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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) ... 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

"The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days."
—Mark 8:31-32

The first excerpt below is from St Thomas Aquinas' (d. 1274) Summa Theologica. He asks whether it was necessary for Christ to suffer for the deliverance of the human race. The second excerpt is his explanation of the twofold reason Christ suffered for us: as a remedy for sin, and to exemplify every virtue.

ARTICLE 1. Whether it was necessary for Christ to suffer for the deliverance of the human race?

OBJECTION 1. It would seem that it was not necessary for Christ to suffer for the deliverance of the human race. For the human race could not be delivered except by God, according to Isaiah 45:21: "Am not I the Lord, and there is no God else besides Me? A just God and a Saviour, there is none besides Me." But no necessity can compel God, for this would be repugnant to His omnipotence. Therefore it was not necessary for Christ to suffer.

OBJECTION 2. Further, what is necessary is opposed to what is voluntary. But Christ suffered of His own will; for it is written (Isaiah 53:7): "He was offered because it was His own will." Therefore it was not necessary for Him to suffer.

OBJECTION 3. Further, as is written (Psalm 24:10): "All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth." But it does not seem necessary that He should suffer on the part of the Divine mercy, which, as it bestows gifts freely, so it appears to condone debts without satisfaction: nor, again, on the part of Divine justice, according to which man had deserved everlasting condemnation. Therefore it does not seem necessary that Christ should have suffered for man's deliverance.

OBJECTION 4. Further, the angelic nature is more excellent than the human, as appears from Dionysius (Div. Nom. iv). But Christ did not suffer to repair the angelic nature which had sinned. Therefore, apparently, neither was it necessary for Him to suffer for the salvation of the human race.

ON THE CONTRARY, It is written (John 3:14): "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him may



not perish, but may have life everlasting."

I ANSWER THAT, As the Philosopher teaches (Metaph. v), there are several acceptations of the word "necessary." In one way it means anything which of its nature cannot be otherwise; and in this way it is evident that it was not necessary either on the part of God or on the part of man for Christ to suffer. In another sense a thing may be necessary from some cause quite apart from itself; and should this be either an efficient or a moving cause then it brings about the necessity of compulsion; as, for instance, when a man cannot get away owing to the violence of someone else holding him. But if the external factor which induces necessity be an end, then it will be said to be necessary from presupposing such end—namely, when some particular end cannot exist at all, or not conveniently, except such end be presupposed. It was not necessary, then, for Christ to suffer from necessity of compulsion, either on God's part, who ruled that Christ should suffer, or on Christ's own part, who suffered voluntarily. Yet it was necessary from necessity of the end proposed; and this can be accepted in three ways. First of all, on our part, who have been delivered by His Passion, according to John (3:14): "The Son of man must be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." Secondly, on Christ's part, who merited the glory of being exalted, through the lowliness of His Passion: and to this must be referred Luke 24:26: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory?" Thirdly, on God's part, whose determination regarding the Passion of Christ, foretold in the Scriptures and prefigured in the observances of the Old Testament, had to be fulfilled. And this is what St. Luke says (22:22): "The Son of man indeed goeth, according to that which is determined"; and (Luke 24:44-46): "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning Me: for it is thus written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead."

REPLY TO OBJECTION 1. This argument is based on the necessity of compulsion on God's part.

REPLY TO OBJECTION 2. This argument rests on the necessity of compulsion on the part of the man Christ.

REPLY TO OBJECTION 3. That man should be delivered by Christ's Passion was in keeping with both His mercy and His justice. With His justice, because by His Passion Christ made satisfaction for the sin of the human race; and so man was set free by Christ's justice: and with His mercy, for since man of himself could not satisfy for the sin of all human nature, as was said above (III:1:2), God gave him His Son to satisfy for him, according to Romans 3:24-25: "Being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God hath proposed to be a propitiation, through faith in His blood." And this came of more copious mercy than if He had forgiven sins without satisfaction. Hence it is said (Ephesians 2:4): "God, who is rich in mercy, for His exceeding charity wherewith He loved us, even when we

were dead in sins, hath quickened us together in Christ."

REPLY TO OBJECTION 4. The sin of the angels was irreparable; not so the sin of the first man (I:64:2).

WHY did the Son of God have to suffer for us?

There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends. Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because they divided my garments among themselves. Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourgings. Nor to greatness of rank, for weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head. Nor to anything delightful, for in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

LAST WEEK

5th Sunday of Lent (3 Apr'22): \$8,045.00
 THANK YOU for your generosity!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- 10 Apr, SUNDAY — HOLY WEEK**
 8:00 AM | Palm Sunday Mass
 10:00 AM | Palm Sunday Mass
 4:30 PM | *Confession (until 5:30 PM)
 6:00 PM | Palm Sunday Mass
 7:00 PM | Adoration
- 11 Apr, MONDAY — Confessions (all day as requested)**
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass
- 12 Apr, TUESDAY**
 7:00 PM | *Merrimack Town Voting
- 13 Apr, WEDNESDAY**
 9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
 10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
 10:00 AM | *"No Greater Love" Bible Study
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass
 7:00 PM | *"No Greater Love" Bible Study
- 14 Apr, HOLY THURSDAY**
 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study
 7:00 PM | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- 15 Apr, GOOD FRIDAY**
 10:00 AM | Food Pantry
 7:00 PM | COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- 16 Apr, HOLY SATURDAY**
 8:30 AM | Men's Group
 9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)
 9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
 4:00 PM | Confession offered until 5:00 PM
 8:00 PM | EASTER VIGIL MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

- Apr 9 (Sat), 5:30 PM Rick Boucher (req. by family)
 Apr 10 (Sun), 8:00 AM Pat Davis (req. by Dick & Jackie White)
 Apr 10, 10:00 AM Mary Carmen Lane & John Lorusso (req. by Maresco family)
 Apr 10, 6:00 PM SJN Parishioners
 Apr 11 (Mon), 12:15 PM Rev. Michael Mac Ewen (req. by David & Doreen Colburn)
 Apr 13 (Wed), 12:15 PM Joseph Krynski (req. by family)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

On April 11 (Monday) CONFESSION will be available, as requested, throughout the day

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
 April 14, 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
 April 15, 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil
 April 16, 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 8:00 & 10:00 AM

*NOTE: Easter Egg Hunt for children up thru 5th Grade follows the 10:00 AM Mass

thank you



THANK YOU for supporting the 4th GRADE BAKE SALE this past weekend. They raised \$436.86 for the Manchester Catholic Medical Center's Healthcare for the Homeless Program! The children were so excited and it was a great way to help them learn how to live out our faith.

NO GREATER LOVE

This 5-PART SERIES walks step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary Hill. *The Bible Study starts Wednesday, March 9.* We'll offer a MORNING session at 10:00 AM and an EVENING session at 7:00 PM each

Wednesday.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LENTEN STUDY: The Thursday morning Women's Group will be reading and discussing RESTORE: a Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation by Sister Miriam James Heidland during the Lenten Season this year. *We welcome women in the parish to join with us on Thursday morning at 10:00 AM.* For more information, please contact Claire Bryson at cbryson@sinnh.org to sign up.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

24 Apr, Divine Mercy Sunday at 2:00 PM

The St John Neumann Divine Mercy Cenacle will lead recitation of the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET this year at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (16 Baboosic Lake Rd, Merrimack).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be offered from 2:00-3:00 PM (w/ the availability of CONFESSION). The DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be recited at 3:00 PM. And, a social will follow in the downstairs hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in reciting the chaplet!

YARN MINISTRY UPDATE

The YARN MINISTRY is alive and busy! We support the Linus Project, chemo caps for the Radiation Center of Greater Nashua, infant caps for Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, and scarfs for the military. Our ministry has provided warmth and love to the community for 20+ years. **We've lost a few members over those years, and new members are always welcome!** Also, our supply closet is pretty empty. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED! "Pounder Skeins" are for prayer shawls. DONATIONS may be left in the coatroom in the bin marked "Yarn". Thank you for your continued support over the years!

TO WATCH MASS ONLINE

Our Sunday 10:00 AM Mass is streamed to our YOUTUBE.COM channel:

SJN Merrimack NH Mass

Our parish FACEBOOK address has changed. It is now:

St John Neumann-Merrimack

— AMAZON SMILE —

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. This past quarter (Jul-Sep) we received \$81.93 from the AmazonSmile Foundation. To participate, go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0370038>

and add "Saint John Neumann Parish" as your charity of choice. 0.5% of every purchase is donated by Amazon.com to the SJN FOOD PANTRY.

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