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April 7, 2019 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:7

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I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.
— *Philippians 3:8*

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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Pastor's Column

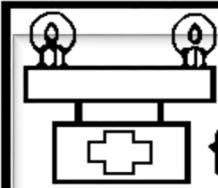
Building a Bridge — This Lent, the Faith Sharing Book Club has been reading a book from Jesuit Father James Martin entitled *Building a Bridge*. In his book, he lays down the groundwork for how the Catholic Church and the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender) community can enter into a relationship together. Citing the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (No. 2358), which teaches that Catholics are to treat homosexuals with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity," he uses these three words to explore how to build a bridge of dialogue and understanding.

While some may object that if we acknowledge the LGBT community, it's as if we agree with everything they do, Fr. Martin points out that we don't do the same when we acknowledge Catholic business leaders. In acknowledging business leaders, we aren't condoning every value of corporate America or every decision of a businessman or businesswoman. So the book has been good in that it has opened our eyes to see how we can be respectful, compassionate, and sensitive to those members who might feel at times marginalized.

In exploring the theme of *Respect*, Fr. Martin reminds us that each baptized LGBT person is just as full a member of the Church as any other Catholic and they should not be marginalized by the Church nor viewed as "sinners" inasmuch as we are *all* sinners. He admits that at times they have been made to feel "less honorable" in the Church, but he points out that St. Paul, when he spoke about the Church, using the body as an analogy, wrote that "those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor." So Fr. Martin encourages us to honor them.

We should value our gay brothers and lesbian sisters because they too have gifts to contribute to the Church and to society. If they've endured from an early age misunderstanding, prejudice, hatred, persecution, and even violence, they might feel a natural compassion toward the marginalized. So a gift that some LGBT people contribute is the gift of compassion. And if they've been made to feel unwelcomed, but have persevered, that is another gift they bring, the gift of perseverance. Fr. Martin also mentions the gift of celibate priests and brothers who are gay, as well as chaste members of men's and women's religious orders who are gay or lesbian. Seeing them, naming them, and honoring them for their gifts and talents are just some ways we can show respect to our LGBT brothers and sisters. So are accepting them, welcoming them, and letting them know that they are beloved children of God. Pope Francis said "a homosexual man or woman has the right to a family, and that father and mother have the right to a son [or daughter], come as it may, and no son or daughter can be thrown out of the home." So let us not throw anyone out of God's home, the Church. Let us see them, honor them, and celebrate them and the gift that they are to us and to our families.

—Fr. Dan



Masses for the week

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April 7 to April 13, 2019

Sunday, April 7

7:30 healing, Holly Patton
9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D)
10:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne
Noon Anthony Nguyen (D)

Monday, April 8

6:30 Marciano G. Cunanan (D)
8:45 Msgr. John R. Pernia (D)

Tuesday, April 9

6:30 intentions, Heidi Cortese
8:45 Robert Evans (D)

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 Owen O'Sullivan (D)
8:45 Viyada and Peter K. (D)

Thursday, April 11

6:30 Con Cunningham (D)
8:45 Nelson Canto (D)

Friday, April 12

6:30 Con Cunningham (D)
8:45 Viyada and Peter K. (D)

Saturday, April 13

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne
5 p.m. Juan Canto, Jr. (D)

Presider

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St. Anne's Church Cleaning Day

On Saturday
April 20, 2019
from 9:30 until Noon

We need your
help to
make our Church
look beautiful
for Easter. An
"appreciation"
lunch will be served
in the Rectory at
Noon.



**Join Us
Every Friday of Lent
For Stations of the Cross
at 7pm in the church

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supper of soup & bread
in the vestibule at 6pm**

**Mothers' Day Concert Sunday, May 12, 4:00 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., SF**

The 2nd annual Marian Hymn Festival is a glorious and prayerful Mothers' Day celebration that honors Mary and all mothers. *Admission is free.* The program consists of beautiful Gregorian chant, chant by St. Hildegard von Bingen, choral music by Francisco Guererro, and contemporary classical sacred music by Peter Latona and Frank La Rocca. The new Benedict XVI Institute Deacons' Choir will open the festival with the Ave Maria. Benedict XVI singers will chant the Stabat Mater and sing the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Violinist Joseph Christianson will perform the stunning Rosary Sonata #16 by von Biber. The Benedict XVI Institute Men's Chorus makes its debut with the beloved Ave Maria by Franz Biebl. **Give Mom a Mothers' Day gift that is musical and spiritual.** To register to attend, visit the Benedict XVI Institute website.

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This Week's 2nd Collection

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ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

Daily Mass

Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am

Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

Reconciliation:

Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

Baptism:

2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm

Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

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Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm

Church Hours:

Mon—Fri: 8am-4pm

Sat:: 8am-6pm Sun: 7am-1:30pm

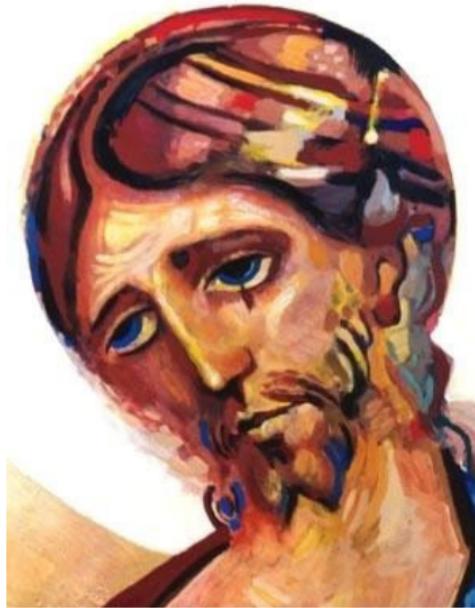
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