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SUNDAY, April 17, Year A

Passion Sunday

"My, God, my God, why have you forsaken me?."

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TODAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 26.14-27.66

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Christ?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus (cont.pg 2.)



Catholic Trivia

What does the Ascension Mean? (Answer on page 4)

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses

Intentions

Tues., April 19 7:00pm....*Mary & Arrigo Chiste 50th Anniversary*
Wed., April 20 7:00pm...
Thurs. April 21 7:00pm....Holy Thursday
Fri. April 22 3:00pm....Good Friday Service

Weekday Masses are held at Holy Cross Collegiate. North doors.

Weekend Masses

Intentions

Sat., April 16 5:00pm.....*Parishioners*
Sun., April 17 10:00am.....*Parishioners*
Sat., April 23 9:30pm.....*Parishioners (Easter Vigil)*
Sun., April 24 11:00am.....*Parishioners*

killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his Cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha which means Place of a skull, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided hi, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If your are the Son of God, come down from the Cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes abnd elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the Cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from tope to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out ot eh tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Readings for next Sunday, April 24

- ❖ *First Reading: Acts 10.34, 37-43*
- ❖ *Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4*
- ❖ *Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18*



This week we celebrate:

**Holy week: Death and Resurrection of our Lord*

Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter Week: Passion Sunday

A Collision of Themes

The great triumphant procession of palms as well as the betrayed allegiances of the human heart, are both woven into the Passion and death of Jesus. The Liturgy of Passion Sunday is a collision of themes: glorious hosannas and sombre omens. Isaiah promised a servant of God who would have a "face like flint" to brave the pummelling, spit, and ridicule. Paul's lovely hymn in Philippians is one of triumph - "in the name of Jesus every knee would bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess" - but only after disgrace and ignominious death.

"Where do we really cast our allegiance?"

Prayer: *Good and gracious God, you who move the stars and the human heart as well. Thank you for all the ways you enter into Holy Communion with us on the journey to sustain us, nurture us, and hold us in life. In the Eucharist you give us, you make of us a people of gratitude for all the gifts of life, for the change of seasons, for the delights of childhood, the comfort of wisdom, for all manner of faith, family, food, and friendship and for every unfulfilled desire of our hearts. We praise you, worship you, and glorify you through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Daybreaks; Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter Week: John F. Kavanaugh, SJ-2005, Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday April 17, 2011

*Children's Liturgy during 10:00am Mass.

*First Holy Communion classes 9:00am, HCC foods room.

Wednesday April 20,

* Bible Study In HCC foods room 7:30

Sunday April 24,

No communion classes this morning

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday; April 21: 7pm

Good Friday; April 22: 3pm

Easter Saturday (Vigil); April 23: 9:30pm

Easter Sunday; April 24: 11:00am

Job Opening: God has a job opening for the position of Lector Coordinator in His parish in Strathmore. No experience necessary, training provided. Please see the Human Resources Coordinator when you get to heaven to discuss wages and benefits. For details contact Suzanne Hayes at 403-934-5867

CWL Christian Family Life team upcoming events:

Another excellent event for all parish members is the 31st Hike For Life on Saturday, May 7, 2011, the day before Mother's Day. Individuals, families, church groups, school groups, priests, etc, can all participate in this fun, social day.

Participants receive t-shirts, doughnuts, water, hot dogs, etc, and can get sponsors to help raise money and awareness for Calgary Pro-Life. Go to <http://calgaryprolife.com/#events-news> or call 403-243-0691 or email office@calgaryprolife.com to register or for more information.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane

Retreat Theme: "Life's Spiritual Journey"

Women's Weekend Retreat - April 29-May 1, 2011 For information or to register, contact Teresa Grice, 403-329-8967 or Marilyn Warne 403-246-9167

SACRIFICIAL GIVING 2011

April 10, 2011

General Envelopes	\$2,425.00
Loose Monies	221.33
TOTAL	\$2,646.33

April 10, 2011

Building Fund	\$312.00
Seminarian Fund	28.00
Together in Action	260.00
TOTAL	\$600.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$3,246.33

Thank you for your sacrificial gifts.



CWL NEWS

To learn more about CWL contact Karen in Organization 403 934-4438, dvdeere@efirehose.net Celebration of **Our Lady of Good Council** to be held **April 26th** in the Small gym @SHA. Snacks and social to follow. All welcome. Last Chance to register for CWL conventions. **Dr. Michael Duggan** Keynote Speaker, Friday April 29th. **Next meeting May 10th**, foods room 7:30 following mass. To discuss June Garage sales, and June end of year party. Bring your ideas. **Garage Sale of Church items** on Fri. **May 13th** and Sat. **May 14th** at Donna Johnson's at 35 Strathmore Lakes Way. Helpers needed to man tables. Call Donna. If you wish to preview and pre-buy any items please make arrangements with Donna (403 934-5984) to view and buy in advance. All proceeds will be split between Church Building fund and 50%, set aside for future church kitchen supplies. Your Cooperation and support appreciated. For Diocesan Newsletter go to www.cgowl.ca Pray at 3pm for Sanctity of Life. For Diocesan Newsletter go to www.cgowl.ca Pray at 3pm for Sanctity of Life. *Thank you, Kazia Sodaro CWL president*

Vocation Weekend Retreat: Are you called to religious life? May 13-15, 2011 at Providence Centre, 3005-119 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. For those who wish to explore the life of a religious sister. A time of prayer, input, reflection and sharing. For more information/reservation contact: Sr. Toyleen at (780)436-7250 or Email: tfook@providence.ab.ca

Pastoral Care - Parish

Our Parish has an active Pastoral Care Visiting Team. If any of you are ill, lonely, a shut-in, and wish a visit, let the parish know, either through yourself, your family, friend, or neighbor. Someone from the parish team will call on you after notification is received. For contact of personnel, you can call the Parish, Tel: 403- 934-2641...or Pastoral Care (Diane Van Bavel...403-934-4282) or your nurse in a health care facility, and they will gladly respond to your requests.

Donation Envelopes: Those who are new to our parish or if you would like to start using donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Together in Action 2011

Sunday March 13, 2011 marks the beginning of the annual giving campaign "Together in Action", 2011.

While the Campaign formally ends April 17, 2011, donations for this year's campaign will be received up to and including January 15, 2012. The principle theme selected by Bishop Henry for this year's appeal is:

The Light of Our Hope Guides Our Actions. "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."

Hebrews 6:19

Campaign Target and Surplus Funds 2011:

The Diocesan goal for the 2011 campaign is \$2,000,000.00. All parishes are assigned a mandatory target designed to meet the overall goal. The Diocese allows parishes to request the return of surplus contributions to support their respective capital projects and non-capital items.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA: What does the Ascension Mean? After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us. *"From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead."* Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2005, pg. 46 (648-650)

"Pray Constantly"

How can we respond to this challenge of the Apostle Paul (I Thess 5:17)? It is obviously not a pious exaggeration, but simply repeats what Jesus said to those who listened to him: "that they ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Lk 18:1). How can we pray at all times? From the earliest days this question has occupied the spiritual masters of Christendom. Yet before we deal with the question "How," we must ask about "Why." Why pray, and why pray "constantly?" Because prayer is essential as breathing and a heartbeat. In the *Catechism* there is a startling saying of a great saint, who was extremely kind and loving man: "Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do not pray are certainly damned," says Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists (CCC 2744, quoting *Del gran mezzo della preghiera*). If praying means relating to God, then it is clear that the man without this relationship cannot live, since in him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). Just as a man without human relationships perishes spiritually and even physically, so it happens also to the man with no relationship to God. Prayer is the life, the breath of the soul, the heartbeat of the true life.

But how should this be done, practically speaking? Starting out from Jesus' command to pray without ceasing, the Eastern Church developed the practice of the "Jesus Prayer," which in recent times has become familiar to many people in our part of the world, too, especially through *The Way of a Pilgrim*. The spiritual master (*staretz*) who shows the pilgrim the way says to him: "The ceaseless interior Jesus Prayer is the uninterrupted... invocation of the divine Name of Jesus Christ with the lips, with the mind, and with the heart, whereby one calls to mind his constant presence and asks him for his mercy, during any activity, anywhere, at any time, even while sleeping." The Jesus Prayer can be as follows: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me," or even simply "Jesus!" The pilgrim speaks of the great consolation he experienced in this way and of how the prayer gradually "flowed out from him entirely by itself." Yet it would be a misunderstanding to see the Jesus Prayer primarily as a technique, a method of prayer. It is rather an "affair of the heart," which is familiar to Jewish believers as well: always being mindful of God, not forgetting him who never forgets us. "Standing before God [= remaining in his presence]" is the foundation of prayer, "with the heart and forevermore, day and night ... until the end of your life," says the Orthodox saint Bishop Theophane (1815-1894). We can always do that, though, while working as well as during formal prayer. We are destined to be united with God during work time through our work and to be united with him during prayer time through our prayer," says the simple Carmelite Brother Lawrence (1611-1691). The basis for this union with God, which is always possible, is not our doing, but rather his pledge: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:30). Even though we often respond imperfectly, there is still one response that we can make constantly: the longing of our hearts! (Living the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Paths of prayer; Christoph ShonBom, O.P. Pg 89-90)

YEAR A	DATE	TIME	EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS
5th Sunday Of Lent	Saturday April 9	5:00pm	H. Britto/ S. Hayes Mark Senecal	Mardelle Bazant/ Justine Raber/ Lorraine Bishop
	Sunday April 10	10:00am	S. Maunsel/ G. Johnson I. Lupyczuk/ S. Lowe-Loftus	Paul O Leary/ Anne Bailey/ Janice Pedersen
Palm Sunday	Saturday April 16	5:00pm	K. Airth/ D. Van Bavel	Kari Jumaga/ Pearl Bjerke/ Christ Nagrampa
	Sunday April 17	10:00am	Marg. Senecal/ B. Fiedler C. Helfrich/ J. Thomson	Louise Thomson/ Ruth Schrauven
Holy Thursday	Thursday April 21	7pm	TBA	Maureen Ullman/ Suzie Gauthier/ W. Airth/
	Friday April 22	3:00pm	TBA	Karen Van Verdegem/ Valerie Dawson or Todd Gionet
Good Friday	Saturday April 23	9:30pm	TBA	Mardelle Bazant/ Justine Raber/ Lorraine Bishop
Holy Saturday	Sunday April 24	11:00am	TBA	Paul O Leary/ Anne Bailey/ Janice Pedersen