


MY GOD, MY GOD, *why have YOU abandoned ME?*



The three readings for today address the notion of service to others, what it entails, and what it accomplishes.

The first reading is one of the Suffering Servant Songs from Isaiah, and it talks about service in terms of a resolve to give testimony despite the hostility that such witness may engender. In these songs the prophet Isaiah shows how God acts through this faithful servant. Today's song emphasizes the faithful witness of the servant, whose testimony rouses the weary (Isaiah 50:4). Thus, the servant will inspire a greater religious zeal in the people by faithfully witnessing despite all the opposition that he experiences. This resistance is intense: people beat the servant, pluck his beard, strike him, and spit on him (50:6-7). Commitment despite opposition is a motivating force for others.

The second reading is the famous kenotic hymn in Philippians. "Kenotic" refers to the self-emptying of Jesus. In this hymn we learn the extent of Jesus' service and, by implication, what perspective on service we should have. Jesus not only did not grasp at equality with God, he became a servant who served even to the point of death, a most violent death on a cross (Philippians 2:6-11). As Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped," so, too, should we "humbly regard others as more important than" ourselves (2:3, 6). This is not an issue of low self-esteem. Rather, it means acting in the interests of others as a servant does for a master. As Jesus gave himself completely for us, so, too, should each of us be concerned "not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others" (2:4).

The Gospel passage from Luke is the account of the acme of Jesus' self-giving in his passion and crucifixion and the covenant that it brings about. Here we have the vivid account that inspires all Christian service.

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Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28-40; Ps 22; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
- 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
Ps 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, 17-18;
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;
Lk 24:1-12
- 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 Lk 24:1-12

SAVE THE DATE:

The St Ann School Centennial Mass

St. Ann Catholic School of Hamilton, OH is celebrating 100 years of educating our young people. All Alumni and former teachers are invited to attend this event on Sunday, April 18th, beginning with the 10:30AM Mass. A reception and Open House will follow the Mass. If you would like to help with this event, our meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the school meeting room. We also need help with food for the reception. We will be serving breakfast food. If you would like to donate donuts, coffee cakes, muffins, bagel, fruit etc., call Carol Mulcahey at 863-7886 or Ruth Madden at 898-2411. It will be a great time. Please come and celebrate with us.

WATCH SPECIAL EWTN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMMING

Join EWTN in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and Live Easter Masses from Rome and The Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Locally, you can watch EWTN on Time Warner Cable Channel #23.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL "How can I repay the LORD for all the good done for me?" (*Psalm 116:12*). Christian stewards recognize God as the source of all good things. God calls us to share what we have to help others. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them for the love of Christ and of one another. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is one way to use our gifts for the Church, the Body of Christ. We would very much like to increase our participation. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a prayerful, thankful pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal this weekend. For more information please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 28th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, March 30th

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

Wednesday, March 31st

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 5:30 p.m. Confession
 7:00 p.m. St. Ann School Centennial meeting

Thursday, April 1st

1:00 p.m. Living Stations presented by Grade 7

Sunday, April 4th

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

Rosary Society News

1. Thanks- A big thank you to all those who contributed desserts for the Fish Fry. Our profit was over \$200 and will be put to good use. Thanks again.
2. April Meeting – It will be held at Richard's on Nilles Road on Tuesday, April the 6th at 11:30 AM. Hope to see you there.
3. Easter Flowers – Thanks to those who contributed to the Easter Flower Fund. We will be decorating for the Easter season on Holy Saturday at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to help decorate.

ST. ANN P.A.C. GOLF OUTING Saturday, May 1st at Hueston Woods. 1:00 shotgun start. \$70.00 a man, \$280.00 a team. \$5.00 skin optional. Please contact Dick Cepluch at home at 863-6319 or cell 616-4535.

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL FIESTA JULY 23rd & JULY 24th, 2010

Planning is beginning for our Annual St. Ann Fiesta. Chair People are needed for the following areas to begin with:
Big Raffle Booth Sponsors Merchant Booth Kids Games

Please consider getting involved in one of these areas of the Fiesta. Get your own group together if you like. You won't be alone! The Fiesta is a parish tradition. Response for help so far is slim. In years past, the Fiesta has been a tremendous fund raiser for the parish. A bit of time organizing and time spent during the actual event is all it takes. Please contact Fr. Mondiek or the parish office if you would like to get involved.

It's a great place to meet people and have fun. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time. *Thank you.*

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.*



Saturday, March 27th

5:00 p.m. Don Hingsbergen (Freddie & Andy)

Sunday, March 28th

8:00 a.m. Lois Schindler (Jim & Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, March 29th

7:15 a.m. Tess Fontaine (Durb & Judy Skelton)

Tuesday, March 30th

7:15 a.m. Therese Reumann (Stan Wellbrock)

Wednesday, March 31st

7:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Fischesser (Vic & Thelma Ferneding)

Thursday, April 1st

7:00 p.m. Dick Schmidt – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Friday, April 2nd

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

Saturday, April 3rd

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

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

Sunday, April 4th

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)

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Holy Thursday

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

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

Holy Saturday

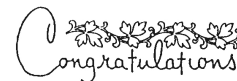
Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

St. Ann Financial Stewardship <i>Thank you!</i>	
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
03/21/2010	\$ 9,493.99
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 446,664.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 367,135.67

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the following members of St. Ann Parish who have been buried from our church.

*Carl Sackenheim
 Philaberta Kirk*



Madison Mae Wolfinger, child of Michael and Amanda Wolfinger, was baptized at St. Ann Church on March 21, 2010.

Sacred Heart Church will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning April 8, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the church undercroft. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Marianne at 858-4213.