

Dear friends in Christ,

As we start this week with the Passion Sunday, I would like to draw your attention to an old Indian story.

There was an elderly man who meditated every morning under a big tree on the bank of the Ganges River. One morning, after he had finished praying, the man opened his eyes and saw a scorpion floating helplessly in the water. As the scorpion washed nearer to the tree, the man quickly stretched himself out on one of the long roots that extended over the river and reached out to save the drowning creature. As soon as he touched it, the scorpion stung him. Instinctively, the man withdrew his hand. A few moments later, when he had regained his balance, he stretched himself again on the tree roots to save the foundering scorpion. Again the scorpion stung him. This time the sting was so severe that the man's hand became swollen and bloody and his face contorted with pain.

At that very moment, a passerby saw the old man stretched out on the tree root, still struggling with the uncooperative scorpion. He shouted, "Hey, stupid old man, what is the matter with you? Only a fool would risk his life for the sake of an ugly, evil creature! Don't you know you could kill yourself trying to save that ungrateful scorpion?"

At that, the old man turned and, looking directly into his detractor's eyes, calmly replied, "My friend, just because it is in the scorpion's nature to sting, that does not change the fact that it is in my nature to save (Patricia Sanches, April 13, 2014)."

That story brings us to a good understanding of God's nature--never changing in forgiving, accepting and sharing His very life with us despite of our human nature to be unforgiving, not accepting and non-sharing. Even when we are so selfish and so mean to others, God does not treat us that way. As we experience the most forgiving love of God revealed to us on the Cross, most self-emptying love expressed in Jesus, we can understand the redeeming Love of God consistently expressed throughout history. In Jesus, we learn to love even those who persecute and torture us. By surrendering himself into the hands of those who tortured him, Jesus brings the true nature of God that is to save us humans at any cost. God never waits for our total conversion. He keeps moving forward, stretching His saving hands towards us to embrace and bring us all into the one fold of His redemptive plan.

What should be our response to the resilient God of love and redemption? Wouldn't it be nice if we all would firmly resolve to imitate His nature in our lives as frequently as possible? Whenever we feel like giving back to someone who harmed us, can we bring the image of Jesus who surrendered himself willingly at the hand of those who tortured him? Even in our little interactions in our daily life, think how gentle and loving we could become. In many trying moments of life, if we can be as patient as Jesus was, is and will be with us, then we will all be other Christs to one another. May this Holy Week bring us all great blessings and graces from our suffering God! I keep you all in my special prayers during this Holy Week. Kindly try to attend the Liturgy on all the three days of the Holy Week.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Xavier Ilango

**Weekday Mass Schedule April 14-20**

Mon: 5:30 p.m. No Mass; Chrism Mass at Crookston 7:00 pm  
Tues: 9:00 a.m. Tom Ulschmid  
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Jeffrey Aarness  
Thurs: 7:00 p.m. +Mary Ann Janu  
Fri: Good Friday Service at 5:30 pm  
Sat: 8:00 p.m. +Gordon and Bernice Sanders  
Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro Popolo

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**Mass Times**

Monday 5:30 p m  
Tuesday-Thursday  
9:00 am  
Friday 7:30 AM  
(Care Center)  
Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 4:30PM

**ADORATION:**

Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

Holy Rosary School Calendars are on sale for 2014. Winners are chosen daily beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the Jaroszewski family at 218-334-2307

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**Easter Lily Collection:** At Easter we want to beautify our sanctuary with many flowers. Please consider donating toward this expense. You can put your donation in an envelope labeled **Easter Lilies** and drop it in the collection basket.

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If you have been married 25+ years, be sure to sign up in the vestibule for the April 27 Mass and Brunch

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The Cemetery Committee will meet Monday, April 21, at 6:30 pm in the Church basement

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There will be **training and commissioning for new and**

**veteran Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** during the 5:30 pm Mass on Monday May 12. All Eucharistic Ministers must attend.

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**Reserve the date:** We are planning a parish pilgrimage to the Cathedral at Crookston for Saturday, July 12. The pilgrimage will earn a Plenary Indulgence. There will be more

information soon.

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May 4: **Altar server** training and commissioning at 11:00 am; Thumper Pond at noon. May bring a friend at their own cost. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**Parishioners' Prayer Requests**

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:

- Becky Korzendorfer-Emily Martin
- Luella Baumgart
- Casey Courneya
- Dave Goebel
- Tammy Soyering
- Cecil Cook
- Norman Buseth
- Dan Hodgson
- Kenny Sprouls
- Sue Turnbull
- Ron Jensen
- Terri Quittschreiber
- Henry Schreiner
- Debbie Ehler
- Kylee Jean Miller
- Jim Wallace

Collections	Apr 6, 2014	Attendance:	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
<b>Collection Basket</b>		292	\$4,202.29—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
Adult	3,525.00		<b>This week's Total:</b>
Loose	277.00		\$ 3,809.00
Children	7.00		\$ 3,405.93
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,809.00</b>		<u>436.35</u>
<b>Other Budgeted Income</b>			\$ 7,651.28
Vigil Lights	\$ 12.60		
Assumption Parish	1,603.33		
Funeral lunch	400.00		
Easter Flowers	10.00		
Building Fund	1,380.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,405.93</b>		
<b>Other Parish Collections: Arouni Scholarship \$75; FACC \$361.35;</b>			
<b>Non-Parish Collections: Catholic Relief Services —\$5</b>			

**UPCOMING:**

- Apr 14: Chrism Mass Crookston Cathedral, 7:00 pm
- Apr 17: Potluck @ 6:00 pm; Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm
- Apr 21: Cemetery Meeting 6:30 pm, Church basement
- Apr 21: KC's Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm at Church
- Apr 26: Cantor-Choir/Musician Workshop, here at 10:00 am
- Apr 26: Baccalaureate, 5:30 pm Mass
- Apr 27: Day of Marriage—Mass and Brunch for those married 25+ years
- May 3: Maryology; Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00 am
- May 4: First Communion
- May 4: Pancake Breakfast, Circles 4 & 5; Circle 4 in charge
- May 4: Altar server training, commissioning and appreciation starting at 11:00 am
- May 4: KC's road clean-up 10:00 am

*Ministry Schedule for April 20,*

	8:00 PM	8:30 AM
FCC— Paul and Sharon Guck		
<b>Ministers Of Holy Communion</b>	Ruth Ann Lehmann Jill Mickelson Jeanne Riley Cheryl Stegmaier + 1 more	KC's KC's KC's KC's KC's
<b>Lectors</b>	Keith Adams Jim Courneya Alex Courneya + 1 more	Kay Furey
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Hofer Kyle Wothe	Bud Hensel Dan Giefer
<b>Servers</b>	KC's KC's	Charlton Wake Ricky Roforth Zach Roforth

Circle 3 is in charge of donuts in April  
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April 2nd Collections: 13th—FACC; 27th—Home Missions

**\*\*\* Youth \*\*\***

*Penance Service: April 9*  
**April RE schedule:** Grades 7-11, April 16, 23, 30; May 7 Last class  
**First Communion:** May 4  
**Confirmation:** May 24

Next Wednesday April 16 the youth will be doing the **Stations of the Cross outside at 7:00PM**. All are welcome to join.

**Wooden Egg Painting: Palm Sunday** April 13, following 8:30AM Mass. All are welcome

Thank you to all the youth that brought in **canned items and Dollars for the food shelf**. You raised almost \$100, and numerous canned items. Winners in the afternoon classes was Ruthann Lehmann's second grade class bringing in the most at 57 points and Dave Pawlitschek's sixth grade with a close 51 points. Evening classes are still bringing in the rest of Lent, and all are encouraged to bring in at Mass. Let's get the numbers even bigger, It will help those in need.

The CD of the Month is 'Keep Holy the Sabbath--Reclaiming Sunday', by Dr. Timothy Gray. Dr. Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well known Scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With fascinating detail and examples, Dr. Gray here discusses the profound importance for individuals, and for modern society, of properly observing Sunday as the Lord's Day by exploring God's gift of the Sabbath in the Old Testament. *He aims to help us reclaim our Sunday from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.* Included is a bonus 'Why I Need the Church' from the Symbolon DVD series. This and many other CDs are available in the kiosk of the church for a \$3 donation.

On April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have a **Day of Marriage Celebrating our Christian Family Life**. We would like to honor all couples who have been married 25 or more years with the Mass followed by a brunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for couples wishing to participate. If you are able to be here and participate in this Celebration, please add your names to the list in the vestibule so that we know how many to plan for.

KC's highway clean-up, May 4 at 10:00 am.

