

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2010**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010**

**(Ezekiel37.21-28, John11.45-57)**

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

James Redmond

by the SNJM Richelieu Rose Group of Associates & Sisters

Patrick O'Hara by his family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010**

**(Isaiah50.4-7, Phil2.6-11, Luke22.14-23.56)**

10:30 Danielle Keefler by her family

Sinforosa & Efren Cataluna by their family

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Teresa McConnon by The Priory School & Staff

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009 - NO MASS**

**(Isaiah42.1-7, John12.1-11)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2010**

**(Isaiah49.1-6, John13.21-33, 36-38)**

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010**

**(Isaiah50.4-9a, Matt26.14-26)**

Mr. Thomas McCauley by Constance O'Donnell

Miss Evarista O'Donnell by Constance O'Donnell

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2010**

**(Exodus12.1-8, 11-14, Cor11.23-26, John13.1-15)**

8:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2010**

**(Isaiah52.13-53.12, Heb4.14-16, 5.7-9, John18.1-19.42)**

3:00 p.m. **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2010**

8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2010**

**(Acts10.34a, 36-43++, Col3.1-4, John20.1-18++)**

10:30 **Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**This Week at Ascension**

Monday: Lenten series **Chocolate for Lent** in the Parish Room of the rectory from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for information call 931-5536.

Wednesday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 28, 2010

### Palm Sunday (Luke 22:14-23, 56)

Luke tells us Jesus' sweat became like drops of blood as he prayed on the Mount of Olives before his arrest but he does not say Jesus actually sweated blood. Medical experts, however, claim that would have been possible for someone experiencing a great deal of fear. The blood loss, although minimal, would have caused Jesus' skin to become very tender, making the scourging even more painful.

After they arrested Jesus, the chief priest and the Sanhedrin (the Jewish town council in Jerusalem) interrogated him and found him guilty of blasphemy, a crime Jewish law said deserved the death penalty. Although the Roman authorities allowed the Sanhedrin to pass laws, arrest criminals, hold trials, and impose penalties, they reserved for themselves the authority to put someone to death. That explains why the Sanhedrin sent Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, and accused him of crimes for which the Romans would execute him. Pilate ordered the soldiers to scourge Jesus before he decided what to do with him. The soldiers carried out this order with a flagrum, an instrument made of a short wooden handle, leather thongs tied to the handle, and pieces of bone or metal fastened to the other end of the thongs. Because it was possible for someone to die from this punishment, Roman law limited the number of lashes the soldiers could inflict on an individual.

As a military guard led Jesus to the place of crucifixion, he either wore a sign around his neck so everyone would know the crime for which the Roman authorities found him guilty or a soldier carried this sign high in the air for everyone to see. The soldiers later nailed this sign to the cross above Jesus' head.

Because the entire cross would have been too heavy, Jesus carried only the crossbeam (weighing about 125 pounds) on his shoulders as he made his way to the crucifixion site. After the soldiers nailed Jesus to the crossbeam, they lifted it and secured it to a stake sticking out of the ground. This post was shorter than Jesus' body, forcing his torso to hang with knees bent and in a contorted position, not fully stretched out as we usually see in pictures.

Upon arriving at Golgotha, the soldiers probably drove nails through Jesus' wrists, not through his palms because nails through the palms would not have been able to support the body's weight. Death most likely resulted from Jesus no longer being able to expel air from his lungs.

**For Reflection:** Crucifixion was extremely painful but Jesus endured it out of love for us. Pray that Jesus will help you love him and others more than you already do.

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His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte  
will sponsor a **Héma-Quebec Blood Donor Clinic on Good Friday,**  
**April 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
at Marché Bonsecours, 350 St. Paul St. East

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## Services for Holy Week



Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.

**Holy Thursday, 8 p.m.:**

(The collection at this Mass is for the good works of the parish. It is an expression of our solidarity in the Eucharist with God's poor.)

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:**

Washing of the Feet  
Procession to the Altar of Repose

**Good Friday, 3 p.m.:**

(A day of fast and abstinence)

(This collection is in support of the Holy Land. It will aid the pastoral, educational and social mission entrusted to the Franciscans of the Holy Land.)

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion:**

Reading of the Passion  
Prayers of Intercession  
Veneration of the Cross  
Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday, 8 p.m.:**

**Easter Vigil Mass:**

Blessing of the Fire  
Lighting of the Candle  
Easter Proclamation  
Readings of the History of Salvation  
Blessing of the Easter Water  
Renewal of Baptismal Promises  
Celebration of Baptism

**Easter Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.**

**Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Celebration of Baptism

### Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

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