

Palm Sunday (B)

03/29/2015

This is **Holy Week** in the church's calendar and so we are encouraged to celebrate these next seven days with extra attention because they say something not only about **Jesus the Christ**, but about ourselves as well.

The stories of **Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection** are the **very first** ones to be told, the **very first** to be written and the **very first** to cause the disciples to struggle. We find in them so many **human emotions**. We see the **power** of political and religious leaders trying to stifle the message of **Jesus' compassion and care** for the poor and outcast.

We see the **tenderness** of the brave women who stay with **Jesus** when all of his male disciples abandon him in fear. We find in these stories **hatred and love; faith and doubt; friendship and betrayal; sin and forgiveness**. These stories, in a sense, are **our** stories as well as the **world's** stories too. We can find in them **our pain and our struggle**. We find in them **death**, and we find **eternal life**.

We are all **encouraged** to make every effort this week to follow **Jesus** in his **journey** to the cross and resurrection.

Come to our **Holy Thursday** Mass at 7:00pm.

Come to our **Good Friday** Service at 7:00pm.

Come to our **Great Vigil of Easter** on **Saturday** at 7:00pm.

Let us try to make **Jesus** our focus this week.