

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Those who were able to attend the Parish Mission were challenged and inspired to make the life of Jesus the source of our life once again. Fr. Collins has a down to earth way to help others rediscover God's presence in our lives. He reminded us that there are many ways to stay connected to the love of Jesus and the Word and Sacraments are some of the best.

I believe the Mission has helped many of us move into Holy Week. With today's commemoration of Palm or Passion Sunday, we begin again to follow more closely the suffering of Jesus during the last week of His life on Earth. The Palms remind us of how the people welcomed Jesus as a prophet at the beginning of the week and the Eucharist reminds us how at the end of the week Jesus gave His body and blood for our sake on the cross.

The Church's hope is that we will always remember the sacrifice of Jesus which reveals the depth of God's love for us. Whether it is a Parish Mission or the events of Holy Week or our everyday life which can connect us to Jesus in unexpected ways if we seek to do God's will, Jesus will reach out to us if we ask for His grace and His help.

Please see the schedules for Holy Week in this bulletin and in the back of the church. This Holy Week promises to be another week of prayerful gatherings here in church and a powerful time to experience God's presence.

In addition to Masses and services like Good Friday's veneration of the cross, there will be many hours for the sacrament of Penance. There are many reasons people have for not going to confession, but shortage of hours should not be one of them this week. Whatever we priests can do to help people feel close to Christ and His Church, we will do.

May the Lord lead us and guide us to walk in His footsteps and remain close to His heart and His saving love always. Blessed Holy Week!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco