

## Holy Rosary Church

March 29, 2009

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

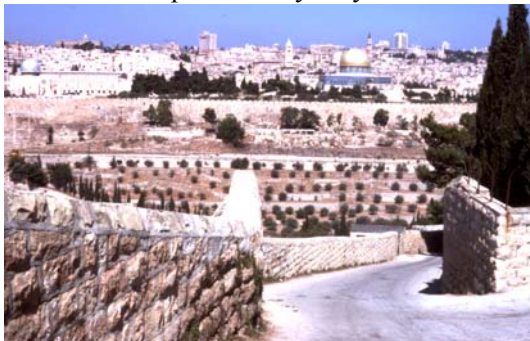
Jer. 31:31- 34; Heb. 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

### Obedience not sacrifice

God seems to contradict himself when He allowed Jesus to die on the cross. He was satisfied with the obedience of Abraham... Why was Jesus' obedience not sufficient?

Today's second reading and the whole season of Lent-Easter is the answer to this question-mystery.

"Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears to God, the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard



*Pilgrims' Palm Sunday route to Jerusalem. A photo from my trip in 1979*

because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect (in his resurrection) he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:7-9). NRSV

This reading exhorts believers to imitate Jesus' attitude toward God. As we experience suffering we need to pour out our hearts to God, as Jesus did: "God, my God why have you abandoned me?" No human being, including Jesus, wants to suffer and die, and God hears such pleas. And Jesus' final prayer is, "Father into your hands I command my spirit".

This paradox is expressed in today's Gospel: a grain of wheat is planted and dies, so as to produce much fruit. Death, is not the end of life, but a transformation by which we are "made perfect," that is, we reach the full flowering of God's design.

### St. Joseph's Table

The Table was the best ever and all organizers, volunteer workers, and visitors were delighted. The creative artists deserve and received lots of compliments.

We are very grateful to St. Joseph for a sunny comfortable day, a good participation at the mass celebration, (continued in next column)



### Personal reflections

I wonder how many believers are able move beyond "memorized formulas" like "Christ died for our sins" to search and experience a deeper personal meaning. I invited people to write down their thought and reflections about this and the following are the answers from the first two brave persons. Your reflection is welcome for our bulletin.

"I always wondered why (God allowed Jesus to die). I remember as a young girl asking the same question to my mother after watching a movie about Christ's life. I was crying and asking her why God allowed that to happen. Even now I am not completely sure, but I suppose if Jesus had been rescued there would be no resurrection and no evidence of everlasting life. I am a simple minded person so I am sure I am way off, but I thought I'd share my perspective" Carrie

"Jesus' death was an example to (us) the world of His trust and obedience to God. His death was to show (us) the world that through much suffering comes eternal life. No matter what trials and tribulations one passes through in life... We can look to Jesus and what he went through to give us the strength to carry on in our own lives. God handed over His Son. We must trust in God through this and hand over our lives to Him. (Kelly)

**Fr. Joe's comment:** my first reaction was, "from the mouth of babes..." The Holy Spirit is a good "translator" for people who want to learn... We priests at times underestimate the ability of our people. Today's second reading confirms our reflection.

### Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm-Passion Sunday and the blessings of the Palms will be done before the masses in the parking lot and from there we will process to church for the mass. Please, come early and join the Palm Sunday procession.

**Easter Flowers: Donations are appreciated.**

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a wonderful collaboration and the excellent service of volunteers and the Scout Troop 80. We are also grateful for the steady attendance of visitors who enjoyed the traditional pasta Milanese, the delicious cannoli and cookies and other delicacies. We served 180 pounds of pasta to about 1000 guests and we ran out of cookies and Milanese sauce to the great joy of cooks and servers.

People were generous in their donations. We collected about \$15,000 in donations and about \$14,000 from sales. The expenses should be over \$5,000. This is our annual fund raiser for charity and we thank everyone who participated and contributed in any way. St. Joseph, bless your loyal devotees.

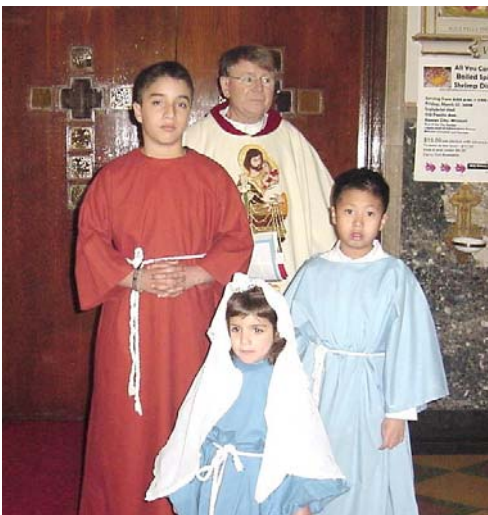
**CHÚA NHẬT THỨ V MÙA CHAY**

Vâng lời không phải là hy sinh

*Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 5:7-9; John 12:20-33*

“Chúa Giêsu dâng lời cầu nguyện, kêu lớn lên và rơi lệ khấn nguyện lên Thiên Chúa là Đấng có thể cứu Người khỏi chết và vì lòng thành tín, Người đã được nhậm lời.

Mặc dầu là Con Thiên Chúa, Người đã học được sự vâng phục qua những đau khổ mà Người đã gánh chịu; và khi hoàn tất (sự sống lại của Người), Người đã trở nên căn nguyên của ơn cứu độ đời đời cho những ai vâng phục Người. (Heb 5:7-9). Mục đích của bản thông điệp này là muốn chúng ta hãy bắt chước sự vâng lời của Chúa Giêsu và hãy tin vào Thiên Chúa.



*Holy Family international  
From the left, Roberto Barrera as Joseph, Brianna Bruno as Mary, and Steven Nguyen as Jesus*

Thiên Chúa dường như mâu thuẫn khi Người để Chúa Giêsu chết trên thập giá. Người đã hài lòng với sự vâng lời của Abraham... Tại sao sự vâng lời của Chúa Giêsu vẫn chưa đủ?


Bài đọc thứ hai hôm nay và suốt mùa Chay -Phục Sinh này là câu trả lời cho câu hỏi huyền bí này.

**Bàn Tiệc Thánh Giuse** đã thành công rực rỡ: chúng ta có một ngày nắng đẹp, sự cộng tác nhiệt thành và đóng góp rộng rãi của mọi người. Tổng cộng thu được là 28.433\$. Chi phí là 5000\$. Giáo xứ chân thành cảm ơn sự đóng góp của toàn thể anh chị em.

**Chúa Nhật Lễ Lá:** Chúa Nhật tới xin anh chị em đến sớm. Làm Phép Lá sẽ ở ngoài trời, chỗ bãi đậu xe và sau đó là rước kiệu vào nhà thờ.

**Rest in Peace**

Sam Vigliaturo, brother of Carmello and Rose Guastello, was called to eternal life last week. To the Vigliaturo and Guastello families, our prayers and our condolences.

**Holy Week Services:**  

 Holy Thursday Mass Service: 7:00 p.m.  
 Good Friday Service: 12:00 noon  
 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.  
 Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday, March 28</b>	
4PM	Carmeline Petrus by Loioe Busetti
6PM	Wedding Matthew Blain and Gretchen Johnson
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	
8AM	For the deceased members of the Scarcello family by Christine Scarcello
11AM	Anna Distefano by sons and family
<b>Monday, March 30</b>	8AM Parishioners and Friends of Holy Rosary
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	8AM Alfred Ed Kramer by Mary Ellen Price
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	
8AM	Sick of Holy Rosary
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>	8AM All Souls by Mrs. Duong
<b>Friday, April 3</b>	8AM Special Intention
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	
4PM	Martha Scudiero and Frank Mazzuca by family Sam Vigliaturo by Rosalie Mingrone Bea Vera Chalifoux by Bob & Wally Sloat
<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	
8AM	Rose, Jennie, Gustie Gargotta and Mary Arese by sister Fannie
11AM	Anthony and Dorothy Conforti by family

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

March 22, 2009  
 Collections: \$2709.00  
 Other Income: \$ 772.00  
**TOTAL: \$3481.00**

*“Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.” —*



Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**April 4 & 5**

**LECTORS**

4PM: M. A. Monteleone  
 8AM: C. Giangalanti  
 11AM: Linda Venable

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

4PM: Tina DeLuna, Mui Bui  
 Rose Guastello  
 8AM: T. Gumina, L. Stasi, Q. Tran  
 11AM: R. Venable, D. Flahive, M. Danna

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4PM: Brian Bui  
 8AM: Triston and Fantasia Ta  
 11AM: Yen & Lon Bui

**Comments at St. Joseph’s Table**

“That is amazing!!! I am so happy the St. Joseph table was a huge success. I really wish I had the time to participate more. St. Joseph is very close to my heart. I can’t tell you how many people came up to me to tell me that it was the best table ever, while comparing it to the other parishes. I was also amazed at how much the people spent on the cookies.

I am very proud of all the ladies and men who worked so diligently. It amazes me how much God gives strength to people of all ages while preparing for this feast. Thanks and have a great evening!”



*Pictured at right: About 1000 people enjoyed the comfort of the tent and the delicious Pasta Milanese for the feast of St. Joseph*