

**MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU
ABANDONED ME?**



The processional reading and the Gospel reading today together express the idea in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus takes pains to ensure that his message will be received as he intends it to be heard. His elaborate plans are attempts to secure a hearing of the divine word unfiltered by our preconceptions and expectations.

Thus, in the processional reading Jesus tells two of his disciples where they will find a colt in Jerusalem, and that should anyone question their taking it they are to respond, "The Master has need of it" (Mark 11: 1-3). The idea is that Jesus has arranged with someone in Jerusalem to place the colt at a certain location. By way of contrast, although Jesus gives basically the same instructions in the Gospel of Luke, it is the owners themselves who question why their colt is being taken (Luke 19:33). One should not be surprised that the Markan Jesus arranged this secret plan upon entering Jerusalem because he has been especially accustomed to the necessity for secrecy from the beginning of his ministry, when the failure to observe secrecy led to his being unable to "enter a town openly" (Mark 1:45).

The same secret arrangement for his entering Jerusalem occurs again in today's Gospel reading. When Jesus, who has gone to Bethany, plans to reenter Jerusalem, he again tells two disciples to go into the city, where they will meet a man carrying a water jar. This man will take them to a householder who will know what they mean when they say to him, "The Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" (14: 14).

The reason for these precautions is to give the message a chance to be expressed and heard accurately. People's preconceptions about what the message should be necessitate such secrecy. Thus, upon entering Jerusalem the first time the people incorrectly expect Jesus to bring back the Davidic kingdom (11: 10). The specific reason for the secrecy upon entering Jerusalem the second time was Judas' arrangement to betray Jesus, an account that immediately precedes the second entry (14:10-11).

Our steadfast adherence to our own ideas of what salvation entails may be influenced by cultural conceptions that obstruct the true content of the salvific message. The Jesus of Mark's Gospel wants to help us overcome such obstacles.

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Readings for the Week of April 5, 2009

Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Holy Thursday Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday	Holy Saturday Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104 or 33; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 9-11; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42 or Is 12:2-6; or Ps 51; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday	Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

KROGER GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER The St. Ann Gift Certificate Committee will be selling Kroger gift cards after the Palm Sunday Masses. The card costs \$1.00 and can be reloaded. The more you reload, the more our parish earns. We urge you to support this very important fundraiser.

St. Raphael's needs our help! St. Ann's will be collecting food and personal care and household items every weekend during Lent.

ST. ANN CENTENNIAL 5K Run / Walk packets are now available. The race will take place Saturday, May 16, 2009. They are available on our website: www.stanncc.org, by email or can be picked up at the school or parish office. Need to get in shape for this? The St. Ann Walking group meets each Saturday in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

The People of Life, Born from the Cross "When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished'; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (Jn 19:30). Afterwards, the Roman soldier "pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (Jn 19:34). Everything has now reached its complete fulfillment. The "giving up" of the spirit describes Jesus' death, a death like that of every other human being, but it also seems to allude to the "gift of the Spirit", by which Jesus ransoms us from death and opens before us a new life. It is the very life of God which is now shared with man. It is the life which through the Sacraments of the Church - symbolized by the blood and water flowing from Christ's side - is continually given to God's children, making them the people of the New Covenant. From the Cross, the source of life, the "people of life" is born and increases" (The Gospel of Life, n.51).

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter Season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 5th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Wednesday, April 8th

8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, April 9th

1:00 p.m. Living Stations in Church

Saturday, April 11th

8:30 a.m. St. Ann's Walking Group (parking lot)

Sunday, April 12th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Decorating for the Easter Season – We will decorate for the Easter Season on Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 AM. If you would like to help, please feel free to come.

April Rosary Society Meeting – We will meet on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM at the home of Mary Jo Haizman, 898 Corwin Ave. Please plan to attend.

St Ann School News As we begin Holy Week, the students are again preparing for our annual events on Holy Thursday. At 11:00AM all will participate in our Seder meal where we remember when Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Students from each grade will portray many of the people who were at this meal with Jesus, and Father Mondiek will speak Jesus' words. At 1:00PM, the 7th grade will again recreate the Stations of the Cross for all the school. Please join us as we remember Jesus' last journey.

USHERS for APRIL

5:00 p.m. Joe Keller, Sr., John Keller *Need two volunteers*
 8:00 a.m. Heidi Keller, Terry Malone, Judy Oda, Harry Epp
 10:30 a.m. Steve Mignery, Mari & Ted Schellenbach, *Need one*

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for APRIL

April 4/5
 5:00 p.m. Matsumoto Family
 8:00 a.m. Kiep / Baumann
 10:30 a.m. Charles Morris Family
April 11/12
 8:45 p.m. Need Volunteers
 8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family
 10:30 a.m. Barrett Family
April 18/19
 5:00 p.m. Donges Family
 8:00 a.m. Mark & Jennifer Sanders
 10:30 a.m. Bucheit Family
April 25/26
 5:00 p.m. Phil Kreke Family
 8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family
 10:30 a.m. De la Court Family

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His kingdom. The 2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal is a once-a-year fundraiser to benefit six specific ministries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The Appeal is to these ministries what the weekly offertory is to our parish – so your participation and support are critical. Pledge information is available online at www.catholicappeal.info. *Please be generous.*



Saturday, April 4th

5:00 p.m. Robert Kelley –Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Sunday, April 5th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Tammie Brown

Monday, April 6th

7:15 a.m. Don Stricker (Family)

Tuesday, April 7th

7:15 a.m. Florence Saurber (Max & Carol Kiep)

Wednesday, April 8th

7:15 a.m. Antoinette Schneider (Family)

Thursday, April 9th

7:00 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Friday, April 10th

12 Noon
Divine Office
Way of the Cross
Commemoration of the Passion
Veneration of the Cross
Distribution of Holy Communion
Meditation / Reflection

Saturday, April 11th

No 5 p.m. mass

8:45 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Sunday, April 12th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of the Celebrant
 10:30 a.m. For the Sick & Shut in of St. Ann Parish (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m.
Commemoration of the Passion
Veneration of the Cross
Distribution of Holy Communion
Meditation / Reflection

Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
03/29/2009	\$ 7,084.20
Shortfall	\$ (4,987.80)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 470,808.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 366,810.91
Shortfall	\$(103,997.09)

Attention St. Ann Alumni We need your help! We are in the process of contacting St. Ann Alumni to keep everyone updated about our Centennial celebrations and other current events at St. Ann's. Please contact us at StAnnAlumni2009@yahoo.com or call Holly Moran (896-7360) or Ruth Madden (288-2385). As part of our celebration, we are collecting photos of each graduating class. If you have a copy of the following years, please let us know: 1979, 1980, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1996, 2002, 2007, and 2008. Also, we need all graduation class photos prior to 1979. Thank you for your help!

St. Mary/St. Stephen Cemeteries is looking for seasonal help. Job includes foundation preparations, grass cutting, assisting with burials and general maintenance. Call the cemetery office Monday thru Friday @737-1600 for more information.

Queen of Peace School in Millville is seeking a principal. The applicant must be a practicing Catholic, must have a State of Ohio Elementary Principal License, and must hold or be working toward Religious Certification through the Archdiocese. The full ad may be viewed at www.catholiccincinnati.org/schools/admin_openings. Interested persons should send their letter of introduction, resume and references to: Principal Search Committee Queen of Peace Parish 2550 Millville Avenue Hamilton, OH 45013
 Or, E-mail: pastor@qpchurch.org