

## Holy Name Society

### Monthly Meeting

October 13, 2015

#### ▪ Official Opening Prayer for Meetings

*Grant me, O Merciful God, to desire eagerly, to investigate prudently, to acknowledge sincerely, and to fulfill perfectly, those things that are pleasing to You and to the praise and glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.*

- Remarks- Father Janton
- Reflection- Jose Russo
- Reports-
  - Treasurer – Bill Wagner

#### Old Business

- World Meeting of Families
- Clean out table and chair storage area in Church Hall and repair/dispose of damaged tables and chairs – Saturday, 24 October after 8 am Mass
- Cleaning Our Lady's Statue in the Grotto
- PAHNU Rosary and Mass a great success – Thanks to all who helped
- Bronze Sponsorship for Angels on the Run
- Lighthouse Media kickoff

#### New Business

- Reflection for 10 November meeting
- Other projects

#### Important Dates

- HNS Mass October 17 – Lector?
- Counting Collection October 18
  - Establish volunteers

#### Closing Prayer – Pledge

HNS Meeting	HNS Mass
15 Sept '15	20 Sept '15
13 Oct '15	17 Oct '15 5 pm
10 Nov '15	15 Nov '15
22 Dec '15	20 Dec '15
Set up Nativity	
12 Jan '16	17 Jan '16
9 Feb '16	21 Feb '16
8 Mar '16	20 Mar '16
12 Apr '16	17 Apr '16
10 May '16	15 May '16
14 Jun '16	19 June '16



## Meeting of the HNS at OLHC

October 13, 2015

### Reflections by J Russo on Matthew 27:45-46

#### 1-Introductory Point:

Personal suffering

#### 2-Matthew 27:45-46

From noon onward, there was darkness over the whole land until mid afternoon. Then after mid afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud tone, "Elli, Elli, lema sabachthani?", that is, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

#### 3-Analysis of Matthew 27:45-46

There are three different Gospel reports of Jesus' last words (Mark, Matt and John); of these at most only one can represent the oldest discernible tradition. Jesus' citation of Ps 22:2 seems to have been known by all the evangelists.

**Ps 22: Psalm 22** is one of the most important of the messianic psalms. Our Lord himself on the cross repeated its first line, and several other verses are directly quoted, or at least alluded to, in the New Testament as pertaining to his Passion. Of no other person is this touching description of spiritual and physical suffering as eminently true as it is of Jesus Christ. **Hence, the entire psalm has been traditionally interpreted in the Catholic Church as referring to him.** The psalmist therefore, speaks in Christ's name when in the first section (2-22) he describes the Messiah's dereliction (2-6), opprobrium (7-9) and physical sufferings (13-19), together with his unshaken confidence in the heavenly Father (10-12, 20-22) and **in the second part the fruits of his redemption: the grateful praise of the redeemed (23-27), the conversion of the Gentiles (28-30d), and the glory of God and his beloved Son (30e-32).**

**St. Thomas Aquinas in the Summa Theologica** in the question 50 exposed his reasoning to the last word of Christ: *My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?*  
*Aquinas* is answering to the interpretation, of previous thinkers to him, that Jesus cried out when about to expire by being severed from the divine power of God or Godhead; for since the Godhead is immune from death, assuredly death could not be there, except life departed, for the Godhead is life. And so it seems that when Christ died, the Godhead was separated from His flesh. But, Aquinas, after a beautiful reasoning process, rejected this concept. In Christ the grace of union, **whereby the Godhead or power or divinity of God was united to the flesh in Christ's Person remains.** This explains also his resurrection and ascension to heaven.

#### 4-Points to be discussed

- 1-Our will and the will of God
- 2-Christ suffering and the will of God are similar of what happen in our daily life.
- 3-Christ understand our suffering

#### 5-References

- 1-Raymond E. Brown, S.S. THE DEATH OF THE MESSIAH. Doubleday, NEW YORK
- Summa Theologica VOLUME FOUR