

Dear St. James' Community,

We are preparing for the rest of Lent and Holy Week and will try to provide options for both those who are coming to the church and for those who are joining us online.

Holy Week begins March 28th with Palm Sunday. We will have a procession of palms either with our neighbor churches or just from the grounds by the parish office. We don't know if we'll be able to livestream the procession before it enters the church. If you are not coming to mass because of concerns with the pandemic, please contact the parish office or Bob Anderson (913-205-8024) and we will arrange for you to receive some palms.

Holy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper and the Eucharist, especially. Our service will be a 7pm that evening. If you do come to the church that evening, we will have mass followed by a small Eucharistic procession to the altar of repose. If you are joining us from home, you are encouraged to participate as much as you can. In the Anderson house we always have unleavened bread with our evening meal to remind us of the feast. You might want to buy some matzah for the day or make some unleavened bread. One such recipe is:

1 c. white flour	$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. baking soda
1 c. whole wheat flour	2 tlbs. shortening
1 tsp. salt	1 tlbs. honey
1 tsp. sugar	$\frac{3}{4}$ c. hot water

Preheat oven to 425° F. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets for 8-11 min.

Mix dry ingredients. Cut shortening into the dry ingredients. Pour honey into another bowl and add hot water to it. Stir until they mix. Add liquids to the dry ingredients until it rolls itself into a ball. Knead as little as possible to mix ingredients. Roll dough out to about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thickness. Cut into circles or other shapes. If using circles, score each bread with a butter knife to show marks for breaking the bread. Bake for 8-11 minutes.

If you'd like a recipe for bigger amount of bread, contact Bob Anderson.

We will not have a washing of the feet that Holy Thursday evening because of the social distancing guidelines. After the homily, we will have a meditation time to reflect on the times during the past year in which we have been of service to others and when others have been of service to us. During this very unusual year there has been much of both actions throughout our community.

On Good Friday, our evening service will be much the same as we have done in the past. It'll start at 7pm. The only change will be in the adoration of the cross: none of us can touch the cross, again for health reasons. Those who are in church will be able to come forward, like for communion, and bow or offer a sign of honor for the cross without touching it.

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday begins our Easter celebration. You are invited to join us at the Vigil either in person or online. The service will begin at 8 pm. We would suggest that for the Saturday evening meal and the Sunday dinner that you put some candles on your table (either new ones or slightly used ones) and put some flowers on your table especially if you have them in your yard. These along with coloring hard boiled eggs and Easter candy help us to celebrate the new life of Christ's Resurrection.

During our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, we do not have any candidates entering the church this year. We will not have the large font that we usually do again because of Covid concerns. Following the blessing of a smaller amount of water and the renewal of Baptismal promises, Fr. Garry will sprinkle those who are in church. At home, you might have a bowl of water and use it at that point to sign yourself and family members with the sign of the cross. There will be small containers of Easter water available after the mass on Easter Sunday or later in the Easter season if you wish to have some for your personal or family prayer at home. If you are not coming to church, please contact the parish office and we'll set it up to get you some.

We hope that you have a good end of Lent, Holy Week, and joyous Easter season.

St. James' Liturgy Committee