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MESSAGES:

Palm Sunday

March 15-16, 2008

Fatima Mirror

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This makes some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In the United States today, most worshippers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised and given a new name, "Passion Week." Most people cling to the older name, "Holy Week," the last few days of the Lenten journey. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!



Take up
your cross
and be my disciple

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STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent, and TREASURE

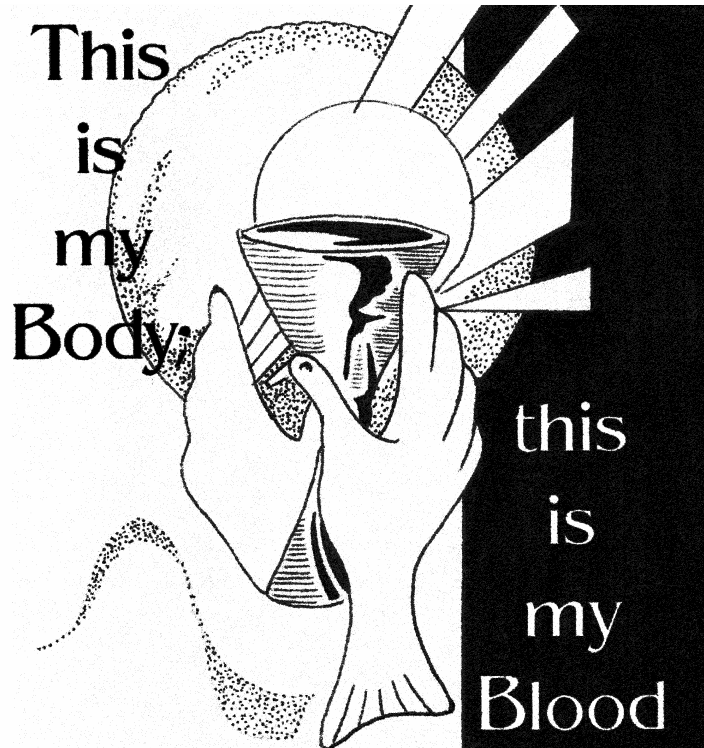
MONEY MATTERS Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 9)

252 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. Contributing \$2,509.14 of which
\$207.19 accounted for "loose" cash \ checks (no envelope)

Envelopes In Circulation 236 # Used 101 # Unused 135

Holy Thursday

His Last and Our First Supper



MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 17-23, 2008

Monday	03/17	08:00 AM	Wally Jorkasky, O'Connor Family	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Tuesday	03/18	08:00 AM	Marcella Boslet, Sue Lawruk	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Wednesday	03/19	08:00 AM	Nathan Stehle, Shirley Stehle	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>03/20</u>	<u>07:00 PM</u>	<u>For our Parish Community</u>	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>03/21</u>	<u>01:00 PM</u>	<u>Dirtribution of Holy Communion</u>	<i>G. Friday of the Lord's Passion</i>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>03/21</u>	<u>03:00 PM</u>	<u>Divine Mercy Novena thru Second Sun-Easter</u>	<i>Divine Mercy Novena begins</i>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>03/22</u>	<u>01:00 PM</u>	<u>Blessing of Easter Baskets</u>	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>03/22</u>	<u>08:00 PM</u>	<u>Easter Vigil Pope Benedict XVI</u>	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
E. Sunday	03/23	10:00 AM	Liv/Dec Priests of Altoona-Johnstown dioc.	<i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>