

# Palm Sunday

## **Decorative palms**

We should have some decorative palms available. The pots are kept at St Theresa's and there is birdseed in the pots to support the palms. To get them to stand nicely, arrange with the shorter palms on the outside and the larger palms in the middle and then attach with a rubber band. Then 'plant' them in the birdseed. Bring scissors to help clean up the palms if needed.

Make sure someone from both Holy Family and Father Michael Troy have the palms for parishioners. There is not a lot of time to take the palms to Father Michael Troy. Any Palms left from Holy Family can go to Father Michael Troy.

Last year the procession started outside, but the temperature does not always cooperate. We should look into possibly starting in the small gym at Holy Family in the future if it is too cold.

If we wish to have the congregation say the parts of the crowd (has a good effect), we will have to have copies printed up before Palm Sunday.

## **Before The Mass**

Passion Readings should be given out to all the Readers.

Commentators should announce the following:

Would everyone please go to the foyer (foyer at FMT/Back of gym at HF) and wait there for the blessing of the palms and the gospel reading We will then follow the cross into the gym and proceed up the main aisle right to the Altar. This is done to signify that we are following Jesus to the altar. Do not wait for the readers or the priest. The priest will be the last in the procession just like a normal mass. When you reach the altar continue down to the side aisles and find your seats. This is done similar to communion (has not worked yet).

Make sure there is enough room to get by the Junior and Adult servers who will remain in front of the altar.

Find all prayers and the proper gospel reading for the year in the sacramentary. The lectionary does have a passion reading with Jesus' parts marked.

The passion with Jesus' parts marked can be found on

Year A Pg 154

Year B Pg 195

Year C Pg 237

Good Friday Pg 270

Three fold blessing for the Passion can be marked in the Sacramentary with the purple ribbon. It is found on page 627.

## ALL MINISTRIES Summary

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> adult server holds the Sacramentary for the priest to read the prayers and Gospel at the start of mass. (First Adult Server will have the cross) The priest will face the cross so position yourself so that the altar is at your back.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reader will hold the holy water bucket for the priest to use to bless & sprinkle the congregation's palms at the start of mass.
3. The 1<sup>st</sup> reader will carry the Lectionary in the procession
4. The commentator will invite the congregation to the back of the gym or foyer.
5. When the prayers and Gospel have been read, the music will start and procession begins.

The procession will be in this order:

The Cross Bearer adult server and candle bearer junior servers; Greeter Junior servers; Congregation; 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult server; 2<sup>nd</sup> reader; 1<sup>st</sup> Reader; Priest

The liturgy members not involve with the mass and their family members should follow the cross right away to help show people how this is to work.

6. The adult server and junior servers will turn and lead the procession down the centre aisle.
7. When the adult server/junior servers get to the altar the congregation will turn and continue down the sides aisles to their seats.
8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Server will keep the sacramentary during the procession in and will go up with the sacramentary during the Opening Prayer. 2<sup>nd</sup> server keeps the Sacramentary until the setting of the altar. Father will say the Opening Prayer right after the bow. There is no Gloria or Kyrie. So be ready with the opening Prayer.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> reader will place the Holy water on the Credence table.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> reader will place the Lectionary on the Back of the altar. (not at the front as usual). This is because Father will be reading from the back of the altar.
  - The junior servers will place their candles on the bookstand at the end of the procession.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR:**

### **CROSS BEARER ADULT SERVER:**

1. Hold the cross high while the prayers and gospel is being read. Face the priest.
2. When the music starts after the gospel is read, turn and start the Procession.
3. If necessary, remind the junior servers to put the candles on the bookstand and not on the altar when they get to the front.
4. At the end of the mass. The Prayer After Communion is on the next page. Move your red ribbon one page sometime earlier, or flip the page for the Prayer After Communion.
5. If you have the sacramentary after the bow, go up with the opening prayer right away. There is no Kyrie or Gloria etc.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> ADULT SERVER:**

1. Hold the Sacramentary for the priest to read from at the back for the start of the mass. Both the gospel and the blessings for the palms can be found just before the opening prayer. They can be marked with the red ribbon. You will then have to flip to the opening prayer. A paper clip can be used to assist with this.
2. Carry the Sacramentary in the procession and put it on the adult server table at the front of the church at the end of the procession The 2<sup>nd</sup> server can keep the book and

go up to Father for the opening prayer. The 2<sup>nd</sup> server can return the book to the 1<sup>st</sup> Server later during setting of the altar.

3. Return to the line up for the bow.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READER:**

1. Hold the holy water bucket and sprinkler. Stand near the priest (left side).
2. Place the Holy water on the credence table at the end of the procession.
3. Return to the line up for the bow.
4. The first reading takes place right after the opening prayer. There is no There is no Kyrie or Gloria etc.

**1<sup>st</sup> READER:**

1. Carry the Lectionary in the procession and place it on the back of the altar not the front like it is usually done at the end of the procession. This is so Father can read the passion
2. Return to the line up for the bow.

**CANDLE BEARER JUNIOR SERVERS:**

1. The Gospel is read at the start of mass by the gym doors before the opening song is sung. Stand on either side of the adult servers holding the sacramentary during the reading of the prayers and the gospel.
2. At the start of the procession go stand on either side of the cross and stay with the cross during the procession.
3. At the end of the procession, place the processional candles on the bookstand behind the altar table not on the altar.
4. Join the line up for the bow.
5. You will NOT hold the candles during the Passion reading. After you put the candles on the bookstand, remain in your seats during the Passion reading.
6. When you are putting the big altar table candles on the altar during the preparation for the Offertory, place them back from the front of the altar if there are decorative palms in front of the altar.

Thanks to all involved.