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OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
March 25, 2018
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FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Welcome to the holiest of weeks! Welcome to Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday commemorating Jesus’ joyful entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches were considered symbols of victory and triumph at the time. It is wonderful to know that amidst the 40 days of our Lenten journey that involves repentance and sacrifice and despite Jesus being arrested, mocked and scourged that eventually led to his crucifixion and death, there is that victory and triumph and glorification that wait for us.

Make sure you have palm branches in your hand because they speak about your intimacy with Jesus. When something or that someone touches your hand, it means the object is so close to you. That’s why God holds us in the palm of his hands. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us of God’s promise: “I will not forget you, I will not abandon you, I have carved you in the palm of his hands.”

Attend our church activities this week: Our school children will be reenacting the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday at 8:30AM and also on Good Friday at 1PM. Be a part of the Triduum experience of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. The church activities this week can make us intimate with God. But remember too, that making this week holy is not just about participation in our church activities, it also involves doing good and sharing love with others. Love is actually the perfection of holiness. When there is love, there is sacrifice and when there is sacrifice, there is God.

But think about this:
$20.00 seems too much to give a beggar but it seems okay when it’s given as a tip at a fancy restaurant.

After a whole day of work, spending hours at the gym seem alright, but helping your mother out at home seems like a burden.

Praying to God for 3 minutes takes too much time but watching a movie for 3 hours doesn’t.

Waiting a whole year for Valentine’s day, but always forgetting Mother’s day or Father’s Day.

Two poor starving kids sitting on the pavement weren’t given even a slice of bread, but a painting of them is sold for a hundred dollars.

A woman meant to call a record store but dialed the wrong number and got a private home instead.

"Do you have ‘Eyes of Blue’ and ‘A Love Supreme’?" she asked. "Well, no," answered the puzzled homeowner. "But I have a wife and eleven children."

"Is that a record?" she inquired.

"I don't think so," replied the man, "but it’s as close as I want to get."

In Life, we all have an unspeakable secret, an irreversible regret, a broken promise, an unheard request, an irreplaceable loss, and an unreachable dream...

Still life is all about being HAPPY for everything in life can be summed up in a few words...

“Life is a Beautiful Journey towards an Eternity with God!”

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BLESSED PALM SUNDAY, BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK!
With Palms let us welcome the Lord as He comes, with songs and hymns let us run to meet Him, as we offer Him our joyful worship and sing: Blessed be the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Today is also known as Passion Sunday. Each year the liturgy of Holy Week, especially the Easter Triduum draws us into the Paschal Mystery, which if tasted deeply, fashions our hearts and deepens our love. Our heart is stirred up by a multitude of feelings: shame for sin, guilt for our betrayals, joys in the gift of the Holy Eucharist, gratitude for the mystery of our redemption. Life demands death; love requires self-donation; mercy necessitates divine compassion.”

-Bishop Robert F. Morneau, “Ashes to Easter” Lenten Meditations.

CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Faith-in-Action Program 2018
Thank you for your generous response. There are baskets at the entrance of the church for the Rice Bowl boxes this weekend, or you may drop your donation check in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you very much for devoting your Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor.

Easter Sacraments Schedule of Preparation for RCICY and Adult Confirmation Candidates
Retreat on Holy Saturday, March 31, 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Pastoral Center. Participants are candidates, godparents, sponsors, parents or guardians. Please bring snacks to share. Sr. Cristina will guide the prayer and reflection. Adult Confirmation candidates, and those who wish may go to Confession.

Easter week break for the following groups: Religious Education & RCICY, Lectio Divina, Senior Club, will resume on the week of April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Adult Faith Formation Spring 2018 Series will use the impressive study program “Epic: A Journey Through Church History”. It seeks to fill an urgent need for adult Catholics to recover their history as a believing community, debunk false criticism of their Church, and understand the Christian underpinnings of the modern world. It is a vivid, thorough and engaging program. (Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap). Each session is divided into the following parts: 1)Establishing the context; 2)Watching a DVD; 3)Discussion with guide questions; 4) Application; 5) Wrap-up. It will be on Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14; at 7:00-8:30PM in the Pastoral Center. Sr. Cristina will facilitate the program.

Knitting and Crochet Group will meet this Tuesday, March 27, at 11:00AM in the Pastoral Center. Please bring your projects, finished or unfinished. Thank you for all your good works.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR PRE-BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS
BEGINNING APRIL 2018, OUR MONTHLY PRE-BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS WILL BE ON THE SECOND SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 10:30 AM. Our next class is Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 10:30 AM in the Pastoral Center Meeting Room. Please pre-register if you wish to attend by calling (415) 664-8590.
In the third verse of the rousing hymn, How Great Thou Art we sing, “And when I think that God his Son not sparing sent him to die I scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.”

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus’ suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God’s life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God’s anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims—people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God’s victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father’s will, Jesus becomes a victim of God’s need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God’s victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark’s account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his “Abba” or “daddy” to help him out. In the end he accepts “the will of God” but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God’s will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it’s more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God’s will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came “to live,” and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God’s kingdom of justice and peace.

This Holy Week let’s celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus’ example and live lives which are faithful, loving, and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten “the hell out of” those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.

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Sunday, March 25, 2018
9:30 AM School Mass Church
10:30 AM Religious Education Pastoral Center
1:00 PM Baptism Church

Monday, March 26, 2018
10:00 AM Line Dancing Flanagan Center
1:00 PM Sewing Group Pastoral Center
7:30 PM SVDP Meeting Pastoral Center

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
9:30 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Lectio Divina Pastoral Center
11:00 AM Sick & Homebound Ministry Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Pastoral Center

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Thank you to all who have already sent in their generous donation to the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. I humbly ask those of you who have yet to participate in the Annual Appeal to do so soon. You may want to consider a donation of $600.00 (or more) which qualifies you for the 1% Club. All 1% Club Donors for the 2018 Annual Appeal will be treated to a catered Thank You Dinner around September, 2018. For about the cost of a cup of Starbucks Coffee per day, you could contribute $600 per year or more to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal to aid the work of the Church and to minister to all those supported by these services and agencies.

You may use the brochures available on the pews or at the back of the Church for your donation or simply send in your donation check (made payable to diocesan Annual Appeal 2018), and mail or drop it off to: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122

For More Information regarding the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:
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Fr. Francis Ching: Live out the will of God
Holy Name of Jesus Cantonese Retreat

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Wednesday, March 28, 2018
7:00 PM RCIA Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, March 29, 2018
11:00 AM Senior Club Flanagan Center
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. Pastoral Center

Friday, March 23, 2018
GOOD FRIDAY (see Easter week schedule)

Saturday, March 24, 2018
9:30 AM RCICY/RCIA Retreat Pastoral Center
1:00 PM Chinese RCIA Green Room
2:30 PM Chinese Social Flanagan Center
3:00 PM Chinese Mass Church
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO
is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 2nd Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
HOLY NAME LADIES AID: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm
in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM including Mass. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590
Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August