

Religion

The Easter story is one of integrity

The Paschal Triduum
March 29-31

The story of Easter is a story of integrity.

Many of my friends have been preparing recently to enter the job market. For most of them, preparation includes buying new clothes, notwithstanding Thoreau's suspicion about any job that would require someone to do such a thing.

Thoreau believed that there is a correspondence between who people are and what they do. You might say that the person and the work are one, or are becoming one, and that this unity is reflected in clothing.

In our Easter readings we see the perfect correspondence between the person of Jesus and his work of perfect love. This correspondence is reflected in Jesus' clothing.

In fact, over the course of the Triduum, we will see the life and work of Jesus told in his clothing. He will be stripped, then wrapped in burial cloths. On Easter Sunday, these same burial cloths, now discarded, will point to the resurrected Christ, the Christ of Glory.

The work of the three days of the Passion and the Resurrection of Christ is dramatized in the readings of Holy Thursday. In the



Religion and Reality
by
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upper room, Jesus prepares for his perfect work of love, the laying down of his life, by laying down his cloak, by girding himself, and by washing the feet of his disciples.

JESUS AND MY FATHER

Understanding the life of Jesus has been made easy for us. We have almost two thousand years of interpretation. We think we know all that needs to be known.

The most we have to do, we are told, is to reinterpret him for ourselves for today. In our circumstances, what would he do. How are we to act in our own world in a way that would make him present.

But I don't think we can assume that we do completely understand him, even though we

have the witness of Gospel writers, the dogmas of Councils, and the reflection and praxis of countless Christians.

Maybe this is obvious to you.

I began to think about it last weekend, when over dinner, my wife and I started talking about our parents. (It's really an ongoing discussion.)

When I think of my father, who died five years ago, I find myself doing what the Gospel writers have done with Jesus: trying to interpret how he felt, what he meant, by what he did.

My father is more difficult to understand however, because he didn't talk very much. Unlike Jesus who was both a teacher and a miracle worker, my father was just a worker. He didn't say much. (This is not to say that teachers, or anyone who talks a lot, reveals the truth about themselves in what they say.)

As a young man in high school, I have great difficulty understanding him. Even now, I have very little certainty about him.

He never talked about his inner life. I have to make surmises from things he did and the indirect things that he said.

DOGMA AND MY DAD

I'm not comfortable making dogmatic statements about my father. This suggests one of two

things: either I haven't thought it out enough, in other words, it can be done, but I haven't done it yet; or people just can't be captured

by dogmatic statements. As George Buchner writes, "Every man is an abyss; you get dizzy when you look down."



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For many Halton Hills residents, their hospital of choice is Georgetown and District Memorial - a 112-bed primary, acute and long-term care facility that has been serving the community since 1961.

For the past 30 years, the Hospital has been increasing its surgical capabilities, and today handles general, gynecological and orthopaedic surgery. In addition, other services include urological and oral surgery, as well as surgical treatment by an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist.

General surgical procedures may range from gall bladder removal, bowel surgery, varicose veins, hernias and tendon repairs. In addition, surgeons also handle other procedures such as abdominal surgery and the removal of breast lumps.

The majority of surgery carried out at Georgetown Hospital is elective. However, for some of the more serious cases, emergency surgery is also performed.

In certain situations, for those patients that may require specific monitoring or an extended stay in a specialized unit, they are transferred to a larger, nearby hospital which is equipped with more comprehensive facilities.

Georgetown Hospital has three on-staff general surgeons, Drs. Mohan, Bradley and Newhook, who share the surgical responsibilities that can range from routine operations to the more delicate endoscopic surgery where they microscopically examine a patient's stomach or colon to detect the presence of ulcers and tumors.

The chief of Obstetrics is Dr. Valerie Kumar. Along with her support team, she performs caesarian sections, tubal ligations and other gynecological procedures.

You've made your decision to have the surgery at Georgetown Hospital. It's close to home and is easily accessible for visits from



family and friends.

Once the necessary surgical procedure has been scheduled, patients are routinely admitted to the Hospital's 24-bed Surgical Ward B prior to the operation. In all cases, routine tests are necessary to fully prepare the patient for the surgery.

After the operation, patients are then transferred from OR to the Recovery Room. Here a team of medical professionals monitor all stages of the early recovery process.

Occasionally, patients may also require short-term, specialized monitoring in the Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

As patients' recovery process continues, they are moved back onto the Surgical Ward under the care of Nurse Manager Pam Sargeant and her team of highly-trained nurses.

Through weekly, multi-disciplinary rounds, the RNs and RNAs (Registered Nursing Assistants) meet with the Rehabilitation department, the clinical dietician and social worker Eunice McGowan, as well as other staff members. During these sessions, each patient's progress is carefully reviewed and discussed. This team approach has long proven to be a successful method of providing total in-patient care.

In addition, Georgetown Hospital has recently implemented the Pastoral Care Program which has daily, on-call members from the local clergy available to address patients' spiritual needs.

Throughout the hospital stay,

patient education plays a vital role in recuperation. For some individuals, an educational video may offer them all the necessary instruction they need. While there are others, like the patient requiring special deep-breathing exercises to combat pulmonary problems, or the patient who requires instruction on personal care routines provided by a therapist, who may need more specialized teaching. Ultimately, the Hospital's primary goal is to ensure that in-patient services are geared to the needs of each individual.

Your recovery is almost complete. It's now time to return to the familiar and comfortable surroundings of home.

At the time of admission, and again at discharge, the Hospital's Discharge Planner and other staff members evaluate each patient. Prior to the actual discharge, the Discharge Planner again reviews the files to determine if follow-up, outside care is required.

For some individuals, round-the-clock care is no longer required. However, they may need a certain level of at-home medical assistance. Rae Puttock is a Home Care Program coordinator with Halton Region's Health Department. On a regular basis, she meets with patients' physicians and other members of the Hospital staff to analyze what community services are required.

Perhaps it's a visiting nurse who comes into the home daily simply to handle dressing changes. Or it might be help from physiotherapists, speech and occupational therapists, homemaker services or meals-on-wheels. Whatever the situation, there are a wide variety of community programs available to further speed the recovery process.

So, if surgery is the solution to your medical problem, discuss your options with your physician and remember... Georgetown Hospital can provide you with the right care, right here in your home community.

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