

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

5th APRIL, 2020.

These words of Rev. Vima Dasan S.J. I quote,

“As I can't let go of the rope while I climb a mountain, so I can't let go of your hand as I climb the everlasting hills. You did not come to explain away suffering or remove it but you came to fill it with your presence, so that the streams of my life becomes snow-white, when they clash against the rocks. Be with me, therefore, when I suffer. I have heard you whispering in my pleasures but even when you shout in my pains. I have failed to hear you. Sharpen the ears of my heart so that I may hear you saying, “I am with you”, and open the eyes of my soul, that I may see the Easter morning that lies just beyond Calvary.”

aptly describes how we as Christians should react in our present day trial, the Coronavirus Pandemic and also following the footsteps of Jesus Christ during this Holy Week.

Our sufferings seems enormous and challenging to us especially the depression of staying at home lonely and worried, that we might start asking God why did He abandon us. Let us, as Christians look up to Christ in the passion narrative of today. How he surrendered himself to the will of the father in the face of betrayal, prejudice, denial, fickleness, misunderstanding, indifference, hardness, avarice, jealousy, ignorance, and brutality. In Psalm 22, David offers prayer in distress to God in the face of challenges, asking for God's mercy and His presence in his life and his people. This is the part all of us as Christ followers should follow, the line of surrendering ourselves to the will of the Father in prayers and in doing charity works.

As we walk along with Jesus during this Holy Week let us remember that each of us stands alone before Christ. Like Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate, Pilate's wife, Simon of Cyrene, the Roman Centurion, Veronica, and all the others who had a role in the drama of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, each of us must declare where we stand by our attitudes and actions. The best test of our attitudes and actions is whether we are faithful to Christian principles of justice, of peace, of my priestly life, of married life, and of human existence. A very clear understanding of Jesus life will show us that Jesus did not suffer and die to exempt us from suffering and dying, but to redeem us and teach us how to suffer and die.

In the face of our world immediate emergency the covid-19 pandemic, let us ask our Blessed Mother Mary who followed Her Son Jesus Christ to the foot of the cross to intercede for us to God so that our world will know peace again.

I will continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass daily for the intentions of our Sacred Heart Paris family. May the blessings of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit remain with you and all you families both now and forever! Amen.



JOKE!!!!!!!!!!!!

A NEW convert to Catholicism decided to go to confession to deal with his transgression.

In the confessional, he told the priest that he had sinned.

“What was your sin, my son?” asked the priest.

“I stole some lumber, Father,” replied the penitent.

“How much lumber did you steal?” asked the priest.

“I built a new doghouse for my German shepherd.”

The priest replied, “Well, that’s not so bad.”

The penitent interrupted him. “Father, I also built myself a four car garage.”

The priest responded, “Now that’s a little more serious!”

The penitent again interrupted the priest, “Father, I’ve got to get it off my chest. I built a doghouse, a four-car garage, and a five-bedroom home!”

The priest was shocked. He responded, “Well, that is very serious. I’m afraid you’ll have to make a novena.”

The penitent looked perplexed and then said, “Father, I don’t know what a novena is, but if you’ve got the blueprints, I’ve got the lumber.”

HAPPY EASTER IN ADVANCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!