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Good Friday

St. Anthony of Padua

Gospel Homework Assignment due

April 22, 2011

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Questions

1. Why do you think we call the day Jesus was killed "Good" Friday?

2. On Good Friday, the mob chose Barabbas, a thief and a murderer, over Jesus. What happens whenever we sin?

3. At the Cross, Jesus gave Mary to St. John as his mother and St. John as a son to Mary, and St. John tells us that he took her into his home (meaning his life). Have you taken Mary, Jesus' mother, into your life like St. John did? Do you see that the secret to remaining faithful to Jesus even when we look at the suffering of someone we love is staying close to Mary at the foot of the Cross?

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