

Exaltation of the Cross – A

- Teen speeding through town gets arrested
 - Arrested, Jailed, Charged
 - Speeding, reckless driving, driving to endanger, ...
 - Pleads Guilty & Judges gives him maximum fine allowed
 - Then judge declares a recess, takes off his robes, and pays his son's fine

Was he guilty? – Yes

Was the penalty fair? – Yes, justice demanded it.

Who paid the fine? – Father, as if he had done the crime himself

But justice was satisfied

- We sin, we do – are we guilty? – Yes.
 - Who pays the fine for our sin – JESUS
 - When we sin, we offend God – can I satisfy divine justice? – No way.
 - Only divinity can satisfy offended divinity.
 - So God becomes man and Jesus, innocent, takes my sin as His own
 - What would be a just penalty for all the sins of humanity? All of it
 - Death
 - Jesus pays that price on the Cross
 - When we look at the Cross we see **our sin**
 - It is our sin that is nailed to the cross
 - BUT – Today's feast is the Triumph, the Exaltation of the Cross
Death is hardly victorious YET
Cross is Triumphant, Cross is Victory
Sin and Death are defeated on the Cross because of EASTER
 - Death and sin are defeated because we are covered by blood
 - This is the GOOD NEWS – GREAT NEWS!

Six years ago I was ordained

@ Cathedral of the Holy Cross – on the Feast of the Holy Cross

We sang today's opening song "Lift High the Cross" Proclaiming the Good News

Last week's bulletin Fr. C – I hope to leave for the missions to the Bahamas soon

My wife & I have visited the outer islands several times and found NO clergy

People of faith who want to worship & have no one to lead them

On our island there are 3 churches with NO clergy at all, 3 churches we will serve

All we have to bring them is the Cross – The Cross is the source of Good News

The Cross is our Victory – whether in Jerusalem or Norwood or Bahamas, 1 truth

Salvation comes through forgiveness of sin – won for us on the Cross