The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.
Hello everyone,

As we enter into Palm Sunday, I would like to offer this meditation which comes from a sermon by St. Augustine which is entitled “Let us glory in the cross of the Lord.”

“The passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the hope of glory and a lesson in patience.

“What may not the hearts of believers promise themselves as the gift of God’s grace, when for their sake God’s only son, co-eternal with the Father, was not content only to be born as man from human stock but even died at the hands of the men he had created?

“It is a great thing that we are promised by the Lord; but far greater is what has already been done for us, and which we now commemorate. Where were the sinners, what were they, when Christ died for them? When Christ has already given us the gift of his death, who is to doubt that he will give the saints the gift of his own life? Why does our human frailty hesitate to believe that mankind will one day live with God?

“Who is Christ if not the Word of God; in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God? This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us. He had no power of himself to die for us: he had to take from us our mortal flesh. This was the way in which, though immortal, he was able to die; the way in which he chose to give life to mortal men: he would first share with us, and then enable us to share with him. Of ourselves we had no power to live, nor did he of himself have the power to die.

“Accordingly, he effected a wonderful exchange with us, through mutual sharing: we gave him the power to die, he will give us the power to live.

“The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.

“He loved us so much, sinless himself, he suffered for us sinners the punishment we deserved for our sins. How then can he fail to give us the reward we deserve for our righteousness, for he is the source of righteousness? How can he, whose promises are true, fail to reward the saints when he bore the punishment of sinners, though without sin himself?

“Brethren, let us then fearlessly acknowledge, and even openly proclaim, that Christ was crucified for us; let us confess it, not in fear but in joy, not in shame but in glory.

“The apostle Paul saw Christ, and extolled his claim to glory. He had many great and inspired things to say about Christ, but he did not say that he boasted in Christ’s wonderful works: in creating the world, since he was God with the Father, or in ruling the world, though he was also a man like us. Rather, he said: Let me not boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Good Holy Week to all,
Father Joe Callipare
Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER


If you wish to add or remove anyone from our prayer list, please call Nancy Scholls at (850) 434-2931.

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THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2020

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Basilica Blood Drive

April 19, 2020, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Did you know that every unit of blood donated can SAVE or IMPROVE the lives of up to 3 people?! Mark your calendar for your chance to make a difference.

Date is tentative and subject to change.

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PARISH LENTEN SOCK DRIVE

We have collected 611 pairs of socks thus far. We are still collecting new socks even though Mass is suspended. They can be dropped off when the Basilica is open to the public for private prayer or during Office hours which are posted on the front of this Bulletin. 900 pairs of socks are needed to provide a new pair for 75 lunches for 12 months. Thank you.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

Theo Buttrum grandfather of our parishioners Pattick and Daniel O'Sullivan.

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If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Blake who is able to walk you through it.