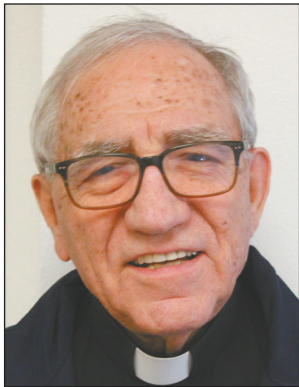


# ‘The Holy Triduum’ and Easter Greetings from Fr. Pfau

by Father Bernard Pfau

At this publication we are half way through the Celebration of Holy Week. Christians throughout the world have observed Palm Sunday (also known as Passion Sunday), recalling Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem where He would be arrested, put on trial and condemned to death on the Cross. As important as Palm Sunday is in commemorating the last days of our Lord on earth, the Church now enters into the most holy and solemn days of the Holy Triduum, beginning this Thursday evening and ending Easter Sunday



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afternoon. Let me explain how three days capture the essence of the Passion or Passover of the Lord.

**Holy Triduum Services at St. Joseph Church:**  
Holy Thursday commem-

orates the Last Supper of our Lord with his Apostles when He instituted the New Covenant by the sharing of bread and wine as a sign of the sacrifice He was to offer on the Cross for our sins. Hr commanded that this Memorial Meal should be observed in his memory, which we know as the Eucharist. Jesus also reminded his Apostles of the need to serve his followers in humility by the lowly gesture of washing their feet. After the Passover Meal Jesus was arrested by Roman authorities, awaiting his trial which was to be held the next day, which we

know as Good Friday.

Good Friday commemorates the Passion and Death of the Lord. In solemn fashion we recall the Passion of the Lord as recorded in the Gospels and revere the Cross by which He redeemed the world. In years past Good Friday was held to be a day of remorse and sorrow, when businesses and unnecessary activities were shut down as we commemorated the tragic death of the Savior. Much of the world still pauses to reflect on the significance of Christ ultimate sacrifice for the sake of all humanity. Holy Saturday is a day of

waiting, filled with expectation and yearning for the time of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead. A Light Service in the dark of night recalls Jesus rising from the tomb and coming to us as the Light of the world.

The Easter Vigil Service is one of the most ancient and dramatic ceremonies that captures the birth of the Church as new members are added to the Community of Faith who renew their Baptismal Promises at Easter. The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with the first Communion of the new Easter Season, at the Vigil Service or on Easter

Sunday, assures us that Christ is indeed risen, and He is risen indeed. Easter Sunday has always been the foundation for observing every Sunday as the Day of the Lord, when we hold up the Risen Christ as the Shepherd who laid down his life to save us from our sins and gain for us eternal life.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. The Lord’s Supper/Mass  
Good Friday: 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. The Passion and Death of the Lord  
Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service/Mass  
Easter Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

## Reflection: Easter Everyday

by Sarah Dixon Young

In Paul’s last letter, he wrote to Timothy, “The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.”

Tradition has it that Paul was beheaded by Nero because of his faith in Jesus.

And it does seem kind of ludicrous, doesn’t it? Is being beheaded coming safely anywhere?

Sometimes, at Sunday school, I look out at the beloved faces of the chil-



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dren who have gathered. They are impish, grinning, asleep, or whispering to one another. I’m teaching

them about how the armor of God will protect them or about how the Holy Spirit can produce the fruit of joy in their lives.

Though they are children, they have seen a lot of suffering. Some have been abused. Some are hungry. One talked a caretaker out of committing suicide. Another lost a little sister to an act of violence. They struggle with addiction, pornography, lying, and the temptation to rob you blind (even at church). Few have both parents still involved

in their lives. Many have lost a parent or have been placed in foster care.

It’s ludicrous, isn’t it? Teaching them that if they pray and ask Jesus to forgive their sins, they will have forgiveness, love, peace, and joy? It doesn’t make any earthly sense.

Easter is this Sunday, and I will tell them the story again. You know the one.

Jesus was arrested. He never argued during His trial. He was mocked and beaten and spit on. He was crucified, buried, and dead.

But on the third day, He rose again.

And we will eat a meal. Empty tummies go home full.

Paul was full of confidence when he wrote, “The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom.” His confidence, though ludicrous, was not misplaced, because He rooted it in the ludicrous (but true!) resurrection of Christ.

It’s a confidence as full as the children’s stomachs

after eating a plateful of taco spaghetti because of the emptiness of the tomb.

Recently, a woman called me. She’s married with two children, owns her own home, and has a rewarding vocation. She was once a child who attended my Sunday school. She was once abused, neglected, hungry, and abandoned.

She also believed the ludicrous story I told about Jesus. It may seem so unreasonable, but she believed that it is true.

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