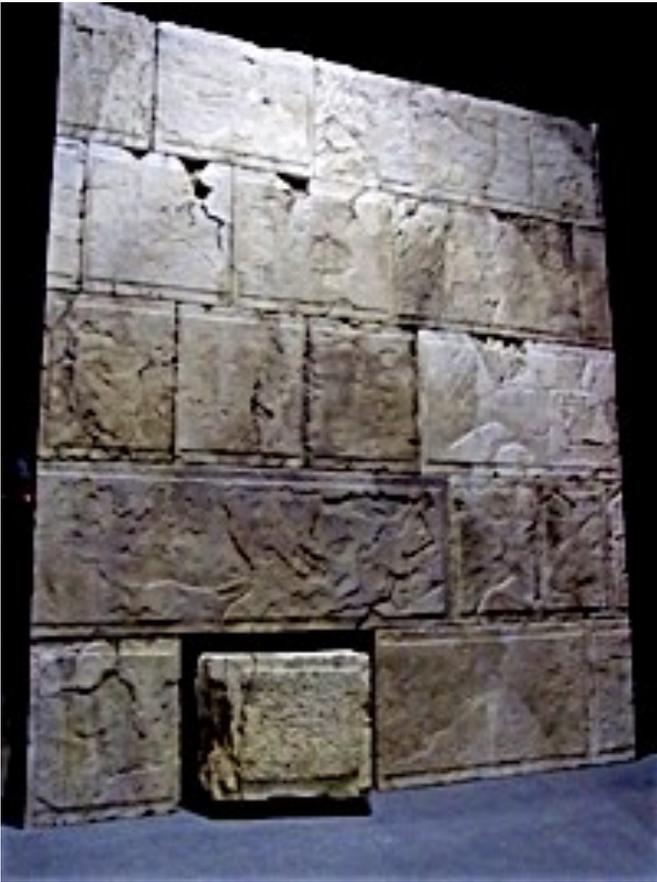


From Fr. Fleming's Desk



While visiting my sister in Colorado the week after Easter I went to see the traveling Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science - a great experience that was as spiritual as it was educational. At the end of the exhibit is a large wall reminiscent of the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem. There, pilgrims write prayer notes and insert them in cracks in the wall. On the bottom level of the exhibit wall is a three-ton stone from the actual wall in Jerusalem. Museum visitors are invited to write prayer notes and insert them in the exhibit wall. These notes will eventually be taken to Jerusalem and placed there in the Western Wall. Please know that my prayer note included all of you, the people of Holy Family Parish. This experience was the inspiration for a prayer I wrote and recently posted on my blog ([ConcordPastor.blogspot.com](http://ConcordPastor.blogspot.com))

*Yesterday, Lord, with a pencil in hand I wrote you a note, entrusting to your care the people, the many people whose claim upon my heart and mind runs deep and owns a portion of my soul...*

*With care I folded my note and slipped it in the crevice of a wall in a museum in Denver, Colorado, trusting its plea would speed to you long before it made its way to another wall, in Jerusalem, some 7,000 miles away...*

*A million notes a year, they say, are crammed in cracks in the Western Wall but that's nothing, Lord, compared to all the prayers and pleas wedged in every corner, every cranny, every chamber of your heart, cleft for us in pardon, love and mercy...*

*So, read my prayer and hear my prayer, entrusting to your care, O Lord, all those whose claim upon your heart runs deep and waits an answer ...*

*Receive the pleas of all who trust you read and hear each prayer we slip into the Wall and hide within your heart, waiting on your answer, Lord, waiting on your pardon, love and mercy...*

*Amen.*