

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

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**PALM SUNDAY:
 FREED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

Mt 26:14 - 27:66; Mk 14:1 - 15:47; Lk 22:14 - 23:56

Today we begin Holy Week. This week, we leave our clutter behind. We concentrate our thoughts on the love God has shown us through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. These are important days. Plan to spend this week, as much as possible, in prayer.

**MONDAY:
 A LOVE IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Is my love for Jesus as obvious and extravagant as Mary's? The fragrance of Mary's perfume filled the house, probably the neighborhood. Do I love Jesus with that kind of abandonment and lavishness?

**TUESDAY:
 'YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES'**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

When Peter realized his sin, he went to God, wept over his sin and said he was sorry. I am weak, but God always loves me.

**WEDNESDAY:
 'MORNING BY MORNING HE WAKENS ME'**

Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

Like Jesus, the faithful Servant, I should go to God every morning and begin my day talking with my Creator.

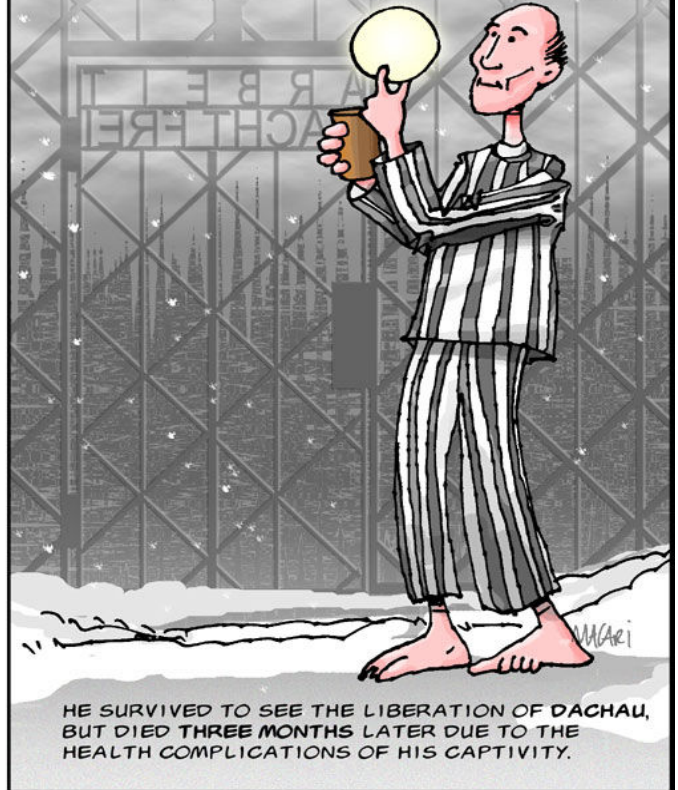
SACRED TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY:
 WASHING ONE ANOTHER'S FEET**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 Jesus' example of washing the disciples' feet is a graphic image of how I can serve others. Washing someone's feet is a simple gesture. In the same way, my service need not be complicated.

SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

BLESSED KARL LEISNER, OF THE SCHOENSTATT MOVEMENT, WAS THE ONLY PRIEST EVER TO BE ORDAINED IN A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP!! HE CELEBRATED EXACTLY ONE MASS, ON DECEMBER 26, 1944, THE FEAST OF THE MARTYR SAINT STEPHEN, AND WAS BEATIFIED AS A MARTYR HIMSELF IN 1996.



HE SURVIVED TO SEE THE LIBERATION OF DACHAU, BUT DIED THREE MONTHS LATER DUE TO THE HEALTH COMPLICATIONS OF HIS CAPTIVITY.

**GOOD FRIDAY:
 'OUT OF HIS ANGUISH ... LIGHT'**

Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

Jesus suffered agonies I cannot imagine. Yet, out of his suffering, I am forgiven and receive eternal life. Isaiah tells us Jesus has found "satisfaction" in what he has done. He is happy to have saved me! Has there ever been such a love as this?

**EASTER VIGIL
 'DO NOT BE AFRAID; HE IS RISEN'**

Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-7; Lk 24:1-12

Alleluia! Jesus is risen. God's love has conquered all, even death. Is there anything, really, that can make us afraid if we truly understand that? Is there anything more important?

Lenten Humor...

A man moves into a tiny hamlet walks into the restaurant and promptly orders three drinks. The waiter raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three drinks, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man has finished the three drinks and orders three more.

This happens yet again.

The next evening the man again orders and drinks three drinks at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Drinks.

Finally, a week later, the waiter broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three drinks?"

It's odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers; one went to Europe, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two drinks whenever we drink as a way of keeping up the family bond."

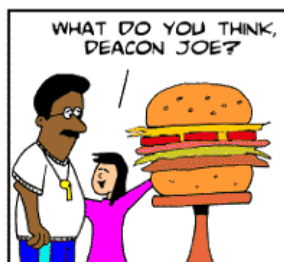
The waiter and the whole town were pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Drinks became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two drinks. The waiter pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening—he orders only two drinks. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the waiter says to the man, "Folks around here, I first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother.

You know-the two drinks and all..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."



Congratulations!

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

<i>Spelling 26</i>			
Kelsey	Hope	Tiffany	Julia
Lia	Kayla	Andrew	Emily
Trinity	Danny	Marissa G	Katherine
<i>Patty Reed's Doll Ch. 2</i>			
Michael	Kelsey	Emily	
<i>Math 7A</i>			
Michael	Kelsey	Kyler	Hope
Alex	Andrew	Trinity	
<i>Vocabulary - Patty Reed 5</i>			
Jeremy	Hope	Marissa G	Andrew
Emily	Julia		

Upcoming Tests

Religion	Ch. 8	Mon. 3/22
Reading	Patty Reed's ch. 3	Wed. 3/24
Spelling + Vocab		Friday 3/26
Math	Ch. 7, Section B	Fri. 3/26
Language	Story Final draft	Due Fri. 3/26
Science	Unit B, Ch. 4	TBA
Social Studies		Check Planner

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Thu. 4/22:** Earth Day
- Mon. 4/26:** Confessions
- Thu. 4/29:** Sacramento field trip