

## **PALM SUNDAY.**

### **THE ENTRANCE AND PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION!**

The president of Tanzania in East Africa passed on last week. He is one of the greatest no nonsense men with regards to responsibility and, above all, corruption in the country. He is a strong Catholic. Evidently his legacy is being witnessed as I write this Homily by virtue of his Body being moved from *one* City to another within Tanzania and Zanzibar for people to pay their last respects to this great man. They are lining up along the road spreading lesos(sheet like covers) and holding branches as the body passes.

Today, Palm Sunday, we begin a very great week in our salvation history as we see the entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. We had five weeks preparation for this great week we call **HOLY WEEK**. ***We always prepare whenever a dignitary is coming to our area by*** decorating the place and the road for his passing. How are we preparing for Jesus our dignitary?

Two of His disciples were sent ahead of Him to prepare and bring a colt for him, they went ahead and did as they were told. The people of the city were so excited that they laid down their cloaks for Him on the road. Today they will put down a **RED CARPET**. **They held branches as they welcomed him** into their city. What a demonstration! They waved the branches as he passed by singing and shouting. He came into the city on donkey signifying peace, **not on a horse as a warrior, not in a big limousine as a dignitary**. He did not wave back to the crowd as politicians would do. Jesus knew very well many of these people will shortly turn on him and start shouting at him. “ **Crucify him, crucify him We don’t know him!**”

He knew what waits for him in the Jerusalem for sure yet with **courage, determination, and confidence** he went ahead to do His Fathers will.

How do we prepare daily for the coming and entry of our Lord Jesus Christ in our way of life?

How do we prepare as we go to **mass**?

How do we prepare for the **readings**?

Above all how do we prepare for **communion** as Christ enters our soul?

Are we like the two disciples or like the crowd?

Do we welcome him then, after a while, by sin, we shout, "**We don't know Him?**"

We all have a Jerusalem ahead of us. Not a city but it might be ***illness, change in our life, a problem, challenge or even uncertainty ahead of us.*** Jesus today shows us how to move towards our Jerusalem.

Like Jesus many people will say they will be for and with us, but they may not be there for us during those moments we need them.

We must move **forward, face** what is ahead of us knowing the fact that Jesus has been there **ahead of us.**

Whatever form the cross may take in us we are not alone. ***HE WAS, HE IS, HE WILL BE there for us always.***

***BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS TILL THE END OF TIME!***

*Fruitful Holy Week to All.*