

**PALM SUNDAY
PASSION OF THE LORD
April 5, 2020**

FROM ADULATION TO CONDEMNATION. Today, on this Palm Sunday, we begin the Week of Weeks for Christians. The joyous cries of “Hosanna to the Son of David” quickly turn into the hateful cries of “Crucify Him!” As Pope Francis reflects, “This account of the Passion seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our lives as disciples. It expresses the contradictory feelings that we might experience: the capacity for great love and also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to “wash our hands” at the right moment; the capacity for loyalty, but also for great abandonment and betrayal.”

This year, unable to gather publicly to remember these great days of our salvation, we humble ourselves and walk spiritually with Jesus in our own homes, our “little churches.” We remember how He loved us with the gift of his Body and Blood and showed us how to serve one another with love and dignity. This year, we know more than ever, what it means to pray in isolation and carry the cross in loneliness, but we still experience the tremendous love of the Cross as Jesus cries out to his heavenly Father, “Forgive them.” And we know that like the horror and suffering which Jesus endured, our little inconveniences will pass. From the tomb comes hope, light, freedom, resurrection, and perhaps even a greater appreciation for the gift of our Catholic Faith and our parish family.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND. Please be very generous with this special collection which helps support the Christian Community in the land of our Savior’s birth, death and holy resurrection. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges because of the political and religious tensions in that region. The Franciscans particularly care for many of the Christian shrines connected to the life of Jesus. Your generosity last year helped support 29 parishes, 4 orphanages and kept schools open for over 10,000 students from pre-K through 12th grade. Your donation also helped provide care facilities for the aged in Bethlehem and Nazareth, supported 120 seminarians, and created 1,500 jobs for Christians in the Holy Land. Your gift truly does make a difference.

ONLINE DONATIONS ACCEPTED. A link has been added to our website for your weekly church contributions. Click on the “Donate Today” on our website: stmaryscollinwood.com and you will be redirected to Paypal (3.5% is deducted of your donation). You may also use this button to donate to the Church Renovation fund.

TAVCAR CATERING on E. 200th Street is offering prepared meals on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Dumpling soup and apple strudel are available upon request. Please call for the menu of the day as well as the hours. It is necessary to pre-order by calling Joe Tavcar at 216-402-6082. Cash only. Use the drive thru pick-up window.

Last Sunday’s Offering (envelopes): \$3,671.00

On Line Sunday Donations: \$1,320.00

Church Needs: \$500 from Mirko & Maria Kristanc; \$25 in memory of Alice Poremba from Karl & Ani Zajec; \$200 in memory of Mary Marsic from Vera Marsic; \$1,000 from M/M Gabriel Mazi; \$100 from M/M Matt Loncar; \$100 from M/M Robert Graf

Pew & Floor Restoration: \$200 from Shari Merriman; \$250 from David & Geri Hocevar; \$200 from Robert & Rebecca Tuma; \$200 from Matt & MaryAnn Hozjan; \$200 from Richard Vadnal; \$200 from Suzanne Vadnal; \$200 from Marija Hočevvar; \$100 from Matija & Neža Golobič; \$200 from Jo Ann Stinziano

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

SO WHAT GOES INTO YOUR BASKET OF BLESSED EASTER FOODS? The Slavic custom of blessing food for Easter has spread to many other nationalities in America. Many of the foods carry symbolic meanings. These are some of the things you may find. **LAMB**, a reminder of the Passover Lamb whose blood on the doorposts of the Hebrews saved them from the Angel of Death. **HAM**, a symbol of joy in the abundance of God’s blessings and mercy. **EASTER BREAD**, a symbol of Jesus the Bread of Life who gives health to body and soul. **BUTTER** (often in the shape of a lamb or cross) is a symbol of the richness of salvation that flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. **COLORED EASTER EGGS**, indicate hope, a new life, Resurrection from the tomb. Sometimes they are dyed red as a sign of the blood of Christ. **POTICA**, a symbol of the richness of everlasting life and the 5 loaves blessed and distributed to the hungry crowd. **HORSERADISH**, a symbol of the bitter herbs of the Jewish Passover which represents the bitterness and harshness of the slavery of Egypt. The pointed spikes are a reminder of the nails that bitterly pierced the hands and feet of Jesus. **SALT**, is a symbol of wisdom and the preservation from corruption, reminding us that the body of Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave. **SAUSAGE**, its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as the whip of his scourging. **WINE**, a reminder of the first miracle of Jesus and a symbol of his blood that was poured out for the salvation of the world. **CANDLE**, a symbol of Jesus the Light of the World who has conquered the darkness of evil.

Enjoy your Easter Sunday morning “breaking of the fast” with these wonderful reminders of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. We will bless food at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 11th. We ask that you remain in your cars in the parking lot and Fr. Kumse will bless your baskets from car to car.

TODAY’S PSALM RESPONSE:

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Masses for the Week of April 6, 12-2020

Monday:	(4/6) MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK Franci Merela (Sister, Tillie Spehar)
Tuesday:	(4/7) TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Matthew Dolenc (30 Day)
Wednesday:	(4/8) WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Helen Jecic (30 Day)
Thursday:	(4/9) HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m. Parishioners
Friday:	(4/10) FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday:	(4/11) HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 p.m. Parishioners
Sunday:	(4/12) EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 8:00 a.m. Jože Volčjak and Anton Cerer (Family) 9:30 a.m. Stane Krulc (Family)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Chris Chermely,
Robert Klancher, Josephine Strle, Rev. William Jerse

May She Rest in God's Peace:
+Paula Hauptman 

FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS is the title given to the 14 saints of the early Church who were called upon for their prayerful support during times of adversity, epidemics and difficulties. Devotion to them began in Germany in the 14th century.

The Fourteen Holy Helpers are:

- St. Achatius: May 8th - Headaches
- St. Barbara: December 4th - Fever, sudden death
- St. Blaise: February 3rd - Ills of the throat
- St. Catherine of Alexandria: November 25th - Sudden death
- St. Christopher: July 25th - Plagues, sudden death
- St. Cyriac: August 8th - Temptations
- St. Denis (Dionysius): October 9th - Headaches
- St. Erasmus (Elmo): June 2nd - Abdominal maladies
- St. Eustachius: September 20th - Family trouble
- St. George: April 23rd - Protection of domestic animals
- St. Giles (Aegidius): September 1st - Plagues, confession
- St. Margaret of Antioch: July 20th - Safe childbirth
- St. Pantaleone: July 27th - Physicians
- St. Vitus: June 15th - Epilepsy

Saints of God, come to our aid. Pray for us in our need before the majesty of God.

NABIRKA ZA SV. DEŽELO NA VELIKI PETEK. Prosimo, bodite zelo radodarni za to nabirko, ki pomaga Krščanski skupnosti v deželi Jezusovega rojstva, smrti in vstajenja. Kristjani v Sv. Deželi se borijo z izzivi zaradi politične in verske napetosti v tem okraju. Frančiškani posebno skrbijo za veliko krščanskih svetišč, ki so povezani z Jezusovim življenjem. Vaša dobrotlansko leto je pomagala 29 župnijam, 4 sirotišnicam, pomagala da so bila šole odprte za 10,000 učencev od vrta do 12 razreda. Vaš dar je tudi pomagal ostarelim v Betlehemu in Nazaretu, podprla 120 bogoslovcev, dala 1,500 delovnih mest kristjanom Sv. Dežele. Vaš dar je resnično naredil veliko razliko.

DANES JE CVETNA NEDELJA.

OD DOBRIKANJA V OBSODBO. Danes na to Cvetno nedeljo mi začnemo teden vseh tednov za kristjane. Veseli vzkliki "Hozana Davidovemu Sinu" se hitro obrnejo v sovražno kričanje "Križaj ga!" Kot papež Frančišek premišlja; "To poročilo o trpljenju zgleda, da poveže pripovedi veselja in trpljenja, napake in uspehe, ki so del našega življenja kot učenci. Izraža oporečni občutek, ki ga morda doživljamo: zmožnost za veliko ljubezen in tudi veliko sovraštvo, zmožnost za pogumno požrtvovalnost, toda tudi zmožnost "umiti si roke" ob pravem času; možnost za zvestobo, toda tudi za veliko zapustitev in izdajstvo." Letos, ko se ne moremo javno zbrati da se spominjamo na te velike dneve našega odrešenja, se ponižajmo in hodimo v duhu z Jezusom v naših lastnih domovih, naših "malih cerkvah." Spomnimo se, kako nas je On ljubil z darom njegovega Telesa in Krvi in nam pokazal kako služiti drug drugemu z ljubeznijo in dostojanstvom. Letos mi vemo več kot kdaj prej, kaj pomeni moliti v izolaciji in nositi križ osamljenosti, ampak mi še vedno doživljamo ogromno ljubezen križa, ko Jezus kliče k njegovemu nebeškemu Očetu, "Odpusti jim." In mi vemo da kakor groza in trpljenje katero je Jezus pretrpel, naša mala nadloga bo prešla. Iz groba pride upanje, luč, svoboda vstajenje in morda tudi večje vrednotenje za dar naše katoliške vere in našo župnijsko družino.

KAJ GRE V KOŠARO JEDIL ZA BLAGOSLOV? Slovanska navada o blagoslovu jedil za Veliko noč se je razširila med druge narode v Ameriki. Večina hrane nosi simbolični pomen. Tu so ene stvari, ki jih boste našli. Jagnjetina, spomin na jagnje judovske Velike noči. Šunka simbol veselja v obilju Božjega blagoslova in usmiljenja. Velikonočni kruh, simbol Jezusa, kruh življenja, ki daje zdravje duši in telesu. Maslo, (velikokrat v obliki jagnjeta ali križa) je simbol izobilja odrešenja, ki teče od smrti in vstajenja Jezusa. Pirhi, kažejo upanje, novo življenje, Vstajenje iz groba. Včasih so barvani rdeče kot znak Jezusove krvi. Potica, simbol bogastva večnega življenja in 5 hlebov kruha blagoslovljenih in razdeljenih lačni množici. Hren je simbol grenkih zelišč za Judovsko Veliko noč, ki predstavlja krutost suženjstva v Egiptu, in tudi žebljevi, ki so presunili Jezusove roke in noge. Sol je simbol modrosti in varstvo proti trohnenju, opominja nas da Jezusovo telo ni trohnelo v grobu. Klobase v členih nas spominjo verig mrtvih, ki so bile zlomljene, ko Jezus vstane od mrtvih. Vino, spominja na Jezusov prvi čudež in simbol njegove krvi, ki je bila prelita za odrešenje sveta. Sveča, simbol Jezusa, luč sveta, ki je premagal temo hudobije. Uživate na Velikonočno jutro "prelomiti post" s temi lepimi opomini na trpljenje, smrt in vstajenje našega Gospoda. Mi bomo blagoslovili jedila ob 1:00 in 3:00 uri popoldan na Veliko soboto 11. aprila. Prosimo, ostanite v avtu na parkirišču, g. Kumše bo blagoslovil košarice od avta do avta.

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ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:

MOJ BOG, MOJ BOG, ZAKAJ SI ME ZAPUSTIL?