

Each of us has a part in the drama of life. In the Gospel and in the Passion there are many persons with a variety of roles. These include Jesus, Peter and the Apostles; the disciples, large crowds, and the chief priests; scribes, the high priest and Judas to name some. They all participate in the great mysteries of our faith.

Today we begin Holy Week. Each day is a gift and blessing. We will live one moment at a time. We may schedule some moments to gather with our faith community. Our jobs, responsibilities, duties and necessities may be such that the best we can do is less than what we would like to do. That may be our role: to do what we are able.

Our kindness, caring and thoughtfulness will continue. We proclaim the death of the Lord in the dying, letting go and surrendering to life as Jesus did.

Continue to grow in holiness during this Holy Week. Some of that growth will take place with our faith community. Abundant growth will occur at home, at work and in conversations. It can also happen while doing errands, being patient, laughing, and taking a meal to someone who is hungry, sick or sorrowing.

We need God's help as we live this week as best we can.

My sisters and brothers: In this holiest of all weeks we are mindful of God's great love for us. We recall Jesus being faithful to God until his very last breath. And we celebrate the great gift of hope and new life in the Resurrection.