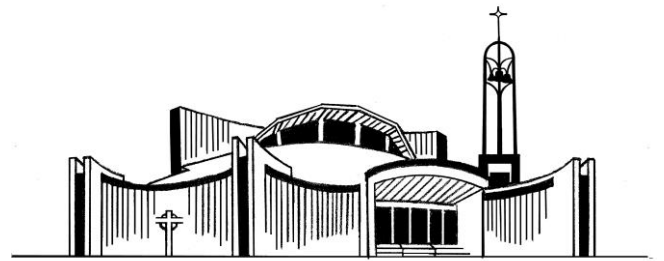


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Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 12 Noon
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism and Marriage
Please call to schedule Pre-Baptism and
Baptism dates. Marriage dates are to
be scheduled one year prior.

Mission Statement

St. Philip Parish, a welcoming Catholic community, strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. St. Philip, lead us to Jesus.

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020



Dear St. Philip Family,

Greetings from Fr. Sudhir! Praying and hoping all is well with you and your families. Please make sure that the email we send from the parish is mail@flocknote.com. With fake emails and spam going around, please verify the email address before you click on any link.

With the continued interruption of Masses in the Church I expect the distribution of Palms will be at a later date (most likely on Pentecost).

Food Pantry will remain open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Or if anyone is in need call the parish office and we will make other arrangements.

For those who are able to continue contributing toward the parish operations during these difficult times, you can use the "Quick Give" option for a one-time donation to the parish. Thanks to those who use online giving, and to those who have been mailing/dropping off their weekly envelopes!

Timings for Holy Week/Triduum services will be emailed and posted on the website early this week.

Please continue to pray for all those affected, those who are furloughed or have lost their jobs, and for the medical personnel and civil authorities/employees.

Stay Safe, Stay Sanitized, Stay Blessed!

Fr. Sudhir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel of John 20:1-9



**Mary Magdalene and the disciples
went to the tomb and found it empty.
They did not yet understand that
Jesus would rise from the dead.**

PALM SUNDAY

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week and celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem just days before His death on the cross. We begin our celebration, with the Palm Sunday gospel, listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem, as people wave their palm with great joy and exultation! "Hosanna in the Highest" the crowds shouted. Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement. But the excitement turned to shock and horror. His unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death with Jesus crying out "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered in Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death? The answer is; The Father willed it.

As we wave our palm branches to celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we must decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be. Are we willing to entrust ourselves to Him even when the future is frightening or confusing, believing God has a plan? Are we willing to follow Jesus not just in Church but in our daily life. Let us take a fresh look at this familiar event. It could change us forever.

Also, during this busy week of prayer, liturgies and ceremonies, let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. Let this week give us divine hope and help us to reflect upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Help us to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to us. During Holy Week, may Jesus be our constant companion as we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

