ST. BEDE CHURCH

March 15, 2015

Raised up by the Messiah

REFLECTION

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today’s first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today’s first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, “fallen” already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called a “messiah”).

In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being “lifted up” for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays – 3/20, 3/27 - Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.
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Adoration (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Chapel) – Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Church)

Daily Scripture Readings (Read Prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit.)

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54 – Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 – Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 – Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a – Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 – Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12, Jn 7:40-53 – Sunday: Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

All Saints – Wednesday, March 18th – 7:00 p.m. (English/ Spanish)
St. Joachim – Wednesday, March 18th – 7:00 p.m. (English/ Spanish)
St. John – Wednesday, March 18th – 7:00 p.m. (English/ Spanish)
St. Clement – Tuesday, March 24th – 7:00 p.m. (English/ Spanish)
St. Bede – Monday, March 30th – 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
St. Bede – Wednesday, April 1st – 7:00 p.m. (English)

NEWS UPDATE

CONFIRMATION NEWS – Second year candidates rehearsal will be on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. One parent and sponsor needs to be at the rehearsal. Your Confirmation day will be Saturday, April 18th. Please meet in the small gym at 9:30 a.m. Any questions please contact Linda Montoya at the Rectory Office.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2015
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
— John 3:17