

PASTOR'S CORNER

EASTER COLLECTION – “THE GOSPEL MUST FIRST BE PREACHED TO ALL THE NATIONS”

Thirty-two years ago when the Diocese of Wichita adopted the Stewardship Way of Life they eliminated nearly all of the special collections for various needs of the universal Church that took place approximately once a month. Only two of those collections were retained, a special collection at Christmas for the benefit of our retired and infirmed priests and our seminarian's education and a special collection at Easter for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - the Missions of the Catholic Church. The other remaining needs of the Church whose envelopes were eliminated are still supported by the Diocese of Wichita from the tithes that the parishes send to the diocese every month.



I write to you today to ask that when you come to Mass on Easter you not only remember Holy Name and St. Mary Parish with your tithe, but that you also consider an extra donation for Missions of the Catholic Church. In the near future you will receive an invitation from Bishop Kemme to participate in this special collection along with a special envelope to put your financial gift for this collection. There will also be extra envelopes in the vestibule of the church. Please make your check payable to Holy Name Church or St. Mary Parish and each of the parishes will submit one payment as we do at Christmas.

The seventh precept of the Catholic Church states that all Catholics should participate in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church. Since most of us cannot go to mission countries to spread the Word of God and make Jesus and the Church known, the best way for us to support the missions is by our prayers and our almsgiving. I hope that all of us will make one more sacrifice as we near the end of our Lenten Season and decide to contribute to the special Easter collection to support the missionary work of our Church.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Next Sunday, April 9th, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The Church allows a procession at the principal Mass of the parish. For St. Mary Parish that will be the 8:30 AM Mass and for Holy Name Parish the 10:30 AM Mass. For each of those Masses, worshippers are asked to gather in their respective parish halls ten minutes before Mass where the liturgy will begin with the blessing and distribution of palms. Those unable to take part in the procession may gather in the church and they can pick up their blessed palms after Mass. Those attending the Saturday Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will receive their blessed palms at the end of Mass. There will be no confessions at St. Mary on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.