

The 2009 Good Friday Prayer Breakfast

Special Guest Immaculée Ilibagiza

Presented by Santa Clara de Asis Catholic Church

April 10, 2009



Forgive

"AND WHEN YOU STAND PRAYING, IF YOU HOLD ANYTHING AGAINST ANYONE, FORGIVE HIM, SO THAT YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN MAY FORGIVE YOU YOUR SINS." **Mark 11:25**

WELCOME
TO THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL

**NORTH ORANGE COUNTY
GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST**



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Anaheim Hills Golf Course
Anaheim Hills, CA

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The First Sorrowful Mystery

Miss Jackie Sardina ~ SCDA Alter Server of the Year

The Agony of Jesus in the garden-

After celebrating the life liberating story of Passover, Jesus now faces His agonizing and violent death. Freedom for His ancestors had been won through the saving gift of the lamb's blood, and the parting of the Red Sea. Now it shall be won for all, through the bloody baptism of the cross. The Garden of Eden was the scene of disobedience of God's plan. The Garden of Gethsemane brings the same dreadful, blissful choice—will it be the Father's way or my way? Jesus shows us how to be obedient until death and trust our very lives to our Father. May we pray with all our being that in the midst of our agonies....Father, may your will.... not mine, be done.

The Second Sorrowful Mystery

Mr. Ruben Barron ~ SCDA 2009 Catholic Man of the Year

2009 Diocese of Orange, Catholic Man of the Year.

-The Scourging of Jesus at the pillar-

The ordeal begins with a brutal whipping. A barrage of stinging, cutting blows that tear through His flesh. The physical pain is matched with the pain of rejection and jeering ridicule, but instead of the expected curses or cries for mercy, our Saviour responds with majestic silence. His answer to evil....the only acceptable answer to evil.... is unlimited love. Let us never meet violence and hatred with more of the same; but rather patience, endurance, and forgiveness, and as we model our Lord's submissive love during our own ordeals in life, may the power of God be perfected in us.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery

Mrs. Cecile Jalandoni ~ SCDA 2008 Catholic Women of the Year

The Crowning with Thorns-

The mockery intensifies as they crown our King with thorns. Jesus does not fit their expectations as a savior, so they will kill this blasphemer. What has led to this point of madness? As Jesus puts it, "seeing things as humans see, and not as God sees." In our humanness we think that humiliation and suffering have no value, that they should be avoided at all cost. But our Lord shows us the

truth through His patient endurance of these thorns, in His flesh. We learn that our suffering is redemptive when we unite it in love to His suffering. We pray for the grace to except and overcome the limitation of our human thinking as we seek to know and trust in the true wisdom of God.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

Mr. Patrick Powers ~ Western Lieutenant Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem

The Carrying of the Cross-

Unless you pick up your cross daily and follow me, you can not be my disciple. We so easily say we believe in Jesus, but when the cross comes to meet us in our daily lives we are so often like the original disciples; scandalized by the truth and running for the hills. Human nature resists the cross because it brings death. Death to the false self; to security and control according to our measure. Sacrifice seems such a harsh invitation, but the word sacrifice means "to make holy." The truth is that our hardest crosses bring us the closest to our Lord as we become like Him. Let us except with joy and peace whatever our state in life demands of us: duty, routine, self denial. This is the fruitful cross of our daily walk with Jesus.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

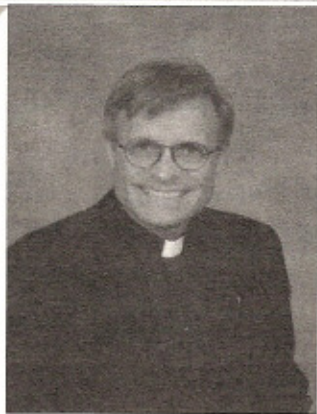
Mrs. Kelly Miller ~ SCDA Women of the Light Ministry

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Jesus was put between two others convicted of capital crimes. One is forever remembered for asking and receiving the promise of eternal life. He didn't deserve heaven and either does anyone else. God's judgment is different from ours. Not all those who say "Lord, Lord", will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of the Father. As life is not on our terms, neither is death. Let us pray for reverence for all life – including those who have not themselves revered it.

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do....."

*Meditations written by Kitty Cleveland and Fr. Robert Cavalier
From the CD album "The Miracle of Love Rosary"*



March 19, 2009

Dear Santa Clara de Asís Friends and fellow Pilgrims!

The 7th Annual Good Friday Prayer Breakfast is upon us. Each Good Friday over the last six years I have had the pleasure of attending and participating in this event. The Good Friday Prayer Breakfast is an event that many people in the surrounding community look forward to each year. Our parish looks upon this event as a faith raiser. Given the results of the recent American Religious Identification Survey, 15 percent of Americans claim to have no religion and many Christian denominations are in decline.

Bitterness, anxiety and depression have a strangle hold on many affluent Americans. It is easy to think that the answer to our problems can be found in a materialistic and secularist ideology. Yet suicide, domestic violence, addiction and other societal maladies increase appreciably each year.

Immaculée Ilibagiza, the Rwandan woman who spent 91 terrifying days in a cramped bathroom with seven other starving and petrified women in 1994 while many of her fellow Tutsis countrymen were slaughtered by Hutu extremists has a message of hope, reconciliation and compassion for complacent and affluent Americans.

On this Good Friday, we welcome her message as good news for spiritual renewal and conversion. It thrills us at Santa Clara de Asís Catholic Church in Yorba Linda, to have you join us for this event and heartfelt and inspiring message.

Best wishes to one and all, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Reverend Michael P. Hanifin
Pastor



AUXILIARY BISHOP OF ORANGE COUNTY THE MOST REVEREND DOMINIC M. LUONG

Bishop Dominic M. Luong, was appointed Titular Bishop of Cebarades and Auxiliary Bishop of Orange on April 25, 2003, was ordained on June 11, 2003 at Saint Columban Church, Garden Grove. His coat of arms is "You are strangers and aliens no longer" (Eph. 2:19).

Bishop Luong was born in Vietnam on December 20, 1940. He attended French-Vietnamese Elementary School in Vietnam, Holy Family Seminary High School, Vietnam, diocesan seminary, Buffalo, New York, and St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, New York, where he studied Philosophy and Theology. He pursued post-graduate studies at Canisius College in Buffalo, earning a Master's Degree in Science. Bishop Luong was ordained a priest on May 21, 1966 in Buffalo, for the Diocese of Danang, Vietnam, but circumstances in that country prevented his returning there. Eventually he was incardinated in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Bishop Luong was a hospital chaplain in Buffalo, from 1966-1975; Associate Pastor of St. Louis Church, Buffalo, from 1975-1976; Director of the Vietnamese Apostolate, New Orleans, from 1976-1983. He was appointed pastor of Mary, Queen of Vietnamese Church, New Orleans in 1983, named Monsignor by Pope John-Paul II in 1986. He served as Director of the National Pastoral Center for the Vietnamese Apostolate, from 1989-2003, member of the New Orleans Archdiocesan Priests' Council from 1987 to 2003, and dean of New Orleans East 2002-2003.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST

ROSARY

Led by Deacon Bob Soikkel
Santa Clara de Asis Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bill Campbell

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

Master of Ceremonies

Sonja Gibson

INVOCATION

MOST REVEREND DOMINIC NGUYEN

Auxiliary Bishop of Orange County

*Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at
Santa Clara de Asis on May 17, 2009.

Accompanied by the
El Camino Real Assembly of the 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus, Color Guard

BREAKFAST PRESENTED

AVE MARIA

Pam Melancon and Bernadette Pendelton

SCRIPTURE READING

Carl Engel - 2nd Corinthians 12: v7-10

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Chairperson; Cathy Dicken

GUEST SPEAKER

And Author

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

Good Friday Collection Encouragement

Patrick Powers

Western Lieutenant Equestrian Order of the
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PETITIONS, PRAYER AND FINAL BLESSING

Reverend Michael P. Hanifin, Pastor