

A Pastor's Perspective

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The events of this week nearly 2,000 years ago – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus – have marked this as the holiest week of the entire year in perpetuity: Jesus' triumphant entrance into David's city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; his institution of the Eucharist, the priesthood, and the mandate to humble charity and service on Holy Thursday; his betrayal, arrest, condemnation, and crucifixion on Good Friday; the silent watching and waiting of Holy Saturday; and the empty tomb and glorious resurrection of Easter Sunday.

The Church calls us to observe this most solemn week in all of its parts as well as in its entirety. Each liturgy marks a significant moment or event in the life of Jesus, which we commemorate with particular readings from Scripture, special songs, and unique rituals. Yet together, they contain an inherent and mysterious unity that reveals Jesus as the Lord of heaven and earth and as our Savior who frees us from the powers of sin and death.

This week, through our common worship, we open ourselves to encounter and embrace the Crucified and Risen Lord "in our daily living, dying and rising" (We Belong to You, Trevor Thomas, © 2006). Every moment of every day, week, and year of our lives is holy and sacred – we need only recognize that the Lord is indeed alive and present among us still. Hopefully, our Lenten journey with its prayers and penances have prepared us to be washed anew in the love and mercy of Christ, to be ever more conformed to his likeness and will, and to be fed and nourished with the Bread of Everlasting Life.

"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

With special prayers that this week will mark the beginning of a holy time for you and your loved ones and for our entire parish family.

Peace and blessing,

Msgr. Andrew