

September 13, 2009

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isa 50:5-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

“Who do YOU say I am?”

Jesus is asking each of us today the same question. “In your own words... Who do think I am? The best of us may match Peter’s perfect theological answer, “You are the Messiah of God”. But Jesus will continue, “And in your actions, in your day to day living ... who do you show I am? Do we show that Jesus is our model, mentor, hero, savior? Is Jesus our model in our care for the needy, the sick, the lonely, the suffering? Is Jesus our model of obedience, confidence and trust in God when we are blessed and transfigured on mount Tabor and also when we are tested on our Calvary? Our faith, our knowledge of Jesus is made visible by who we are and what we do, as James tells us in today’s reading.

I pray that the articles about Jesus Passover and obedience will inspire us.



Jesus Passover

Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper during Jewish Passover celebration and announced a new covenant sealed with his blood. Jesus hinted that God was about to intervene once again in powerful way even greater than the Exodus. No one understood what Jesus talking about. He was referring to his own resurrection. Jesus’ resurrection is the new Pass-over, his Exodus, his liberation from death into “risen” life. The hero in the celebration is Jesus, who by his obedience and trust in God accepted to die on the cross to allow God to prove his power over death. Jesus’ death was not God’s primary and ultimate goal, but Jesus’ obedience and trust was. God needed a model to show people how far they can trust God and He gave us Jesus’ example as the model and destiny of every human being. The God who liberated Jesus from death will also liberate us from our death into eternity. And during our life time as we celebrate Jesus liberation and new life we realize and we celebrate our own experiences of liberation from our various “captivities” and our new life in God.

Why Jesus’ violent death?

God could have raised Jesus or another human being from natural death. Why did God allow Jesus to die a violent death? If Jesus had been raised from a natural death doctors and historians would still be arguing whether Jesus’ death was a real death or an apparent one. Jesus’ violent death confirmed by a Roman coroner’s is an undeniable historical fact as is his resurrection.

(Next article: “It is obedience that I want, not sacrifice”)



Feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in Jerusalem in 355 to commemorate the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection built by Constantine over the empty tomb of Jesus. The Basilica was destroyed by the Persians in 614. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher was built by the crusaders in 1149. Today also we commemorate the discovery of the Lord’s cross by the empress, St. Helena (August 18) in 320. A portion of the cross was taken to Rome in the seventh century.

This feast has a special significance for me because several of my priestly assignments took place on September 14.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for the Diocese of Nezahucoytl in Mexico. Please use the envelopes in your boxed sets.

CHÚA NHẬT THỨ XXIV THƯỜNG NIÊN

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

“Thầy là Đấng Cứu Thế”

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu cùng với các môn đệ đi về miền Cêsarê Philippê, về phía thượng nguồn sông Jordan miền Bắc Do thái và Người hỏi các ông rằng, “Người ta bảo Thầy là ai?” Các ông thưa rằng, “Có người nghĩ Thầy là Gioan Phép Rửa, người khác lại bảo là Êlia, hay là một trong các vị tiên tri”. Rồi Người hỏi các ông, “Còn các con, các con bảo Thầy là ai?” Phêrô thưa rằng, “Thầy là Đấng Cứu Thế”. Chúa Giêsu chấp nhận lời tuyên bố của Phêrô nhưng Người nói rõ sứ mệnh của Đấng Cứu Thế, là sẽ phải chịu đau khổ, sẽ chết và sẽ sống lại”. Câu trả lời của Chúa Giêsu làm cho Phêrô và các môn đệ sửng sốt. Chúa Giêsu phán tiếp, “Ai muốn theo Ta hãy từ bỏ mình, vác thánh giá mà theo Ta. Theo Chúa, đôi khi không phải là dễ, nhưng Chúa Giêsu cam đoan với sự trợ giúp của Thiên Chúa chúng ta sẽ chiến thắng.

Lễ suy tôn Thánh Giá: thứ Hai, 14 tháng Chín mừng lễ Suy Tôn Thánh Giá.

Lễ Bồn mạng Holy Rosary

Mùng lễ vào ngày Chúa Nhật 4 tháng 10, 2009 thánh lễ lúc 11 giờ sáng, tiếp theo là rước kiệu sau đó là lễ hội ăn uống gồm đồ ăn Việt Nam và pizza. Xin anh chị em hãy mời bạn bè đến tham dự cho đông. Chúa Nhật 4 tháng 10 chỉ có một thánh lễ lúc 11 giờ. Không có lễ 8 giờ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12	
4PM	John O'Connor by M/M Lee Derus Betty Conrick by Vincent & Marilyn Principe Marge Barreca by The Agrusa Girls
Sunday, September 13	
8AM	Betty Conrick by M/M Anthony Pace
11AM	Walter Tony Accurso by wife Mary Frances
Monday, September 14	
8AM	Holy Rosary Parishioners & Friends
Tuesday, September 15	
8AM	Special Intentions
Wednesday, September 16	
8AM	For all the men and women who serve in the military
Thursday, September 17	
8AM	For all homebound parishioners
Friday, September 18	
8AM	Katie Crispi by Thelma Wingerter
Saturday, September 19	
4PM	Mary & Tony Fasone & Joe Fasone by Family
6PM	Wedding—Clavert/Palazzolo
Sunday, September 20	
8AM	Annette, Minnie & Matthew Orlando by Henry Gargotta
11AM	Anthony & Dorothy Conforti by Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

September 19 & 20

LECTORS		ALTAR SERVERS	
4PM:	M.Monteleone	Brian Bui	
8AM:	C.Giangelanti	Tristan & Fantasia Ta	
11AM:	L.Venable	Yen and Long Bui	
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS			
4PM:	R.Guastello—C.McGovern—M.Bui		
8AM:	Q.Tran—T.Gumina—L.Stasi		
11AM:	L.Venable—R.Venable—R.Alonzo		

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collections: \$2615.00;	Other Income: \$993.00
TOTAL:	\$3608.00



Feast of Holy Rosary

This year's celebration will be on Sunday, October 4 at the 11:00 o'clock Mass. It will be followed by a short procession in the neighborhood and then festival of Vietnamese food, pizza, refreshments and good company. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer and celebration. Volunteer help is needed and appreciated. There will be only one mass at 11:00 am on that Sunday. No 8 am mass that morning.

Columbus Park social activities' schedule, see the flyer posted on the bulletin board.

Rest in Peace

Keep in your prayer **Dominick Balano** who was buried from Holy Rosary last week.



The mass book is now open. There are no limits on weekend or weekday masses.