



Cove Side Chatter

Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church - Kimberling City, Missouri

Sunday, January 29, 2012

February – Month of the Passion of Our Lord

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In the Gospels, we have four separate accounts of the Passion of Our Lord, each of which supplements the others, so that only from a careful examination and comparison of all can we arrive at a full and clear knowledge of the whole story.

The original narrative included the betrayal, the preparation of the Paschal Supper, the Last Supper with a brief account of the institution of the Eucharist, the Agony in the Garden, the arrest and taking of Our Lord before Caiphas, with His examination there and condemnation for blasphemy. Then follow Peter's denials, and the taking of Our Lord before Pilate. Next comes Pilate's question: "Art thou the king of the Jews?" and Our Lord's answer, "Thou sayest it", with Pilate's endeavour to set Him free on account of the feast, frustrated by the demand of the people for Barabbas. After this Pilate weakly yields to their insistence and, having scourged Jesus, hands Him over to be crucified. The story of the Crucifixion itself is a short one. It is confined to the casting of lots for the garments, the accusation over the head, the mocking of the chief priests, the supernatural darkness, and the rending of the Temple veil. After the death we have the confession of the centurion, the begging of the body of Jesus from Pilate, and the burial of it, wrapped in a clean linen cloth, in Joseph's new tomb hewn out in the rock close by.

As a child, you read, heard and learned about the Passion. As an adult, you understand more about the horrendous sufferings of Christ. Each time we say the Sorrowful Mysteries, we relive the Passion. It's a time when we recall how much He suffered for us so that we may be forgiven our sins. He died so we may live.

We will be having the Stations of the Cross every Friday afternoon at 3:00pm beginning February 24, through Good Friday of the Passion of Our Lord on April 6. Please plan on joining us each week as we walk with our Lord. Remember, everyone wanted to be present when Jesus was feeding the crowds, but who walked along the Via Dolorosa when He carried the cross to Calvary? Were you there?



This picture was taken in Groom, TX in 2011
Life-sized metal statues of the Stations of the Cross

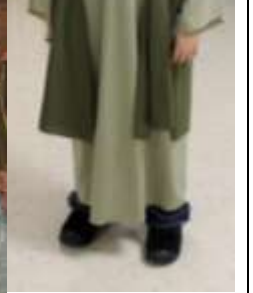
With prayers to the Shoulder Wound of Christ,
Marina Mosier

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YOUTH NEWS

Christmas Pageant

The Youth Group of Our Lady of the Cove presented a live performance of the story of the Nativity on Christmas Eve. We thank our directors, Jim and Mary Ann Dobbs for their time and talents in bringing this blessed event to life for our parishioners.



**Breakfast
With
Santa**



FROM THE DESK OF THE CRE

Truth never dies, gossip lives only until the damage is done!

What is true yesterday is still true today! This is evident in a story about Socrates in a conversation with his friend about gossip, somewhere between 469 – 399 BC.

When a friend came to Socrates with a juicy bit of gossip, Socrates replied, “Before you tell me this bit of gossip, will it pass my triple filter test?”

First of all, what you are about to tell me, is it true?”

The man replied that he was not sure; he had heard it but could not verify its truthfulness. Socrates continued by saying, “You want to tell me some gossip but you are not positive that it is true.” “Well,” said Socrates,

Is what you are about to tell me good?”

“No,” the man replied, “it certainly is not good.” “So,” Socrates continued, “you want to tell me something that may not be true and it certainly is not good. Let us give this bit of gossip the final of the three filter tests:

Is what you are about to tell me going to be useful to me?”

Again the man had to confess that no; it would not be useful to Socrates. So, in his wisdom, Socrates then said, “Well, if you are not sure it is true, you know it is not good, and you tell me that it will not be useful to me, why then tell it to me?”

Stop for a moment to reflect on what you just read, and then think about how you can rely on this in your life? What difference do you think it will make in your relations with others and how can you use it to become a better person?

What is true yesterday is still true today! We find the lesson alive in Scripture, not so much different in what Socrates tells us. In Proverbs, a book whose primary purpose is to teach wisdom, tells us in Chapter 11:13 “A **gossip** betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.” How often do we betray others by our words, true or false?

Again in Proverbs 16:28 we hear, “A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a **gossip** separates close friends.” Do we think before we speak, are our intentions noble, and how would we feel if the same thing was being said about us? If we just took a moment to reflect before we speak, so many times the moment would pass before our hurtful words came out?

In chapters 18 and 26, we are told gossip is like choice morsels, it goes down to the inmost parts. When we tell others, they devour it like a great feast and continue to feed it to others, true or not.

“A **gossip** betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.” Once more it is pointed out to us, not only should we not gossip we should avoid others who do! Not only this but in Chapter 26, Proverbs tells us, “Without wood a fire goes out; without a **gossip** a quarrel dies

down.” Are we to continue the gossip or are we called to let it end with us? How much different are the results when we stop it before the hurt reaches the one the gossip is about or if we kill the lie before it becomes truth in the minds of others. What actions will you take today?

Remember with words we bless or curse. Words can be weapons or words can be implements for healing. Words sentence to death and words restore to life. Words charm and repel, amuse and anger, reveal and conceal, chill and warm. What do you want your words to convey?

Southern Stone County Food Pantry

At Our Lady of the Cove

1/24/2012

The **Southern Stone County Food Pantry (SSCFP)** located at Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church is open the first three Wednesdays of the month.

The Southern County Food Pantry helped to feed 773 people this past January. They received USDA Pears, Sliced Peaches, Soup, Carrots, Green Beans, Peas, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Beef Stew, Ham, Chicken Parts, Mac & Cheese, Elbow Mac, Tomato and Pinto Beans

The Southern Stone County Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Cove is grateful to all who donate to the food pantry, for as you can see there is a great need here. The food pantry relies entirely on donations, from individuals, other churches, and other organizations. **No one receives a salary, all are volunteers.**

Country Mart in Branson West and Panera Bread in Branson provide us with left over bread. Harter House gives us a good deal with very large quantity purchases.

Thank you and God bless all who gave groceries, money, or whatever to the food pantry. 100% goes to help the ones in need.

Dottie

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Feb. 4 8:00am-5:00pm – City Haul Indoor garage sale & Swap Meet; Branson, 334-2291
- Feb. 6 7:00pm – 18th Annual Hot Winter Fun Show: Branson; 339-3003
- Feb. 4/5 National Ice Carving Competition; Titanic Museum; 800-381-7670
- Feb. 25 65th Annual Black Tie & Centennial Celebration; Branson Convention Center; 334-4084

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CULTURAL WARRIOR REVISITED

In March, 2010, I wrote an article in the Cove Side Chats entitled *Cultural Warrior*. That *Cultural Warrior* was a college quarterback who was a devout Christian. Today, he is still a devout Christian, and he is in the news more than ever as the quarterback for the Denver Broncos, Tim Tebow.

Tebow played quarterback for Nease High School in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida and was ranked among the top quarterback prospects in the nation as a high school senior. He then attended the University of Florida as a backup and situational quarterback. Tim received an athletic scholarship to attend and play for the Florida Gators football team from 2006 to 2009. He became the Gators' starting quarterback during the 2007 season when he became the first college sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy. He is the only three-time recipient of the Gators' most valuable player award, having been chosen by his teammates in 2007, 2008 and 2009. I believe that being chosen by your teammates 3 years in a row says something about a person's character.

Tim was selected in the 1st round of the 2010 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos. He started the last three games of his rookie season and became the Broncos' full-time QB beginning in the 6th game of 2011. The team was 1-4 before Tim became the starter, and the Broncos immediately began winning, often by coming from behind late in the 4th quarter, until they won the AFC West title.

For all the awards and accolades that Tim Tebow has received, there is another side to this kid that he does not hide. It is his faith and how he lives his life. While in college, and before the 2008 season even started, he had his name pulled from consideration for the Playboy Preseason All-American team because it conflicted with his Christian beliefs. Who does that? You pull your name out of contention for an award? That's how strong his belief is in his faith, and he lives it.

During his college football career, Tim frequently wore references or biblical verses on his eye black. That's what originally caught my eye about this athlete. To be so strong in your Christian belief that you would put it out there for everyone to see. During the BCS Championship Game, he wore *John 3:16* on his eye black; the verse was the highest-ranked Google search term over the next 24 hours with over 90 million searches. Since then, in 2010, a new rule for the next NCAA football season banned messages on eye paint. This rule was dubbed "**The Tebow Rule**". Despite the media labeling it as the Tebow rule, the NCAA denies the rule was influenced by Tebow. Many other players (examples are Reggie Bush and Terrelle Pryor) wore messages on their eye black; but the NCAA never banned messages on eye black until after Tebow in 2010. Coincidence?

In order to write this article, I had to call home a couple of times to have Chuck explain some things about football, and I had to read up on Tim. Some of the things that I found out about Tim Tebow is his generosity in sharing of himself with people and spending his money to help those in need. For example, every week, Tim picks out someone who is suffering, or who is dying, or who is injured, flies them and their families to the Broncos game, rents them a car, puts them up in a nice hotel, buys them dinner, gets them and their families pregame passes, visits with them just before kickoff, gets them 30-yard line tickets down low, visits with them after the games (sometimes for an hour), has them walk him to his car, and sends them off with a basket of gifts. **Every game!!**

Not only does Tim spend time with the sick, injured and dying; he raises funds for Uncle Dick's Orphanage in the Philippines, Shands Hospital pediatric cancer center in Gainesville and trips for disadvantaged children to go to Disney World. In 2010, Tim launched the Tim Tebow Foundation and hopes to use this platform to bring faith, hope and love to those who need it. The Foundation is outreaching to four projects.

Tim Tebow is in the news but the media doesn't write about him just because of his football prowess. They write about him because of the controversy of his Christian belief in praying. I applaud his courage under fire. This was not the subject I was going to write about this month until I received an email with the picture below.

What's wrong with this picture? We turn our heads and let various groups of people pray to their god, yet we vilify this kid who prays to God? This kid who was raised in the Christian faith should be the model for kids to emulate, not movie stars or rock stars. There is definitely something wrong with our society! "Wake up America" before it's too late! Secularism is running rampant in our society because our values have taken a downward turn. That downward turn will, in the end, bring us to our knees! Instead of mocking and making fun of this kid for praying, we should all fall on our knees and pray for God's Love and Grace to fill our hearts, and to forgive those who....

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

*Let us pray,
Marina Mosier*



COLUMBINE – 12 YEARS LATER

Twelve years ago, I was at work listening to the news as the story of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was unfolding. Everyone was glued to the news stations because this horrendous news was so shocking: How could this be happening in our schools? As parents, we always thought that as long as our kids were in school, they were safe. This event would forever change the way we think when we send our children off to school each morning. I know I personally felt the anxiety having two kids in college, where violence also resided.

Years later, and after many such incidents in schools across the country, we still remember vividly the feelings we had that day of the Columbine shootings. Each year afterwards, we kept hearing of more shootings in our schools. With each shooting, fingers were pointed at groups such as the NRA. One of the parents of the Columbine shootings, Darrell Scott, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee. What he said was not well received because everyone was ill-prepared to hear what he had to say.

The following is a portion of that transcript. These courageous words spoken by Darrell Scott are powerful, penetrating, and deeply personal. There is no doubt that God sent this man as a voice crying in the wilderness.

"Since the dawn of creation, there has been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

Mr. Scott went on to say that Columbine was not just a tragedy – it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies within the government agencies that keep pointing their fingers at the NRA. The following poem was written by Mr. Scott four nights before he was to address the House Judiciary Committee, and he said that this poem expressed his feelings best.

*Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
Your words are empty air;
You've stripped away our heritage,
You've outlawed simple prayer.*

*Now gunshots fill our classrooms,
And precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere,
And ask the question, "Why?"*

*You regulate restrictive laws,
Through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand,
That God is what we need!*

Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, mind, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and wreak havoc. Spiritual presences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact. What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs – politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws. Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts."

This is only part of the transcript, but I think it's enough to get the message across to you. God has been taken out of our schools, and in the hearts of men and women, hatred and violence has a breeding ground. We need that third part of being human – spirituality. We need God in our lives. Without God, we lead empty lives and this gives room for the devil himself to invade our thoughts, our minds and our hearts.

It is only through courageous people like Darrell Scott, who gives a voice to what we believe, that we can bring God back to those who love Him. We need to have God back in our schools so that our children can have a relationship with Him. This is just a personal viewpoint, but I feel knowing God is what gives me strength through hard times. It is a peace that I know I would not have without my faith. Everyone can have that peace, but it only comes from knowing and loving God. It is not too late for anyone, and our job is to help bring God to others. Spread the word – give someone a lift the next time you are out in public and wish someone a blessed day. You never know when you will touch someone's heart. Go out and touch some hearts today and the Peace of Christ will lift yours at the same time.

CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE

Last week, our president called New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan with news about insurance and the healthcare program. Beginning August 1, 2012 (less than eight months from now), **the insurance premiums we pay, including the insurance premiums paid by Catholics for employees of churches and schools – will be used to cover drugs and procedures that are in direct conflict with the teachings of our Church.** Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan responded by saying: *“In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences.”*

The cardinal-designate continued, *“To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically, this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty.”*

Our government will now force us to pay for insurance coverage for birth control, sterilization, and even some abortion drugs. **Make no mistake, this decision is a direct attack on you, our Church, and the religious liberty of all Americans.**

Controversial? Yes! And I'm not writing this because of politics. I'm writing about it because it is not only my job, but it is the job of every Catholic to uphold our belief in the right to life for everyone.

This week, Pope Benedict XVI addressed the bishops from the United States who were completing their “Ad Limina” visit in Rome. The Holy Father specifically cited the “grave threats” to the freedom of the Church in America, and urged the Catholic community to respond, especially with “an engaged, articulate and well-formed Catholic laity.”

The following are excerpts from the Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to the Bishops of the United States of America on their “Ad Limina” Visit:

In talking about his Pastoral Visit to the United States, the Pope said, *“At the heart of every culture, whether perceived or not, is a consensus about the nature of reality and the moral good, and thus about the conditions for human flourishing. In America, that consensus, as enshrined in your nation’s founding documents, was grounded in a worldview shaped not only by faith but a commitment to certain ethical principles deriving from nature and nature’s God. Today that consensus has eroded significantly in the face of powerful new cultural currents which are not only directly opposed to core moral*

teachings of the Judeo-Christian tradition, but increasingly hostile to Christianity as such.”

The Church’s witness, then, is of its nature public: she seeks to convince by proposing rational arguments in the public square. The legitimate separation of Church and State cannot be taken to mean that the Church must be silent on certain issues, nor that the State may choose not to engage, or be engaged by, the voices of committed believers in determining the values which will shape the future of the nation.

In the light of these considerations, it is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church’s public moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres. The seriousness of these threats needs to be clearly appreciated at every level of ecclesial life. Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished of America freedoms, the freedom of religion. Many of you have pointed out that concerted efforts have been made to deny the right of conscientious objection on the part of Catholic individuals and institutions with regard to cooperation in intrinsically evil practices. Others have spoken to me of a worrying tendency to reduce religious freedom to mere freedom of worship without guarantees of respect for freedom of conscience.

In this regard, I would mention with appreciation your efforts to maintain contacts with Catholics involved in political life and to help them understand their personal responsibility to offer public witness to their faith, especially with regard to the great moral issues of our time: respect for God’s gift of life, the protection of human dignity and the promotion of authentic human rights. As the Council noted, and I wished to reiterate during my Pastoral Visit, respect for the just autonomy of the secular sphere must also take into consideration the truth that there is no realm of worldly affairs which can be withdrawn from the Creator and his dominion (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 36). There can be no doubt that a more consistent witness on the part of America’s Catholics to their deepest convictions would make a major contribution to the renewal of society as a whole.

And that is the reason why I wrote this article. To inform and help all Catholics realize that we are talking about religious freedom and how we are losing that freedom. We must remember that we believe in **LIFE FOR ALL.**

God bless!
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