

Faith Formation by Toni Webb

THE CREED CONCLUDES

Continuing the Nicene Creed we say:”For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” Crucifixion was the worst death imaginable under the Roman Empire, reserved for slaves or the worst criminals. Did Jesus have to suffer such a horrendous death? No. He chose to because he loves us, and to indicate we must suffer for God’s kingdom. Did Jesus really die? Yes. The Roman soldier’s spear, thrust into Jesus’ side, proves that with the water and blood that poured out. Jesus’ burial took place in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, a Sanhedrin member. That Jesus rose from the dead is reported to us not only by the eleven apostles, but also by numerous other disciples including in the Saul (Paul) of Tarsus.

The third day part is tricky. Jews in Jesus’ time didn’t measure days the way we currently do. Matthew, Mark and Luke say Jesus died about 3 o’clock in the afternoon. That was on Good Friday. By Jewish reckoning, Saturday began at six pm on that same day—Friday. Sunday would have begun at 6 pm on what we would consider Saturday. Therefore Sunday morning would be the third day.

We confess: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom shall have no end.” Being seated at the right hand of the Father is an indication of Jesus’ power and authority. Our modern term “right hand man” derives from this idea. At the end of the world, Jesus judges the living—those still left alive on earth—as well as all those who have died beforehand. We Catholics call this the general judgment as opposed to the particular judgment which each of us experiences at death. God’s kingdom lasts forever as God is eternal, and we will share in that kingdom forever.

Continuing we say: “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified and has spoken through the prophets.” We ask the Holy Spirit especially for wisdom. We believe the Bible was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the prophets were inspired to prophesy by the Holy Spirit. The bible refers many times to Wisdom as “she”; and the Greek word for wisdom is “Sophia”.

Finally we proclaim: “I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.” These last four are what we call the marks of the church. The church is one because God is one. The church is holy because God is holy. The church is catholic--small “c”-- because it is universal. Finally the church is apostolic because it traces its origins back to the apostles. In Matt. 16:18 Jesus says, “Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church...” In Matt 28:19 Jesus tells the apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

Lastly we believe that we will be raised from the dead, as Jesus was, and live with glorified bodies forever. Amen.

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BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS



January 3, 2016
*The Epiphany
of the Lord*



The Epiphany of the Lord

The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Today in our Christian tradition we celebrate the Epiphany or manifestation of Christ to the whole world. An epiphany can also be a new insight or realization. Gathered together on this Sunday of the Epiphany, what new insights about our faith and our God can we discover? Let us pray to be open to what God continues to do for us in our lives.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m. **Jan 2 - -Vigil**
†Charles M. Grose by Bill & Michelle Klenk, Rebecca & Sarah

Sunday 8:00a.m. **Jan. 3**
For All Parishioners

10:30a.m. †Deceased Members of the Pawlus Family

Mon. 8:30 a.m. **Jan. 4**
†David Foster by Peg Foster

Wed. 6:00p.m. **Jan. 6**
†Louis Greenawalt by Blake Family

Thurs. 8:30a.m. **Jan. 7**
†Mary Margaret Tincher
By Chris Milam

Fri. 8:30a.m. **Jan. 8**
†Michael Murphy by Murphy Family

Sat. 5:30p.m. **Jan. 9 - Vigil**
†Valeria Brown by Pat Beverley

Sun. 8:00a.m. **Jan. 10**
For All Parishioners

10:30a.m. †Children who have gone on before their parents by Elliott Pritt

Family Focus

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home “another way.” What in your family needs to be done in “another way?” Do you need “another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection?” This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.” Bud Ozar

Lectors

Sat. 1/9(Vigil): Randal Rosiek
Sun. 1/10 8a.m.: Cindy Pino
10:30a.m.: Bill Klenk



Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



January

Sat. (Vigil): Gene & Kathy Glover
Sun. 8a.m.: Vickie Caldwell/Dominic Re
Sun. 10:30a.m.: Mike Kemlock/Debbie Hatcher

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil): 1/9
5:30p.m.: Matthew & Jacob Mrozek

Sunday: 1/10
8:00a.m.: Emma & Molly Pino
10:30a.m.: Matt & Hannah White
Bethany Rosiek



Training for New Altar Servers will begin on Sunday in January immediately following the 10:30am mass. January 10 will be the first session, with the session running from about 11:30am to 1:00pm. Any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Bracken.

Offerings Dec.. 12/27

Env/Loose: \$ 2,290 **School:** \$ 215
Online: \$ 265 **Parish Maint.:** \$ 30
Christmas: \$ 5,257 **Votives:** \$34
Christmas Flowers: \$ 90
2nd Collection (Catholic Charities) \$ 1,425



This Week...

Tues. 7:00p.m. Confirmation
Wed. 4:15p.m. “Saturday Choir” Practice
Thurs. 6:00p.m. “Sunday’s Choir” Practice
Sat. 8:00a.m. Bible Sharing @ Bob Evans

Sunday

No Faith Formation this Sunday
No RCIA this Sunday

Adult Bible Class @ 9:15a.m.
High School Youth @ 7p.m.
(check with leaders for schedule)



Special Intentions for Our Parish Christmas Flowers

In memory of

Jackson, Sylvester, MacIntosh & Pilter Families by Yvonne Jackson-Drake
Robert Lagos by Paula Lagos

If you or a family member is sick, shut-in, or going to the hospital and would like to have communion brought to you or a visit from Fr. Symeon or want to be anointed please contact the parish office. Eucharistic Ministers visits our sick and shut-ins each month, however, if we are not aware of someone who needs or wants a visit, we cannot administer to their needs.

Ladies Guild News.....

Parish Covered Dish Dinner—Dec. 16, 2015

Our sincere thanks to the many members of the Parish who prepared & shared their food. There was a large selection of salads, casseroles, cheeses, pasta, rolls, & a very good Pancetta. The ham & chicken was provided by the Ladies Guild. The drinks contributed by the Knights of Columbus men. The dessert table was the answer to every child’s dream—loaded with cookies, cup cakes, pies, cakes, homemade candy & other delectable desserts.

We also thank the ladies and gentlemen who assisted in the preparations for the dinner, serving and cleaning up following the dinner.

Did you notice the new Christmas tree? The tree was a gift from the Ladies Guild to the Parish. Enjoy the tree and the Christmas decorations. Hoping that all had a very Merry Christmas & wishing each of you a Happy New Year!

SS Peter & Paul Catholic School Presents: Bowl-A-Thon 2016 January 23, 2016 – Pinheads of Oak Hill

5 people/adult team - \$20 per person
5 people/youth team - \$12 per youth

The entry fee includes us of Pinheads bowling balls, shoes & lane rental. Not bowling? You can still join in the fun with a \$5 Side Lane Pass

The Bowl-A-Thon benefits enrichment programs for students. Awards will be given for Best of the Worst, Individual High Scorer, Top 3 Teams, plus much more!

Come join the fun, but please register early – opportunities are limited!! For more information, contact the school at 304-465-5045 or stop in Pinheads.