

6th Week: **On the way to EASTER!**

PALM SUNDAY:

Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. The crowd cheers Him and, along with many of those who accompany Him, expects a sign of power to end years of pain and Roman rule. However, Jesus enters the city mounted on a donkey, an ordinary work animal. His path is not that of power, but love unto death.

Let us accompany Jesus during this week. It is HIS WEEK!

His hour has arrived! That of Jesus, whom we love and know so well. That of Jesus who lived among people and attracted crowds.

"Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Your sins are forgiven."

"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

"Love one another as I have loved you."



How wonderful Jesus' LIFE is!

This is the Jesus whom we love, who inspires us and makes us believe in GOODNESS and PEACE who makes us long for more – the magis – in our own lives.

This is the Jesus who approached the poor, the sick, the sinners... who forgave, touched, loved...

This is the Jesus whom we love, the Jesus for whom we feel PASSION.

This is the Jesus who is now going to enter the PASSION; who will show us that his Love, his Words, his Attitudes are forever.

This is the Jesus whom we love and whom we will now accompany in his Hour.

Let our HEART focus on Jesus. Let us try to feel with Jesus, let us learn to live like Him.

Gospel - Mark 14:1-72.15:1-47

Pope Francis (Message for Lent 2015):

Her mission is to bring to all a love which cannot remain silent. The Church follows Jesus Christ along the paths that lead to every man and woman, to the very ends of the earth (cf. Acts 1:8). In each of our neighbours, then, we must see a brother or sister for whom Christ died and rose again. What we ourselves have received, we have received for them as well. Similarly, all that our brothers and sisters possess is a gift for the Church and for all humanity.

Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!

Saint Raphaela Mary:

"And everything, always, for the ever greater glory of God, which is the purpose for which we are in this world!"

"Make life a continuous act of love, and offer the Lord our whole existence, giving continuous praise for the beauty of all things!"

We ask for the grace of sharing with Jesus the pain, the confusion, the suffering.

✓ Jesus knew what awaited Him in Jerusalem. He invites us to walk with Him the path that leads to the place where He will fulfill, to the end and for Love, his Mission. He also invites me to go with him to Jerusalem, to accompany Him on this point in His life. It is certainly a long and hard journey ... but beside Him whom we love, the path is always less tiring and it is easier to overcome the difficulties ... How am I going to respond to this call?

PRAYER

Let us accompany Jesus...

who dared to speak the Truth, to defend the poor, to cry out against injustice;

who said that the greatest proof of love is to give life;

who said that if a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it gives life;

who dared to teach love to enemies, forgiveness to traitors, blessing the slanderers;

who dared to say to forgive seventy times seven;

who said "blessed are those who have a forgiving and peaceful heart";

who proclaimed Himself the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep;

who said: "Do not love the world" and said the world hated Him for doing the will of the Father.

Let us accompany Jesus...