

Mercy Revealed in the Cross and Resurrection



As Holy Week approaches we are invited to contemplate Christ on the cross where God's love is revealed in the most profound way. St. John Paul II encyclical "Divine Mercy" Section V on the Paschal Mystery can help us in this endeavor. Today I would like to introduce number 7: "Mercy revealed in the Cross and Resurrection."

The cross is shown as part of a magnificent composition within Michelangelo's Final Judgement in the Sistine Chapel. God the Father created humanity out of love and gave man and woman the gift of His grace and a sharing in His very life and love. Sin, being a rebellion against God, ruins this plan and breaks justice. Now men –like the prodigal son– are in dire need, in misery and in need of redemption.

The Paschal mystery stands in this picture as God's work in which what is the deepest in God is displayed: love is stronger than death, restores justice and makes the human heart able to love as God loves, even with a merciful love.

It is moving the way in which Jesus' sufferings are presented. Making himself one with the fallen humanity, now the Son of God himself is in need of mercy: "The one who went about doing good and healing and curing every sickness and disease now Himself seems to merit the greatest mercy and to appeal for mercy, when He is arrested, abused, condemned, scourged, crowned with thorns, when He is nailed to the cross and dies amidst agonizing torments. It is then that He particularly deserves mercy from the people to whom He has done good, and He does not receive it." (RM 7)

In this year of mercy we are invited to give Jesus that mercy that he didn't receive in his passion by being merciful with those close to us: our family members, neighbors, coworkers, those suffering or in other needs. It will not be an easy task, as Jesus' cross was not an easy one. Like the grain of wheat we have to die in order to yield fruit (Jn 12,24).

As Holy Week approaches, let's contemplate Jesus in the cross and learn the wisdom of the cross which "speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man, since He so loved the world –therefore man in the world– that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Believing in the crucified Son means seeing the Father, means believing that love is present in the world and that this love is more powerful than any kind of evil in which individuals, humanity, or the world are involved. Believing in this love means believing in mercy." (RM 7)

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4–7 Phil 2:6–11 Lk 19:28–40 (37), 22:14–23:56 (38)



Fifth Sunday of Lent Masses this Week

Monday, March 14: Lenten Weekday

6:30 am +Irma Iriarte
9:00 am +Matthew James Quinn

Tuesday, March 15: Lenten Weekday

6:30 am +Marie Mylett Van Antwerp
9:00 am In Thanksgiving for Victoria Pereira

Wednesday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

6:30 am +Christina Lynem
9:00 am +Struan Pinto

Thursday, March 17: Lenten Weekday

6:30 am +Christina Lynem
9:00 am +Fernando Murias

Friday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

6:30 am +Christina Lynem
9:00 am +Silvia Serban

Saturday, March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am +Thomas Reilly
5:00 pm (L) Tim and Mariane Harrow
7:00 pm +Lucia Soto

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 am +James Evanski
9:00 am +Catherine T. Czaja

Mar. 20 Noon Mass Time Changed Next Sunday, **Mar. 20**, the 12:00 noon Mass will be moved back by 30 minutes to 12:30 pm in order to accommodate the Palm Sunday procession taking place during the 10:30 am Mass.

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, Mar. 24—7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual)

Good Friday, Mar. 25—12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross; 3:00 pm service in English, 7:00 pm service in Spanish

Holy Saturday, Mar. 26—9:00 pm Easter Vigil (bilingual)

Easter Sunday, Mar. 27—Masses at 7:30/9:00/10:30 am and 12:00 noon

"Christ Jesus has made me His own." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon, or through the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 13, 2016 That priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers who for the sake of Christ have suffered the loss of all things will flourish in their vocations and bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 13:

School 9:00–10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00–5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00–8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, March 14:

Parish Office 7:00–8:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, March 15:

Hannan Hall 10:00–11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall 7:30–9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 16:

Hannan Hall 5:30–6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper
Hannan Hall 7:00–9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30–8:45 pm Spanish Baptism Class

Thursday, March 17:

Hannan Hall 9:00 am–12:00 Noon Craft Group
Hannan Hall 6:30–8:00 pm High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30–8:00 pm Legion of Mary Meeting
Church 7:30–8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, March 18:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am–12:00 Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Church 2:15–3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Adoration Chapel 3:00–4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:30–5:30 pm Nazareth Group
Church 7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Cupertino Room 7:00–9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, March 19:

Parish Office 9:00–11:00 am Financial Peace University
Parish Office 1:00–3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School 4:00–6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall 7:00–9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 20:

School 9:00–10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00–5:30 pm Ghana Group

Adoration During Holy Week Adoration hours during Holy Week will be from 7:00 am on Monday, **Mar. 21**, through 8:00 pm on Wednesday, **Mar. 23**. We are also asking adorers to help accompany Our Lord in the adoration chapel during the midnight hours of Holy Thursday/Good Friday, from 9:00 pm on Thursday, **Mar. 24**, through 3:00 pm on Friday, **Mar. 25**. Sign up for a 30-minute slot by e-mailing or calling your Adoration coordinator.

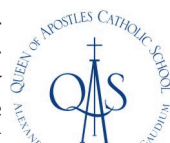
Bible Study—Classes Begin April 19 Would you like to deepen your faith and give new life to your understanding of the Mass? Join us for a 5-week study presented by Dr. Edward Sri on DVD, [A Biblical Walk through the Mass](#). Classes begin Tuesday, **Apr. 19** in Hannan Hall from 10 to 11:30 am. Student workbooks are available for \$20. For more information or to register, please contact Mary O'Donohue at (703) 379-0255 or daodonohue@aol.com. Please register before **Mar. 31** so materials can be ordered.

March 16 Soup Supper and Talk Sr. Margaret Michael Gillis and Sr. Laura Fidelis Nolin from the Daughters of St. Paul will speak at the Lenten soup supper on Wednesday, **Mar. 16**, in Hannan Hall. Supper begins at 5:30 pm, with speakers at 6:00. Sr. Margaret Michael will talk about the importance of the Word of God in our lives, and Sr. Laura Fidelis will talk about Lectio Divina, one way of praying with the Scriptures. Sr. Margaret Michael is the national vocation director for the Daughters of St. Paul, and Sr. Laura Fidelis is involved in the order's evangelization and outreach ministry.

The Parish Craft Group meets this Thursday, **Mar. 17**, at 10:00 am in Hannan Hall. All are welcome.

2016 Vacation Bible School (VBS) We will be "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit" **Jun. 27–Jul. 1** (8:30 am–12:30 pm)! Email vbs@queenofapostles.org for more information about VBS or if you are interested in requirements for volunteering.

Queen of Apostles School is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. The kindergarten class is filling up quickly, so don't delay registering your child. Application packets are available at the school and online at www.queenofapostlesschool.org. Tours are given daily from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm or upon request. You can arrange a tour through the school's website or by calling (703) 354-0714.



Living Stations of the Cross All are welcome to the school's Stations of the Cross on Friday, **Mar. 18**, at 2:15 pm and Living Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, **Mar. 22**, at 2:00 pm. Both of these events are very good for families with young children.

Seeking Host Families for Summer Exchange 2016

Thanks to parishioners who have expressed interest in hosting a student or teacher from Spain this summer (approximate dates: **Jun. 30–Jul. 24**). We seek more parish families to host for either two- or four-week periods. To learn more, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Also, if you are interested in sending your student to Spain, please call the parish office or email Susan to arrange a meeting with Fr. Leopoldo.



International Visitors Program, Spring 2016

Queen of Apostles School will soon welcome two students, Zaira and Laura, from the Disciples' Stella Maris School in Madrid, Spain. We are grateful to our school host families for providing homes for our international visitors.

Mass with Bishop Loverde The Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde will celebrate a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, **Mar. 19**, at 11:00 am at St. Ambrose Church, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale. Complimentary lunch follows. Please RSVP to Laura Mead at (703) 280-1122 or RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com (include name, number attending, and contact phone number or e-mail).

Legion of Mary Acies The Legion's 54th annual Acies will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington this Saturday, **Mar. 19**, at 2:00 pm. All active/auxiliary members are requested to attend. Bishop Loverde will preside. Guests are welcome; reception follows. For more information call Jim Bailey at (703) 354-1832.

Learn about the Legion of Mary on EWTN The purposes and objective of the Legion of Mary and its unique role in the Church's new evangelization will be broadcast as part of the EWTN'S "The Church Universal" Series. Episodes 3 and 4 with the Legion of Mary, is scheduled to be broadcast on EWTN. Air Times: Sundays, **Mar. 13** and **20** at 5:00 pm; Tuesdays, **Mar. 15** and **22** at 5:00 am; Fridays, **Mar. 18** and **25** at 10:00 pm.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend the collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend the collection will go toward **Christ House**.