

**St. Frances Cabrini - Lebanon, TN**  
**Psalm Sunday – Year C**  
**April 14, 2019**

*Is 50:4-7*

*Phil 2:6-11*

*Luke 22:14-23:56*

Today can boil Holy Week down in one day. We enter this worship space carrying palms, reciting Hosanna. We are on a high greeting the King of Kings, the King of the Jews. Then we read the Passion from Luke's gospel. We are at the lowest point. We live the emotions of Holy Week in a short period of this Mass. You will have the low point next Friday, Good Friday. We will rejoice on Easter Sunday.

There is not much to add to today's gospel. It is its own homily. Today we enter Holy Week. This is the most solemn period in the Church calendar. It is solemn and action filled. It starts with the Chrism Mass at the Pastoral Center on Wednesday evening. We have Holy Thursday, Good Friday, then the Easter Vigil. Then, of course, is Easter Sunday. If you attend all of these, by the end of the week you will be thoroughly church-ed.

Why do you think they call this Holy week? As I mentioned before, it is the holy time of year. Easter Day is the holiest day of the year. Without Jesus resurrection, Christmas day means nothing. With his resurrection, Good Friday is nothing more than the crucifixion of a prophet. Jesus resurrection opened the gates to heaven for us. The resurrection takes us from the darkness of Good Friday to the Light of the world, the Light of Easter. This is why it is the holiest day of the year. This is why it deserves our attention and devotion this week.

How has your Lenten journey been? Have you met your commitments? Have you grown closer to Christ? Don't let this discourage if the answers are no. There is still time. I strongly encourage you to participate in some way more than you normally do this Holy week. Take time to read the daily readings. Attend as many as the services as you can. But more importantly, spend some quiet time with Christ.

We enter Holy week. Take the time to reflect on the amazing gift Christ gives us.