Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, March 26, 2018 7:00 p.m. Mass of Chrism At the Cathedral of Christ the King Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7:00 p.m. Cathy Doody req family Audrey Malcolmson

req Chuck & Theresa Emberson

Bobby Armstrong req Mary Livingstone Special Intentions req Diane & Dennis Ryan

Intentions of Arthur, Josie & Cruz family

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

7:30 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018 Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. (at Blessed Sacrament)

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

(Day of fast and abstinence)

3:00 p.m. -Celebration of the Lord's Passion -Liturgy of the Word-Veneration of the

Cross and Holy Communion Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Parish

PARISH MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY MAR. 25th **Eucharistic Ministers:**

9:00 a.m. Chuck Emberson & Neda Casabuena Lectors:

9:00 a.m. Suzanne Melanson & Maureen Richardson

VOCATIONS

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, brother or sister or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905 528-7988 or email-mking@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltonvocations.com.



We refer to this feast as "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion," alm capturing two important images bunday of this day: the enthusiasm of those who follow Jesus and the

grief of the utterly solitary nature of Jesus' death. Our liturgy begins with the gospel relating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, only to be followed with His Passion and death in the Passion narration. A great crowd took palm branches and went out to meet Jesus as he was coming to Jerusalem riding on a colt, exclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." But, as we read the Passion according to Mark, we see a turn in events-in sharp contrast-the same "king of Israel" is derided with contempt as He hangs on a cross. Indeed, the death of Jesus is most starkly portrayed in Mark's gospel. There is no good thief, there is no beloved disciple at the foot of the cross, and there is no trusting affirmation of "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Instead, Judas betrays Him, the disciples flee, and Peter denies Him. Everyone else mocks, reviles, and derides Jesus: the soldiers who pass by, the chief priests, and those who are crucified with Him. Even the weather contributes to this scene, as we read that "it was noon, and darkness came over the whole land." In the midst of all of this, we hear the plaintive voice of Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

In these final words of Jesus, no matter how dire the situation is, He is praying Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This psalm ends up with total trust in God, for He is talking to God His Father. Jesus' words give voice to the anguish that He feels in His final hours, as well as the silence that His anguish meets. He is left with only one thing. and that is to trust in God in the midst of this most solitary and agonizing death.

Like Jesus, we are called to trust in God's love and mercy in the midst of our chaos and suffering. We can trust, knowing that Jesus' trust in His Father was not in vain, because God's silence ended in Jesus' victory over death, the resurrection of Jesus! Alleluia!

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

In preparation for Easter there will be Confession: Tuesdays, March 27th - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.