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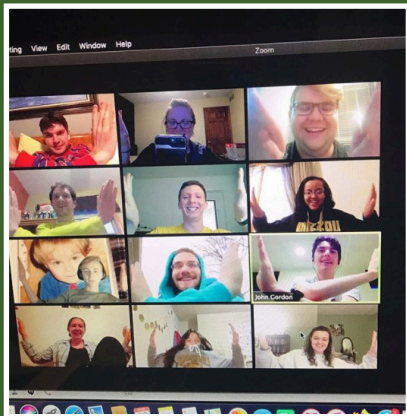
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Zooming with some of my
student choir, who continue
to be weirdos both on and offline.
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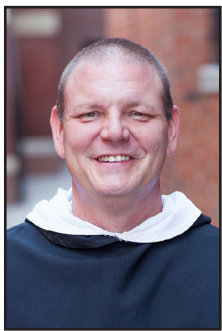
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EXPERIENCING THE REAL COST OF SIN



FR. MIKE
Associate Pastor

Much to my chagrin my sisters and brothers in Christ, I'm going to date myself a bit to start things off as we celebrate this last Sunday of the season — Palm Sunday that is, move forward into the last the three days of Lent, and then launch into the Tridium.

When I was growing up my dad was huge fan of Paul Harvey's radio show *The Rest of the Story*, which aired for the first 47 years of my life (though the show did start well before I was born). It took me a few years to appreciate the show. But as I grew older my appreciation for it grew. And while having the whole "story" in many senses is great thing, I'd like to challenge everyone to try one of

the things I attempt every year at this time.

Try to experience the next few days of the of Church year as if you don't know the rest of the story. (Don't worry, we'll get back to Mr. Harvey in few moments.) In these days leading up to the Tridium, try to shift the way you look at this particular historical event to the perspective of those people who heard, met, and experienced Jesus' life and preaching firsthand.

The possibilities for prayer and reflection are perhaps endless. We begin with Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem for the final time before His death and resurrection. It was an amazing time. What must it have been like for someone who was seeing Jesus for the first time? What must all of that excitement have been like for those who had known Him and learned from Him during the years He preached? I can sometimes imagine them thinking, "At last, people can see what we have learned! Jesus is the One for all of us!" And then after all the excitement, the truly important and difficult things begin ... just like it does in our lives today.

In the Gospel, think of what it must have been like for Peter and the rest of the Apostles at the last supper. What would it have been like have been to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, like we do, for the first time in history? After such a powerful moment and Peter's promise to never turn away from Jesus, what must it have been like for all of them when they ran? How do you think Peter felt after he deigned even knowing Jesus? How do you think our Blessed mother Mary, the Apostle John, and the other women accompanying them felt as they stood at the foot of the Cross experiencing the real cost of the sins we commit?

To enter into moments like this in our thoughts and in our hearts can open us to see and perhaps recognize that we are not the only good and hopefully holy people who struggle at times. At times, brothers and sisters, our lives will be difficult. We will make mistakes. We will have ups and downs.

Today we get to remember that despite all of those difficulties, despite all of our errors and sins and mistakes, He endured everything from the reading we have today for us. Jesus did what He did in such a dramatic way to show us He knows our pains and struggles. He did it all simply to show each and every one of us that no one is beyond His forgiveness. He took on the cost of our sins to show us how much we are loved as individuals.

If everything would have ended where our Gospel ended today, this would be a very sad thing. Thankfully though, "the rest of the story" continues next Saturday evening on Easter Vigil! And a good rest of the story it is!

Fr. Mike, O.P.

BISHOP McKNIGHT ISSUES DECREE

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of the Diocese of Jefferson City has issued a decree which restricts the type of public gatherings in the 95 parishes of the diocese. The decree is for April 1-30, and limits access of the diocesan campuses — although lessons are continuing through remote learning. In a separate communication, Interim Superintendent Kenya Fuemmeler stated some schools may finish the school year using remote learning.

"The COVID-19 pandemic evokes our country's memories of the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic," Bishop McKnight said. "While it pains me personally as a bishop to forbid the public celebration of our sacraments of faith in my diocese for a time, I am also sorrowful over the number of people in our local hospitals and throughout the world who are suffering greatly because of this virus. I have parents who are elderly, who have had cancer and heart disease; people like them are particularly at risk. I think our love for people like them requires us to do what we can. Respect for life is something God expects from all of us."

The decree comes as the Church prepares for Easter services. On Thursday, April 2, at 10 a.m. the diocese will live stream its Chrism Mass from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. In his decree, Bishop McKnight encouraged all Catholics to join in the service, over the internet. The Mass may be found on the diocesan website at diojeffcity.org. The decree also provides directions to parishes to live stream services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The directions follow guidelines provided by the Holy See. More than two-thirds of the parishes in the diocese already provide live streaming of Masses and other services to Catholics who are prohibited from attending Mass in person.

The decree was preceded by a letter from Bishop McKnight on March 29, asking parishes to review their finances and work with diocesan staff to prepare for the consequences of a decline in donations. On average, parishes receive 86% of their revenue from tithing by parishioners. For those parishes whose parishioners donate in person on Sunday, the inability to gather for Masses can have significant implications.

"Our towns and cities will emerge from this pandemic, but our lives will be very different after the virus has past," Bishop McKnight said. "Our efforts are to help the people of our diocese stay healthy, keep calm and work together so our families can thrive. The diocesan directives encourage a sense of co-responsibility between our clergy and laity to ensure our parishes and schools are able to respond to the post-pandemic world with creativity and flexibility."

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WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick.

For our beloved dead. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Bishop McKnight's April Prayer Intention: For a stronger sense of the mission of the Church, especially among our youth and young adults, in this time of pandemic and in our discernment of a new pastoral plan.

Call the Parish Office to request prayers or assistance if you are homebound. Names will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need. We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



VIRTUAL EPHESIANS 3

The Ephesian 3s team is excited to announce that E3 will continue in a virtual format for the remainder of the semester — via Instagram Live! Follow Newman's account (@comonewman) and join us on Wednesdays at 9 p.m.

CAMPUS MINISTRY VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Your Campus Ministers are available for virtual office hours. We invite you to reach out to us with your needs, concerns, joys, and triumphs as you navigate the remainder of the semester. Office Hours are as follows:

- **Allison:** MWF 2-4 p.m. | Google Hangout or phone (email allison@comonewman.org for her number)
- **Angelle:** MWF 1-2:30 p.m. | Google Hangout or Google Chat
- **Yvonne:** TTh 2-4 p.m. | Google Hangout, Facetime or phone (email yvonne@comonewman.org for her number)

If you would like to meet with one of us outside of these times, please email us to schedule an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, April 7	Noon	+ Jean Artinger
Wednesday, April 8	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham & + Anne Dong
Thursday, April 9	7 p.m.	+ Lou Brouk
Saturday, April 11	8 p.m.	
Sunday, April 12	11 a.m.	+ Hugo Vianello

Please call the Parish Office at (573) 449-5424 to request a Mass intention.

PARISH FINANCES

March 28/29

Offertory	\$13,483.95
Month-to-Date	\$110,247.94
Budget for month	\$145,250.00
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SUNDAY READINGS

PROCESSION WITH PALMS (MT 21:1-11)

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is the 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."

FIRST READING (IS 50:4-7)

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 22)

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

SECOND READING (PHIL 2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL (MT 26:14—27:66)

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples."'" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written:

*I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;*

but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father,

if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'" The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you:

From now on you will see 'the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power'
and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what

you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood." After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, "*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*"

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they

mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull, — they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can." So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

CEP & EDGE

EDGE ONLINE BIBLE STUDY & PARENTS BIBLE STUDY

We're starting an online bible study for middle school students Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. and working on one for parents, too. If you're interest in more details, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

CEP & EDGE FINISHED EXCEPT YEAR END CELEBRATION

We decided to cancel the remaining sessions for the year due to City of Columbia stay-at-home policy. We will schedule a year-end celebration at our regular meeting time when we're able to be together. Watch your email for details. If you're not receiving emails, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

April 18 sacraments for our Korean families as well as the April 18 retreat have been canceled. Other dates are still on as scheduled but families are free to let us know if you'd rather wait for the safety of family and friends celebrating with you. Please continue to do your at-home lessons. If you have questions, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: This is the holiest time of our Church year. Do what you can to make it a nice one for your family.

For Parents: This week, focus on sharing the Holy Week Gospel stories together. If you have small kids, give yourself a break and focus in on the most important part of the readings or use an alternative format like a kids Bible or online resource.



Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.

