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5th Sunday in Lent **March 21, 2010**

"Has no one condemned you?"

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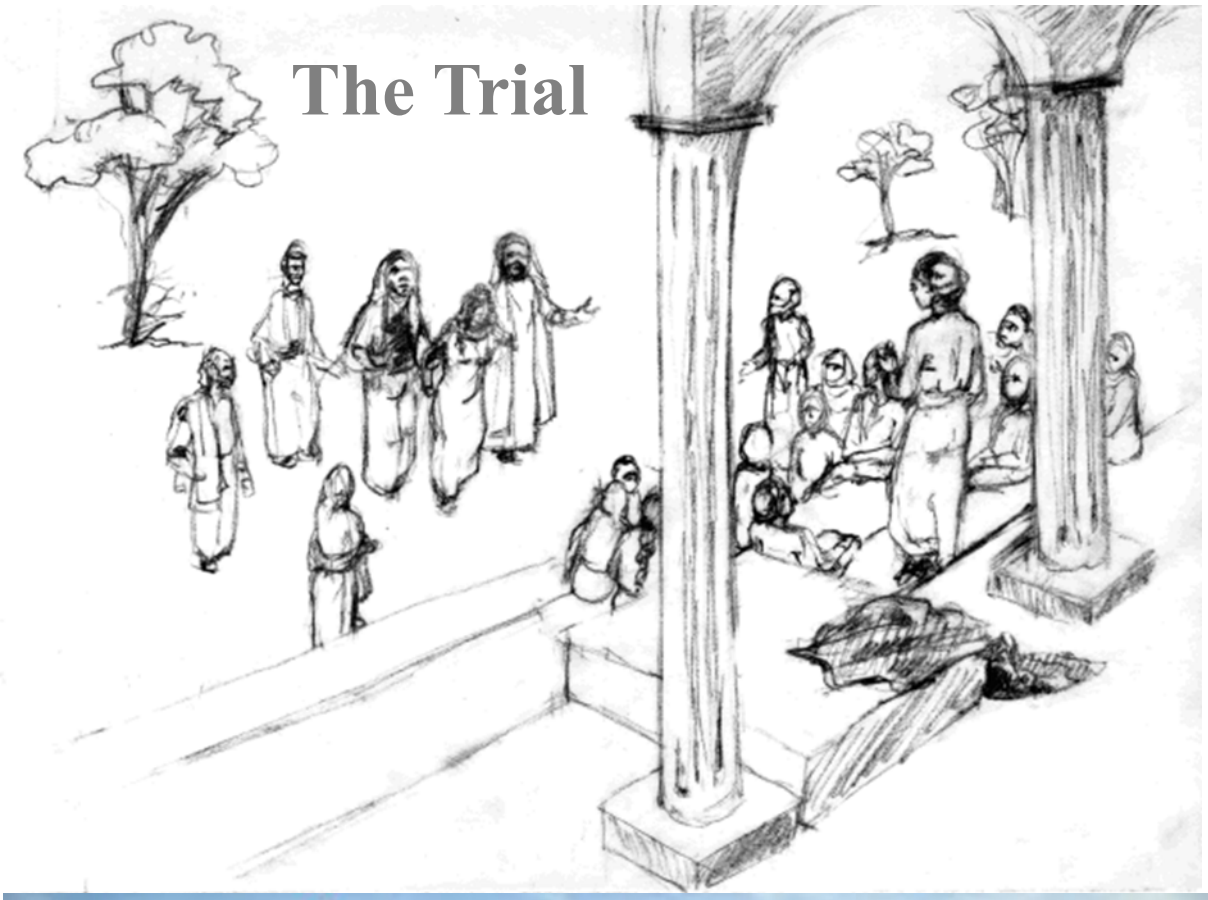
The Trial

Who is on Trial?
The woman!
Or
The stone throwers!
Words can be used like stones
Stones are used for building walls'
And
'Stones are used for building bridges'
Jesus wants us to use stones to build bridges and not
Walls over the troubled waters of human relations.
Do I build walls or bridges?

"Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart… Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life?"

Lenten Communal Penance Services

Dear parishioners: Salvador Dali's inspiration for his painting was a pencil drawing done by St. John of the Cross in the 16th century, based on a mystical vision he had of the Crucifixion. Dali's painting is regarded as one of the great paintings of the Crucifixion of the twentieth century. The view of the painting is unique in that it is from above. It is God's view, looking down from above, on his crucified Son. God chose to send the best, his Son, so that he could express in human form on the Cross his incredible love for us; in the words of the Evangelist John, "*God so loved the world that he sent is only begotten son so that those who believe in him might not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). The crucified Christ is suspended between heaven and earth expressing that he is 'the-go-between' heaven and earth – he is the bridge, the mediator between heaven and earth. The earth which Dali represents is his own home town, an ordinary fishing village surrounded by mountains.

The Message of the Cross

John 3 continues, "God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world but that the world might be **saved** through him" (John 3:17). We see a good illustration of this in today's Gospel where Jesus encounters the woman taken in adultery. He said to the woman, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). Jesus came "to save" not "to condemn." He continues this work of salvation in the Sacrament of Penance. Listen to St. Paul: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." Paul makes it clear that Jesus entrusts this message of reconciliation to us. "So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5: 19-21).

3 Lenten Communal Penance Services

- **St. James Parish, Lake Placid,** Wednesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m.
- **St. Catherine's, Sebring**, Monday, March 29, 5:30 p.m.
- **Our Lady of Grace,** Avon Park, Tuesday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.
- There will be 14 priests available to hear Confessions in both English and Spanish.
- The words of Jesus from the Cross "Father forgive them" will resonate in the Sacrament of Penance.
- We invite all to avail of the Sacrament of Penance, especially young families and young teens and adults. **Father Nicholas McLoughlin**

Parish Picnic

Saturday, April 3, 12 Noon

Grogan Hall

Parish Picnic &

Easter egg hunt

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

Bring a Dish to Share

Nolan Ivy, a young parishioner, and lucky winner of the K of C drawing for a bicycle.

Ashlee Carnahan, the winner of the K of C drawing for a girl's bicycle, with her sister, Meghan, at the recent K of C Family Fair.

K of C Fish Bake Friday, March 26

The K of C will have a fish bake on Friday, March 26, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Grogan Center. Tickets cost $8 and can be picked up at the door. The K of C has had a large turn-out for the very tasty baked tilapia Fish Bake which it has been offering over the last few Fridays of Lent. Come and bring your family.

A Day of Renewal In the Spirit

Calling all people who have made a *Life in the Spirit Seminar* or who are regular prayer community members. This event will be filled with Prayer, Praise, and inspiring talks.

Where? St. James Catholic Church – Social Hall – 3380 Placid View Drive, Lake Placid. **When?** Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Any questions call Nellie 465-4027.

Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread on Wednesday

Stations of the Cross will be at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, in Church, followed by a **Rice Bowl meal of Soup and Bread,** 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the Grogan Hall. All are welcome. Savings will be put in Rice Bowl. Come and join your friends, or, just meet a friend.

K of C Open House

Parishioners are invited to a Knights of Columbus Open House in the Grogan Center on Tuesday, March 23, at 7 p.m.

- Refreshments, games and prizes.
- Be informed about K of C Church activities.
- Meet old friends & make new ones.
- Bring your suggestions for K of C activities, family and youth outreach programs & socials. All are welcome

Sacramental Life Of the Parish

Baptisms:
Baptismal orientation is the first Sunday of each month. Ceremonies are performed on the second Sunday.

Marriages
Adequate preparation is required. Call the parish office six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick:
Arrangements can be made to have a priest and/or a Eucharistic minister visit on a regular basis, if necessary. Call the parish office.

Registration
Permanent and seasonal members are encouraged to register. Registration cards are available at the main church entrance.

Schedule of Masses And Prayers

Saturday
8 AM with Confession
At 8:30 AM (Nov.-May)
Vigil 4 PM
7 Pm Spanish
Sunday
8 AM and 10:30 AM
Life Teen Mass
6 PM
Holy Days
Vigil 5:30 PM
8 AM
Daily Mass
Monday-Friday 8 AM
First Friday
Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM
First Saturday
Mass at 8 AM
Confessions
Saturday 3:30 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**MARCH 20**
4:00 pm	Joffrey Nassour by Helene Nassour. Maurice Schwab by Eileen Schwab.
7:00 pm	Mass in Spanish
SUNDAY	**MARCH 21**
8:00 am	Geoffrey Pereira by Mom & Dad.
10:30 am	Edmond DiBacco by Georgine & Bill
6:00 pm	Anastacia Baron by Pat Collins.
MONDAY	**MARCH 22**
8:00 am	Regina Picard by Husband.
12:00 noon	Alex Holtzman by Gene & Evodine South
TUESDAY	**MARCH 23**
8:00 am	Mary Kay Costello & Frederick Sullivan by The Riker Family.
12:00 noon	For our Parish Family
WEDNESDAY	**MARCH 24**
8:00 am	Regina Picard by Husband.
12:00 noon	James Willis
THURSDAY	**MARCH 25**
8:00 am	Joan Roche by Morris & Toni Maloney.
12:00 noon	Mass for Laity for Life.
FRIDAY	**MARCH 26**
8:00 am	Michelle Allendorf by Mother.
12:00 noon	James Willis
SATURDAY	**MARCH 27**
4:00 pm	Regina Picard by Will & Claire Lagesse.
SUNDAY	**MARCH 28**
8:00 am	Clay & Dottie Fracke, Tony & Anita Gomez & John Grill by Jerry & Donna Kaplain.
10:30 am	Marie Carducci by Rocky Carducci.
6:00 pm	Patrina White by Sabine Hedberg.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Rainald Gervais,Jr.
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Noreen Buckley
Patti Wedge
Irene Umlauf
Pal Geho
Ann Davidson
Mary Strong
Joe Meegan
Marian Pogany
Michael Terrasi
Rudy Cecere
Jack Revells
Charles V Lindsey
Pat McCann
Richard Wolf
David Davidson
Alejandro Vidal
Charles Lindsey
Patti Meegan
Paul Davidson

For the sick of the parish & for those who care for the sick, and for our loved ones.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21

Monday:	Dan 13:1-9,15-17.19-30,33-62 Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Num. 21:4-9 John 8: 21-30
Wednesday:	Dan 3:14-20,91-92,95 John 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is. 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb. 10:4-10 Lk 1: 26-28
Friday:	Jer. 20:10-13 John 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28 John 11:45-56
Sunday:	Is 50:4-7Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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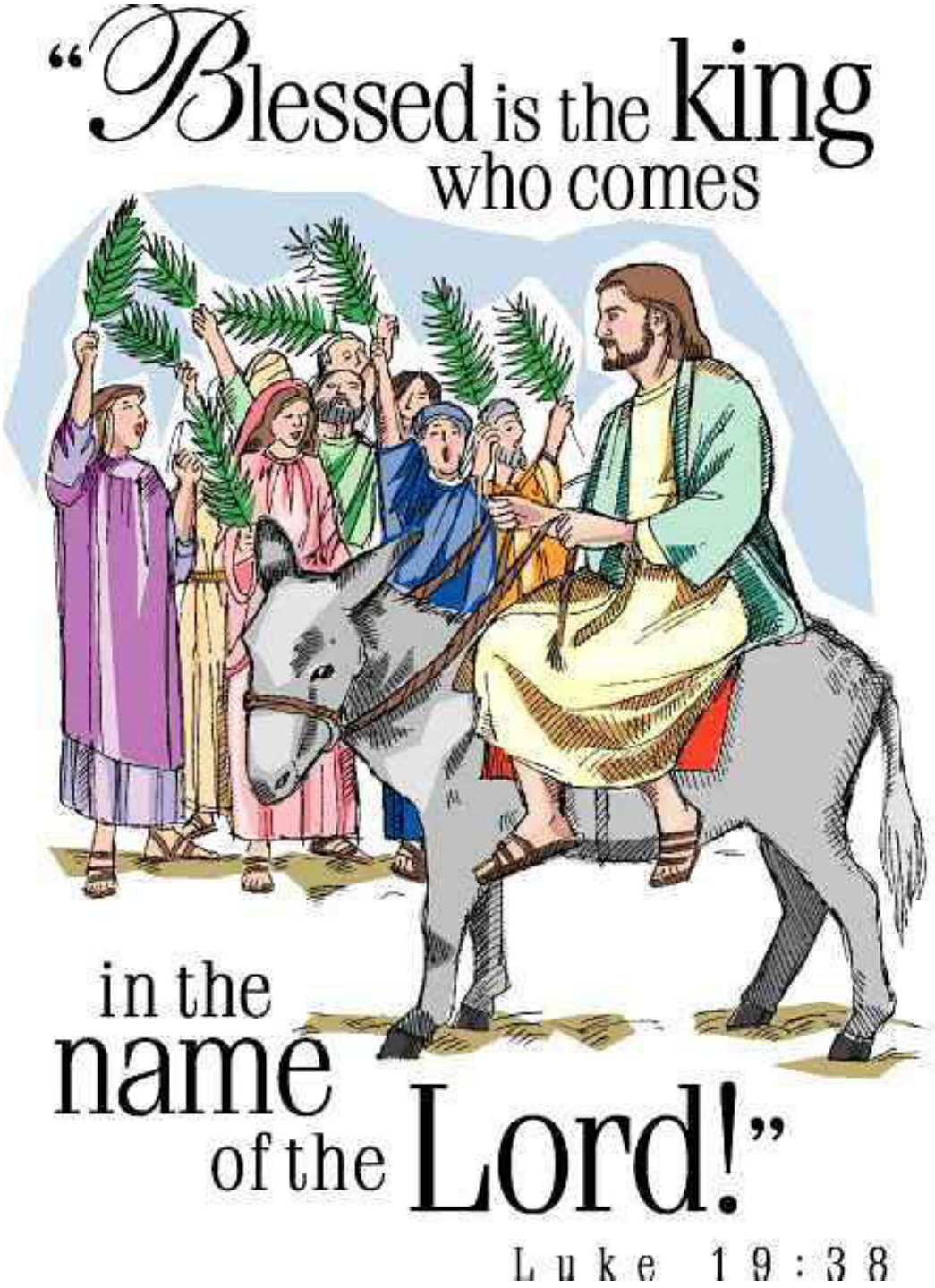

"So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 19: 37-38).

Palm Sunday – March 28, 2010