



## **Palm Sunday**

### **March 25, 2018**

*Selected reading: Mark 14:1 - 15:47*

Today's Gospel is the story of the Passion of Christ. When we read the Passion, we see a whole host of characters who each had a role to play in what eventually led to Jesus' crucifixion. Everyone rejected him. Judas betrayed him. Peter denied him. His best friends, the Apostles, abandoned him. But nobody took His life from Him. Jesus lays down His life because He wants to. He sacrifices His life for your sake and for mine. It was our sins that crucified Jesus. So, as we begin Holy Week, the question is: what are we doing for Him? What part of His cross will we carry for Him?

I've been very involved in working with the homeless through my parish's affiliation with Room at the Inn, a day shelter for homeless women and children. Our parish serves as a night site once a month where we provide dinner, hospitality, and a warm bed for these people. I often serve as an innkeeper, one who spends the night with our guests. As I lie on the mattress on the floor of the lower level of our school, I count my blessings. For me, this is one night. For our guests, it is a different church every night. They often feel rejected and abandoned. Jesus tells us that whatever you do for the sake of others, you do for Him. This is just one way to help carry His cross.

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