

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

at St. John the Evangelist Church - 80 Union St, Clinton, MA 01510



"Hosanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,

"Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet,

from Nazareth in Galilee." — Mt 21:9-11

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should be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the
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Sacrament of Baptism: To have your child bap-
tized and/or to register for the baptismal preparation class,
contact the parish secretary at 978-368-0366 x201.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
No adoration until further notice. However, the chapels and
the Upper Church will be open each day from 8a.m. to 8p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion:
Novena Devotion cancelled until further notice.

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In Time of Covid-19 (II): A Commentary

On 25 March 2020, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a revised Decree entitled, *In time of Covid-19 (II)* and specifying adaptations of the liturgies of Holy Week to be observed in parishes throughout the world. The following commentary is intended to assist parish priests in the implementation of this Decree. The various paragraphs of the Decree appear in italics, followed by the indented commentary.

Priests are reminded that Catechumens and candidates should be informed that no rites of initiation will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Bishop McManus will announce an appropriate time for these rites sometime after the conclusion of the pandemic.

1. Considering the rapidly evolving situation of the Covid-19 pandemic and taking into account observations which have come from Episcopal Conferences, this Congregation now offers an update to the general indications and suggestions already given to Bishops in the preceding decree of 19 March 2020.

Given that the date of Easter cannot be transferred, in the countries which have been struck by the disease and where restrictions around the assembly and movement of people have been imposed, Bishops and priests may celebrate the rites of Holy Week without the presence of the people and in a suitable place, avoiding concelebration and omitting the sign of peace.

Even in the case of a streaming or private Mass, the number of liturgical ministers is strictly limited to no more than ten people by the Governor's current decree. In no case may the number of people present for any Liturgy exceed ten people.

In addition, while the Congregation recommends that concelebration be avoided, it is conceivable that a pastor might be appropriately joined by his associate or a resident priest at the liturgies of Holy Week. The Congregation also endorses the omission of the exchange of the Sign of Peace, a practice first observed in this diocese several weeks ago.

The faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. Means of live (not recorded) telematic broadcasts can be of help. In any event it remains important to dedicate an adequate time to prayer, giving importance above all to the *Liturgia Horarum*. The Episcopal Conferences and individual dioceses will see to it that resources are provided to support family and personal prayer. The Congregation emphasizes ways in which the faithful might still be united spiritually to the liturgies of Holy Week. In this regard, priests may send daily Flocknotes with the Liturgies of the Word with prayers for each day of Holy Week from your Flocknote library. Likewise, you may view each celebration with Bishop McManus at the Cathedral of Saint Paul live on Spectrum/Charter channel 193 or as streaming video at worcesterdiocese.org.

1 - Palm Sunday. The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated within sacred buildings; in Cathedral churches the second form given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted; in parish churches and in other places the third form is to be used.

The major adaptation suggested for parish churches here is the use of the third form for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem: The Simple Entrance (Palm Sunday rubrics, nos. 16-17). This form makes no reference to the blessing or even carrying of palms, but follows the outline of a typical entrance rite at Sunday Mass. It should be noted, however, that particular emphasis is given to the singing or even recitation of the extended Entrance Antiphon, in which the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is acclaimed by a redaction of passages from the Gospel of John and

Psalm 23:

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him;

in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

**Hosanna in the highest!*

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

**Hosanna in the highest!*

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

This antiphon should, in every case, be sung during the entrance procession or recited by the Priest after he has venerated the altar and greeted the faithful. In the last issues of *Orantes*, prior to the publication of this decree, we recommended use of a form which would allow for the blessing of palms. In the light of the Congregation's prescription that only form three may be used in parish churches, those capable of safely distributing palms may bless them outside of Mass by using the "Order for the Blessing of Religious Articles," in the Book of Blessings (nos. 1442-1462). The palms may be subsequently distributed to the faithful in the church parking lot at a scheduled time, providing the distributors wear gloves and keep a respectable distance from parishioners receiving them in their cars.¹ All priests and the faithful are encouraged to join themselves spiritually to the Palm Sunday Mass. Bishop McManus' celebration of this liturgy will be broadcast on Palm Sunday, April 5th, at 10am on Spectrum/Charter channel 193. The live stream may be accessed at worcesterdiocese.org.

1— In the event a "shelter in place" order makes the distribution of Palms in this manner impossible, the Palms should nonetheless be blessed on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and reserved in a cool place for distribution to the faithful at a later date.

2 – The Chrism Mass. Evaluating the concrete situation in

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020

different countries, the Episcopal Conferences will be able to give indications about a possible transfer to another date.

Bishop McManus will celebrate the Chrism Mass and bless the Holy Oils for distribution at a later date on April 7th at 10:30am, without the presence of the presbyterate or the faithful. All are encouraged to join themselves spiritually to the Chrism Mass, which will be broadcast on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7th, at 10:30am on Spectrum/ Charter channel 193. The live stream may be accessed at worcesterdiocese.org.

3 – Holy Thursday. The washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession is also omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle. On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in a suitable place, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.

The rite of the Washing of Feet (Rubrics for Mass of the Lord's Supper, nos. 10-13) is to be omitted.

The Congregation likewise mandates the omission of the Procession and reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in a repository as found in the "Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament," which customarily concludes the Mass of the Lord's Supper (nos. 37-44). Therefore, the Blessed Sacrament is to be reserved in the tabernacle after the distribution of Holy Communion and the Mass is concluded in the customary fashion.

After Mass, however, the altar should be stripped, and, "if possible, the crosses are removed from the church. It is expedient that any crosses which remain in the church be veiled." (no. 41) Finally, the Blessed Sacrament should be moved to a repository in the sacristy at this time.

All priests and the faithful are encouraged to join themselves spiritually to the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Bishop McManus' celebration of this liturgy will be broadcast on Holy Thursday, April 8th, at 7:30pm on Spectrum/Charter channel 193. The live stream may be accessed at worcesterdiocese.org.

4 – Good Friday. In the Universal Prayer, Bishops will arrange to have a special intention prepared for those who find themselves in distress, the sick, the dead, (cf. Missale Romanum). The adoration of the Cross by kissing it shall be limited solely to the celebrant.

The Solemn Intercessions form a central rite in the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday (Rubrics for Good Friday, nos. 11-13). No. 13 provides that "in a situation of grave public need, the Diocesan Bishop may permit or order the addition of a special intention." Bishop McManus has mandated that the following intention is to be added to the Solemn Intercessions between petitions 9 (For those in public office) and 10 (For those in Tribulation).

For Delivery from Pandemic

Let us pray, dearly beloved,

for all who suffer from the present pandemic: for the sick, the dead and those who feel lost or dismayed.

Let us kneel. Prayer in silence. Let us stand.

God of all consolation,

send forth your Spirit

and still the waters of chaos and death:

banish from our midst all sickness and disease; look upon the dead with mercy

and calm the trembling of our hearts.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Intercessions are followed by the Veneration of the Cross (nos. 17-21). Either of two forms may be chosen.

In the first form the Deacon or another suitable minister, accompanied by acolytes, brings the Cross, covered with a violet cloth, to the Priest. The Priest then gradually removes the cloth as the three acclamations are sung. In the second form the Deacon or another suitable minister, accompanied by acolytes, carries the unveiled cross through the Church, as the acclamations are sung at the door, the middle of the church and the foot of the sanctuary.

The Cross is then venerated. The Congregation mandates that under the present special circumstances only the priest will kiss the Cross. All others venerate the Cross with a bow or genuflection.

At the proper time, the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the repository and brought to the Altar for the distribution of Holy Communion. It is returned to the repository after the distribution (Cf. nos. 22 and 29).

All are encouraged to join themselves spiritually to the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. Bishop McManus' celebration of this liturgy will be broadcast on Good Friday, April 9th, at 3:00pm on Spectrum/Charter channel 193. The live stream may be accessed at worcesterdiocese.org.

5 – The Easter Vigil: Is to be celebrated only in Cathedral and parish churches. For the "Baptismal Liturgy" only the "Renewal of Baptismal Promises" is maintained (cf. Missale Romanum).

In accord with the previous edition of this decree, in the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium, the Blessing of the Fire (Easter Vigil Rubrics, nos. 8-10) and the Procession with the Paschal Candle are omitted.

It would seem reasonable for a simple entrance procession to take place. After venerating the Altar and greeting the people the priest might use the admonition which typically opens the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil (no. 9):

Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ
passed over from death to life,
the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world,
to come together to watch and pray.
If we keep the memorial

of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

The admonition would be followed by the preparation and lighting of the Paschal Candle (nos. 11-12) and the Easter Proclamation (Exultet). Sung settings of the Exultet may be downloaded by clicking the following links in English and in Spanish. The Liturgy of the Word follows as usual.

As the Congregation makes clear, Baptisms and other rites of initiation intended for the Easter night are postponed to a future date and that the "Baptismal Liturgy" (nos. 37-58) will consist solely of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises (nos. 55-58). All priests and the faithful are encouraged to join themselves spiritually to the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. Bishop McManus' celebration of this liturgy will be broadcast on Holy Saturday, April 10th, at 7:30pm on Spectrum/Charter channel 193. The live stream may be accessed at worcesterdiocese.org.

Administration of the Anointing of the Sick
In some settings it may be difficult for a Priest serving as a chaplain or as a Designated Priest Minister of the Sick to gain physical access to a patient. Some have asked whether it is possible for the Priest to say the formula while a nurse anoints the patient with the Oil of the Sick. All theologians consulted by the Office for Divine Worship have described this procedure as invalid. It should not, therefore, be followed. While every effort should be made to gain physical access to a patient, using all recommended PPE's and following the best of medical advice; where this is impossible the Priest may still pray for the patient, including the Apostolic Pardon through a window or glass door.

Complete TV and Streaming Schedule for Holy Week from Saint Paul's Cathedral
PALM SUNDAY
10am Pontifical Mass (English) 11am Mass (Spanish)
TUES IN HOLY WEEK
9:00am Mass (English)
9:30am Mass (Spanish) 10:30am Pontifical Chrism Mass
HOLY THURSDAY
9:00am Office of Readings (English) 9:30am Office of Readings (Spanish) 7:30pm Pontifical Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)
GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:00am Good Friday Devotion (English) 9:30am Good Friday Devotion (Spanish) 3:00pm Pontifical Liturgy (English) 4:00pm Liturgy (Spanish)
EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
7:30pm Pontifical Mass (Bilingual)
EASTER SUNDAY
10:00am Pontifical Mass (English) 11am Mass (Spanish)

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic
O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son:
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.
Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – April 4, 2020

8:00 AM † Mary E. McIntyre
4:00 PM † Christine Flaherty - 2nd Anniversary Req. by her Family
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Mass

MONDAY – April 6, 2020

7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM † Anna Moran
6:00 PM † Philomena & Victor Rose Req. by their Family

TUESDAY – April 7, 2020

7:00 AM † Bernice McGrail - 7th Anniversary Req. by her Family
12:10 PM † George Burke
6:00 PM † Richard Cardillo Req. by wife, Lucrezia & son, Jerry & Family

WEDNESDAY – April 8, 2020

7:00 AM † Jim & Rita McNally Req. by grandchildren, Michael, Karen & Brian
12:10 PM † Rev. Thomas V. Walsh
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

† Holy Week †

THURSDAY – April 9, 2019 - Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY – April 10, 2019 - Good Friday

Good Friday Service

SATURDAY – April 11, 2019 - Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY – April 12, 2019 - Easter Sunday

Easter Mass



Vigil Lights April 5 - 11, 2020

In memory of Sean P. Hazel Req. by his Family
In memory of the Emma Prinos - Birthday Remembrance Req. by her Family
In memory of the Albert O'Toole - Birthday Remembrance Req. by his Family
In memory of John F. Burke Req. by Sally Lefebvre
In memory of William Lefebvre Req. by Sally

Semana Santa



Hermanos en Cristo, empezamos nuestra Semana Santa, y como se dijo antes, aunque esta vez vaya a ser transmitida por los medios de comunicación, será aún así un Semana Santa porque la santifican las acciones de todas las personas que se han solidarizado con el mundo en Jesús, y es Santa porque el Señor con todo lo que está ocurriendo nos llama a la santidad. Los invito a leer algunas palabras del Papa Francisco en el día de la bendición a la ciudad y al mundo (Urbi et Orbe). P. Sebastian

«Al atardecer» (Mc 4,35). Así comienza el Evangelio que hemos escuchado. Desde hace algunas semanas parece que todo se ha oscurecido. Densas tinieblas han cubierto nuestras plazas, calles y ciudades; se fueron adueñando de nuestras vidas llenando todo de un silencio que ensordece y un vacío desolador que paraliza todo a su paso: se palpita en el aire, se siente en los gestos, lo dicen las miradas. Nos encontramos asustados y perdidos. Al igual que a los discípulos del Evangelio, nos sorprendió una tormenta inesperada y furiosa. Nos dimos cuenta de que estábamos en la misma barca, todos frágiles y desorientados; pero, al mismo tiempo, importantes y necesarios, todos llamados a remar juntos, todos necesitados de confortarnos mutuamente. En esta barca, estamos todos. Como esos discípulos, que hablan con una única voz y con angustia dicen: “perecemos” (cf. v. 38), también nosotros descubrimos que no podemos seguir cada uno por nuestra cuenta, sino sólo juntos.

Con la tempestad, se cayó el maquillaje de esos estereotipos con los que disfrazábamos nuestros egos siempre pretenidos de querer aparentar; y dejó al descubierto, una vez más, esa (bendita) pertenencia común de la que no podemos ni queremos evadirnos; esa pertenencia de hermanos.

«¿Por qué tenéis miedo? ¿Aún no tenéis fe?». El comienzo de la fe es saber que necesitamos la salvación. No somos autosuficientes; solos nos hundimos. Necesitamos al Señor como los antiguos marineros las estrellas. Invitemos a Jesús a la barca de nuestra vida. Entreguémosle nuestros temores, para que los venza. Al igual que los discípulos, experimentaremos que, con Él a bordo, no se naufraga. Porque esta es la fuerza de Dios: convertir en algo bueno todo lo que nos sucede, incluso lo malo. Él trae serenidad en nuestras tormentas, porque con Dios la vida nunca muere.