

*Day by Day Through Lent:
 Fasting From Our Clutter*

by Susan K. Rowland

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 CLEARING THE WORRY FROM MY MIND**

Jn 9:1-41; Jn 3:14-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

I cannot be afraid to be bold or worry about what others think of me. The man born blind didn't worry about the outcome of his case; he stood up to the Jewish leaders and lectured them. Pray this week to have that attitude and to trust God no matter what.

MONDAY: TAKING JESUS AT HIS WORD

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

The royal official who asked Jesus to heal his son lived a day's journey away. He headed home, believing, but he must have worried. Can I relate? Have I ever trusted God but had to wait to see the outcome?

TUESDAY: DO I WANT TO BE MADE WELL?

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Jesus could ask me the same question. Do I really want to trust God in everything? What would life be like if I did not worry?

WEDNESDAY: THE SON ACTS NOT ON HIS OWN

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

If Jesus could do "nothing on his own," surely I am even more dependent on God's grace to overcome my problems. If worry (or anything else) is cluttering my life, I ask for God's help. I, too, can do nothing on my own.

THURSDAY: ACCEPTING GLORY FROM OTHERS

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Jesus accuses the Jewish leaders of caring more for one another's approval than for God's. Is that a problem in my life? I ask Jesus to help me seek God first.

FRIDAY: THE GOSSIPS OF JERUSALEM

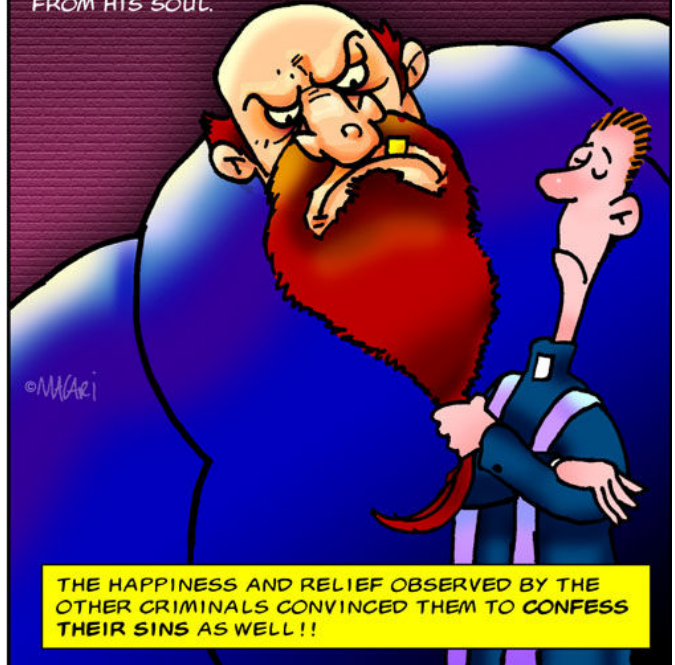
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

WHILE VISITING A PRISON FULL OF CONDEMNED MEN ABOUT TO HANG FOR THEIR CRIMES, SAINT JOSEPH CAFASSO GRABBED HOLD TIGHT TO A LONG, LUXURIOUS BEARD, WHICH HAPPENED TO BE ATTACHED TO THE BIGGEST AND MEANEST OF THE CRIMINALS.

THE ROOM OF MALEFACTORS HAD RENEGED ON THEIR PLEDGE TO GO TO CONFESSION. SAINT JOSEPH DECLARED HE WOULD THEN HANG ONTO THE BEARD UNTIL THE MAN OWNING IT FULFILLED HIS PROMISE!

WITH MUCH COAXING, THE LARGE, STRONG, BEARDED CRIMINAL RELENDED, AND AFTER THE CONFESSION, HE WEPT UNCONTROLLABLY WITH JOY BECAUSE THE INCREDIBLE BURDEN OF HIS SINS HAD BEEN LIFTED FROM HIS SOUL.



THE HAPPINESS AND RELIEF OBSERVED BY THE OTHER CRIMINALS CONVINCED THEM TO CONFESS THEIR SINS AS WELL!!

The pilgrims in Jerusalem were having a great time gossiping about Jesus. Do I worry about what others are saying about me behind my back and want to "set the record straight"? I discuss this with Jesus, who experienced the same problem.

SATURDAY: COMMITTING MY CAUSE TO GOD
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern, and Jesus was made fun of for doing God's work. Doing and saying what is right often lead to persecution and ridicule. Today, I ask God to help me be strong and bold. If I am persecuted, I am in good company.

Stations of the Cross

by Rev. Lawrence E. Mick

While this devotion certainly has a place in Lent, the overemphasis given to it in the past tended to distort the meaning of the season. Because the stations were prayed publicly throughout the whole season, the impression was given that Lent was primarily about commemorating the passion and death of Christ.



Vatican II strongly endorsed the use of devotions as part of Catholic spirituality, but it also called for their renewal, to harmonize them with the sacred liturgy. The liturgy of Lent focuses on the passion and death of the Lord only near the end of the season, especially with the proclamation of the Passion on Palm (Passion) Sunday and again on Good Friday. The weekday readings between the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday also point toward the coming Passion, so that might also be an appropriate time to pray the Stations. The earlier weeks of Lent, however, focus much more on Baptism and covenant than on the Passion.

When we do pray the Stations of the Cross, we can also connect them with the baptismal character of Lent if we place the stations themselves in the context of the whole paschal mystery. In Baptism we are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, and our baptismal commitment includes a willingness to give our life for others as Jesus did. Recalling his passion and death can remind us that we, too, may be called to suffer in order to be faithful to the call of God.

One limitation with the traditional form of the Stations is the absence of the second half of the paschal mystery. The liturgy never focuses on the death of Christ without recalling his resurrection. Some forms of the Stations of the Cross include a 15th station to recall the resurrection as an integral part of the paschal mystery.

Some contemporary forms of the Stations also make clear the link between the sufferings of Christ in the first century and the sufferings of Christ's body in the world today. Such an approach can help us to recognize and admit the ways that we have failed to live up to our baptismal mission to spread the gospel and manifest the love of Christ to those in need.

Congratulations!

... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.



Spelling 24-3

Katherine

Spelling 24-4

Josh	Aubrey	Katherine	Jeremy
Hope	Jonathan	Marissa G	Vicky
Andrew	Emily	Julia	Lia
Kayla	Maile	Trinity	John

Vocabulary - Patty Reed 3

Kelsey	Hope	Alex	Emily
Julia	Kayla	Trinity	

Science Unit B, Ch. 2

Josh	Danny	Maile
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Upcoming Tests

Religion	Ch. 8	Mon. 3/15
Reading	Patty Reed's Doll	Wed. 3/10
Spelling+Vocab		Friday 3/12
Math	Ch. 6, Section B+C	Tue. 3/9
Language	Story Rough draft	Due Mon. 3/8
Science	Unit B, Ch. 3	Tue. 3/16
Social Studies		Check Planner

Upcoming Events

- ! **Tue. 3/9 to Thu. 3/11:** Catholic Book fair
- ! **Mon. 3/15:** Spirit Attire Monday + Confession
- ! **Mon. 3/22:** Lunch orders for April due
- ! **Wed. 3/24:** Living Stations of the Cross
- ! **Thu. 3/25:** Annunciation mass 10AM
- ! **Fri. 3/26:** Noon dismissal
- ! **Mon. 3/29 to Fri. 4/9:** Easter break
- ! **Mon. 4/12:** School Resumes
- ! Mission San Juan Capistrano field trip
- ! **Fri. 4/16:** Noon dismissal
- ! 3rd quarter ends
- ! **Mon. 4/19:** Spirit Attire Monday