

March 9, 2010

Dear Friends,

As we begin the season of Lent, we have yet another chance to (learn more about) grow closer to Our Lord. While revisiting the events of His passion, death and ultimately His resurrection, we not only re-familiarize ourselves with Jesus but can learn more about Him. Because the nature of God is infinite, we can never learn enough about Our Lord and sufficiently enhance our relationship with Him. As we walk the way of the cross with Him once more, we find that it is He Who is accompanying us along our difficult journey. As children of God for Whom Jesus is performing His redemptive act, we share in our part by carrying our own cross. Our Lord paves the way so that we can find our way to salvation if we only follow in His footsteps. When we realize that our own daily sufferings have merit if we unite our sufferings with those of Jesus, then we can start to discover the meaning of the experiences in our lives which seem to challenge us the most and may be the most difficult to understand. Rather than only concentrating on how much our sins have offended our Lord, our priests might suggest that we can also focus on what we can do in our everyday lives to please Him and to perhaps comfort Him through our sacrificial efforts in not only what we do throughout our day, but how we perform our routine tasks with care for others.

Like the sorrowful Mother who faithfully followed the Way or the Via Dolorosa, and the women like Veronica wiping away the some of the agony of the Way, we can accept our crosses and realize that what we contend with in our lives is a sharing of the passion of Christ. Mary stood at the foot of His cross, and is there for us in our time of need, too. Jesus arrived at the resurrection only after His crucifixion. The other side of the cross is for us and through our sharing with Jesus, we too, share in the joy of His resurrection. Eternal life is the infinite joy that God offers us in Heaven. He is anxious to invite us to join Him, to share in His infinite happiness and glory if we will accept this divine offer.

Please remember the intentions of the Deaf community in your prayers. The schedule of Interpreted Masses for the Deaf follows. Please benefit from participating as fully as possible in the services of Lent.

Continue a blessed Lenten journey! Experience the peace and joy of the Easter Resurrection!

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Schedule of Interpreted Masses for the Deaf

Date		Place	Time
Sat., Mar. 13	Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Mar. 14		Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
		Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
		Christ the Redeemer Parish, Sterling	5:30 pm.
Sat., Mar. 20	Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Mar. 21		Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
		Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
Sat., Mar. 27	Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Mar. 28		Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
		Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
		Christ the Redeemer Parish, Sterling	5:30 pm.
Thurs., Apr. 1	Holy Thursday	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	7:30 pm.
Fri., Apr. 2	Good Friday	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	3:00 pm.
Sun., Apr. 4	Easter	Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
		Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.

Directions to Christ the Redeemer Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Hwy., Sterling:

From Beltway 495, take the Rt. 7 Exit west. Continue to the Sterling area. The Church is located across from a shopping center, next to the Ford dealer on the left. E-mail: ctrcc@verizon.net.

Directions to Good Shepherd Church, 8710 Mt, Vernon Hwy., Alexandria:

From Rt. 495, take Rt. 1 S toward Ft. Belvoir. Continue approximately 6.5 mi. At the 3rd traffic light past Walmart, turn left onto Old Mt. Vernon Hwy. Bear left at the fork in the road and follow Rt. 235 S. The Church is 1.5 mi on the right side of the road. Website for E-mail: www.gs-cc/org.

Directions to Holy Spirit Church, 8800 Braddock Rd., 8800 Braddock Rd., Annandale:

Holy Spirit Church is located 1.5 mi. from Beltway Exit 54 A, Rt. 620 W, on the right, across from Kin's Park Center. E-mail: holyspiritparish@cox.net.

Directions to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 12807 Valleywood Dr., Lake Ridge:

From Rt. 123, turn onto Old Bridge Rd. Stay on Old Bridge until Cavalier Dr. Turn left onto Cavalier Dr. At the stop sign, turn onto Valleywood Dr. and go through the neighborhood. The Church is on the right. E-mail: mariepelletier@SEAS1.org.