

Finding Strength in the Cross

Arturo Mari, the photographer who followed St. John Paul II from the first to the last day of his pontificate, was once asked which of the millions of photos he took of the pope captured him best. He cited the ones of the pope holding his crozier, resting his head on it as he prayed during so many Masses around the world. This silver pastoral cross accompanied St. John Paul everywhere (at right) and was his constant companion in all of his sufferings.

It shows Jesus hanging from a cross that is literally bowing under the weight of his body. You can feel the pull of gravity drawing the victim down in desperation. The photos show St. John Paul resting his forehead on the back of the cross, lost in prayer.

The papal photographer said this image more than any other summed up the pontiff because, before becoming a public figure who changed world history, he was a man of prayer, deeply loving Jesus. He was a man immersed in prayer who spent hours on his knees in order to have the strength to stand with and for those who most needed him.

This is a lesson for us. In order to live the beatitudes, we need to lean on Jesus and find our strength in him. Resting ourselves on the empty side of the crucifix is the best place to learn to love like him and be strong like him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I believe in the patience and love of Christ on the cross as the best show of strength?



Piece: A pastoral staff first used by St. Paul VI in 1965

Artist: Lello Scorzelli

Location: Vatican Museums

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[Jesus said,] "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

Luke 6:30

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Lord is kind and merciful." Psalm 103

The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us. The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen (see Leviticus 19:18). The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman (see also Luke 10:29–36). His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us—as "children of the Most High" (see Luke 6:35; 1:35). As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours. In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked," as Jesus says. Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:34). "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm. That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22)



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for March 3

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Eucharistic Minister: Bernice Vrazel

Offertory: Buster & Leanna Junek & Family

Lector: Lynne Hornung

Ushers: Mike Marek & John Marek

Altar Servers: Gracie Doscocil, Carter Doscocil, Tessa Vaculin

Sanctuary Light: February 18th-24th — Dorothy Vaculin by St. Anne's Altar Society



Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and the following: Andrea Enga(Cousin of Ethel Marak), Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), Albina Vrazel, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible.

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—February 24—March 3, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 2/24	10:15am	+ Lawrence Vrazel, Jr. by Albert Vrazel
2/27—Wednesday	5:30pm	Communion Service
3/3—Sunday	10:15am	+ Joseph Andrew Tomek by Arvell & Liz Jungmann

CYCLONE MASSES— February 24—March 3, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 2/24	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Donna McEntire
2/26— Tuesday	7:00am	Communion Service
2/28— Thursday	7:00am	Communion Service
3/1—Friday	7:00am	Communion Service
3/2— Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Lucille Bruggman by Monica Mikeska
3/3— Sunday	8:15am	+ Randolph Green by Family

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY: FEBRUARY 24:** Fashion Bingo—St. Luke's —Temple—1pm—3:30pm—Tickets in advance \$40.00—at door \$50.00 includes 12 game tickets, dauber, wine, snacks—Prize for each game is a designer item. See bulletin board in the church entry for more information.
- **TODAY: FEBRUARY 24:** Buckholts Volunteer Fire Department—Wash Pot Stew Dinner—11am till sold out. Menu includes Stew, Cornbread, Crackers, Dessert and Drink \$9.00—Carry out will be available. All proceeds go the Buckholts Fire Department. Thanks for Supporting the Buckholts Fire Department.
- **VACATION:** Father Darrell will be on vacation from February 26th thru March 5th. Deacon Bill Smetana will be providing communion Service on Wednesday, February 27th. Father Jim will be officiating Sunday Mass on March 3rd. Father Darrell, Enjoy your time off and be safe!
- **From Ashes to Easter:** The diocesan Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We invite each family to take a mission box home in support of the missionary works of the Diocese of Austin. As the Catechism states, "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and Each Friday in memory of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, and pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and alms giving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)" (CCC 1438). Please support this long-standing campaign.

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mt 9:30-37

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 27

Weekday

Sir 4:11-19

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

FEBRUARY 28

Weekday

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

MARCH 1

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

MARCH 2

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

MARCH 3

*Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Dear Padre,

At Mass, the priest lifts the chalice and says the blood of Christ “will be poured out for you and for many.” For decades, the wording was “all” not “many.” Why the change?

A 2001 Vatican document, *On the Use of Vernacular Languages in the Publication of the Books of the Roman Liturgy (Liturgiam Authenticam)*, called for a strict alignment between liturgical texts and the original Latin. Consequently, the current English translation of *The Roman Missal* (third edition) includes a more literal translation of “*Et cum spiritu tuo*” as “And with your spirit” rather than the loose translation “And also with you.”

Likewise, the change from “all” to “many” in the words of consecration has to do with the Latin text *pro multis*, for which the exact translation is “for many.” Moreover, “for many” also aligns with the words of Jesus at the Last Supper in the Gospels of Mark (14:24) and Matthew (26:28).



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And Scripture scholar Daniel Harrington, SJ, cites the Suffering Servant who “bore the sins of many” in Isaiah 53:12 as the basis for the passages in Mark

and Matthew. Others, however, question if the exact translation “for many” misrepresents Christ’s universal offer of salvation by his death on the cross. To be clear, Jesus died to offer salvation to everyone, even though it’s possible that some won’t accept his offer. As the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments says: “‘For many’ is a faithful translation of *pro multis*, whereas ‘for all’ is rather an explanation of the sort that belongs properly to catechesis.”

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A Word from Pope Francis

The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: “Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you.”

—World Youth Day, July 26, 2013