



April 7, 2022

We Enter Holy Week



During Holy Week, Christians recall the events leading up to Jesus' death by crucifixion and, according to their faith, his Resurrection.

The week includes five days of special significance. The first is [Palm Sunday](#), which commemorates Jesus' humble entry (on a donkey) into Jerusalem to observe Passover. According to the Gospel account, he was greeted by crowds of people who spread their cloaks and laid palm leaves in his path and proclaimed him the Son of David (Matthew 21:5). In many Christian churches Palm Sunday is celebrated with a blessing and procession of palms.

On [Maundy Thursday](#) we mark Jesus' institution at the Last Supper of the Eucharist, thereafter a central element of Christian worship. In Roman Catholicism, Maundy Thursday is accompanied by the pope's washing of the feet of 12 humble or poor persons, in imitation of Jesus' washing of the feet of his 12 disciples at the Last Supper.

[Good Friday](#) commemorates Jesus' suffering and death on the cross; it is the most solemn day of the Christian year which is traditionally marked as a day of sorrow, penance, and fasting.

[Holy Saturday](#), also called Easter Vigil, is the traditional end of Lent.

Christians observe [Easter Sunday](#) as the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, according to the Gospels, on the third day after his crucifixion.



Government to Lift Health Measure That Blocks Entrance of Asylum Seekers

~ by Rhina Guidos – Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON - The Biden administration has confirmed that it will lift a public health measure in May that was put in place at the start of the coronavirus pandemic that has kept asylum seekers out.

Catholic groups that support immigrants have long been calling for an end to Title 42 of the Public Health Safety Act, which the Trump administration began using in March 2020 as infections of the coronavirus began to surge in the U.S.

On April 1, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on its website, “After considering current public health conditions and an increased availability of tools to fight COVID-19 – such as highly effective vaccines and therapeutics – the CDC director has determined that an order suspending the right to introduce migrants in the United States is no longer necessary.”



Wristbands used by the U.S. Border Patrol are seen on the arm of a Central American migrant near the Paso del Norte international border in Ciudad, Mexico. This person was expelled from the U.S. and sent back to Mexico under Title 42. (CNS/Reuters/Jose Luis Gonzalez)

Under the provision, Border Patrol agents were instructed to expel anyone caught trying to illegally enter the U.S. instead of processing them under existing immigration law for those seeking asylum.

The Biden administration has taken heat from Catholic groups, among others, for keeping Title 42 in place. Administration officials said it was not immigration policy but a health measure and that the government would take cues from the CDC on when to end it.

Many are expecting an increase in migrants looking for asylum at the southern border when the measure is lifted.

Women religious and their supporters

protested outside the White House in December urging Title 42's demise.

On March 30, 14 Jesuit law and immigrant advocacy institutions – including Jesuit law school deans, the Jesuit Refugee Service and the Border Justice Initiative at Gonzaga Law School – called for Title 42's end, saying it was “unlawful, dangerous, and inflicts profound suffering on extremely vulnerable people.”

There's “no present public health justification for its continuation,” they added in a joint letter to President Joe Biden and key members of his administration.”

The U.S. “must rescind Title 42 immediately so that no one is denied the right to seek protection,” Giulia McPherson, Jesuit Refugee Service Director of Advocacy and Operations, said in the letter.

“We know there will be much political theater surrounding this decision, but we urge the administration to remain focused on upholding our nation’s legal and humanitarian obligations to those seeking safety at America’s golden doors,” she said.

To read the entire article, please click [here](#)

Catholic Groups Call for Rapid Climate Action re: U.N. Report

~ by Brian Roev, *EarthBeat* for *National Catholic Reporter*

Many of the technologies and tactics to avert the worst impacts of climate change exist today. While still a major challenge, what’s missing mostly is the political and financial will to wield them at full force. So says the latest major report from the world’s foremost scientific body on climate change. The report, focusing on mitigation efforts to limit rising temperatures, and with it the fallout from increasing heat was issued on Monday, April 4, by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The report reiterated that immediate, rapid and massive societal shifts this decade are required to meet the world’s goal under the Paris Agreement to limit average global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius – a threshold that climate scientists say will expose millions of people to increasing droughts, heatwaves and extreme storms, and with it, result in greater rates of poverty, migration and health issues, all consequences expected to harm vulnerable communities the most.



Activists in England hoist a banner on an Esso West storage tank. (Photo: CNS/Reuters/John Sibley)

The [nearly 3,000-page IPCC report](#) [5], compiled by 278 authors from 65 countries, is the third issued by the international scientific group in the past nine months as part of the sixth assessment.

“Its message is crystal clear: we need climate action now in the form of deep and urgent emissions reductions and well before 2030, to stay below 1.5 C, said CIDSE, a network of Catholic international justice organizations, in a statement. “As Catholic Development agencies we are inspired by Pope Francis to call for urgent action on the climate emergency.”

In a joint statement, U.N. climate chief Patricia Espinosa, Alok Sharma and Sameh Shoukry, the heads of the COP 26 and upcoming COP 27 UN climate conferences respectively, said the latest IPCC report “makes it clearer than ever that the window of opportunity to achieve the [1.5 C goal] is rapidly closing.”

“Despite the urgency of our task, there is hope. The window for action has not yet closed. . . . There is also clear evidence that – with timely and at scale cuts to emissions – countries can pursue a mitigation pathway consistent with limiting global warming” to 1.5 C they said.

To read the full account please click [here](#)

CIS-NYC is moving!

On May 2nd, Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC's office will officially open at the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in Washington Heights. Our Food Pantry will also be located nearby at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

All of our programs will continue to operate and serve clients from all over New York City, as they have for many years. This new, larger space will provide more opportunities for growth for our organization, and the possibility of exciting new projects as we continue to expand.

Thank you for supporting us through many transitions, moments of growth, and challenges over the past two decades! We look forward to seeing you in our new space.



OUR NEW ADDRESS:
701 Fort Washington Ave
New York, NY 10040

NEW FOOD PANTRY LOCATION:
608 Isham Street
New York, NY 10034

Our phone numbers and emails will remain the same

Cabrini Immigrant Services, NYC *on the move!*



After months of deliberation, we have decided to relocate our office to another part of the city to continue the mission of bringing God's love to vulnerable communities. On May 2nd, our office will officially open at the St. Frances Cabrini Shrine in Washington Heights (701 Fort Washington Ave, New York, NY 10040). Our Food Pantry will also be located nearby at the Church of the Good

Shepherd (608 Isham Street, New York, NY 10034). We will be forever grateful to the Lower East Side/Chinatown community for welcoming us and allowing us to be of service. We will not forget the gestures, both big and small, that made us feel welcomed and at home in this neighborhood.

We are looking forward to continuing our work, strengthening existing relationships, and building new relationships in our new neighborhood. **All of our programs will continue to operate and serve clients from all over New York City, as they have for many years.** This new, larger space will provide more opportunities for growth for our organization, and the possibility of exciting new projects as we continue to expand.

Thank you for supporting us through many transitions, moments of growth, and challenges over the past two decades. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever the importance of community, and we are grateful to have you as part of ours.

Should you have any questions about our move or need additional support, please feel free to reach out to us! Thank you again for your support through this transition.

In community,

Javier Ramirez-Baron
Executive Director

Save the Date!

Please join The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of New York, Long Island and Northern New Jersey in presenting the

2022
Madonna della Strada Award

at

An Evening of Celebration

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Wines and Delicious Hors d'oeuvres

Jesuit Conference Center Garden
53 East 83 Street (between Park & Madison Avenues)
New York, NY 10028

\$100 Tickets Invitation to follow
Reception benefits the work of
IVC NY/LI/Northern New Jersey



Honoring the Recipients:
Cabrini Immigrant Services of New York
Javier Ramirez-Baron
Executive Director
Ignatian Volunteer
Julia Mucci

In recognition of outstanding service to the community

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Gathering for Lenten Prayer

Cabrini High School hosted a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, March 29th in the Sacred Heart Chapel on campus. All Cabrini High faculty, staff, students, and friends of Cabrini were welcome to attend.

The night began with snacks and refreshments in the courtyard, until everyone gathered in the chapel to commence the Lenten Evening. Deacon Uriel Durr, the pastoral minister at Cabrini, shared a Lenten talk which was



Cabrini High School faculty, staff, students and friends participate in the Lenten Evening of Reflection.



Deacon Uriel Durr, (I.) and Father Emanuel Mulenga celebrate the Eucharist

followed by reflection time, adoration, and confession. Guests were also invited to view Mother Cabrini's Bedroom and Exhibit Room, which is recognized as a local shrine in New Orleans.

The evening culminated in a celebration of the Eucharist, led by Father Emanuel Mulenga, Cabrini's campus chaplain. It was a wonderful night full of prayer. Thanks to all who made this evening possible and to all who attended.

~ submitted by Madeline LeBlanc, Director of Communications, CHS



One Minute Meditation

You Will Become Free

Freedom, in childhood, may be totally self-centered. In adolescence, I am engaged in the fine art of concentrating on myself, until I know who I am and what I am capable of being. In midlife I am free to become skilled, prepared, expert, independent. But freedom in old age is the ability to be the best of the self I have developed during all those years. It is the freedom to gather everything I have learned up to this point and to put it to even more exciting use now. It is the freedom to give myself away to those who really need me. When I realize that freedom really is the right to be me, perhaps for the first time in my life the liberation of the soul begins. ~ Joan Chittister, OSB, *The Gift of Years*

Cabrini Mission Foundation

Please Help Those in Ukraine



Pope Francis gently unfolds the flag of Ukraine.

Please give what you can.

Join our supporters and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Funds donated will directly impact our fellow Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Ukraine along with the displaced children, women and men of the war. Your gift will provide safety and desperately needed supplies to navigate these unprecedented times.

Thanks to the generosity of so many, as of this week, we have received:

\$11,280.00.

Please Consider Donating! To Donate Click [here](#)

Easter Blessings from the Cabrini Mission Foundation



**WALK A MILE
WALK TO LEARN ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
AND HOW WE CAN HELP**

WHY WE WALK

It's time we open our eyes and see the victims of the sex trade, domestic servitude, and forced labor who've been in the shadows for far too long.

The purpose of the event is to shine a spotlight on the 27 million men, women, and children who are still trapped in slavery today.

It's happening right here in our community. Come out and learn more about the signs and how to help end trafficking in your zip code.

JOIN US

MONDAY MAY 2, 2022

The walk starts at 3:00 pm in front of Grace Hall.

Donations of hotel sized toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. and gift cards for the Cabrini closet are appreciated!

REGISTER HERE!



THIS WALK IS SPONSORED BY THE ECG 200 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLASS AND THE CABRINI CLOSET.

**CONTACT KAROL BREWER AT 610-902-1038 OR
CABRINIFORMATION@MOTHCABRINI.ORG**

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Each week, as we journey through Lent, one of the Cabrini Lay Missionaries (CLM) is offering a reflection. For Palm Sunday, the reflection is given by Patricia Krasnausky, CLM.

Palm Sunday

A Reflection for Palm Sunday from Luke 19:28-40

April 10, 2022

“We look forward to a time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then our world will know the blessings of peace.”

~ William Gladstone

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey was a continuation of his peaceful campaign to teach the power of love over the love of power, and it was also the action that would lead to his arrest and execution. While He was processing into the city with a crowd of followers who were shouting “Hosanna to the Son of David”, on the other side of Jerusalem, Pontius Pilate, mounted on a horse and accompanied by his army, was marching in to stop any trouble from the Jews during Passover. For Jesus, the procession with palms was one of humility, peace and compassion, while Pilate's march was one of pride, oppression and violence.



But what about Jesus' followers in the procession with palms? Were they in sync with Jesus or were they, too, looking for power rather than peace? The original meaning of Hosanna was more like “please Lord save us” than the shout of praise that we understand it to be today. From what did they want Jesus to save them? They looked to Jesus, who they had come to believe was the Messiah, to save them from the occupying Romans by leading a rebellion that would overthrow them and bring Jerusalem to glory. They looked for power at the expense of

others. When they realized that their idea of glory was not what Jesus had in mind at all, their shouts soon became “crucify him”. The people following in both processions, Jesus' and Pilate's, were driven by the love of power, not the power of love which energized Jesus.

This gospel leads me to think about Ukraine at this time and compare the Roman control of Jerusalem to that of Russia's military siege to gain back its former power in Ukraine. The situation is not comparable, however I can picture Jesus crying over Kyiv as he cried over Jerusalem as he viewed the destruction of life, peace and hope. The reach for power, whether by the Romans, the Jews, or the Russians, or you and me, if it be at the expense of others, is never going to allow us to flourish as human beings, and is never going to reflect the God who never uses oppression, power or fear to rule, but instead, gifts us all with the Power to Love.

May we learn to love powerfully.

~ submitted by Patricia Krasnausky, CLM

Prayer Requests

Jovie Ann Decoyna

Please pray for Jovie Ann Decoyna who sustained a left forearm fracture. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide her and the medical personnel to make the best decisions for her arm to fully heal.

Tony DiBona

Prayers are requested for Tony DiBona who is struggling with liver cancer. Please offer your prayers that the doctors will find a way to treat his symptoms to make him as comfortable as possible. He is 91 years-old. He and his family would be so grateful for your prayerful support.

Christopher Kreinen

Marianne and Tom McGowan asks your prayers for their twelve year-old grandson, Christopher. Christopher is hospitalized and undergoing tests for some medical issues he is experiencing. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery.

Prayers for a Special Intention

A member of the Cabrinian community has asked for our prayers for a special intention.

