

betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
MARK 14: 32-42

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed.

Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open

and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking

your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Description: Jesus at prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, with his disciples asleep.

Reflection: After the last supper, Jesus took Peter, James and John to a quiet place to spend time in prayer. He knew he was about to be betrayed by Judas. He motioned to the apostles to wait and pray. Jesus went on a little further into the garden of olives to speak to his Father. Jesus knew what he was about to face in the next few days. He prayed that the will of the Father would be carried out. "If it is your will, take this cup from me." You can see the angel holding the cup. Jesus realized the pain and torture that was in store for him. His perspiration and tears turned to blood and ran down his face. When Jesus returned to the



apostles, he found them asleep. Another disappointment by his friends who could not stay awake to comfort and support him.

Dear Lord, how much do you love me? To what extent are you willing to go to bring it back to the father? how much are you willing to suffer, so that I may know the father's love? In the garden you share in my human weakness and you conquer it. In your yes to the father you teach me to say yes. You teach me to love as you love me. Thank you Lord.

L. SYMBOL OF MARY

Description: A large "M" surrounded with flowers

Reflection: Mary's Flowers of the Medieval Countryside. The two flowers beyond all others that are emblematic of the Blessed Virgin are the rose in the East and the lily in the West. The rose is also used. At the Feast of the Assumption, or miraculous ascent of Mary into heaven, the white virgin's bower is widely used. In depicting the Annunciation, early painters represented the angel Gabriel carrying either a scepter or a spray of olive. Later the church instructed artists always to depict him with a spray of Madonna lilies in his hand, and this edict was followed scrupulously in the later period of Italian church art. Usually the spray consisted of three blossoms, suggesting the Trinity. The lily was symbolic of innocence, purity and virginity, and often, when it was depicted or used on an altar, it had the stamens removed lest they "defile" the virgin chastity of the blossom.

XIII. CORONATION OF MARY

[Luke 1:46-55] *And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant, and from this day all generations will*



call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me: holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from

their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Description: This picture depicts Mary being crowned queen of heaven and earth. Angels surround her as Jesus holds a crown in one hand and a staff in the other.

Reflection: Mary kneels in front of her Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She holds an honorable place in heaven for her love, faithfulness and humility.

✠ THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

M. LILIES

Description: The small picture above shows a bouquet of lilies

Reflection: The symbol of Mary, a symbol of purity and beauty. The main window shows Mary holding a spray of lilies. She is the epitome of purity and beauty. . At the Feast of the Visitation (July 2), instituted by Pope Urban VI to commemorate the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, the Madonna lily is emblematic of Mary's virginity and almost every painting purporting to depict this visit has a vase of these

lilies, usually with three blossoms, included. The pure white sepals are symbolic of her spotless body and the six golden anthers of her soul sparkling with divine light

✠ *Now move to the window above the Blessed Sacrament*



XIV. SAINT ANNE

[Deut. 4:5-10] Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees as the LORD, my God, has commanded me, that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law

which I am setting before you today? "However, take care and be earnestly on your guard not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen, nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live, but teach them to your children and to your children's children. There was the day on which you stood before the LORD, your God, at Horeb, and he said to me, 'Assemble the people for me; I will have them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me as long as they live in the land and may so teach their children.'

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

☛ *Now go and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament and rest on your journey in the presence of the Lord.*

Description: This picture shows St. Anne reading the scriptures to Mary.

Reflection: A mother is teaching her daughter the truths and words of the Jewish law. This was planned by God to prepare Mary for her role as mother to the Son of God, a young girl, with great responsibility. St. Anne, our patroness, we ask you to watch over our parish. Create an atmosphere of good will, a spirit of Christian charity and a deep commitment to carry on the traditions of our parish.

Join with Mary and the Church and pray the Magnificate

Luke 1:68-79

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.

He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old: salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to show mercy to our fathers and to be mindful of his holy covenant and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father, and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies, without fear we might worship him in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

XV STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN BACK OF THE TABERNACLE

☛ *Use all three windows to share in this meditation. Each one represents the sufferings of Christ. Cross, Cup Of Sour Wine, Sponge, Reed, Cross, Cattail, Dice, Inri Lance Spear Nails*

⊕ **CROSS, CROWN**

⊕ **CROSS,**

⊕ **CUP OF SOUR WINE, SPONGE, REED, CROSS, CATTAIL, DICE**

[Rev 21:1-7]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell

with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God). He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." He said to me, "They are accomplished. I (am) the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

Description: Cross, Crown, Cup of Sour Wine, Sponge, Reed, Cattail, Dice.

Reflection: We began our journey by placing all our pain and suffering at the altar behind us.

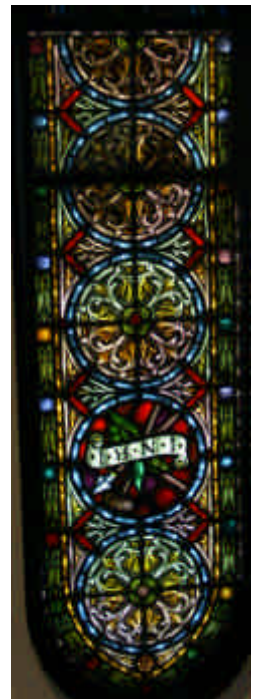
Now it is time to pick up our cross and walk with the Lord who promised us that his burden is light. The grace found in our personal suffering can be united with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. The risen Christ is present to us lifting up our sorrows and allowing them to become grace moments not death moments. To the Jews a stumbling block to the gentiles folly. The cross a symbol of rejection, despair, failure, and a sign criminals, when touched by the hand of God becomes a symbol of hope acceptance, joy, redemption. Allow the Lord to touch your cross that it may lead you to hope and not to despair; to joy and not suffering; to love and not self-pity; to salvation and not rejection.



Lord, help me to drink of the cup knowing that nothing can separate me from you.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S PRAYER FOR PEACE



Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
That where there is hatred I may bring love,
That where there is wrong--I may bring the
spirit of forgiveness,
That where there is discord--I may bring
harmony,
That where there is error--I may bring truth,
That where there is doubt--I may bring faith.
That where there is despair--I may bring hope,
That where there are shadows--I may bring
Your light,
That where there is sadness--I may bring Joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort--
than to be comforted;
To understand--than to be understood;
To love--than to be loved:
For it is by giving--that one receives;
It is by self-forgetting--that one finds;
It is by forgiving--that one is forgiven; It is by
dying--that one awakens to eternal life.

☛ *Now move into the sanctuary*

XVI. THE ASCENSION

[Acts 1:10] While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

MATTHEW 28: 16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to



the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

MARK 16: 19-20

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.)

Description: This picture portrays the ascension of Jesus into heaven. It brings together the entire paschal mystery. The picture shows Jesus in his glorified body ascending into heaven.

Reflection: He has completed his ministry on earth. His work is finished and it is time to go to his Father in heaven and prepare a place for us. However, Jesus did not abandon his church or us. He promised to be with us until the end of time.



Dear Lord, help me to experience that you are still here with me. Help me to know and understand that you have not abandoned me but are ever close at my side. Strengthen my faith in the continued work of salvation.

XVII. RESURRECTION

[John 19:30] *When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.*

JOHN 20: 1-11

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and



saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb

first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned home.

But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and what he told her.

Description: In this stained glass window we see the great mystery of the resurrection, the greatest of all miracles that Jesus performed.

Reflection: When all was lost. All hope and dreams crushed. "Was this the Messiah"? "Was this the one we waited for"? "Was it not he who was going to bring salvation to Israel"? He is dead. Hung on a tree. In the dark night of the soul the next morning when all seemed lost and forgotten. The whispering began. "I saw him". "I went to the tomb it was empty". "I had breakfast with him". "I touched him". "I had dinner with him". "He spoke to me". It was not finished it was just beginning. The Lord was not dead he had risen. We, the church, are members of the mystical body of Christ and we are people of faith living out the words of Christ.



Dear Lord, help me to trust that your resurrection leads to my resurrection. That if I die to myself, I will rise with you to a new life. Dying to my pain and suffering and my loneliness can lead me to a new life in you. O Lord, you trusted the Father so deeply that you gave your life into his hands. Help me to abandon myself to the Father's love and experience the true meaning of life.

XVIII. WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

JOHN 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.