

Passion Sunday — Palm Sunday — *April 5, 2009*

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ABC 1
Isaiah 50:4-7

The Mystery of Suffering

The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance.

Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

Readings For Next Sunday
April 11 & 12

1st Reading...Acts 10:34a, 37-43
2nd Reading...Col 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel...Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

ALTAR SERVERS

(Week of April 6)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas, L. Sturgill, S. Tedder
Tuesday	Noon	Norb Wine, H. Thiersch, J. Vining
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, M. & T. Clark
Thursday	6:30pm	+A. Judge, E. Judge, J. Powers
Friday	6:30pm	+T. Clark, T. Murphy, M. Clark
Saturday	8:30pm	+A. Haydon, J. Crawford, R. Ballinger
Sunday	9:00am	+D. McFarland, J. Gates, A. Bland
	11:00am	+B. Gumbel, J. Powers, M. Gumbel

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MASS INTENTIONS

(Week of April 6)

Monday	Noon	Virginia & Bud Steier
Tuesday	Noon	Fr. Pat Creed
Wednesday	Noon	Kenine Hardt
Thursday	6:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Friday	6:30pm	Communion Service
Saturday	8:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	9:00am	St. Raphael Community
	11:00am	St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

(April, 2009)

4:30pm....David Worland, *Cpt.*, Joe O'Toole, Norb Wine, Richard & Mary Anne Stamp, Marty Ernst

10:00am... David Gates, *Cpt.*, Tom & Toni Evans, Ken Goodman, John Greive, Tony Greenwell, Kelly Gates (sub), Alan Gates (sub)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(April 11 & 12)

4:30pm...Team C...Jack Raque, *Cpt.*, Kathleen Gumbel, Bud Koshewa, Kevin Raque, Carolyn Marcum

10:00am...Team D...Dolores Lally, *Cpt.*, Frank Lally, Mary Lou Craven, Pet Markwell, Bill & Jane Wagner, John Mudd

LECTORS

(April 11 & 12)

4:30pm...Tony Nall & Jacklyn Ochsner
10:00am....Charles Shacklette & John Tichenor

GIFT BEARERS

(April 11 & 12)

4:30pm...To Be Contacted
10:00am...To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for March 29.....\$12,284

The attitude of Adam was envy- - wanting to be "like God." The attitude of Christ is humility- - wanting to be of service to others. Service to others is the way of the steward.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

There are no youth activities during Holy Week. All youth are advised to actively participate with the Parish in preparing for **Easter Triduum**.

Junior High:

Junior High will have *movie night* on **April 14** from **7** until **9pm**. We will be watching the movie: "**Hoosiers**" and giving out prizes from our March Madness Bracket Challenge.

Senior High:

Senior High is going on a **Mini-Golf Retreat**, *April 16*. For more information check the parish website and the bulletin next week.

Opportunity to Travel:

National Catholic Youth Conference or **NCYC** will be held November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. Our parish is allowed to take up to **6 youth group members**. NCYC is for High School Youth Group members that **actively participate** in their parish programs. Two years ago the Archdiocese of Louisville took 300 hundred youth to Columbus, Ohio. We joined 20,000 other young Catholics in prayer, mass, small group sessions, and worship. More information about NCYC will be available at High School youth nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm.

Many Thanks:

Thanks to all the Youth who participated over Spring Break week. The *outdoor games* were a lot of fun!

For more information about any of the above info, contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 ext 141 or write to nkcummins@bellsouth.net.

Holy Thursday & Easter Sunday...Members of the parish are invited to bring bells from home to ring during the singing of the "Gloria" of the Mass on Holy Thursday and again on Easter Sunday.

SARAFUN MEMBERS...The monthly meeting has been changed from April 12 to April 19 because of Easter Holiday. The meeting will be held in the blue room after the 10am mass. Speaker: Fr. Eifler

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the special **Good Friday Collection**. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

St. Raphael Men's Club News

April General Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30pm in the blue room

Guest Speakers: Paul McGee & Marty McGee

NCAA Basketball Championship Game will be on the big screen

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration April 19, 2009 at St. Raphael

Confession 2:00pm

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm

The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image (Mass) 3:15pm

Your Invited and we hope you will bring your family and friends!

Mass Schedule

April 4 - Mass with Blessing of Palms at 4:30pm

April 5 - Mass, Blessing of Palms & Procession at 10:00am

April 9 - Holy Thursday Mass of Lord's Supper at 6:30pm

April 10 - Good Friday Services

Children's Portrayal of the Lord's Passion at 10am

Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:30pm

April 11 - Easter Vigil at 8:30pm

April 12 - Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am & 11:00am

*****Please take not the children's Portrayal of the Lord's Passion is at 10am not 11am.**

You got questions? We got answers.

For parents of interested boys who will be in 3-8 grade next year. Come ask questions, get information, and meet next year's football coaches on April 16, 2009 at 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Cafeteria.

Easter Collection...Next weekend we will take up the Easter Sunday collection. This collection is administered by the Catholic Education Foundation, a separately incorporated, independent organization that supports lifelong formation in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Your donations to the Easter Collection support religious education programs in all parishes; professional development for parish catechists; and tuition assistance for Catholic school families. The Easter Collection makes possible many programs and services that truly make a difference in the teaching ministry of the Church. **Please be generous!**

Easter Eucharistic Ministers

Holy Thursday (6:30pm)

Joan Raap

Bob & Susan Meyer

Karen Willinger

Clara Jacob

Tom McCormick

Easter Sunday (9:00am)

Mary Lou Craven

John Werkman

Marty Purcell

Cele Sauter

Horace Lynch

Kathleen Gumbel

Good Friday (6:30pm)

Dolores Lally

Bud Lally

Easter Sunday (11:00am)

Steve Alvey

Willa Schaeffer

Lisa Stearns

Carmel Davis

Bob & Susan Meyer

Back of Church

Rick & Karen Daniels

Abbie Creed

Carolyn Marcum

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Bob Bethards, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, Katherine Boone, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Marcia Davis, Connor Day, Matthew Day, Ruth Deatrack, Mary Jeannette Durham, Pam Eckert, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Linnie Holland, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, Albert Knabel, George Koestel, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Marilyn Malone, Mary K. Mattingly, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Bob Moore, Charlotte Nall, Ron Parrino, Patricia Passanisi, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Donna Pohl, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Trenton Seaton, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)