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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + APRIL 25, 2021 + ORDER of WORSHIP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Recited after the bell during the procession to the altar.)

PEOPLE:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done // and in what I have failed to do,
(we strike our breasts three times during the next line:)
thru my fault, thru my fault, thru my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRIEST: May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.
PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.
PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LEADER: Alleluia, alleluia.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

LEADER: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
(*ALL BOW...*)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
(*ALL STAND ERECT...*)

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE PETITIONS: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

AFTER CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THE PRESIDER: **Amen.**

PRAYERS DURING the OFFERTORY

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru
your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become
for us the bread of life. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for thru
your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become
our spiritual drink. ALL: **Blessed be God forever.**

PRIEST: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

ALL: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

SANCTUS

ALL: 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.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

PRIEST: The mystery of faith:

ALL: (*The people pray aloud one of the following options*)

- A We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again. or ...**
- B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again. or ...**
- C Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

GREAT AMEN

PRIEST: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*Recited when the Priest receives the Body of Christ.*)

PEOPLE: The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Rob Cole, Peter & Mary Ellen Eppolito,
Gordon Fenton, Alisha H., Barbara Kulig, Susan Lagana,
Phyllis Laurito, Helen Merrill, Jim Rawcliffe Dave Scholand,
Carole Schiller & residents of the WCA Home,
Pat Schwertfager, Mario Serio, Wallie and Connie Sobillo,
Jane Katie Yates, George Watson, Fr. Charles Zadora, mis-
sionaries and military personnel who serve away from home,
and all who suffer or are in special need.

***Names remain on the list for a period of three months. If
one desires to renew that request for subsequent three-
month periods, please phone or email the office staff. Re-
quests for sacraments for persons who are sick or home-
bound may also be referred to the office staff.***

COLLECTION TOTAL

April 18

St. Joseph: \$2,496 + St. Anthony: \$2,254

SCRIPTURE TRANSLATIONS

Part Two: Is This a Catholic Bible?

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

Last week, I wrote to you about scripture translations in general, and how the Church considers the original Hebrew or Greek texts to be the basis of all translations. This week, we turn our attention to a question that people often ask: “Is this a Catholic Bible?”

There are a few ways in which one might answer that. That’s not a bad question, but sometimes it’s tough to give a simple “yes” or “no” answer. There are three areas that pertain to whether or not we might refer to a particular scripture translation as “Catholic”: ecclesiastical approval, scholarship, and whether or not a particular bible contains all the books that should be there. Let’s look at these one by one.

First of all, there is the question of whether a particular translation has ecclesiastical approval. That shouldn’t be too tough to figure out. If one turns the “Copyright Page”—the page *after* the “Title Page”—that’s where one can usually find an “imprimatur,” if there is one. That means that a bishop has given his okay that the book doesn’t contain anything that might be contrary to the faith. It tends to be fairly easy to spot. Look for the Latin word “imprimatur,” which is usually preceded by a cross and followed by the name of the bishop who granted the imprimatur and the year in which he granted it. An imprimatur is something like a Catholic counterpart to the “Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.” If you see that, you can be sure that it qualifies as a “Catholic Bible.” Of course, if one is purchasing a book online, it’s not always possible to look for this designation.

Second, there’s the question of scholarship. In our present age, translations of the Bible are usually accomplished by a group of scholars rather than a single human being. Scripture scholars come from divergent Christian (and, in the case of the Old Testament, even non-Christian) traditions. Some translations are the product of scholarship that is exclusively Catholic, some have no input from Catholics at all, and some are the work of a mixed group of scholars comprised of both Catholics and non-Catholics. This is not to say that translations done exclusively under Catholic scholarship are necessarily better or more accurate or more orthodox than others. That said, it is not outside the realm of possibility that a translator’s particular faith tradition cause a translation to be rendered in one way or another.

Third, there’s the question of whether or not a particular translation contains all the books of the Bible or not. I suppose it goes without saying that we need to know which writings are divinely inspired and which are not, and because God didn’t say explicitly upon their completion which books belong to the Bible and which do not, there needs to be some authority for making that determination.

There was no “canon” (or conglomerate collection) of scripture in the Church’s earliest centuries; in fact, there was no Bible as we know it. The Church gave birth to the Bible, and not the other way around. The truth is that the Bible is the book of the Church; she is not the Church of the Bible. It was the Church—both in her leadership and in her faithful people—guided as she was by the authority of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth came to discover which the books were inspired by God in their writing. The Church did not *create* the canon of Scripture; she *discerned* it.

The canon of books of the Holy Bible dates back to the mid-300s and the Council of Laodicea. Numerous reaffirmations of that canon were made throughout the history of the Church. However, because the Catholic Church does not tend to make rules definitive unless errors abound, the canon of Scripture was not defined until the Council of Trent. There was a need to do that because so many Protestant leaders were leaving books out of the Bible, and it was leading to confusion for the faithful.

There are 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. Christians are in agreement about which books of the New Testament are divinely inspired. However, Protestant and Evangelical canons generally lack seven of the Old Testament books, specifically the ones which were written in Greek. These books were rejected by Protestants, even though they had been accepted as part of the canon of Sacred Scripture for more than a thousand years of Christianity and are, namely: Baruch, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Sirach, Tobit and Wisdom. These are generally referred to collectively as the “Apocrypha” or the “Apocryphal Books.” Sometimes a bible will have a notation below the title “with Apocrypha” or “Catholic Edition,” which means that none of the books of the Bible are omitted.

Next time, we’ll look at some traits of particular translations. Until then, God bless and keep you.

Devotedly in the Lord,
Fr. Joe

“DRIVE BY FOR LUCY”

On Sunday, May 2 Parishioners, family and friends of Lucy Giambra Hurley are invited to participate in a “Drive By” at St. Joseph Church immediately following the 11:15AM Mass. There will be a tree planting and the placement of a plaque recognizing Lucy for all her years of service at the Parish. Please join us in wishing her well on this new venture in her life.

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MASS SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Weekends:

St Anthony: Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:30 am
St. Joseph: Sun. 8 am, 11:15 am

Weekdays:

St Anthony: 8:15 am, Monday thru Friday

Holy Days:

Please check bulletin for schedule

CONFESSIONS

By appointment (*until further notice*)

FREQUENTLY-REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

St. Anthony Cemetery: 672-6657
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Religious Education Department Thanks Lucy Hurley

A donation of \$100 was made by Lucy Hurley to the Religious Education Department. The Department would like to thank Lucy for all the music she has provided over the years to Journey and the Sacramental Programs for our children. Good luck Lucy!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 24

4:00PM SA - Vincie D'Angelo DeJoe (Anniversary of Death) - *Sister Gina*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- April 25

8:00AM SJ - Roberto Denoya - *Marianne & Mario Serio*

**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM SA - Antoinette Lamp - *Phyllis Laurito*

11:15AM SJ -Francis X. Seybold -*Family*

MONDAY, April 26

8:15AM SA - Tim & Mary Ivory (Anniversary of Marriage) - *Allan & Louanne Scarpine*

TUESDAY, April 27

8:15AM SA - Thank You St. Anthony - *S.F.*

WEDNESDAY, April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

8:15AM SA - Roy & Angeline Bruno - *Estate*

THURSDAY, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:15AM SA - Lucia Giambrone - *Estate*

FRIDAY, April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope

8:15AM SA - Josephine Giambrone - *Estate*

SATURDAY, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

4:00 PM SA - James Koch - *Jeff Passafaro*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 2

8:00AM SJ - People of St. Joseph & St. Anthony Parishes

**** 8:00 AM Mass is Livestreamed****

9:30AM SA - Charles Giambrone - *Estate*

11:15AM SJ - Jeanne Seybold (Birthday Remembrance) -*Neil & Donna Zuchowski*

SA = at St. Anthony Church / SJ = at St. Joseph Church

Mass via Livestream: 1. Go to youtube.com. 2. Search for St. Joseph Fredonia & go there. 3. Click on the icon for the Mass that you desire to view.

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Providing HOPE across all eight counties of Western New York, the Catholic Charities Appeal continues to need your help. Your donation is important to keep all the many programs viable. Please consider making a donation as the Appeal continues until June 30th. Many thanks to those who have already donated so generously to the Appeal.

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