



Fr. Matt's Musings Holy Week

Holy Week - the unholy of weeks?

oxymoron - dry ice, jumbo shrimp, civil war, pretty ugly, freezer burn, clearly confused, old news, Internet security, proud to be humble, and the coldest winter I ever spent was a July in San Francisco.

On the surface, Holy Week seems misnamed, an oxymoron. Jesus starts on Palm Sunday with the adulation of the crowd and their "Hosannas" which will turn to cries of "Crucify him!" in five short days. His closest followers will betray him, deny him, abandon him, and others will witness his suffering and capital punishment as he is nailed to a cross. Jesus, himself, will feel forsaken by His God through all this. What makes this week holy is Jesus' fidelity to God and to His mission and the great love that the Father and Son have for each of us and all God's children.

If this is to be a Holy Week for us, we need to accept the invitation to bring all that is ugly and unholy to Christ: our betrayals and denials, feelings of abandonment, moments of humiliation, and lonely times of finding ourselves forsaken, our sufferings, failings and sins, and allow Christ to heal, forgive and redeem them. The new life of Easter is preceded by the pain, letting go, and death of Good Friday. Where do we need to let go, what needs to die in order that we may experience the new life promised this Easter?

Friday, April 7th - The Final Lenten Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross

Please come dine in or take out this Friday for the final 2017 Lenten Friday Fish Fry. It is a great opportunity to have a first rate meatless meal and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners. The fish fry is held in De Sales Hall followed by the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:30 pm.

Live Jesus!

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