

Peace, brothers and sisters of the KFI ministry.

This past Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of the Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

During Palm Sunday, we commemorate that as Jesus enters Jerusalem, this event and those yet to come are part of the Divine plan and that the Son of Man goes as has been determined. In His Passover meal with His Apostles, Jesus announced that it would be His last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

Just like the disciples, in this time and age we are part of the many that argue who is the greatest. In the Scripture readings, we come to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

We should always be on the guard. We are to prepare ourselves for the events that will happen in our lives. We must come to the awareness of various degrees of tribulation that we all must face in the days ahead as we continue to journey in our earthly life. We must put emphasis on the importance of time to pray. In Jesus' many teachings He indicated that through prayer we will be able to face our trials.

Many of us experienced darkness during the pandemic and we have come to see what the COVID 19 brought to the world. We recall that Jesus spoke about the "power of God" and that He will bring about the reign of the Son of Man.

The aftermath of COVID 19 pandemic brought us to the realization that the presence of Jesus in our lives is sufficient to battle loneliness, depression, detachment from society, breakdown of the family unit, disorganized government officials, insufficient resources for medical care, sickness, death, loss of faith, unemployment, limited social gathering, uncertainty, and unimaginable circumstances in our personal, business, school, family, community, and religious lives.

In the Stations of the Cross we remember Jesus speaking about forgiveness. Let us spend time before EASTER SUNDAY to embrace the gift of PENANCE with our spouse, children, grandchildren, family and friends. Let us encourage one another to reconcile with our Heavenly Father through this invaluable sacrament.

When we venerate the cross, we will not hear words of abandonment from Jesus. Nothing will separate us from His unfailing love. He continues to love us even though we are sinners. He loves His Creation, but He does not love our sins. He does not condemn us. Neither does He condone our weaknesses and failings, but He changes us to be His faithful children.

Throughout the Holy Week we must continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in His obedient suffering, death, and Resurrection, revealed Himself to us as the only Begotten Son of God the Father and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY. ALLELUIA!

Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter.

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