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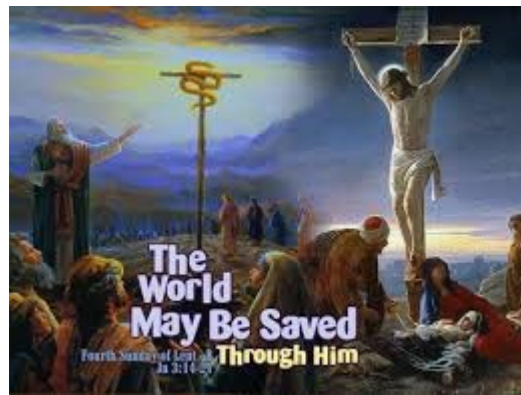
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Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 13, 2021 Year B



We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while

helping other to carry their heavier crosses. 2) We need to reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent. 3) Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

(<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Gesù dice: ".Bisogna che sia innalzato il Figlio dell'uomo, perché chiunque crede in lui abbia la vita eterna". Per Gesù, l'accettare di andare a morire in croce è necessario, perché è la dimostrazione che preferisce essere rifiutato dagli uomini, che non rifiutarli; preferisce lasciarsi uccidere, che uccidere. Farà questo per dimostrare quanto è grande l'amore e la disponibilità di Dio nei nostri confronti. Se riesco a vedere questo, entro nella vita eterna subito, perché mi rendo conto che un Dio disposto a morire per me, non può avermi creato e deciso di amarmi solo fino alla scadenza della mia morte. Uno che mi ama e può risuscitarmi come a fatto con Gesù, perché non dovrebbe farlo? Gesù spiega che non è stato mandato a giudicare il mondo, ma per salvarlo dalla morte. Potrei dire che Dio, dopo aver creato il mondo, tramite Gesù, viene a farci il dono dell'immortalità; cioè viene ad aprirci la via alla piena comunione con Dio. Abbiamo davanti due possibilità, due strade: la via della vita eterna, e la via della vita normale. La prima scaturisce dalla comunione con Dio che Gesù viene ad offrirci, la seconda dal rifiuto di Dio; ma non è una punizione, è una scelta. Tipo del salvato è proprio Nicodemo, che prima si avvicina a Gesù di nascosto, per paura di rimetterci, di essere giudicato dalla gente, e dopo esce allo scoperto, andando a chiedere il corpo di Gesù a Pilato. Cos'è cambiato? Prima era diviso tra la curiosità e la paura. Poi, avendo visto Gesù andare incontro ai suoi persecutori per essere crocifisso senza maledirli, capisce che, del Dio che quest'uomo annuncia, non c'è d'aver paura, ma solo da guadagnarci.

(<https://www.qumran2.net/>)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann

Recently deceased: Kepeli Seigafo, Sebastiana Bertola, Maria Crasti, Domenico Cerminara, David Morrison, Giovanni Natale, Myrtle Burke, Kate Boyd, Domenico Bisignano, Rocco Feraina, Edward Slavich, Edna Gonzales, Placido Reytomas,

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Negline, Nino Di Guglielmo, Fe Cabarrubias Turner, Maria Klaric, Eustachio Quattrocelli, Giovanna Quattrocelli, Maria Camboni

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses : March 20/21

Lectors:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm : J. Butera / Sunday 9.00 am : L. Iaria

Special ministers:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm: K. Dibella / Sunday 9.00 am : J. Busuttill

Bus drivers: Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Butera /

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Joke of the week

A Jewish father in the U.S. was concerned about his son. He had not truly raised him in the faith of Judaism... So, hoping to strengthen his son's Faith, the father sent him to Israel so that the boy could experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home. He said, "Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers. It was wonderful and enlightening. However, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity." "Oh (groan) what have I done?" the father thought. So, in the tradition of the patriarchs, he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated his friend. "I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian." So, in the tradition of the Patriarchs, they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated the Rabbi. "I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons? Brothers, we must take this to the Lord," said the Rabbi. They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty. As they prayed, the clouds above opened, and a mighty voice stated, "Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel..." (Jewish Jokes)

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