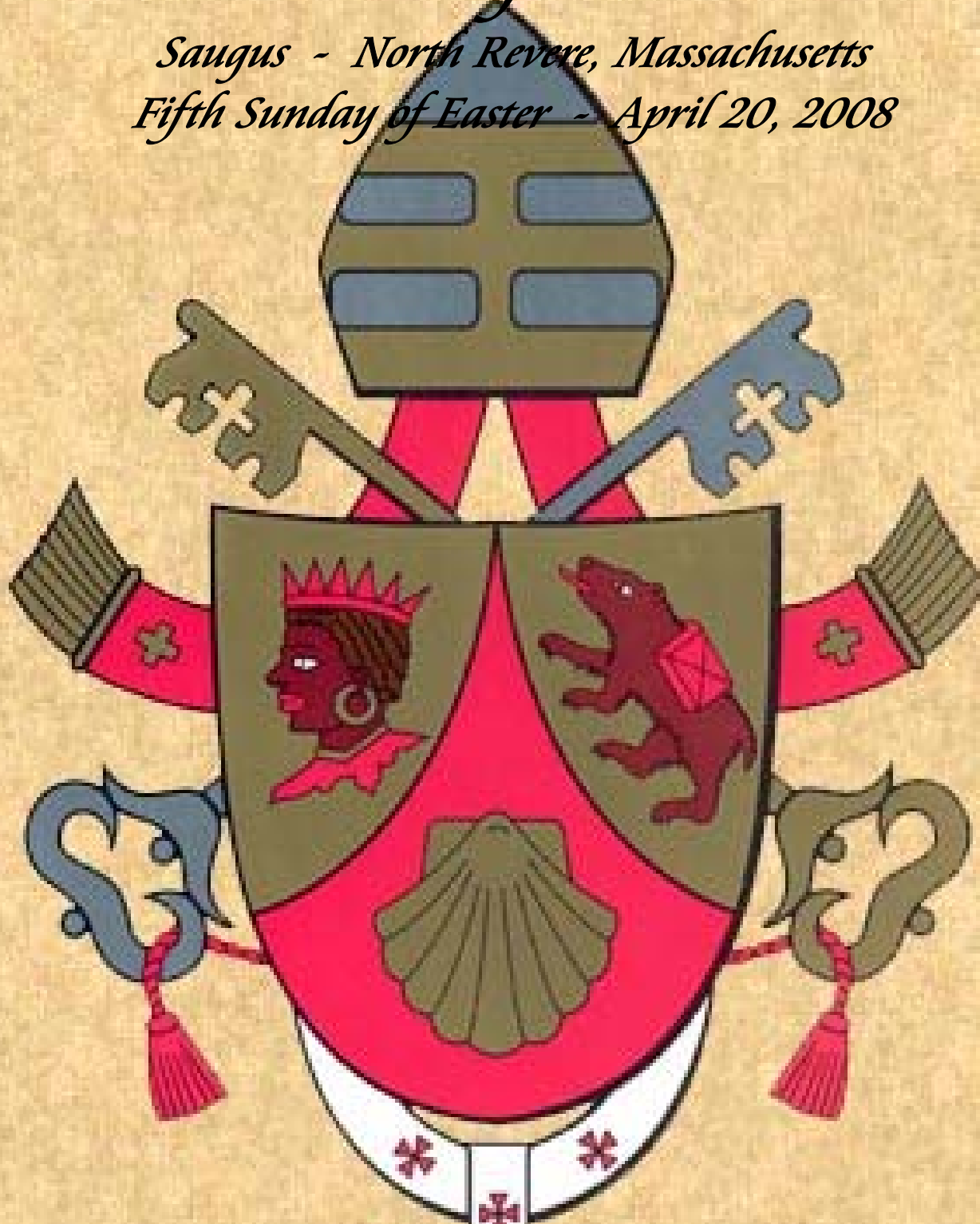


Saint Margaret Parish

Saugus - North Revere, Massachusetts
Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 20, 2008



Benedict XVI

Pastoral Visit to the United States

April 15 - 20, 2008

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Mass Schedule: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:45 p.m. (when there is Confirmation Class)

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Father George E. Morin, Pastor

Mid-week Assistance Father Donald Skerry, SVD

Weekend Assistance Father Lawrence Wetterholm - Father Vincent Cornejo



The Catholic Appeal: Cardinal Seán thanks everyone for participating in the Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised **\$15,202.00 from 103 households, 74.2% of our goal of \$20,500.00!** We ask every Catholic family to participate and that **every gift matters.**

Information packets with pledge

forms are at the Church doors. General Electric retirees & employees should know that any contribution over \$25.00 to the Catholic Appeal will be matched by G.E. Your donation should be addressed to Saint John's Seminary and not to The Catholic Appeal. It might be a good idea for anyone to ask an employer if a matching gift is possible at your place of employment. (*I don't think we have ever been so close to our goal in so short a time.*) Thank you!

Second Collections

Parish Monthly Collection - May 10 & 11

Seminaries Collection - May 17 & 18

Catholic Communications - May 24 & 25



Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was \$3,100.00 and the Parish Monthly Collection was \$1,931.00. Attendance at Masses last weekend was 725. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish.

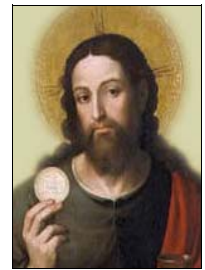
MAY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 4. We will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Yard for our May Procession to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. Our First Holy Communion & Confirmation recipients are participating in the procession and crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please call Ann Carozza at 781-929-7186 if you have questions or wish to help.

Forty Hours Devotions: Plan to participate in the Parish's Forty Hours Devotions beginning on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. with a Holy Hour including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding on Saturday, May 17 with the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The Church will be open throughout that time period. To ensure that there are always several people present while the Holy Eucharist is on the Altar many people are needed to come and spend time in the Church in adoration and praise. Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the Church and commit yourself to one or two visits during the Forty Hours.

Yard Sale: We plan to have our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. As usual we need your help! As you do your spring cleaning, think of the Parish. Bring items to the rear entry of the rectory. And please: no computers, printers, TVs, stereo systems, old phones, etc....If you would like to help in any way, please call the Rectory at 781-233-1040.

Mass Intentions

Josephine & Frank Favuzza	Memorial Mass	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/19)
Paul Smallcomb & Florence Nugent	Memorial Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/19)
Rocco LaVacca	4th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/20)
Mary Landry, Louise Day & Lena Copley	Memorial Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/20)
Rev. Robert Bryson (Former Pastor)	5th Anniversary Mass	9:00 a.m. Monday	(4/21)
Evan C. Hansen	Birthday Remembrance	9:00 a.m. Tuesday	(4/22)
Albert Dello Russo	Birthday Remembrance	4:00 p.m. Saturday	(4/26)
Donald Clark	2nd Anniversary Mass	5:30 p.m. Saturday	(4/26)
Mabel Melanson	5th Anniversary Mass	8:30 a.m. Sunday	(4/27)
Timothy Augustus M. Schepici	Anniversary Mass	10:00 a.m. Sunday	(4/27)

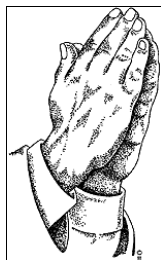


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for all or part of this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of the **Rosary.** Come, pray the Rosary and stay for all or part of

that special weekly time of prayer and adoration. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. All welcome.



We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services, **Paul Eaves, Jason Carmody and Michael Mc Morrow.**

The Sick Father William Commane - Karen Shirk - Ed Fallon - Chris McMahon - Gerald McKenna

The Faithful Departed



Choose Life: In his encyclical, The Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II compassionately spoke to women who have had an

abortion. "The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope..."



Holy Communion:

We look forward to the Celebration of First Holy Communion with the young boys and girls of the Parish.

First Communions will be celebrated on Sundays, April 13, 20 & 27 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. May God bless these His precious children and their Parents and families.

The Annual Baby Shower: Every year on the Mothers' Day Weekend (May 10 & 11) we have a Baby Shower for the benefit of the Pregnancy Help Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Items needed are: Baby Bottles, Newborn or Size 1 Disposable Diapers, Diaper Bags, Pacifiers, Sleep & Play, Sweaters, Crib Sheets, Nightgowns, Socks, Blanket Sleepers, Baby Powder, Receiving Blankets. Financial Contributions are also welcome. Checks payable to: Fund for the Unborn.

The Pie sisters: The Dominican Sisters of Hartford, CT, affectionately know to us as "The Pie Sisters" will be in our Parish on the weekend of May 24 & 25. They will be having their usual Bake Sale of Bread, Brownies, Apple and Blueberry Pies. Through these Bake Sales The Sisters and their helpers raise money to assist in their missionary work with lepers in southeast Asia. They are most appreciative of the support received through their Bake Sales.

***"Walk worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way."
(Colossians 1:10)***



It takes a lot of time, effort and money to build a house. A successful endeavor requires a good plan, quality construction and a flexible budget. Without a doubt, there will be setbacks and headaches, changes and problems. But perseverance and patience will see the project through to the finish. But when does a house become a home? At what point does it cease being a building project and start becoming "our place"? A house is a frame that holds a home. Home is the place where our heart finds peace. It is the place where we feel good in our own skin, a place where we know we are accepted as we are. Home is the place where faith, hope and love fill each room, teaching us their lessons of life. Home is where we find everything we need and the courage to hope for more. Home is the place where our friends become our family and our family becomes our friends. Jesus prepares a place for us in His Father's house, a place where we really are at home. It is a place of rest, peace and life. We can offer and experience a bit of that as we strive to make our own home a place of refuge from the hectic lives we lead. A house becomes a home when we listen, share, and support one another. Do what you can to make everyone feel at home. It will add immeasurable value to your house!

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May Breakfast: The Last Monthly Breakfast before the summer break will be on Sunday, May 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Plan to join us.

Parish Offertory Envelopes: If you wish to receive envelopes, please return the following information:

Name:

Address:

Holy Hour: On Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. come and make a Holy Hour! It is an opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord spending time in silent meditative prayer. At 7:00 p.m. the Rosary is prayed. In order to help you give shape to the remaining time, the four traditional forms of prayer could be valuable. They are listed and explained below. If several minutes are devoted to each of the four suggested areas of prayer, the time would pass very quickly. An hour would not be long enough! Give God the time and blessings will be received "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, for the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you." (Also, this guide may be helpful as you plan your visit during the Forty Hours Devotions).

Petition: Prayers of petition ask for God's help for ourselves and for others. Although there are formal prayers that we can use, prayers of petition are usually as personal as "God, please help me as I take this math test." Another type of petition is called an intercession; this is when we ask God to help someone else, such as praying for a sick relative or for the missions of the Church. Have you ever thought, "I prayed, but God didn't answer me"? It can be discouraging when we don't get what we want, but we have to remember that sometimes God's answer is "no." He knows what we really need and when things should happen.

Adoration: "Alleluia! Praise the Lord!" Whenever we speak or sing about God's glory, we are giving adoration – the highest form of prayer. There is nothing we can do to repay God for all our blessings except to praise Him as our Creator and Savior and say how pleased we are to belong to Him and want to follow Him always. In a sense, it's like telling our mother and father how much we truly love and admire them and want to be like them.

Contrition: You know we all make mistakes and that it is just good manners to apologize when we do. When we want to make a formal apology to God, we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). But you don't have to wait to tell Him you are sorry. Whenever you pray, take the time to say a prayer of contrition and tell God you are sorry for your sins.

Thanksgiving: Prayers of thanksgiving are just that, a way to give the thanks to God that He deserves. Although they can be as simple as saying, "Thank you, Lord," these acts of gratitude are, sadly, the most forgotten kind of prayer. Most people remember to say prayers of thanksgiving - grace - before we eat. But really think about how many times during the day we should say 'thank you' whenever good things happen or even just for the gift of life, family and friends.

Make a Holy Hour a part of your week.



Bring us your Shaw's cash register receipts! (get them from relatives, neighbors and coworkers, etc.)! Through this program we have received \$1,277.83 thus far. A basket is provided in the front vestibule of the Church. The Parish receives 1% of the total of those cash register receipts. Thank you.



When away from home use **MassTimes.com** This free service helps you to locate

Catholic Churches and their Mass times. Please remember to bring home the bulletin - it is always interesting to see what other Churches are offering.



The Living Rosary Pilgrimage: will visit Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 758 Salem Street, Lynnfield on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Cheverus Centennial School, Sacred Hearts Parish, Malden will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, May 4 at an 11:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley. Reception and Open House following the Mass and all are cordially invited. For information call Cheverus at 781-324-6584.

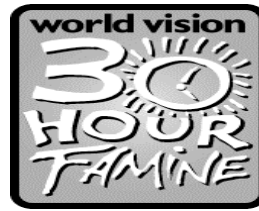
United Parish Food Pantry - March 2008

Located at the Cliftdale Congregational Church

Households served	97
Adults	101
Children	43
Seniors	41
# of visits	152
# of bags given out	645

<u>Date</u>	<u># of clients</u>
3/7/08	47
3/14/08	32
3/21/08	36
3/29/08	37
4/4/08	39

Our thanks to those who faithfully volunteer at the Food Pantry and those who support this effort through their monthly donation of food.



On Palm Sunday weekend our teens participated in a 30 hour famine raising money through many generous sponsors. After paying all the expenses of the event, the teens have donated \$2,000.00 to The Little Children of the World Foundation and \$300.00 to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our thanks to Andrea Alberti and to our teens for a successful spiritual and educational experience.



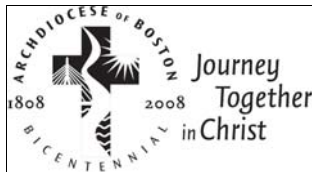
The Walk for Hunger: Join us this year for a historic event and a beloved Boston tradition — the 40th annual Walk for Hunger — on **Sunday, May 4, 2008.** Unite with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors in the spirit of giving to walk the 20-mile route, which threads through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge. Help people across the state who struggle to make ends meet. Last year alone, pledges from The Walk for Hunger funded 400 emergency food programs in 126 communities across the state. During the same period, many soup kitchens and food pantries provided more than 42 million meals for hungry people in our state. Your support will help provide nutritious meals for those who would otherwise go without, right here in Massachusetts. To register for the Walk for Hunger take a brochure from the vestibule in the Church or go to www.projectbread.org

Religious Education:

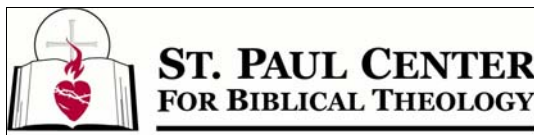
Grades 7 & 8 will meet Friday, May 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9 will meet Sunday, April 27 at 4:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

*The Mission of Saint Margaret Parish
is to foster the spiritual growth
of our Parishioners,
to reach out to the community,
and to spread the Word of God.*



As we begin our bicentennial, we too, look back with a sense of profound gratitude and look forward with the hope that Pope Benedict describes for us in his new encyclical, "Spe salvi." Sometimes we rhapsodize about the past, glamorize history and remember only what is pleasant. As a Catholic community in New England, we should know that our beginnings as a local Church were fraught with hardship and hostility and with enormous sacrifices. In the good old' days, here in Boston, there were laws that were very anti-Catholic. Priests were not allowed into this colony. If a priest were to be found, he was to be banished. If he returned, he would be executed. And each year, as people sang, "Remember, remember, the 5th of November," the pope was burned in effigy on the Boston Common. I am sure that those early residents of the Bay State would be horrified if they had known that Pope John Paul II would one day come to the Boston Common and celebrate the Eucharist there for about 400,000 people. Yes, 200 years ago, it was not easy to be a Catholic in America. The Jesuit order had been dissolved because of political pressures. The former Jesuit, Father John Carroll was appointed the first bishop of Baltimore in 1787 by Pope Pius VI. The pope was a prisoner of Napoleon at the time and died in captivity. The conclave to elect his successor was held at a Benedictine Monastery in Venice, since the cardinals were not safe in Rome. On March 21, 1800, Pius VII was elected pope. Pius VII was the pope who established the dioceses of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown in 1808. That same year, Napoleon conquered the Papal States and kidnapped the pope, who was prisoner for six years. In those days, the entire Catholic population of the diocese would not have filled this church. There were about 1,000 Catholics and two priests. NOW: The Eucharist gathers us, as Christ's family, to be united in the teachings of the Apostles, in fellowship and in prayer, and in the breaking of the bread, sharing what we have so that no one will be hungry. Not materially hungry, not spiritually hungry. The urgency of the Gospel today bids us, "Gather faithfully each week, as a worshipping community." The stakes are high; it is a matter of life and death. The branches need the vine. We need to be nourished by Christ's words and by his sacrament. And we need to be nourished by the presence of the brothers and sisters of the household of the faith, the body of Christ, the Church. My brothers and sisters, as we journey together in Christ, let us put a candle in the window. A candle that says, "Welcome, welcome, welcome." A candle that says, "The Eucharist is to die for." (excerpts from Cardinal Sean's Homily at the Cathedral at the beginning of the Bicentennial year)



Building His House By Dr. Scott Hahn

By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9,16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices" - all our prayer, work and intentions - to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1). In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word." The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

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QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Paul and Barnabas gave their disciples:
(a) money (b) a stern rebuke (c) reassurances?
- In each church Paul and Barnabas installed:
(a) elders (b) a set of rules (c) a system for collecting money?
- Paul and Barnabas sailed back to:
(a) Jerusalem (b) Derbe (c) Antioch?
- John had a vision of:
(a) angels (b) a new Jerusalem (c) the end of the Roman empire?
- Jesus gave a new commandment, that we:
(a) love one another (b) beware of our enemies (c) strike back hard when attacked?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(c); 2(a); 3(c); 4(b); 5(a)

WORDSEARCH

Solution to last week's crossword

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

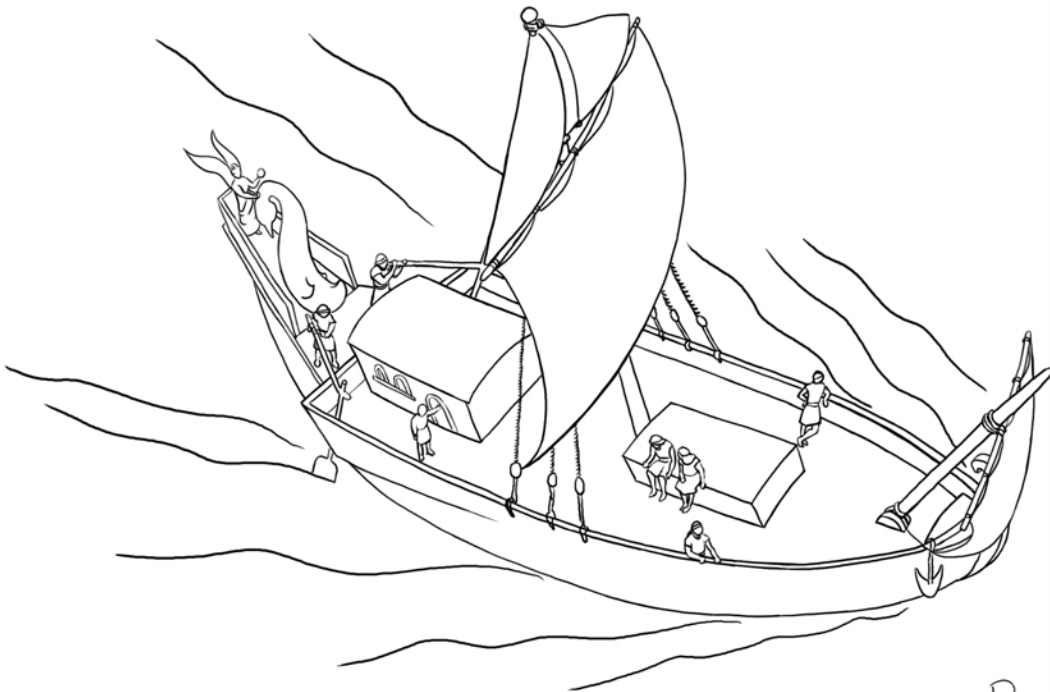


- PAUL HEAVEN DEATH
 FAITH EARTH BRIDE
 TRIALS THRONE LOVE
 CHURCH HUSBAND EYES
 PRAYER TEAR WORKS



A PICTURE TO COLOR

PAUL AND BARNABAS RETURNING BY SHIP TO ANTIOCH



David Fielding

READING: ACTS 14, 21-27