

FROM FR. JOHN KIM

I would like to share with you a story about a man who found the meaning of suffering at the foot of a crucifix.

One evening a London commuter was hurrying home. As he neared Westminster Cathedral, all of sudden he was compelled to enter it. He could not explain why because he had long dismissed religion. Having entered the building, he was startled by the cross hanging from the dome. He was taken aback at the sight of a man on a cross, tortured, abandoned, dead. He had seen terrible pictures of men, women and children slaughtered in Bosnia, they too abandoned. In other places, he had seen pictures of people starving, emaciated, flies crawling over their faces, eyes staring, no longer appealing for help but waiting; waiting for death.

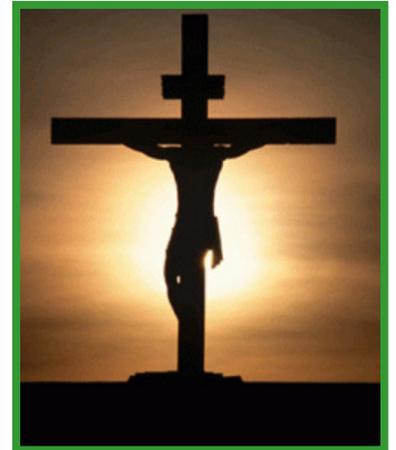
The man sat and gazed at that cross for some time. Slowly its inner meaning revealed itself to him. He began to see, in the tortured and dying figure on the cross, a mother mourning her dead sons in Bosnia, a starving child in Africa, the grieving parents of loved ones killed in an accident, the suffering of the mentally or physically sick. All human pain seemed to be gathered up and, as it were, made his own by that man on the cross.

Then he looked around and saw men and women praying quietly. They seemed to possess a precious secret. They looked at ease with themselves and at home in this vast cathedral. Then he saw an elderly woman approach a crucifix that stood near a shrine. After kissing the wounds of Christ, she moved away comforted and consoled by such great love.

As he watched, his mind and heart seemed to be carried upwards into other sphere of reality. For the first time in his life he was at prayer. The cross was not so much speaking about death as celebrating love, life and hope. The cross of horror became the cross of hope, the tortured body became the body of new life, the gaping wounds became the source of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. When he finally left the cathedral and joined the evening traffic, he felt at peace with himself and the world.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, by uniting our suffering to the sufferings of Jesus, we can find peace – not a natural tranquilly, but inner peace which gives us a strength to elevate the suffering to a divine level. There is no loneliness, hunger, oppression, exploitation, torture, imprisonment, violence, or threats that have not been suffered by Jesus. Therefore, when we encounter any suffering in this world, we are not alone because God in and through Jesus, has become Emmanuel – God with us! No matter where we are in our life, we are not alone, and Passion (Palm) Sunday demonstrates this.

Fr. John Kim



WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING!

FOON YING
SALVE G'DAY MATE
BIENVENUE WOLKOM
WELKOM AHLAN'WA SAHLA
WELCOME CROESO
ALOHA VELKOMMEN
BENVENUTO WILLKOMMEN
SHALOM MERHABA
BIENVENIDO

Thank you for joining us at Christ the King Catholic Church. We are happy to have you with us today, and hope that you feel welcome. Our parish is a very vibrant community of faith. Are you new to the Catholic Church? Have you been away from the Church for some time? You are invited to worship with us. Contact our parish office if you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, discuss plans for marriage or baptism, or schedule a chat with Fr. John. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you can register online, or pick up a form in the office.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK

- Cheryl Bass
- Gaylan Bishop
- Verlon Browning
- Betty Canava
- Edna Castillo
- Melanie Cox-Bittner
- Mark Edwards
- Donna Forney
- Fr. Edward Frazer
- Berta Fulwiler
- Carmela Garcia
- Ernesto Guardiola
- Pura Guardiola
- Pat Hathaway
- J.R. Hunt
- Bobby Hutchins
- Fred LeNay
- Wilbert Leune
- Marianne Luby
- Brooke Machac
- Levi Machac
- Patricia Morris
- Ken Murray
- Elena Ornelas
- Joey Palomino, Jr.
- John Paruzinski
- Dean Pearson
- Jack Polo
- Isabella Ramirez
- Kayla Reitenga
- Agrippin "Rod" Rodriguez
- Teodoro Salinas
- Leon Savard
- Ruben Solis
- Alfredo Sotelo
- Lena Treviño
- Robert Treviño
- Stephanie VanSickler
- Amparo Villareal
- Elva Villareal
- Linda Villarreal
- Diane Waite

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- Christopher Kroll
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- Curtis J. Walters II
- Wilbert Witt

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19

5:00pm † Larry Steven Guzman

Sunday, March 20

8:00am Pro Populo
 10:30am † John & † Frances Antunes
 5:00pm Rogelio Tellez

Tuesday, March 22

6:30pm † Mary Mazoch

Wednesday, March 23

8:00am † Margie Voytko

† Deceased

STEWARDSHIP

March 13

Received	\$12,263
Goal	\$14,500
Difference	(\$2,237)
Loan Balance	\$94,112

Last week's second collection:

Black Bag
 \$3,227

Thank you for your generosity!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on how we understand the Kingdom of God. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem in the way victorious kings of the past had entered to the acclaim of the people, not riding a mighty warhorse but a colt. The Cross of Christ teaches us that the Kingdom is not about worldly power or prestige. It is listening to and doing the will of God in service and love of others. This will often result in our need to die to our self-centeredness in order to be entirely open to God's will.

La liturgia de hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre cómo entendemos el Reino de Dios. Jesús llega a Jerusalén por el camino por el que reyes victoriosos del pasado habían entrado siendo aclamados por la gente, pero él no entra montando un caballo de guerra, sino un pequeño caballo. La Cruz de Cristo nos enseña que el Reino no se trata de poder mundano o prestigio. Se trata de escuchar y hacer la voluntad de Dios en el servicio y el amor por los otros. Esto resultará con frecuencia en nuestra necesidad de morir a nuestro egocentrismo para estar totalmente abiertos a la voluntad de Dios.

After 30 days, names will be removed from the lists. Call the church office to extend the date.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Gabriel Project

Thank you for supporting Gabriel Project, a local support program for women in crisis pregnancies. The baby crib is in the Narthex to receive your donations.

(The monthly donations for Annunciation Maternity Shelter will resume after Easter).

Thank you so much for your generosity!

*From Ashes
to Easter*

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. We can help make things new with small, yet joyful sacrifices. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor. With continued generosity to the Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign, local missionaries are able to instruct, advise, console and comfort the poor in the mission areas they serve. Please be generous.

Con el Señor hay misericordia y una total redención. Podemos ayudar a que las cosas se renueven a través de pequeños, pero gozosos sacrificios. Las obras de misericordia son acciones caritativas por las cuales acudimos en ayuda de nuestro prójimo. Con continua generosidad hacia la Campaña Misionera De las Cenizas a la Pascua, misioneros locales son capaces de instruir, dar consejo, consolar y confortar a los pobres en las áreas misioneras en las que sirven. Por favor sea generoso.

Year of Mercy



As Lent comes to a close, we prepare to celebrate the Triduum followed by the Resurrection of Christ at Easter. Psalm 136 reminds us that, even before the events of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, God has always been merciful in his actions and will always continue to be. In this psalm, we see examples of the way God's loving mercy has been displayed in history—in creation, the exodus, and God's defense

of his Chosen People. As each of these events is described, God's mercy is continually remembered and invoked. By repeating the refrain "his mercy endures forever," we are reminded that God's mercy knows no bounds. Pope Francis notes that this phrase "seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father" (MV, no. 7).

Just as our Lenten journey has been filled with works of mercy, so too is the celebration and remembrance of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Christ's Paschal Mystery is the ultimate sign of God's mercy, because through it we are saved. In the Paschal Mystery, God offers a concrete sign of his merciful love. Through our participation in the sacraments, we enter into the Paschal Mystery and draw closer to God. For example, in Baptism, we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ, being made sharers in Christ's Death and Resurrection.

At the Easter Vigil, the whole of salvation history will be played out on a small scale—we will hear readings that highlight the beginning of creation, Abraham and Isaac, the exodus, the covenants God has made with his people, and the Resurrection of Christ. After the readings, those who have been preparing to enter the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. In each of these, the new members of the Church are drawn deeper into the Paschal Mystery. Those gathered to witness these celebrations are also drawn deeper into the loving mercy of God by renewing their own commitment to their faith and encouraging the new members in their faith.



AROUND THE PARISH

Entrenamiento para Lectores: Lunes, 21 de Marzo a las 7:00 PM en el salon parroquial.

Prepare the Way - March 24 & 26

Help is needed on Thursday, March 24 at 9:00 am to prepare the church and Christus Center for Holy Thursday Mass, and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass to clear the church for Good Friday. We also need help on Saturday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. to prepare the church and Christus Center for the Vigil and Easter Masses. Please contact Colleen Saxton, 254-290-0174, if you have any questions.

Joyful Hearts Potluck - March 30

Joyful Hearts Mothers Ministry would like to invite the mothers and children in our parish to our Easter Celebration & Potluck on Wednesday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Sarah Spellman at 540-845-0215 for details.

Baptism Class - April 2

The next English baptismal class is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m in the Christus Center. Parents/Godparents should contact the parish office at 254-939-0806 or email sacraments@ctkbelton.org to register and obtain additional information.

Easter Egg Hunt - Candy and Eggs STILL NEEDED!

The 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, March 27 immediately following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. It will take place in the field next to the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring your Easter basket to collect your eggs. We need donations of plastic eggs and candy, just drop off in the "Easter Bucket" in the Christus Center.



Last Penance Service in our Deanery - March 21

St. Paul Chong Hasang in Harker Heights will have their parish-wide penance service on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in English, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese. Confessions will also be heard from 10:00 a.m. to noon. St. Paul Chong Hasang Church is located at 1000 E. FM 2410 Rd., Harker Heights.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, March 24 from noon to 5:00 p.m., and all day on Good Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! Upcoming weekends are scheduled for April 15-17 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton, and September 23-25 at Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. To apply online visit: www.wwme.org. Or, contact Steve & Linda Jaramillo at 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-844-0785.

Warrior Awakening #3 Retreat

Are you a young adult looking to grow in your Christian faith? Are you longing to strengthen your relationship with Jesus? The mission of the Warrior Awakening retreat is to "awaken" the hearts of young adults to The Lord and their role as a Christian. The retreat is Catholic-based, but is open to everyone. The retreat is a response to the Lord's commandment to "go to all peoples and make them my disciples" (Mt 28:19). Register for our upcoming retreat hosted by the Warriors in Faith from Texas A&M - Central Texas and be moved by the spirit. The retreat will be an opportunity to meet new friends, learn more about your faith, and have a weekend of fun! Registration and payment is currently open to all; the cost is \$45. (Includes lodging and all meals)

THEME:

Alive Again

WHEN:

APRIL 22-24, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)

WHERE:

Copperas Cove, TX at Holy Family Catholic Church

REGISTER:

Visit WarriorsInFaith.com/warrior-awakening/ for more information, or email warriorawakening@gmail.com

Help Wanted - St. Mary's Catholic School

During the summer of 2016, and beyond, St. Mary's Catholic School will be updating and improving our facilities. We will be looking for licensed/bonded persons in the area of construction, landscaping and painting. If you are such a person and would like to become part of our bright future, please contact Mrs. Wyles or Mrs. Vargas at the school office (254-778-8141) or you can email twyles@stmarys-temple.org or evargas@stmarys-templ.org.



EASTER SCHEDULE

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
No confessions during Holy Week
March 20 - 26

THE SOLEMN EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 25

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary 12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary 3:00 p.m.

Solemn Veneration of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

THE SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 26, 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Mass at the Marian Grotto 6:00 a.m.

Mass en Español 8:00 a.m.

Solemn Mass 10:30 a.m.

(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.)

CTK OFFICE DIRECTORY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday closed

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Contact the parish office for social needs such as be-
reavement, illness, Eucharist to the homebound, births,
etc. For weddings, contact the office six months prior to
the desired wedding date to schedule a consultation. For
baptisms, register to attend a preparation class.

Christ the King
celebrates this
Great Jubilee Year of Mercy
with
The Divine Mercy Chaplet
Fridays at noon
in the sanctuary
(except first Fridays)

