

April 4, 2023

Good Morning!

From the Diocese... [Take Action - South Carolina Catholic Conference - SC \(sccatholicconference.org\)](https://www.sccatholicconference.org) Help pass school choice for our children and families! [Support the Education Scholarship Trust Fund](#)

Hilltoppers Luncheon Meeting, 11:30-1:30, Hall
Main Dish today is Ham!

No Mass or Confessions tonight as Fr. Gillespie is attending the Chrism Mass in Charleston

Knights of Columbus Meeting tonight, 6:30, Hall

1. Today's Readings: [Tuesday of Holy Week | USCCB](#)
2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Why did Mary not plead with Pilate for Jesus? St. Alphonsus Liguori has some insight in today's mediation.
3. Quotes of the Day:

"One cannot love without suffering or suffer without loving." *St. Gianna Beretta Molla*

"At times, you may become discouraged when you pray because your sins seem to jump out at you. You may actually feel worse than ever. But don't let that get you down. It's actually a sign of progress because the closer you draw to the perfect holiness of God, the more your own imperfections will stand out against the pure light of His holiness...This explains why really holy people are often the last ones to admit it, because the holier they get, the less holy they feel." *J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Mary Did Not Plead With Pilate

Mary refrained from appearing before pilot to plead for Jesus life, notes St. Alphonsus; she appeared publicly only to be with Jesus at the Cross. Why was she silent the whole time?

Why was Mary silent during the passion of Jesus when he was unjustly accused? Why did she say nothing to Pontius Pilate, who was somewhat inclined to set him at liberty, knowing, as he did, his innocence? Yet she appeared in public only to attend the great sacrifice to be accomplished on Calvary. She accompanied her beloved Son to the place of execution and she was with him from the first moment, when he was nailed to the Cross. She was there until she saw him die, and the sacrifice was consummated. Why was Mary silent as she endured all this? Because she did all this to complete the offering that she had made of her Son to God in the temple when he was still an infant.

To understand the violence that Mary had to allow herself to suffer in this sacrifice, it's necessary to understand the love that this mother bore to Jesus. Generally speaking, the love of mothers is so tender toward their children that, when their children are at the point of death, and there is fear of losing them, it causes them to forget all their faults and defects, and even the injuries they may have received from them. It makes them suffer inexpressible grief.

Even so, the love of these mothers is a love divided among other children, or at least among other creatures. But Mary had an only Son, and he was the most beautiful of all the sons of Adam- most amiable, for he had everything to make him so: he was obedient, virtuous, innocent, holy. Suffice it to say, he was God. Again, this mother's love wasn't divided among other objects. She had concentrated all her love on this only Son. Nor did she fear to be excessive in loving him; for this Son was God, who merits infinite love. And this was precisely the Son who became the victim which she of her own free will had to sacrifice to death.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori, *The Glories of Mary*

Source: A Year With Mary by Paul Thigpen