



SEVEN SIPS TO DRAIN THE CUP.

Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this Cup from me; yet, not my will, but your will. Mk 14:34-36

Gazing on the wounded face on the Shroud of Turin, let us meditate on the blows Christ received at the hand of malicious men. Betrayed and arrested, Jesus was led into his night of 'seven assaults.' The seven wounds that he received journeying from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross, are just 'sips' of the Cup of his Passion that he drank to the dregs for us.

The High Priest Annas questioned Jesus about his teachings. When Jesus answered, "Ask those who heard me," the *temple guard struck* him saying, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jn...18:19-22

Notice the extensive bruising of the right brow and eye socket and the right eye is swollen shut.

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Before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, the high priest commanded, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." At Jesus' response, "You have said so," Caiaphas tore his clothes, shouting, "Blasphemy worthy of death!" Then blindfolding him, they spat in his face, striking him with their open hands and fists. Matt. 26:67

Notice the left cheek is swollen and the left jaw has been displaced by an upward thrust. academia.edu

Brought to Pilate to be tried under Roman Law, since the Jews had no power to impose the penalty of death. Jn. 18:35-37 Not finding any guilt in him and to escape a political dilemma, **Pilate sent Jesus to Herod.**

Expecting to be entertained, Herod, along with his soldiers, mocked Jesus as 'King,' dressed him in a fine robe and returned him to Pilate. Luke 23:7-11

Notice the dark area on the right chin where his beard was ripped out. This deliberate act of contempt was designed to shame and dehumanize a man.

Back to Pilate who again declared Jesus, 'a just man.' But fearing a riot, he 'washed his hands of innocent blood,' sent him to be scourged and crucified. Matt. 27:29-30



Then Christ was beaten front and back, from neck to ankles, with flexible rods, then he was scourged with whips tipped with sharp bone or dumb-bell shaped metal

A high-velocity blow of rods directed towards the nose may account for the deep welt on right cheek, the dent in the bridge, fractured cartilage, and the deviated septum that prevented nose breathing.

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Mocking him, they crowned him with thorns. Plating a helmet-like crown, the soldiers forced it onto his head, repeatedly striking it with a staff.

Nail-like thorns, driven through the skin into the skull, cut both arteries and deep veins.; piercing of the trigeminal nerves on the front of the head and the occipital nerves behind the ears caused continual unimaginable, shock-like pain.

Slapping and punching his blindfolded face, the guards taunted 'King, prophesy, who struck you?'

The face wounds are those of bare-knuckle fighters. academia.edu

Jesus lead out for Crucifixion. "Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull." John 19:17 The Stations of the Cross depict Jesus falling three times under the weight of his cross. At least one time he may have fallen facedown. Shroud evidence shows dirt on the badly beaten nose.

Traces of Jerusalem limestone have been found on the Shroud in around the nose, the foot and knee areas. shroud.com

On the Cross, the final assault to the Lord's face came as a response to his plea, 'I thirst.' A sponge full of vinegar-like wine was pressed to his bruised, split, and parched mouth. After tasting that last bitter sip, he sighed, "It is finished!" Jn. 19:28-30

Christ had consumed the cup of God's punishment for Sin to its dregs. Is.51:17 And yet *his face is so serene.* How? In that Cup was his Father's will, to "make him to be sin, who did not know sin, so that *in him* we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21, Rom 6:23



DUELING YULETIDE FEASTS

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10



On the feast of the Holy Innocent, the Community honors and entertains the Novitiate and on King's Feast the Novitiate tries to outdo the Professed Sisters. The Nuns performed the skit, *The Bakers Dozen*. A Baker, who insists that "a dozen is 12" is converted in a dream by the magnanimity of St. Nicholas. He awakens proclaiming, "why can't a dozen be 13?" And thus, is born the 'baker's dozen!' St. Nicholas then treated the Novitiate sisters to gifts and cookies.

Our Postulant Sr. Juana, directed us in a musical skit, from her beloved, Mexican Community, *Las Posadas* or 'The Inns' complete with a *piñata* party. The Three Kings, also, welcomed the Holy Family, confirming the *Las Posadas* lesson: By welcoming the poor and the needy, we are welcoming Jesus. The Novitiate definitely won the dual!



Las Posadas



From December 16th to the 24th, *Peregrinos*, or pilgrims, go house to house, with half singing a traditional song about Mary and Joseph searching for lodging. The other half sing verses that turn them away, until the weary travelers reach the designated site for a party, where Mary and Joseph are finally recognized and allowed to enter.

Diocese of Fall River, MA



Sr. Juana took the first swing at her piñata. Sr. Dominic Marie struck with vigor but it was Sr. Mary Francis who broke open the candy treasure.



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES EASTER SUNDAY ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 2ND ~ 5TH



HOLY THURSDAY	4:00 pm MASS; Doors open 8:00 am; Gift Shop closes 2:30 pm
GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross with Communion Service Doors open 8:00 am; Gift Shop Closed All Day
HOLY SATURDAY	8:00 am Doors open until 2:30 pm; Gift Shop open until 2:30 pm
EASTER -	
VIGIL MASS	11:00 pm Doors open 10:45 pm
MORNING MASS	9:30 am Doors open at 9:00 am and close at Noon

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AS YOU PRAY THE LORD IS CALLING.

Each October many of you visit our Chapel, pray a rosary for vocations and 'plant' a rose as sign of your loving support of those hearing the Lord's call.

On October 18th, young women visiting Religious houses in Michigan on a 'Nun Run', received the grace of your intercession when they came to learn about our life.



REACH OUT, INVITE AND KEEP PRAYING ~ THANK YOU



*When I found Him
Whom my heart
loves
... I would not let
him go!*

Song of songs

Single, Catholic women ages 18 - 35
Please, spread the news and pray for those the Lord is inviting.

Contact: Sr. Clara Marie, OP
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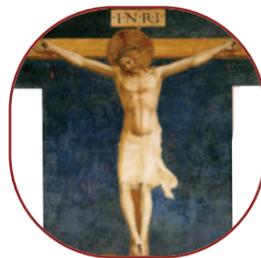
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NOVENA OF SAINT JOSEPH ~ MARCH 11TH~ 19TH

Ite Ad Joseph - Go to Joseph! - St. André's powerful mantra, a call to Faith and Hope.

St. Joseph, man of prayer, help us to stand with you before God, humble, attentive, faith-filled, awaiting the loving mercy of His providence. Teach us to pray as you did, with the inner simplicity and trust of silent prayer and the purity and strength of worship in union with our brothers and sisters.

The whole world is your child, Joseph.

Be protector and advocate for the searching and the sorrowing, the struggling and the straying, for all of us who long for peace and the fullness of life.

Take our lives, our times, our needs into your fatherly care, so that we may follow Christ Jesus down pathways of holiness and wholeness. Enfold us and those we love in your prayer, father Joseph.

Obtain for us the daily bread of grace we need for this life, so that we may come at last in your company to the eternal joy of Heaven. Amen.

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