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February 25, 2024

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy— noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

Easter schedule is at the front of the church next to the bulletins

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Reading 1 Daniel 9:4b-10; Gospel: Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Reading 1: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Gospel: Matthew 23:1 -12

Wednesday: Reading 1: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Friday: Reading 1: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Reading 1: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Gospel: Luke 15:1 -3, 11-32

Special Collection

Catholic Relief

March 10, 2024

Stations of the Cross will be on Friday during lent at 4:30 pm

Parish council meeting Wednesday February 28 th after Mass

St. Andrew’s St Pat’s Fund Raiser will be Thursday, March 14th.

MARCH 2024

MARCH 3RD

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MARCH 10 TH

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

MARCH 17 TH

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN

MARCH 29TH GOOD FRIDAY

LECTOR MARK

SERVER JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MARCH 31ST EASTER SUNDAY

LECTOR JANET & MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

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