

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

The heart and center of the Church year draws near. With Palm Sunday tomorrow we begin another observance of Holy Week at Immanuel. Note below the full schedule for the week, paying special attention to service times and locations. As always, our parish invests deeply in this time of remembering the great lengths to which God has gone to save us and to engage us in relationship.

What are some things you could do to begin preparing to experience this sacred time fully?

- 1) Beautiful flowers and gorgeous, soaring music are two of the hallmarks of Easter at Immanuel. All are invited to contribute towards special flowers or music in memory of someone, or in honor of someone, or in thanksgiving for some blessing. You may drop these in an offering plate at Church, or you may pursue this opportunity through our online donation page ([click here](#)). The deadline for these contributions is Tuesday, April 16th.
- 2) You may still sign up for an hour as part of our all-night prayer vigil before the Altar of Repose, which begins after the Maundy Thursday liturgy and continues until 11 AM on Good Friday, before our first service that day. ([Click here for the online signup](#)) I am always amazed, and humbled, at the way in which we always fill all these slots fully. It is an opportunity to pray, to take inventory, to give thanks, and to prepare for Easter. You may be alone, or you might be with several others. The vigil takes place in the small, side chapel at Immanuel Chapel.
- 3) Plan to attend services and participate, as fully as you are able.
- 4) Invite a friend or neighbor. Holy Week and Easter present a great opportunity to look around and invite someone you know who might be looking for a Church home, who might benefit from the fellowship we share.
- 5) Open your heart, and your mind, to whatever God may seek for you to hear and experience during this time.

May all that we say, do, preach, pray, and sing in these days be to God's glory and for the strengthening of God's people.

See you in Church,

*Randy*