



March 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM OUR PASTOR

Our journey of understanding continues as we explore sacrifice in the Old Testament which leads us to the work of salvation fulfilled in Jesus out of love for each one of us. We continue our look into the Mass with the help of the article, "Sacrifice: Path to Communion" from the Catechetical Review (October-December 2022) edition. The author is Andre Villeneuve the Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Michigan.

"Rabbinic commentaries elaborate with a verse from Psalm 44: 'for your sake we are slain all the day long, and accounted as sheep for the slaughter' (Ps 44:22). But how, the sages ask, can one be killed 'all day long'? They answer that 'the Holy One, blessed be He, regards the righteous as if they are killed every day.' This is a kind of 'martyrdom in installments' whereby the righteous 'kill' their evil inclination and evil heart in a constant act of self-mortification and sacrifice of their base desires for God's sake.

For mystics like St. Paul, to be 'at home in the body' means to be 'away from the Lord' (2 Cor 5:6). This is the motivation for martyrdom: A willing death for God is not only the ultimate sacrifice of love but also the quickest way to consummate the mystical union with him (Phil 1:21-23). A Jewish prayer for the Day of Atonement expresses the same idea: 'O Lord!...When I am far from You—my life is death; and were I to cleave to You—my death would be life.' But if martyrdom is the highest expression of love for God, it remains an occasion that occurs rarely, and few are those who joyfully choose that path. In normal circumstances, various forms of ritual simulation and substitution symbolize the person's death for God. The biblical sacrifices are the most evident form of ritual substitution by which a person could 'practice death'. Reconciliation and union with God are accomplished through sacrifice because of its cost to the owner. His renunciation of something valuable is symbolic of his own self-renunciation, self-denial, and death.

The essence of sin is a disordered self-love whereby a person places his own desires first, even to the point of disobeying God and forsaking his commandments. Sacrifice reverses this process and counters human egoism by forsaking costly goods and offering them as dedicated gifts to God. The animal is thus a symbolic substitute of the owner's self-offering to God. The shedding of the animal's blood and consumption of its body in the flames are a substitute for the death that he should have incurred by his transgression of God's commandments. Free-will offerings and sacrifices of communion are of even higher value because they are optional gifts, gratuitously offered to God out of selfless generosity."

As was assumed in the last section of the article, that sense of offerings for guilt and sin would prepare one for communion with God. So now our last line of today's section reminds us of what we are to do at each Mass. The gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar. That is the physical offering, as we have been learning, there is so much more. At each Mass there should be an offering from each of us. Yes we place something in the basket as a sign of our first fruits and God's blessings. Going deeper we should be placing our heart, mind and will upon the altar at each Mass. On the altar of the Cross Jesus places Himself and pours Himself out for us. That we are giving everything is what is called for as we enter communion with God. Uniting ourselves to Him means we too are giving our all and doing so out of love. It is in love that we are united in a bond that can not be broken, even by death, as the Resurrection reveals to us.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of March 26, 2023

Sat. Mar. 25	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Vinopal</i>
Sun. Mar. 26	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues. Mar. 28	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i>
Wed. Mar. 29	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sylvia Mayer</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernard Beranek</i>
Thu. Mar. 30	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Vinopal</i>
Fri. Mar. 31	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Derek Joseph Hines</i>
Sat. Apr. 1	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i>
	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Apr. 2	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Joan Kobylski</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Bev Jurkowski, Sidney G. Mead Jr., and Mary Mead.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

We welcome Mason Randall and Audrey Jane Laack, children of Dane and Gina (Senzig) Laack, who are being received into the church this weekend. May God's blessing of peace and joy be with them all of their days.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR ~ Holy Happy Hour is this Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to State Street Tap for fellowship and meaningful conversation. Please join us!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM. A soup supper and discussion on the "True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist" will follow. All are invited and welcome to join.

Making a good confession is the best way to prepare ourselves for the proper celebration of Easter. Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be Thursday, March 30th at 7 PM.

Easter Flower Memorials in memory of your loved ones who have passed away can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Please have them in by March 31st in time for the names to be published for Easter.

The rectory office will be closed Monday, March 27th.

**Stewardship Corner ~ March 18th & 19th
(498 Registered Families)**

**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING		ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	NO
On-Line Giving		REPORT
Children's Envelopes	9.61	AVAILABLE
Loose Offering	385.00	
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Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 343,841.48
Year-to-date amount contributed (3/13/23)		\$ 317,503.65

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday	Mar. 28	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
		6:30 PM	HOLY HAPPY HOUR
Wednesday	Mar. 29		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		5:00 PM	Catholic Ed. Committee
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Mar. 30	10:00 AM	Rosary Makers—RH
		7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Friday	Mar. 31	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross

Eucharistic Revival:

A Minute with Jesus for March 26th

Jesus is the "living Bread from Heaven."

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The living Bread is Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "*Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the "living Bread" received in Holy Communion*". This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in John 6: 48-51

You're Invited to the **St. Patrick's 4K Open House**

March 30th, 2023

~ 3:00-5:00 pm
in the **4K Classroom**



Come to meet our 4K teacher, see the classroom, and learn more about what is available to our students. If you have or know of kids ready for PK (4 years old by Sept. 1) come and see our PK classroom and meet our school staff! Enrollment opens soon!



St. Patrick School Art Fair Thursday, March 30th from 3—5 PM. Feel free to stop at the school and see the creative work of our students!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of March 25th & 26th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Steve Hesprich

Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser

Servers: Carter Field, Landynn & Theron Miller

Musicians: John & Nancy Noga, Terri Walling

Greeters: Kevin Quist

Ushers: Matt Schwab, Kevin Quist, Mike, Matt & Owen Lubinski

Gift Bearer: The Ann Marie Vinopal Family

Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller

Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke

Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke

Musicians:

Greeters: Therese Gunther, Bridget Gunther, Deb Bires

Ushers: John and Jeanne Walsh & Jim and Mary Ann Allaby

Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack

Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran

Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran

Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan

Musicians: Sharon Kelly

Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers

Ushers: Steve Powers, Tom Jodarski, Adam Pouillie, Bill Thill

Gift Bearers: Robert & Chelsey Turpin

Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of April 1st & 2nd

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie, Makenna Pouillie, David Hoffmann

Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser

Servers:

Musicians: Sharon Kelly

Greeters: Danelle Lubinski, Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler, Jon Field

Gift Bearer:

Scrip Seller:

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Paul Schaller, Bridget Gunther

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers:

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary, Cristina Becker

Greeters: The Becker Family

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearer: Veronica Sustar

Scrip Seller:

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Julie Whitney, Connie Walhovd, Howard Boppart

Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart

Servers:

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir

Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik

Ushers: Clinton Pouillie, Jackson Whitney

Gift Bearer:

Scrip Seller:

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION—APRIL 7: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

200 Envelopes

20 Envelopes Returned ~ \$1,581.00

Thank you!!!!

Social Sunday — Join us this Sunday, March 26th for "Social Sunday". Please plan to stay after the 8 am and the 10 am Masses for donuts, coffee, juice, and fellowship in Reardon Hall. This month's social is hosted by the Sacred Worship Committee. Hope to see you there!

St. Paul's Catholic Church (New Lisbon) Friday Fish Fry! March 31. Baked or Fried cod, baked or fried potato, coleslaw, dessert and beverage—\$13 for adults. Children (6-12) \$6. Serving from 5 PM to 7 PM. For To-Go orders, call 608-562-3125 after 3 PM.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Lenten Communal Penance Service—Thu., March 30 at 7 PM

Palm Sunday—Masses on Saturday, April 1—5 PM and Sunday, April 2—8 AM and 10 AM

Holy Thursday—Mass on Thursday, April 6—7 PM

Good Friday—Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 7—1 PM
Good Friday Service—1:30 PM

Holy Saturday—Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8—8:30 PM

Easter Sunday—Masses on Sunday, April 9—8 AM & 10 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday - Masses on Saturday, April 15— 5 PM and Sunday, April 16— 8 AM and 10 AM

Adoration and Confessions will follow the 10 AM Mass.
The Chaplet will be prayed at 11:45 followed by 12 noon Benediction.

Chrism Mass, April 4 @ 10:30 AM

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

Holy Hour: Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM. A soup supper and discussion on the "True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist" will follow. All are invited and welcome to join.

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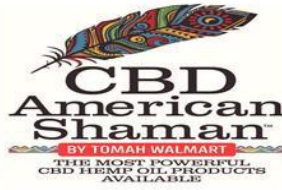
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