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A time for Personal Inventory

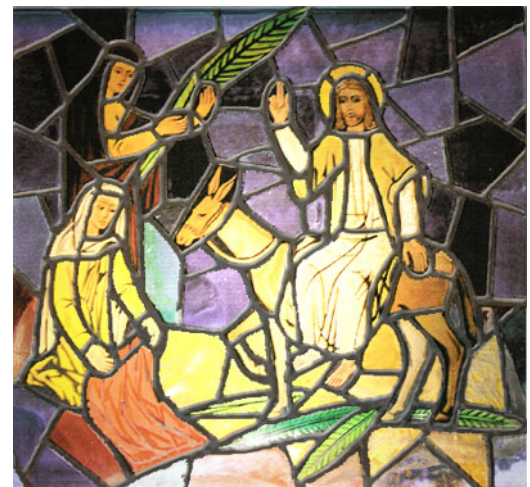
The pilgrims who came to Jerusalem with Jesus are caught up in the disciple's enthusiasm. They now spread their garments on the street along which Jesus passes. They pluck branches from the trees and cry out verses from Psalm 118, "Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming. Hosanna in the highest." The phrase, "who enters in the name of the Lord" had acquired great importance, in that it had become a designation of the One, promised by God. So what began as a Pilgrim blessing, has become the praise of Jesus. It's a greeting to him as the one who comes in the name of the Lord; the one awaited and proclaimed by all the promises.

I can only imagine the joy, the celebration, the glory of the moment, the triumph of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Too many, it must have seemed like all things in the world where right now. What happened? Within five days they will hang that same man on the cross, after beating and torturing him beyond recognition. Had Jesus changed or had they? Was it the same crowd of Worshipers? Could they have been so wrong?

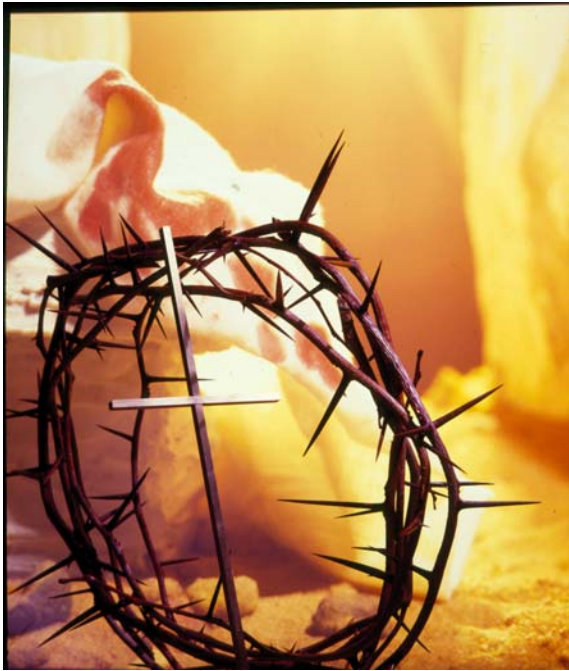
With only a week left before Easter this would be a great opportunity to take inventory of what causes change inside of us. Where does our fear come from? We took a man who we loved, and then tried to destroy him. If we look at ourselves honestly, we have all felt something happen similar to this in our lives. With a good inventory we figure out that fear is the root of all our problems. Fear, because, he didn't do what we thought was right, fear because it wasn't done our way, fear of the unknown. Fear manifests itself as anger. Our anger with one another grows if we do not keep it in check with a faith in a Father in heaven who cares for our individual well-being. We are taught from the time we are little, two responses to our fear and anger. The first is flight. Many times we just run from it. The second is fight. The anger wells up inside of us until we feel like we're going to explode. Jesus taught us a new way; a different way of neither fight nor flight. Jesus taught us to stand in the tension between fight

and flight and trust in our Saviour and in his Father in heaven. In order to overcome this reaction of fight or flight we need to attain the characteristics of Jesus. Especially the characteristics of humility, love, compassion, and most importantly, forgiveness. Jesus's first lesson to us was that we should not retaliate. We should stand in this tension and trust him. Without this humility, this compassion and forgiveness in our hearts, we will react with malice. We will react without faith. Our ego will rise up and the attacks will begin, just as they did on Jesus. Jesus did not react to his assaults; instead he gave up his life on the cross. He speaks to us every day from that cross, guiding our thoughts and actions. He calls us to that same cross not as a spectator, but as one who, like Jesus, will give up our lives for the good of our brothers and sisters. During this time of preparation for the Passion Week, let us all look in the mirror and take our inventory. Find out what we display to our brothers and sisters, is it fear or is it faith? Through the Devine Mercy of Jesus; we hear his words "Trust In Me". We are all called to trust in those around us who are put into a leadership role by our Father in heaven. The resurrection is near. Brothers and sisters we will all rise through this Easter season into a time of glory and faith.

May God bless you
and keep you al-
ways.
Deacon Jerry Koz-
ney



Holy Week and Easter Decorating



Please consider volunteering to assist with the decorating of our Worship Spaces during Holy Week. Individuals are needed on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m.—Preparing the worship space and gymnasium for Palm Sunday Services
- Thursday, April 21st at 4:30 p.m.—Preparing the worship space and Adoration Chapel for Holy Thursday Mass
- Saturday, April 23rd at Noon—Preparing the worship space and gymnasium for the Easter Season

Service Hours are available for those Middle School and High School Students needing service hours before the end of the school year.

Please contact Karen Hardy at 861-4537 or k.hardy@stephen.org with any questions.

Sacristan Needed

We are in need of an individual to assist us with our Gymnasium Masses once every four weeks.

This individual assists the Priest and Deacon in preparing the Worship Space for the Celebration of the Eucharist.

If you are interested in serving in this rewarding liturgical role, please contact Karen Hardy at 861-4537 or k.hardy@stephen.org

Summer Liturgical Schedule

The Liturgical Schedule for June, July, August and September is currently being prepared. This is such a busy time of year for family vacations and summer activities.

Please send me any dates that you are unable to assist with your Liturgical Ministries. Proactive scheduling really aids in the process of preparing for mass on the weekends. Dates are due to the Liturgy Office by May 13th, 2011.

You can either email k.hardy@stephen.org or contact me via phone at 402-861-4537.



Mark Your Calendar

Divine Mercy Sunday—May 1st, 2011
7:30 Sunday Evening Concert - Worship Space

Confirmation
Monday May 16th—6:30 p.m.
Tuesday May 17th—6:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 18th—6:30 p.m.

Ascension Thursday
Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 a.m.; Noon and 5:30 p.m.



EMHC and Lector Training Dates Announced:

The Archdiocesan Training Dates for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Lectors have been announced. We are always in need of more individuals to perform these liturgical tasks at our various liturgies.

The Criteria for becoming an EMHC and Lectors include the following:

- Must be a high school junior or older
- Must be a person aware of the responsibilities that come with being a minister in the Church. For example, will that person be a positive role model and avoid scandal.
- Must be a person who possesses the ability for meeting and being with other people.
- Must be a person able to understand the basic theology of this ministry, after attending the preparation class.
- Must be a person who is able to understand how God works in his/her life on a daily basis.
- Must be a person who is able to share his/her religious values.
- Must be a person who has an awareness of his/her ability to minister to others.
- Must be able to recognize and appreciate his/her own personal gifts.
- Must possess a spirit of generosity and a willingness to be of service to the community.
- Must be a person who relates well with peers on a variety of levels. High school students should relate

well to other students and faculty, adults in a parish should relate well to the local church community.

- Must be a person of high moral stands and personal values.

Attendance at the following events are necessary to become an EMHC or Lector.

1. Archdiocesan Training (3 Opportunities available)
 - Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at St. Leo's 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 - Monday, August 22, 2011 at St. Vincent DePaul 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, August 28, 2011 at St. Columbkille 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
2. Mandation Ceremony
 - Thursday, September 1, 2011 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.
3. St. Stephen the Martyr Internal Training
 - Date TBD—September 2011

If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or if you would like to sign up to attend the archdiocesan training, please contact Karen at 861-4537 or k.hardy@stephen.org

Divine Mercy Sunday Concert

Paul Koleske Concert, Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 pm in the Worship Space. Paul offers a unique combination of fresh, uplifting Contemporary Christian Music and inspirational spoken word that speaks to the mind, touches the heart, soothes the soul and lifts the spirit.

It is Paul's hope that you listen to his music and allow it to help you feel the Holy Spirit within you!

For more information go to: www.paulkoleske.com



Pope John Paul II

On the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 2nd, 2005, Pope John Paul II died and it is Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1st, 2011, that Pope Benedict XVI has set aside for the beatification of his predecessor.

It is especially appropriate that the Pope who declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday is beatified on that day. It is also fitting that the beatification occur at the start of May, the month of Mary, to whom he had a deep devotion.

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR HOLY WEEK

APRIL 17 – APRIL 24

April 17: Palm Sunday

**5:00 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 10:35 am
12 noon, 6:00 p.m.**

Blessing of Palms, Reading of the Passion at all Masses

April 18: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Sacred Oils blessed by the Archbishop, Renewal of Priestly Promises

April 21: Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Washing of Feet and Eucharistic Procession & Adoration, Reception of Oils

April 22: Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Reading of the Passion, Holy Communion, Veneration of the Cross

April 22: Good Friday: Passion Play 5:00 pm

Presented by St. Stephen the Martyr Youth

April 23: Easter Vigil 8:45 p.m.

Fulfills Sunday Obligation

Blessing of Fire, Water, Easter Candle, Christian Initiation of Adults and Children
Renewal of Baptism Promises

April 24: Easter Sunday

**7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 10:35 a.m.,
12 noon, 6:00 p.m.**

Renewal of Baptism Promises at all Masses

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR EASTER OFFERING

**ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

Tuesday, April 19: 11:00 a.m.-12 noon & 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20: 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21: 11:00 a.m.-12 noon & After the Evening Mass till 9:15 p.m.

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen, Christ Will Come Again!

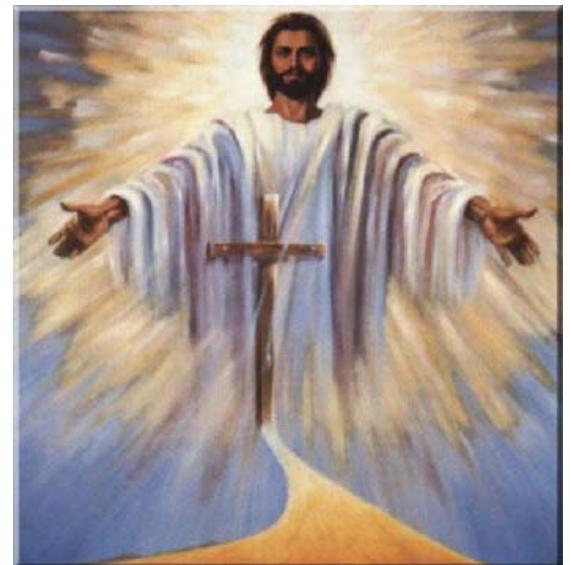
Easter Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Liturgical Ministers

On Easter Sunday morning we will be offering Mass in both the Worship Space and the Gymnasium. The Liturgical Ministers have been assigned to the following locations. Please honor your ministerial role by checking in at the correct location. The individuals assisting with our gymnasium mass will check in at the classroom located closest to the gymnasium.

Thank you for honoring your assignment.

9:00 a.m. Church	9:00 a.m. Gymnasium
<p>Lectors: Bill Lowndes, Dave Franco Servers: Benjamin, Caleb and Zach Franco Alexander Kaplan Ushers: Doree and Galen Kathol, Steve Simonsen Mark Rase Greeters: Kenneth Engelmeyer, Anita Finger EMHC's: Connie Lowndes, Colleen Simonsen, Joyce Bernard, Julie Christensen, Patty Cornell, Brian Gilbreath, James and Kathy Haidley, Peggy Hoffman, Gladyce Janky, Karen Krall-Murphy, Tom and Terri McLaughlin Norb Muhlbauer</p>	<p>Lectors: Mike Verzal, Jerry Furlong Servers: Conrad and Daniel Sandoz Ushers: Tom Sandoz; Steve Grady; Brian Gress; Roger Grohmann; Bruce Koch, Tom Peal Greeters: Gary Heer, Karen Larsen EMHC's: Mary Grohmann, Tom Peal Judy Polacek, Ruth and Tim Ryberg, James Sevcik Alice Stessman, Ed and Marge Thompson, Joanne Vamosi and Toni VanHorn</p>
10:30 a.m. Church	10:30 a.m. Gymnasium
<p>Lectors: Joe Scalzo, Stephen Zubrod Servers: Kevin Rice JR, Carly Kelly, Gabrielle Lamberty Katherine Nolle Ushers: Matt Dickey, Bill Harris, Mike Huffer Pat and Ralph Lunders, Fran Minnaert Greeters: Janet Lapour and J.R. Hike EMHC's: Kevin Rice, Jeff Williams, Dara Schlect, Ann Rollag, Suzie Lewandowski, Amy Kuhn Michelle Kroll, Jim and Connie Krambeck Janet Kaspar, Chris Ingram, Matt and Susan Dickey, Marianne Brackett</p>	<p>Lectors: Jim Ramsey, Susan Hepp Servers: Ann and Katie Belfiore Brittany and Meridith Wichman Ushers: Tyler, Travis and Hank Hardy Connie Cinnamon, Karen Flatley, Kevin Schlautman Greeters: Heather DeMaria and Owen Berreth EMHC's: Mary Belfiore, Tammy Wichman, Peg Bay Kevin Schlautman, Dominic Bentley, Pam M Davis Pam S. Davis, Doug and Julie Evans, Hank Hardy Eric Grandgenette, Logan and Susan Hepp Gloria Ramsey</p>

**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE
 LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD**



Understanding the Revised Mass Texts

This advent some of the Mass texts will be changing to align the verbage more closer to the original Latin translations.

The last several issues of the Liturgical Flame have explained some of these mass changes. These articles can be located at Stephen.org under the liturgical tab of the website. We encourage you to become familiar with these changes prior Advent so as a parish we can all be prepared for the changes in the Mass.

During this issue we will be discussing the changes in he Eucharistic Prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a dialogue between the presiding Priest and the congregation. After the dialogue the congregation proclaims the Holy, Holy, Holy. The Eucharistic Prayer concludes when the priest leads the doxology and the congregation reply's "Amen".

During the opening dialogue, the priest states "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". As a congregation we respond "It is right and just". This is much closer to the Latin translation. It is a declarative statement without explanation. The preface prayed by the priest will explain to the congregation why it is truly right and just to give God thanks.

At the end of the preface the congregation joins in the Holy, Holy, Holy. There is a slight change to the opening line of the Holy, Holy, Holy. This prayer comes at a significant part of the Mass. The entire Eucharistic Prayer is the center of the celebration because as a congregation we are asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy, Holy, Holy is based on a passage from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah has a vision where he sees God sitting upon a throne. In that vision the angels are in attendance. They know how holy God is and they sing about his holiness to each other. We join the angels in their song of praise.

The first line of the Holy, Holy, Holy changes "power and might" to "hosts". The "hosts" refer to the angelic hosts, the invisible powers that work at God's command.

It is shortly after this hymn that we ask the Holy Spirit to exercise these powers to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy, Holy, Holy affirms the divinity of Christ.

The doxology that the priests states will also be slightly different. "Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit it is all honor and glory, for ever and ever. The main changes is that the Persons of the Trinity are in succession so it is easier to tell that the prayer is offered to God the Father, through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit.

The closing of the Eucharistic prayer involves another dialogue between the priest and the congregation. The priest proclaims the honor and glory of God and as a congregation we affirm all that has been said. This amen concludes the greatest prayer of all, the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

The tables below show the changes between the old and new translations.

The next article will focus on the changes to the Mystery of Faith.

Current Translation	New Translation
Priest: The Lord be with you All: And also with you. Priest: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.	Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. Priest: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

Current Translation	New Translation
Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Ask the Liturgical Team?

Q: What is the Chrism Mass?

A: The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the unity of the local church. Our Archdiocesan Chrism Mass is Held on the Monday of Holy Week at the Cathedral at 11:00 a.m.

It is a celebration filled with beautiful texts that honor the various orders of liturgical and ministerial service. It is here that the oil for the sick, the oil of catechumens and the sacred Chrism (oil mixed with sweet perfume) are blessed and consecrated for sacramental service.

The Chrism Mass reaches its fullest potential when the oils blessed by the Archbishop are brought to the parish church and carried in the opening procession of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper before they are incensed and presented to the liturgical assembly.

Here at St. Stephen the Martyr we have several 8th grade Confirmation

Students represent our parish at the Chrism Mass.

Those students then are involved in our Holy Thursday liturgy and present the Oils to our Pastor at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.



**ASK THE
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**PLEASE SEND
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