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Dear Parish Family,

We begin Holy Week- the most important week for us Christians! Palm Sunday and the solemn Triduum (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) are the holiest days of the year. We celebrate the institution of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders on Thursday. What a gift that is ours! To be fed and nourished by His Body and Blood! So, why not pray and join with us from your homes and feel the love of Jesus at 7 pm on Holy Thursday? Good Friday is very sad. An innocent man was crucified! He died for our sins. It was the only way for humanity to be saved. At 3 pm sinners all over the world gather to venerate the cross of Jesus. We will also have the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. The redeemed cannot forget this day and the need to gather in gratitude and sorrow because we put an innocent man to death because of our sins. Saturday at sundown is probably the most profound and beautiful liturgy of the year. The Paschal candle which symbolizes the Light of Christ.....new water.....the prayers.... the story of creation and man's salvation as proclaimed in Sacred Scripture....the Eucharist! So pleases join us from the safety of your homes! Although, you are all in the safe confines of your homes, it will be a joy for me to to share these special and solemn services with you!

God bless you!

Fr Dwight

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