

A wooden background with a palm frond and a cross. The words "PALM SUNDAY" are written in large, gold, serif capital letters.

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WEEKLY LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

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Life is a gift. The birth of a new child brings special joy to a family and even the world. Celebrating a newborn baby fills us with hope as we dream about the life this child will have. Within each and every one of us there is a drive to live. We strive to enjoy life and achieve. Along with that we have a desire to be healthy and generally do everything we can to live as long as we can. Perhaps that is why in the human heart there has always been a dream of immortality. We can think of the legendary “Fountain of Youth.”

This week, we are reminded that in the history of the world there is one exception to this human need and hope. One Person was born, not to live, but to die, for us. That is, of course, Jesus. Think about that. The Child whose birth we joyously celebrated just a few months ago, was destined for the cross. He embraced the cross as a sacrifice, an act of love. Remember in Bethlehem when Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, a hint of the shroud that would soon cover Him. Remember the three Kings and the gift of myrrh, a hint of the anointing the women brought to Christ’s tomb. Remember the prophecy of Simeon to Mary, that this Child was destined for the rise and fall of many, and that a sword would pierce her heart. This was all part of God’s plan for us. This week we relive those moments when He resolutely comes to Jerusalem, knowing full well what this means. He embraces the cross as a sacrifice, an act of love.

History is filled with stories of heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. They did so as they did something to help others, but lost their life in the meantime. Others have made a spur of the moment decision that placed themselves in harm’s way to help another person. Jesus did all of that, and more. His sacrifice is more because it was chosen, embraced, and destined, from the moment of His birth, and even from all eternity.

I invite you to make this walk with Jesus as part of what is literally, the greatest story ever told. It is the greatest story because it is the story of Love. Walk with Jesus this week and let your heart be changed.

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13)