



Saturday, April 4

E 5:30pm All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 5

E 8:00am Garfagnoli & Catelani Families +
E 10:00am Adela & Nello Marconcini +
S 12:00pm Anima del Purgatorio +

Monday, April 6

E 9:00am Debra Buelna and Patricia Keadie +

Tuesday, April 7

E 9:00am Victims of Domestic Abuse +

Wednesday, April 8

E 9:00 am For the People

Thursday, April 9

E 9:00am For the People

Friday, April 10

E 9:00am Virgin of Guadalupe (Int)

Saturday, April 11

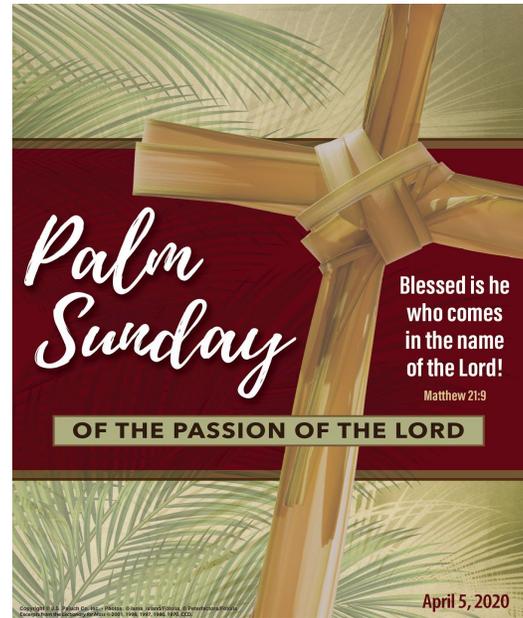
E 5:30pm Oliva Ramirez+

Sunday, April 12

E 8:00am Miriam Howe+
E 10:00am Amato & Grdina Families +
S 12:00pm Albert Hernandez +

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Giovanny Ayon	Olivia Carrillo
Joyce Cafferata	Angella Creel
Jerry Eichma	Sherlyn Cortez
Zachary Mac Murray	Bill Conrad
Judy Nicholls	Fred Pisani
Rose Guerrero	Evelyn Rossi
Helle Siergert	Samaria Sue E
Francisco Munguia	Ignacia Sanabria R.
Lupe Nuño	Melissa Warren
Mary Putnam	Maria Suarez
Gabriele Sanchioli	Gina Giacomelli
Robert Zimmerman	Larry Giovannoni
Jon Brown	Cecelia Del Angel
Fausto Catelani	Becky Osegura
Jack Lynch	Vance Adler
John Brown	Richard Sarao
John Provenzale	Lourdes Pisani
Dale & Colette Philips	Grace Popich Hall
Emily Nuñez	Georgia Minaglia
Karen Hibbe Moore	Janet Donaldson
Samantha Onate	Scott Voelker
Mary Johnson	Betty Kozel
Kathy Hall Adkinson	Sandra Connelly



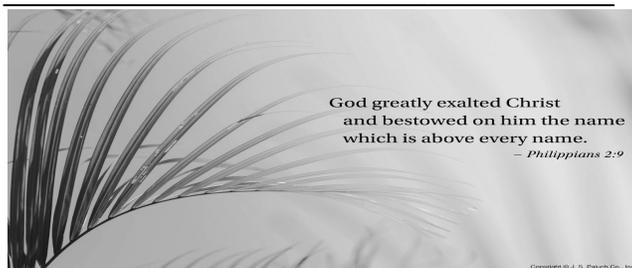
**A Reflection for Holy Week in the year of
Two Thousand Twenty, A.D.**

By Denise Comb-Youssef, Director, Music and Liturgy

As Christians – Catholics specifically – we know that Palm Sunday (or Passion Sunday) is the beginning of Holy Week and it commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds of people, cheering for him and crying out with joy, “Hosanna!” We also know that soon following this triumphant occasion Jesus is arrested, put on trial and then condemned to die on a cross.

The Cross – beautiful in its symbolism, yet tragic in its circumstance – is a significant symbol of our Christian faith. If we allow ourselves a few moments, can we transport our hearts and minds back to that time in our Christian lineage – and imagine how it was to be a witness to all that took place that first Holy Week? Joy, triumph and celebration giving way to condemnation, torture and a brutal death.

How did the disciples feel while witnessing all that Jesus endured? What was Mary feeling as she watched her precious son endure the unimaginable? Their teacher, their inspiration, their son, brother and friend had been taken away, falsely condemned, then brutally tortured and crucified before their very eyes as they stood by, completely terrified and helpless. Their



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sense of stability was suddenly uprooted and their sense of normalcy taken away from them – they had no conscious understanding of the Resurrection that would take place or what the future would bring – for them, in that moment, it was real, it was tragic, it was over! Jesus would soon be taken down from the cross, placed into a cold, dark tomb and it would *seem* that all hope was gone and the future desperately bleak and uncertain.

Maybe it is that we *don't* need to transport ourselves to that Good Friday over 2000 years ago, perhaps we are currently experiencing our own *versions* of "Good Friday". We have been mandated to take shelter in our homes – our own "tombs" if you will – and for many it's very challenging, uncertain and uncomfortable. While our tombs aren't necessarily cold or dark and hewn out of stone, perhaps our vision or expectations of what's to come may be dark, clouded or disconcerting. We have been mandated to "shelter in place", our freedom to move about freely has been severely limited, and we have been physically cut off from friends and family because of fear and out of love and concern for the welfare of others' health.

While we will never know what truly took place within the quiet, isolated darkness of that rock-hewn tomb over 2000 years ago, we *do* know, in hindsight, that something pretty extraordinary happened – a major transformation took place – one that would change the course of history and humankind! Let's consider those words for a moment ... *"a major transformation took place – one that would change the course of history and humankind!"*

While this may be a far-reaching thought, perhaps it is *now* – in the year 2020 A.D. – that we are each encountering emotional and spiritual transformations while forced to be isolated in our own "tombs". It is my sincere hope (as I believe it is the hope of many) that these transformations we are currently undergoing – both as individuals and as a global community – will change the course of history and of humankind in new and inspiring ways! And when that day comes when we are *allowed* to resurrect from our current "tombs", may we rise with tremendous gratitude, audacious hope, and a new level of *conscious* understanding that we cannot go back to *the way things were before*. So many of those *things* were *not* working for our highest good and in the ways which God created us to live – in communion with one another as beloved brothers and sisters.

Perhaps many would agree that we – as a human race – have strayed far away from our innate abilities to love and care for one another, and to love and care for our planet and all of the life forms who inhabit her. Maybe we can look at our current global crisis as an invitation to go back into our center, to sit quietly within our hearts and minds, and take this unexpected opportunity to reexamine our lives, our purpose, and our personal and collective mission – that mission being to live by the empathetic foundation of the Golden Rule – "do to others as you would have them do to you".

Resurrection is not to be ours just yet as we deal with this global pandemic, we must wait a little longer for that glorious day. In the meantime, may these following words be our prayer and a source of comfort in what is, and hope in what is to come:

*O God, our one true Source and Creator,
help us to feel your presence in every situation
and in every moment of our lives' – especially the most
challenging.*

*Help us find time to quiet our hearts and minds enough
so to hear your voice,
allowing your encouragement to make us bold in our
love and concern for one another,
and may your wisdom renew our spirits.*

*Give us the desire to go out into our world and act with
your message in our hearts...
hoping and believing that one day goodness will prevail*

–
*that light will overtake the darkness in our world, and
every heart will know true peace.*

With hope, and in gratitude. we pray. AMEN

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the church is closed for private prayer. All events are cancelled until further notice.

Please attend Mass online at the following site:

<https://stjohnshealdsburg.org>

You can access the Mass on this Home page.