

Holy Week Monday “Anoint the Feet of Jesus”  
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Jesus says that we will always have the poor but we won't always have him. That is an interesting way of looking at this Holy Week for our parish. It was a fascinating Palm Sunday this weekend in that, we had more people staying at our homeless camp than parishioners who visited our church for private prayer. I understand why that is the case. Social distancing is more important now than ever given the virus out there. However, this Holy Week it feels like Jesus has been taken away from us. Everyday feels like Good Friday in a way. And yet, the poor is still with us. We still have the poor to take care of. And so, a reflection on this Gospel from my perspective could be: What does anointing Jesus' feet with oil look like this Holy Week? Is it helping out a food bank? Is it signing up to deliver a meal to Camp Unity here at our parish? Is it calling an elderly neighbor, parishioner or family member so that they don't feel socially isolated? Mother Teresa used to comment that real poverty wasn't about how much money you had. The worst kind of poverty in her estimation was spiritual poverty. She said this as a way of letting the Western World know that with all our excesses, we are the most impoverished. And so, maybe anointing the feet of the Lord means spending more time with scripture and spending more time in prayer? Maybe it is just about letting ourselves cry when we need to cry, allowing our tears to be the oil that anoints Jesus' feet. What does anointing the feet of the Lord look like today and throughout Holy Week? The Gospel is preparing us for the Last Supper. The sacred story of our salvation is near.