

A Holy Week Message...

In Holy Week, start this Palm Sunday, we're called to unite our sufferings with the suffering and death of Our Lord on the Cross in order to fully appreciate the glory of the Resurrection. Our world these past few months has certainly undergone pain and suffering. From the pain of illness and financial instability to the emotional pain of isolation and missing the sacraments, we have truly been given our own crosses to bear.

How we see our cross all depends on whether we are able to see past fear of death to take hope in the Resurrection.

The fear so many of us feel in the face of death is, of course, natural. We weren't made for death. We were made for life. But Jesus came to release us from our fear of death. The loving obedience he offered on the Cross atoned for our sins and opened the gates to Heaven for all who follow him.

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While it will be an unusual Holy Week and Easter, we still have the opportunity to take part fully in Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection. We have the opportunity to offer our own sorrows in union with Christ's and accept the grace of hope that Our Lord so abundantly offers us.

This is a message that you and those you love need to hear this Holy Week. Be prepared to witness to hope.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land", or by Interac e-transfers to terresainte@bellnet.ca Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,
Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada