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After John's Arrest... God's Good News!

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The arrest of John the Baptist in today's Gospel reading sets the stage for Jesus to appear "proclaiming God's good news." What a curious cue chosen by Christ to step forth in the footsteps of John now led off to jail, soon to be beheaded.

Stranger still, the first words heard from Jesus after John's arrest refer not to the fate of his friend; he makes no mourning mention of his cousin and mentor. Jesus announces rather a triumphant new beginning: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand!"

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The arrest of John the Baptist centuries ago, remembered now and lived again as Lent begins, cues our attention to current arrests of Faith witnesses of our own time and Christian Community, in our own nation and around the globe. Among thousands recently arrested and be-rated as was John, and among hundreds killed, a dozen stand out for their courage and unique impact:

* In Poland, Father Popieluszko kidnapped, beaten, suffocated, drowned by secret police who objected to his sermons.

* In the Philippines, Senator Aquino, Christian political leader, husband and father, gunned down by the military when he dared fly home from exile.

* In Korea, Kim Dae Jung, Catholic lay leader, head of the opposition party, now under house arrest after risking return home to a fate like Aquino's.

* In South Africa, Anglican Bishop Tutu and Archbishop Hurley, president of the Catholic Conference, both under heavy police surveillance, threatened with prison and worse.

* Four American women, three sisters and a lay missionary from the Cleveland Diocese, raped and murdered in Salvador four years ago.

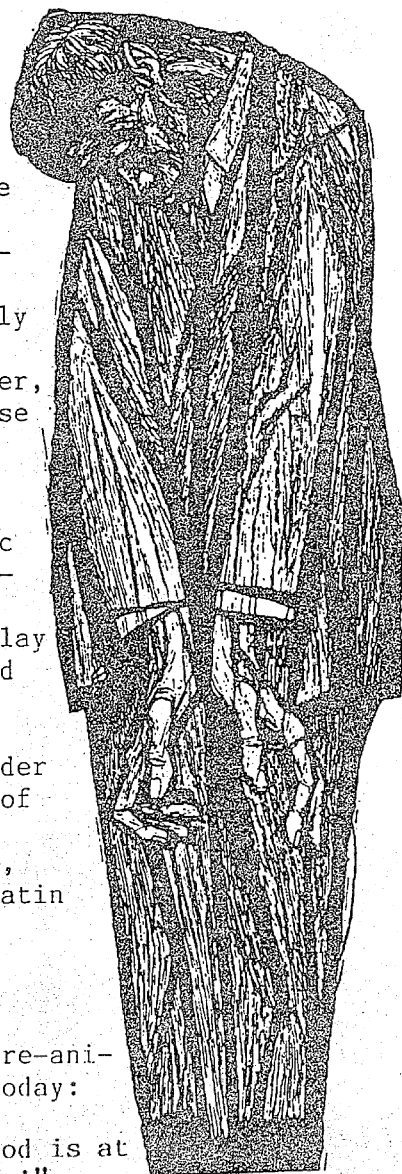
* President Duarte of that same country, a graduate of Notre Dame, back from exile, under constant threat of assassination, the fate of his friend Archbishop Romero.

* And back here in the U.S.A. February 1985, "Sanctuary Ministers" arrested for hiding Latin American refugees in their Protestant and Catholic Churches.

Through Christian witness of such scope and commitment, Jesus re-opens our ears and hearts, re-animates our faith and service, proclaiming again today:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe the Good News!"

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FROM ASHES TO EASTER

MARK 1: 9-15 Jesus begins his ministry by calling for conversion.

With the sign of ashes last Wednesday we begin our journey to Easter. Spring is the new beginning of the earth. New signs of life show that winter is past. Nature begins again a new awakening, a new color, a new life. Along with the beginnings of new life comes the violence that accompanies re-birth: the floods, the storms, the tornadoes. The human experience of beginnings carries with it some of the gentleness and some of the turmoil of spring. But both are necessary to produce new life, new growth. Lent is the Church's springtime. It is the time for each Christian community to be reborn in gentleness and in violence to new life in Christ. We do not know where this new beginning will take us, but together we enter into a journey from Ashes to Easter.

THE PRISONER
Thy servant is in irons
In the shadow of death
Lord deliver him
I see his face behind bars
Like a saint's face in holy pictures
His wide face protruding eyes
Fringe of black hair on his brow
Streaked with white wool
He looks like the Christ
Of Quentin Matsys
He gazes straight in front
Stunned at his misfortune
He sees God's sky
And that all will go well
No he is not yet painted
In the holy pictures

He sits on his bed
His head in his arms
He weeps
Alone among enemies
Who hate all he loves
For whom his kindness his intelligence
Are objects of contempt
Prisoner of his innocence
He keeps patience
Like his Master Jesus Christ
Like Him sorrowful unto death
He has so loved Justice
He is like the Christ
Of Quentin Matsys
He is learning the language of heaven.
□ RAISSA MARITAIN

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS of LENT

7:15 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church
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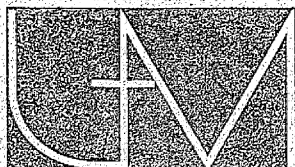


For the Needy

Grant, Lord, that I may gladly share
what I have with the needy,
humbly ask for what I need from him who
has,
sincerely admit the evil I have done,
calmly bear the evil I suffer,
not envy my neighbor for his blessings,
and thank you unceasingly
whenever you hear my prayer.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of
the night. □ THOMAS FULLER



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Wednesday Lenten Reflections - 11pm

"What Has Lent Meant To You?"

Reflections by:

<i>Fr. Ted Hesburgh</i>	<i>Feb. 27 Lyons</i>
<i>Sr. Jean Lenz</i>	<i>Mar. 6 Morrissey</i>
<i>Fr. Jim Burtchaell</i>	<i>Mar. 13 Lyons</i>
<i>Fr. Dave Tyson</i>	<i>Mar. 27 Morrissey</i>

Reflection during a quiet Liturgy
Sponsored by Lyons and Morrissey
Liturgy Commissions