lleno de una esperanza y de una alegría normalmente desconocidas, y a la vez orientado a una laboriosidad indómita.

Más que cualquier discurso tranquilizador o receta moral, lo que necesitamos es toparnos con personas en las que podamos ver encarnada la experiencia de esta victoria, la existencia de un significado proporcional a los desafíos de la vida. No hay nada más fácil: en momentos como el actual, cuando domina el espanto, esas personas son tan raras que se las percibe enseguida. Lo demás no sirve para nada.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2020

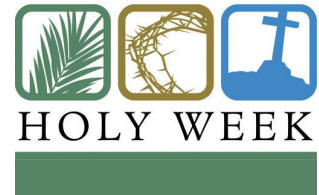
Because of the circumstances in which we find ourselves at present, I do not envision that we will be able to gather for the Church's annual celebration of the principle Mysteries of the Faith during Holy Week. Nonetheless, I will bless the Palms on Sunday morning and place them on tables in the Parking lots of the Church (on both sides) so that anyone who desires this year's Palms will be able to pick them up at your leisure during the day.

The church Office will be using the Parish **Facebook** Page as well as the existing **Messenger** groups and some personal emails that we have to communicate during these trying days.

May the Lord bless each and every one during these last days of our Lenten journey so that its salvific effects may shine on us in the Easter season.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

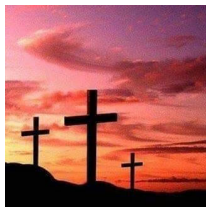
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Domingo de Ramos y Semana Santa 2020

Debido a las circunstancias en las que nos encontramos en el momento presente, no vislumbro que podremos reunirnos como de costumbre para las celebraciones del Misterio Pascual este año. No obstante, pretendo bendecir los Ramos para nuestro uso la mañana del Domingo correspondiente y colocarlos en mesas en los estacionamientos en ambos lados del templo para que la feligresía pueda, a su conveniencia, buscar y llevárselos durante el día.

*La Oficina Parroquial estará utilizando su página de **Facebook** y también los medios de **Messenger** y **WhatsApp** para cualquier información que surja en estos días difíciles para el mundo entero.*



¡Qué el Señor bendiga a todos y cada uno de ustedes durante los últimos días de nuestra peregrinación de Cuaresma para que sus efectos salvíficos brillen sobre nosotros cuando llegue la Pascua!

Fraternalmente en el Señor.

P. José Dionne, C.Ss.R.

Edith Bradshaw Scholarship

The 18th Annual Edith Bradshaw Scholarship is available to high school seniors at IC in Clinton, OLOG in Newton Grove and STMA in Mount Olive. Interested students should submit a RESUME to Michael Mozingo by Friday, April 24, 2020. Please include any honors, awards, and extracurricular activities involving your church, school, and community. A \$1500 award will be presented on May 10, 2020 (Mother's Day). Interviews will be held on Sunday, May 3 at Immaculate Conception in Clinton. The resume should not exceed two pages.

Please send your resume to Mr. Mozingo: honeyhushlife@gmail.com. FMI, you may call/text him at (910)935-0021.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

IN APRIL



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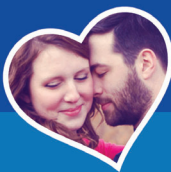
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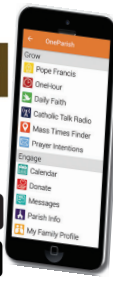
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