

Scripture Insights

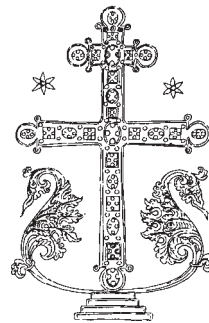
“Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.” Doubtlessly, Saint Peter meant this. But in a few hours, he had fled the scene of Jesus’ arrest and denied three times that he knew the one he once called “the Christ of God” (Luke 9:20). Jesus foresaw the apostle’s betrayal and told him so. We do not know how this made Saint Peter feel. One bitter lesson he surely learned when the cock crowed was that willingness without commensurate action is nothing more than fantasy.

The significance of Jesus’ final week on earth – his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, disruption of the temple’s commerce, disputes, teachings, last supper, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death – is much greater than Saint Peter’s betrayal of Jesus. But Saint Peter’s courage in safety, and cowardice in danger comprise the sort of faithlessness with which most of us can identify.

The unexpected twists of an average human life have a way of raising situations in which cherished beliefs and images of character are exposed as frauds. These terrible moments are gifts. They are gateways to conversion.

Consider the example of Saint Paul, who persecuted the church until struck blind. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul offers the self-sacrifice of Jesus as an example to a church enduring a feud. Saint Paul sits in jail facing the strong possibility of death. It is impossible to know for what one is willing to sacrifice everything until faced with a demanding situation. But Saints Peter and Paul show us that faith is more than declaring one’s willingness to follow Christ. It is about taking up one’s cross when the time comes.

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Access for the Disabled

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

Parking

Two hours of free parking for parishioners is available before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Fitz-Inn Auto Park at Belvidere and Dalton Streets. Reduced rate parking is available with validation on Sundays in the Prudential Center Garage.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30–4:50 p.m., and by appt.

Christian Initiation

Infant Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated at the 9:30 and 11:00

Sunday Masses and should be scheduled one month in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. Classes run from September to May. Contact the rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

Classes are held after the 9:30 Mass.

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 1, 2007



Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, presider
Catherine Horsley, Tom Nicolini,
Stephanie Buscaglia, lectors

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Rev. David Beauregard, OMV, presider
Louvere Walker, Mike Mulka,
Bob Murphy, lectors

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider
Greg Moffatt, Rosaria Salerno,
Moira Macdonald, lectors

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Thomas Garipey, CSC, presider
Kelly Graham, Mary Jane Kinne,
Jim Spillman, lectors

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap,
presider
Charlene Wong, Letitia Howland,
Randy O'Connor, lectors

We are reminded this Sunday that the Passion proclaims Jesus' ultimate self-giving ministry for others. In Luke's account, although Jesus is facing his own death, his gaze and concern are always directed to those around him: affirming his disciples, healing the man with the severed ear, comforting the women of Jerusalem, forgiving his executioners, saving the repentant thief. Already in his suffering and death Jesus is showing us that the very dying includes life-giving to others.

Living Liturgy™, Palm Sunday 2007



Offertory

March 24-25

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Special Intentions

Sunday, April 1, 8:00 a.m.

Sheila Craigwell, Special Intention

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 a.m.

Frank McGovern, Anniversary

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Flowers

During the Easter season, one way to remember our loved ones is to make a donation for Easter flowers to decorate the church and sanctuary. If you would like, please take an envelope at the rear of the church and write down the names of family members and friends to be remembered in our prayers during the Easter season. You may return the envelope to the collection basket. Thank you very much!

Hospitality Sunday

Today is Hospitality Sunday. Please join us in the parish hall for coffee, conversation and fresh baked goods after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Volunteers for Holy Week

There are lots of opportunities to help out over the next week. We can use help at all of the liturgies as well as with set up on Saturday morning. If you can help, please contact Ann Faldetta at a.faldetta@genzyme.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Discover the work of Catholic Charities by helping someone learn to read or speak English. The Haitian Multi-Service Center located at the Yawkey Center in Dorchester and El Centro del Cardenal in the South End are seeking Conversational Partner Volunteers in their Adult Education Programs. Volunteers will receive 1-2 hours of orientation and training on tips for conversing with students. Volunteers will be paired with an individual student with the goal of meeting with the student one hour per week for at least 6 weeks. For more information about volunteering through Catholic Charities, visit our website at www.ccab.org/volunteer/.

Pennies from Heaven!

This June, a group of high school students from our parish will spend one week in Gallup, New Mexico, as participants in the Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) program, an exciting, integrated service-learning experience that engages young people in Catholic social teaching. Through a mix of direct service, opportunities for learning and dialogue, cross-cultural sharing, community building, prayer, and recreation, these young people will experience how poverty and a lack of respect for human dignity impact the lives of real people. To help defray the cost of this trip, we invite you to bring your pennies and other spare change to church. There is a Poland Spring 5-gallon bottle in the vestibule of the church. Every penny counts!

Madelon Simmons

Long time parishioner Madelon Simmons passed away last week at the age of 102. A Memorial Mass is being planned for later this spring. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers.

New Choir Members

We are always seeking singers and instrumentalists to join us at the 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Masses. If you have a musical talent to share with the community, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Richard Clark at 617-536-4548 or StCeciliaMusic@aol.com. For more info about the music program visit our website and click on "Saint Cecilia Music."

Eucharistic Visitation

If you are aware of anyone who is homebound for any reason who would like to receive the Eucharist, please call Mark at the rectory.

Scripture Reflection

Scripture Reflection will NOT take place on Tuesday, April 3 or Tuesday, April 10 due to the busyness of the season. Stay tuned for the next scheduled meeting.