

## Mass of the Lord's Supper 2010

(Exodus 12.1-8, 1Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-15)

### **Theme: The Sacrifice Of My Salvation**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we Christians all over the world join our Lord and Master Jesus Christ to celebrate the mass of our Lord's Supper.

Anytime we gather to celebrate the mass of the Lord's Supper, three things always stand out in our faith: Firstly, the institution of the Holy Eucharist, secondly the institution of the Priesthood, and thirdly the call for service.

The celebration of today has replaced the Passover of the past, the sacrifice of goats and lambs that has no power to save. Today we are celebrating the sacrifice of Christ, the new Passover; who gave us, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and for our own sanctification. For the Holy Eucharist offers us the grace of God in our hearts, purifies us, and imparts the sanctifying grace of God in our lives, that, leads us to live and act like children of God.

By those very words of Christ - "*do this in remembrance of me*", at the consecration, the Priest makes the riches of the Lord's Supper every present to us any time we participate in the sacrifice of the Lord's Supper.

Today's celebration also reminds all of us, of our call to service. Christ, our Redeemer has left to us an example of service to follow. Have you ever asked yourself or family, what is your contribution in terms of service, beginning from our Catholic community here? Are you one of those, who does have time for anything concerning the house of God? and your Faith? . Why not have a change of heart.

Today's call, is a special call for each and every one of us in our Parish here to join hands together to serve each other. The Parish Choir needs you, the Altar Servers need you, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, in fact the various ministries in our Parish Community have need of your service.

## The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday 2010

(Isaiah 52.13-53.12, Hebrews 4.14-16:5.7-9, John 18.)

### **Theme: Hook-up your cross with that of Christ Jesus**

The Good Friday celebration reminds us, of our Lord's Passion, His suffering, and death. This is the highest act of love, for one who has no sin to die, that the world might have life.

Our Lord Jesus, endured all the insults, sufferings, and accepted a shameful death on the cross to bring us redemption. He willingly and joyfully carried His cross to the end, not minding the suffering, insults and difficulties associated with his calling as our Messiah. He had at the back of His mind, that without His cross, there will be no crown. That without His death, there will not be salvation for us.

As our Master and Leader, He invited us to follow His footsteps if we want life. That if we want to be His disciples, we should take up our cross and follow Him. As Christians, let us realize that we all have our various crosses to carry. And always bear in mind that God will not allow you to carry a cross that is above you. The same way it is with our respective families, vocations in life and our religion. For any religion without a cross, is not a true religion.

Do not think of leaving your cross behind—your cross is meant for you and not for another person.

If you see your cross as burden, ask for God's help, through prayers. As Christians, may we also bear in mind, that, we can be another 'Veronica' or 'Simon' in some body's life. With prayers, good advice, visits and financial aid, we can help to reduce the burden in another person's cross.

Do not carry your cross alone without Christ Jesus. Hook-up your cross with His and He will see you through.

## Easter Sunday: Mass of the Resurrection

(Acts 10.34,37-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18 )

### **Theme: Shout With Joy for Our Redeemer Has Risen!**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our celebration today is a celebration of *joy*. For we have gathered in this house of God to celebrate with joy the *Lord's resurrection*. A celebration of victory of our Redeemer, and victory for us Christians and followers of Christ. For Christ our light has cast away the darkneses in our lives.

Today let us shout with joy and sing "*ALLELUIA - and glory to the highest heavens for Christ our Saviour has risen from the dead.*" He has defeated death for us. He has shown us, that He has the greatest power. He is the Mighty One in battle.

With our Lord's resurrection from the dead, he has shown us, that, there is resurrection for those who believe in Him. With our Faith in Him who rose from the dead, we have passed from darkness to light---from sin to grace-from death to life. Let us rejoice for our *MESSIAH IS RISEN! HE IS A MIGHTY WARRIOR!*