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THE SHROUD OF TURIN



With Good Friday and Easter fast approaching we may want to direct our spiritual thoughts toward Christ's passion. For me, when contemplating historical events and/or places it's sometimes helpful to see or have tangible items from the period or location. They simply make me feel a bit closer to whatever it is I'm studying. Being a western military history

Buff I have a modest collection of rusty nails, uniform buttons, and pieces of wood or stone from long abandoned forts. We don't have much along those lines directly related to Christ.....or do we?

The debate over the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin as Christ's burial cloth continues to this day. Even the Church doesn't accept the Shroud as real, calling it an icon, not a relic. Many believe the Shroud to be a Medieval forgery. It is said the Shroud is the most studied artifact on earth. So where's the problem? All that research hasn't settled the debate? In spite of all the studies, there are still a lot of unanswered questions and even debate over the results of scientific work. I guess this is to be expected for something 2,000 years old. I will try to condense the major issues.

First, the whereabouts of the Shroud is unknown from about 33 to 1200. Pollen grains embedded in the fabric indicate it was in Jerusalem, Turkey, France, Italy and locales in between. Without any supporting documentation, doubters abound. Those travels could be faked. Next, one expert looks at the blood trails on the image (the blood is Type AB) and says it is impossible to find a single position for the body in which the blood flowed on to experimental cloths to create the stain pattern seen on the Shroud. Another expert says the trails are precisely what one would expect for someone scourged and crucified. Third, most doubters hang their hat on the results of Carbon 14 dating tests performed in 1988. The results placed the date of the fabric of the Shroud between 1260 and 1390, right about the time documentation of its' whereabouts begins. Many experts have pointed out that the Carbon 14 testing was invalid since many scientific protocols were not followed. The primary one was taking the ONE sample from a corner where a Medieval repair was made and where thousands of peoples' grubby hands have grasped the Shroud to hold it up for exhibition over the centuries.

What makes it easy for me to accept the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin is that after years of study, no one has been able to articulate, much less demonstrate, with certainty, how the image was produced. Many theories have been brought forward, but each one has a number of experts refuting them.

The bottom line is the Shroud of Turin as the burial cloth of Christ is an ongoing debate. For now, that leaves it up to the individual to decide. You can learn more about the Shroud by getting on

Formed.org. They have several interesting videos. Also, Shroud.com has a lot of fascinating information to satisfy or peak ones curiosity.

One more thing. Check out the Sudarium of Oviedo, the face cloth of Christ, on Shroud.com. A clear distinction was made in the Gospel of John that there were two burial cloths used to wrap Christ's body. As far as I'm concerned, we have both of them.

Adult Religious Formation Team Commission – Karl Grover

Cancellation of Public Masses in the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City due to coronavirus crisis

In conjunction with the bishops of Kansas, effective 1 p.m. March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Mass in the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City are cancelled except for funeral Masses. The maximum number of persons gathered in a diocesan function is 10 persons.

Adoration chapels are closed at this time.

All Communal Penance Services are cancelled.

Confirmations, First Reconciliations, First Communions, and Quinceañeras are postponed.

All parish PSR classes, adult faith formation classes, events and meetings are cancelled or postponed.

Chrism Mass is not open to the public.

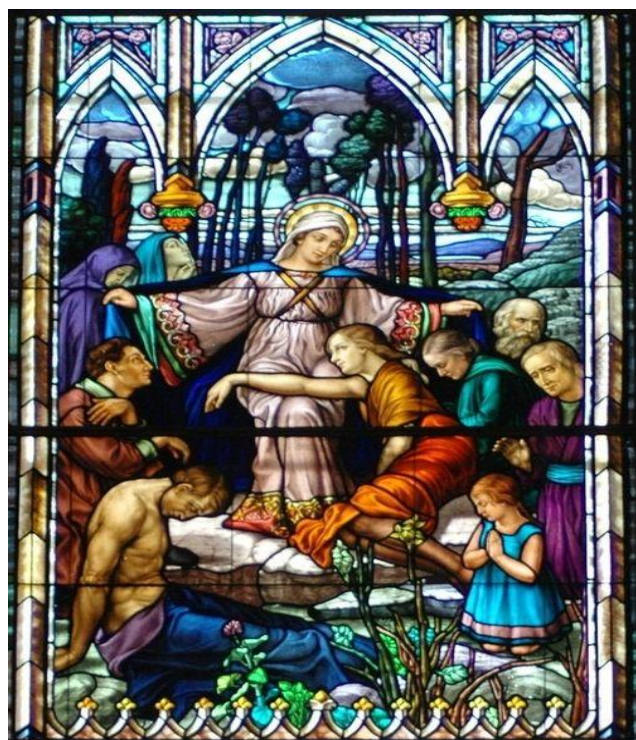
Holy Week and RCIA:
All Holy Week liturgies are cancelled.

Those who are ill and vulnerable should stay at home.

We encourage parishioners to continue sharing your tithe and alms to the parish by checks mailed to the church, or left in the drop box by the front door of the parish center.

Fr. Bernard will continue to offer Masses by himself. The Northeast door of the Church will be open from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm each day for anyone wishing to make a prayerful visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

All the faithful are encouraged to join together in prayer to our Loving God for the health and protection of our diocese, nation and world for an end to this crisis.



Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*-- Composed by His Holiness Pope Francis
March 11, 2020*



PSR NEWS

As we enter the world of uncharted territory with our children's academics, we do the same with their spiritual development. I have personally communicated with several of your student's teachers and their hearts are broken that they will be unable to finish the year with your children. Some of you may receive notes or letters from your children's teachers, others will be receiving activities in the mail for your children to complete and everyone will have the opportunity to build your family's faith at home with self-made activities as well as some shared ones on our PSR Facebook page.

I do ask though; if your child's teacher or another teacher provides activities and/or ideas please give them feedback. It is so hard to provide information on social media to a group and have no one even acknowledge your efforts, which is something that often happens unfortunately. A simple "like", "love" or encouraging comment goes a long way. If you have a concern this is often better shared through a private message or a personal phone call or text.

If you have questions concerning church doctrine or in need of guidance as how to teach your child about their faith, please do not hesitate to contact Father Bernard, Pam Huffles, any PSR Committee member or myself and we will gladly find and provide you with the answer to the best of our ability. In grades 3-5 if you wish to utilize your child's current workbook please contact the office and we will arrange for you to get that.

Please remember part of your children's faith life is prayer. Quite often the best place to do this is at home, but for a change of environment and a more intimate visit with the Lord can sometimes take place at church. Our doors at church will be open 9:00 am to 7:00 pm daily for you to bring your family. One prayer that is often said this time of year is the Stations of the Cross which can easily be said any day in the church following along with the stations on the wall. A visit to church can be 5 minutes or an hour. Don't let your uncertainty about visiting keep you away.

Thank you for taking on this task!! Please let me know how we can support you along the way.

Easter Blessings!!!

Stacy Sanger and the PSR Commission

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (01) Charlie Befort | (16) Denis Gilcris |
| (02) Sue Haymaker | Robert Keller |
| Larry Trujillo | (17) Duskin Bowman |
| (03) Mike Hensley | Lynn Hanson |
| Lisa Schartz | (18) Kim Smith |
| (04) Easton Fox | (19) Vicki Gillett |
| Janice Heit | Barbara Penka |
| (05) Gabriel Mull | Ed Ummel |
| Susan Perez | (20) Sam Hill |
| (08) Cathy DeMond | Ali Zook |
| (09) Sharon McGinness | (21) James Burdett |
| Pete Schartz | (22) Maria Martinez |
| Amy Simmons | (23) Kimi Bowman |
| (10) Michelle Kelty | Mike Martel |
| Maurice Schaller | Marilyn McClendon |
| (11) Mia Munden | Rob Munden |
| Eli Ramsey | Levi Sanders |
| Tisha Skelton | Kree Smith |
| (12) Natally Gonzalez | (24) Bert Schartz |
| (13) Jayden Ramirez | Matt Watkins |
| Jean Tanner | (26) Kevin Davis |
| (14) Lee Durler | Reed McNett |
| Ryland Henderson | Shane Sundahl |
| Ty Josefiak | Dale Unruh |
| Emma McNett | (28) Laurie Josefiak |
| John Mull | (29) Alvie Axman |
| Jenny Rector | (30) David Burdett |
| (15) Amanda Clark | Jeanne McDonald |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- (02) Jason and LeAnne Hammeke
 (06) Robert and Libby Keller
 (11) Marvin and Joan Slagle
 (12) Okey and Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku
 (16) Raymond and Betty Perez
 Todd and Tami Keenan
 (19) Pete and Lisa Schartz
 (22) Stephen and Janice Heit
 Maurice and Rita Schaller
 (23) Jim and Judy VonFeldt
 (25) Ben and Jenny Ramsey
 (27) Alvie and Melinda Axman
 Gustavo and Kathy Flores
 (28) Joe and Margaret Garcia
 (29) Shane and Stacy Parr



CONGRATULATIONS!

Raymond & Betty Perez ~ Married 75 years
 Marvin & Joan Slagle ~ Married 67 years
 Joe & Margaret Garcia ~ Married 58 years
 Stephen & Janice Heit ~ Married 25 years
 Shane & Stacy Parr ~ Married 25 years

Remember with Prayer

Grace Perez	Betty Tauscher
Fheno Perez	Sharon Larsen
Don Jensen	Corrine Brack
Eleanor Sanders	Mickey Perez
Ann Haremza	Clayton Kelty
Frank Garcia	Sue Haymaker
Jayden Waller	Trenton Welsch
John Harmon	Kevin Simmons
Fr. Warren Stecklein	Ryan Shelton
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Jeanne McDonald



All of our men and women serving in the
 United States Military



NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019

	FEBRUARY	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	14,233.25	133,001.02
Special Donations		3,390.00
Endowment		3,500.00
Interest	18.64	3,928.81
Farm	321.32	8,705.30
PSR		21,358.50
Fundraisers		2,294.59
Miscellaneous	<u>1,106.00</u>	<u>13,300.31</u>
TOTAL	\$15,679.21	\$189,478.53
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,179.17	14,586.42
Salaries	13,418.73	99,242.54
Insurance	1,699.00	14,392.00
Utilities	1,967.71	16,232.42
Maintenance	24.37	8,540.61
Improvement		
Office	1,104.55	9,673.61
PSR	160.00	17,776.23
Farm		2,705.11
Miscellaneous	<u>580.34</u>	<u>10,958.63</u>
TOTAL	\$21,133.87	\$194,107.57

YTD: (\$4,629.04)

If You Can't Receive Communion, Make a Spiritual Communion

Act of Spiritual Communion

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
 myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.





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