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 Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
 Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
 Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

April 6, 2014 Passion Sunday

Bl. Juliana, V



JESUS HID HIMSELF AND WENT OUT OF THE TEMPLE

¶ JUDICA SUNDAY

The most solemn period of the Church's year, Passiontide, begins today. This final fortnight of Lent leads us to the greatest Feast Day, that of Our Lord's triumphant Resurrection. Our monthly second collection, immediately following the first, is for the support of Most Holy Trinity Seminary. The blessing of religious articles is available after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM; Vespers at 4:45, followed by Benediction.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS



The "little church" is in the vestibule today, to receive your Lenten alms for the support and sanctification of priests.

A prophet hath declared, O Mother desolate, "See if there be sorrow in anguish like to thine" O blessed Queen of martyrs, thy love to consummate, Thy heart's blood pours for us in quenchless stream benign!

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

¶ THIS WEEK: DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

One last time, at **3:00 PM** on **Wednesday**, we offer the traditional **Children's Stations of the Cross** followed by Holy Communion. Come to Mass on **Friday** (8 & 11:20 AM, 5:45 PM) for the feast of the **Seven Sorrows of Our Lady**. The last of our Lenten potlucks follows the evening Mass, then **Stations**, the closing of the **Sorrowful Mother Novena**, and Benediction.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the next fortnight for the following intention:

Living and deceased members of the Peschi family
(Edward C. Peschi)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY



Palms will be blessed and distributed at **7:15 AM**, and again at the ancient and beautiful blessing ceremony with procession, beginning in church at **8:50 AM**. Our beloved tradition of processing with a real, live donkey continues: parents, bring your children to participate in the procession! Those attending the 7:30 AM Mass are welcome and encouraged to stay awhile, and join in the procession, too. Palms will be available at every Mass. Due to the procession, there are no Sunday Classes. Vespers and Benediction will be at **4:45 PM**.

Set Your Missal: Palm Sunday, Preface of the Holy Cross. Reading of the Passion.



Our sympathy goes to Donna Akers who recently lost her brother, Ray Unger. May he rest in peace. Amen.

¶ OUR SICK

Margaret Kinnett, Barb Steinmetz, Jean Bischel, Pat Harpen, Tom Payne, Dr. Jack Powell, Richard and Elizabeth Smith, and all of our sick and shut-in all do appreciate your prayers, as do several of the faithful with special intentions.

A SUNDAY SEVEN FOR THE SICK

✠. **Mother Most Sorrowful, pray for us!**
 When pain or distress is overwhelming: ✠.
 When worn out and weary: ✠.
 When it's impossible to maintain familiar routines: ✠
 When it's hard to find strength to go on: ✠.
 When it becomes difficult to pray: ✠.
 When suffering of any sort becomes hard to bear: ✠.
 When death draws near: ✠.

Be merciful to us, O my God! do not reject our prayers, when, in the midst of our afflictions, we call upon thy holy Name and seek with love and confidence

Thy adorable Face. Amen.

— prayer of Leo Dupont

¶ EASTER MASS NOVENA & MEMORIAL FLOWER OFFERINGS

Envelopes for the Easter Novena of Masses and memorial flower offerings are available in the pews. The *Novena of Masses* is said daily beginning on Easter Sunday. *Names of loved ones for the memorial flower offerings will be listed in the Easter bulletin.* Flower offerings must be returned by **Monday, April 14th**, to be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Collection Report

Sunday, March 30th\$4,874.00

✠ TODAY IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Today, many people think to themselves: *I'm basically a good person. Unlike murderers and thieves, my life is respectable, the kind a loving God approves. Besides, I'm open-minded; if God should do something extraordinary, a miracle, I'll recognize it and turn to Him.* There are several problems with this. First, the measure of our decency is not the lowest common denominator of human behavior, but the high standard of the Gospel: "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Second, it postpones the decision to be with Christ or against him (see Lk 11:23), projecting it into some vague future when God finally does something considered attention-grabbing. This negates the exhortations: "that today you would hear his voice" (Ps 95:7); "now is a very acceptable time" (2 Cor 6:2). Third, it makes the Gospel into an affirmation of man with no price, a gospel of cheap self-esteem that voids the cross of its meaning. The most extraordinary, attention-grabbing thing of all has already happened! God became a man and died on the cross out of love for us. Lent is the very acceptable time to live in the present moment, to turn to God in our hearts and consciences, and to say yes (for the first time, or for the thousandth time) to the true sign from heaven, Jesus Christ (see Lk 11:16).

—Douglas Bushman



*To search our souls
To meditate
Will not suffice
For Lent.*

*To share the cross,
To sacrifice,
These are the things
God meant.*

—Jane McKay Lanning

SERVERS: APRIL 7 - 13, 2014

FRI 4/11 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 4/12 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 4/13 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
8:50 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson.
ACs: J. Simpson, Nick McClorey TH: B. Lotarski
TORCH: P. Omlor, A. Soli, M. Simpson, P. & N.
McClorey, C. Richesson CROSS: L. Arlinghaus
BELLS: P. Lawrence, C. Richesson BANNER: J.
Lacy PALMS DIST.: S. Arlinghaus
(Other available servers may vest, receive palms,
and walk in the procession)
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

ATTENTION ALL SERVERS:

For the Holy Week schedule, please consult the list posted in the Servers' Sacristy. If you are unable to serve for any of your scheduled times, you must contact Bishop Dolan as soon as possible to allow time to find a replacement. Thank you!

USHERS: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

7:30 AM S. Pepiot, J. Andreotta
9:00 AM M. Briggs, M. Lotarski, S. Weigand, P. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM B. Uhlenbrock, D. Hille, K. Bischel, P. Puglielli
5:45 PM J. Seyfried

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

CHRIST AND THE PAGAN

I had no God but these,
The sacerdotal Trees,
And they uplifted me.
'I hung upon a Tree.'

The sun and moon I saw,
And reverential awe
Subdued me day and night.
'I am the perfect Light.'

Within a lifeless Stone –
All other gods unknown –
I sought Divinity.
'The Corner-Stone am I.'

For sacrificial feast,
I slaughtered man and beast,
Red recompense to gain.
'So I, a Lamb, was slain.'

*'Yea; such My hungering Grace
That wheresoe'er My face
Is hidden, none may grope
Beyond eternal Hope.'*

—John B. Tabb

HIS HANDS

The hands of Christ
Seem very frail
For they were broken
By a nail.

But only they
Reach heaven at last
Whom these frail, broken
Hands hold fast.

—John Richard Moreland



I salute You, I
adore You, and I
love You, oh,
adorable Face of
my beloved Jesus,
as the noble stamp
of the Divinity!

Completely surrendering my soul to
You, I most humbly beg You to stamp
this seal upon us all, so that the Image
of God may once more be reproduced
by Its imprint in our souls. Amen.

IF SORROW COME

If Sorrow come and knock upon thy
door,
Make haste and open to her, though
she bring
A summons asking the most
precious thing
Of all thy treasures; e'en though
nevermore
Life wear the roseate splendor once it
wore;
Though loves be cleft in twain; yea,
though she fling
Black dark about thee all the day, or
sting
Thy heart like scorpions to the very core.

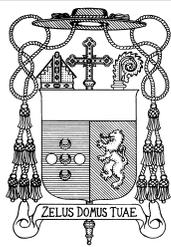
Christ's feet were bathed by Sorrow at
the feast;
Sorrow received His blessed features on
The dolorous way; she followed Him
beside
The moonlit sea; beloved of men the
least,
He loved her best, set her apart as one
Worthy to walk beside Him till He died.

—P.J. Carroll, C.S.C.



*April is the Month of the
Passion and of the Holy Face*

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



Passion Sunday's purple shrouded statues sound the death knell for this year's Lent, already waning towards Holy Week and Easter. *Lent* to us these forty days are; Our Lord expects them back from us with interest. Or are you perhaps not particularly interested? One day bills come due.

If your Lent has had any effect at all, you will regret that we are rushing towards its close before any spiritual buds open in the soul. Remember your resolutions of Ash Wednesday? At least regret that it all should come to so untimely and unfruitful a conclusion next week, *next* week. What have *I* done with my Lent?

I hope and pray that your *personal* observance of this time for prayer and penance has been sincere, and that even any lapses have led to an increased sorrow for sin, and generosity in good deeds. It must be so, on the inside, because *externally* Lent's clarion call to church for Masses and Stations, sermons and adoration, seems to be a fading ping from the black box of Catholic conscience. Fewer and fewer even make the Stations each year. The Friday evening Mass and supper have almost a handful, the same as at any other season. We shall not speak of Sunday Vespers or most weekday Masses, a lost cause. "If they do this in the green wood, what will they do in the dry?" (Our Lord at the eighth station.) Well, the answer is seen on Sundays. Those who miss, regularly, continue to do so even in Lent. Dry wood. Stay green! Thank God for the expiation offered each First Friday Adoration by the men of the Guard of Honor.

Ah, dear friend, "today if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart." Confess your sins, accuse yourself, and take strength for this fortnight, the holiest two weeks in the year. The devotion to the Passion of Christ, the sorrows of Mary, these will warm a cold heart yet, replacing sinful selfishness with generosity, warming a cold heart with God's love.

God reward your generosity in your Sunday offerings. "Alms covereth a multitude of sin." You are helping us pay the king's ransom which the Duke demands for another of our "global warming" Winters. Imagine if it were *really warm*? I imagine the heating bills would be lower...

Well, welcome Spring! We sprang into Spring with an absolutely delightful afternoon program of poetry, dance and music provided by our school students on

Laetare Sunday, followed by an enjoyable lunch. Thank you to all who worked so hard, and to those who came to enjoy it with us.

The first dandelion has appeared, along with my late Lenten roses (blossoming now with the hyacinths), delayed by the long Winter. The grass is slowly greening, and will soon be growing. Doby has been seen checking the equipment for a new season of mowing. The choir is doubling up on practices as Easter approaches. **Fr. Cekada** was up at 4:30 this past Thursday to catch the only available flight from Florida, home in time for last week's second music rehearsal.

Fr. McKenna is due back this evening. **Fr. McGuire** visited a prisoner in Chillicothe this past Wednesday, and many of our sick and shut-in last week. He reports that little St. Clare is growing large, a happy problem to have. God will provide, we are sure.

This Friday we conclude our nine Fridays of Novena in honor of our Sorrowful Mother, and the last of our Lenten suppers and Stations. Thank you to those who helped with all of yesterday's activities, veiling statues, and testing First Communicants.

Next week is Palm Sunday. Holy Week begins.

May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus inspire you with a hunger for Him!

– Bishop Dolan



Perfect contrition becomes easy by meditating on a Crucifix: *WHO* is suffering? *WHAT* is He suffering? *WHY*? To feel sorry is not necessary. It is sufficient if the will turns from sin to the love of God. Perfect contrition washes away even mortal sin, but in such a case it is necessary to go to Confession before Holy Communion. Hence, there is no reason for ever remaining in sin, a condition which leads to habits of sinning. Teach the Act of Perfect Contrition to non-Catholics, especially to one in danger of death. Get in the habit of making it yourself. It can save your soul at death if no priest is near for the last Sacraments:



O my God, I am heartily sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, not so much because these sins bring suffering and Hell to me, but because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ and offended Thy infinite Goodness. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

✠ HOLY WEEK 2014 ✠

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13, 2014

7:15 AM Blessing and distribution of Palms, **Low Mass**

8:50 AM Blessing of Palms, Procession, **High Mass**

The beautiful Procession and High Mass of Palm Sunday is magnificent, and well worth the extra time. Bring the children to the Procession!

N.B. The Procession commences about 9:30 AM, proceeding through the cloister and around the grounds, finishing with a brief but ancient ceremony at the church doors before re-entering the church. Please do not start your engine or drive your car in the parking lot during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

11:30 AM Low Mass

4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass

SPY WEDNESDAY – APRIL 16, 2014

DAY OF FAST

6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae

8:30 PM Church decorating for Holy Thursday

MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY – APRIL 17, 2014

DAY OF FAST

9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar
(A shorter Mass this year, as Bishop Sanborn is blessing the Holy Oils at the Seminary)

A Potluck Luncheon follows Mass

Adoration continues at the Sepulchre until 11:00 AM on Good Friday.

12:30 PM The Maundy (Washing of the feet) **

6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
All Night Adoration continues

** The following men are scheduled to participate in the Maundy: A.D. Kinnett, J. Seyfried, R. Zbilicki, C. Browne, J. Gunsher, T.G. Simpson, G. Keaveney, J. Andreotta, D. Curran, S. Lawrence, K. Lawrence, D. Marko, J. Bayer.

If you cannot participate, PLEASE contact the Church office immediately to let us know! Otherwise, please plan to report to the Sacristy not later than **12:00 noon** on Holy Thursday, April 17th.

Thank you, Bishop Dolan



GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18, 2014

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Adoration at the Sepulchre continues till 11:00 AM

11:25 AM Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM Tre Ore

12:15 PM Mass of the Presanctified, Adoration of the Cross

2:15 PM Tre Ore Devotions and Sermon

3:00 PM Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross, Vespers

3:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae

8:30 PM Church decorating for Holy Saturday
Come when you can; leave when you must.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 19, 2013

FAST AND ABSTINENCE ENDS AT NOON

8:00 AM Easter Vigil: Blessing of the Fire, Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, Holy Baptism, First Mass of Easter, Vespers, Blessing of Easter Food

A complimentary Easter Luncheon follows – all are invited

4:00 PM Confessions

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20, 2014

6:00 AM Solemn Matins and Lauds

7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass

9:00 AM Solemn High Mass

11:30 AM Low Mass with Benediction

6:00 PM Vespers

(No 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 - 4:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY 4:00 - 5:00 PM



PASSIONTIDE / HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Katie and her Sacristy crew welcome all helpers the next two weeks to assist with decorating, cleaning & polishing the vessels and church ornaments, ironing altar and Mass linens, and other tasks to help set up for the ceremonies. Keep in mind our especial need for many holy helpers on Good Friday evening, after Tenebrae. If you can spare an hour or two, please call Katie at (513) 251-3895.

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON 4/7/14 FERAL DAY FAST
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention Maggie (*G. P. Keaveney*)
11:20 AM High Mass †Nellie Sutton (*Katie Bischak*)
12:20 PM Vespers

TUE 4/8/14 FERAL DAY FAST
7:00 AM Low Mass Bernard H. Landry-birthday (*Mother, Joan Landry*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention MEK (*G. Keaveney*)
11:20 AM High Mass †Ethel Bischel Derks (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Godchildren (*G. Keaveney*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice

WED 4/9/14 FERAL DAY FAST
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Boston faithful*)
11:20 AM High Mass †Catherine Bischak (*Katie Bischak*)
12:20 PM Vespers
3:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross, distribution of Holy Communion
5:00 PM Low Mass †Bernie & Rita Brueggeman (*Wilker family*)

THU 4/10/14 FERAL DAY FAST
6:00 AM Low Mass †Jack Stahl-month's mind (*Samantha*) (from 4/1)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention BKK (*G. Keaveney*)
11:20 AM High Mass St. Jude, thank you (*Nathalie Andreotta*)
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice

FRI 4/11/14 THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BVM FAST
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8:00 AM Low Mass †Guy Macchia-36th anniv. (*Tom & Karen Simpson*) (from 4/13)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass Julian Ritchey-grandson-conversion (*Frances Mattingly*)
12:20 PM Vespers
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Helen R. Morris (*S. & C. Niehaus*)
6:45 PM Lenten Pot Luck Supper (*please bring a dish to share*)
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Candlelight meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena (Week 9-Closing) with Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Holy Communion

SAT 4/12/14 FERAL DAY FAST
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Simpson family (*Margaret Sutton*)
8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Mike Briggs family (*Margaret Sutton*)

Our Beloved Dead – April

Name	Date of Death
Andrew Courter	4-03-2012
Carole K. Rogers	4-04-1987
Florence Roth	4-04-1988
Mary L. Blase	4-04-2004
Veronica Golembeski	4-08-1996
John M. Reis	4-10-1994
Sue (Maggie) Mincey	4-10-2007
Ellen G. Amyx	4-12-2005
Louis R. Bickett	4-12-2010
Alberta Courter	4-15-2008
Iole G. Feighery	4-16-2005
Walter C. Elbert	4-19-2001

“FARTHER ALONG”

Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder
 Why it should be thus all the day long
 While there are others living about us
 Never molested though in the wrong

Farther along we'll know all about it
 Farther along we'll understand why
 Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine
 We'll understand it all by and by

When death has come and taken our loved ones
 It leaves our home so lonely and drear
 And then do we wonder why others prosper
 Living so wicked year after year

When we see Jesus coming in glory
 When he comes down from his home in the sky
 Then we shall meet him in that bright mansion
 We'll understand it all by and by

– W.B.B. Stevens/J.R. Baxter/E. Harris

SUN 4/13/14 PALM SUNDAY
ST HERMENEGILD, M
7:15 AM Blessing & distribution of Palms, Low Mass †Cheryl Maki (*Kent Maki*)
8:50 AM Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass †John Michael Kolb-3rd anniv. (*Patricia J. Kolb*)
11:30 AM Low Mass Winter gratitude for Angels Guardian (*Jeff Duff*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

✠ NEVER TOO LATE FOR LENT ✠

✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

Seven Sweetnesses Given to Those Who Deny Themselves

1. The joy of conquest.
2. A habit that might be easily injurious overcome.
3. The soul better prepared for divine grace.
4. Energy stored up for the practice of virtue.
5. So much lessening of one's purgatory.
6. Virtue put to the test through the sacrifice performed.
7. Something of great value to offer to God.



A PARISHIONER WRITES:

I think it's a wonderful idea to put Lenten mortification ideas in the bulletin. Some of my best ideas have come from others. Since Lent is over half over, you could maybe reprint all the ideas you get in one of the bulletins before Lent next year as well. Here are some of our ideas:

Giving up coffee

For children: Giving up their favorite toy

For women: only wear skirts (or at least outside the home)

(Bishop's note: sometimes when Lent is over, we just want to continue on with our "mortifications." This could be one of those times.)

"Giving up nothing" (outside of the fast and other basics) to allow a person to completely focus on their predominate fault

Giving up condiments in food, like salt/pepper, cream/sugar in coffee, etc. (this was an idea someone had that I read on True Restoration Blog)

Use Lent as a time to get several of the things on your list that you keep putting off (this year I forced myself to deep clean the bathrooms, a job I always put off)

✠ Behold, now is the acceptable time!! ✠

God does not only accept the great deeds of devout persons, but also the lowest and least, and therefore to serve Him well we must pay great attention alike to great and mighty things, and to those which are small and lowly, since through both alike we may lose or win His love. Be ready, then, to suffer heavy afflictions, if need be martyrdom itself for Christ's sake; determine to give to Him all that is dearest to you when he pleases to take it – father, mother, brother, husband, wife, child, the sight of your eyes, and life itself. But, as meanwhile, Divine Providence does not try you with such severe and heavy afflictions, meekly endure all little evils, trifling inconveniences, and unimportant losses, which happen daily, for by using these little opportunities – this headache, toothache, or fever, the perversity of a husband or wife, the breakage of glass, this slight, the loss of a ring, handkerchief, or glove – all these and similar annoyances (if they be received cheerfully) will please that Divine Goodness which has promised to the faithful, an ocean of bliss in return for a cup of cold water; and inasmuch as these opportunities are perpetually occurring, their right use affords an abundant means of laying up spiritual treasures.

– St. Francis de Sales

WHEN YOU MISS ONE HOLY COMMUNION...

(CONTINUED FROM 3/23/14 BULLETIN)

5. You lose the extra thrill your body might enjoy in heaven after its resurrection on the Last Day, a thrill that lasts forever.
6. You lose a special increase of sanctifying grace which gives you the right to a greater degree of happiness in heaven; this too lasts for eternity.
7. You miss a personal visit with Jesus, and with it the spiritual joy, the sweetness, and particular comfort that comes from a fervent Communion.
8. You miss the chance to offer up Jesus, as your gift, in petition for a return gift from your Father in Heaven.
9. You miss the opportunity of having remitted a part, or all, of the temporal punishment due to your sins.
10. You may lose: a) complete victory over some fault or passion; b) some particular grace long prayed for; c) the conversion or salvation of some soul; d) deliverance of a relative or friend from Purgatory; e) many graces for others, both living and the dead.

– Notre Dame University Religious Bulletin, 1945



Our Lord calls us and asks us to tell Him of our love and repeat it over and over again all through our sufferings. Every cross, great or small, even small annoyances, are the voice of the Beloved. He is asking for a declaratoin of love from us to last whilst the suffering lasts.

– Charles de Foucauld

He who dwelt on high took the likeness of a slave, though He was reigning as God with the likeness of God, in company with His regal Father...so my glorious Creator endured to the end my flesh and my death, and by His death redeemed that costly deed of old.

– St. Paulinus of Nola

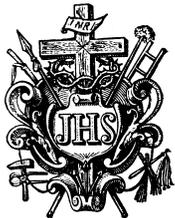
MONDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Jesus, in spite of the appearances I see, I firmly believe that Thou art the Son of God, Almighty and Eternal, All-Just and All-Holy. I acknowledge that Thy Divine Will should be done in all things and at all costs. To Thee alone all obedience and love, all honor and glory and adoration through endless ages. Amen.

Mary, Model of Adoration: The Blessed Virgin's earliest acts of adoration would have included an act of *oblation, of self-sacrifice*: the entire gift of herself to the service of God: *Ecce ancilla Domini*; an act of regret to be so little able to serve Him in a worthy manner. She offered herself to God to serve Him in whatever manner He willed: by all the sacrifices that He might be pleased to ask of her, too happy to be able to please Him at any price and thus respond to His love for men in His Incarnation.

TUESDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Another act of Mary's adoration was, doubtless, an act of tender compassion for poor sinners, for whose salvation the Word became Incarnate. She knew how to use this compassion for their interests; she offered herself to do penance for them, to suffer for them, in order to obtain their pardon and their return to God. She begged for them the happiness of knowing their Creator and their Redeemer; the grace of loving and serving Him, and thus rendering to the Most Holy Trinity the honor and glory which is Their due. O that I could adore our Lord as Mary did, for I possess Him, as she did, in Holy Communion!



Short Indulged Prayers

O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee Who art dwelling by Thy grace within my soul.

O Most Holy Trinity, Who art dwelling by Thy grace within my soul, make me love Thee more and more.

O Most Holy Trinity, Who art dwelling by Thy grace within my soul, sanctify me more and more.

Abide with me, O Lord, be Thou my sure joy.

Indulgence of 300 days for each of the above prayers. (Raccolta No. 12)

WEDNESDAY IN PASSION WEEK

The Holy Eucharist is one of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church, and, as St. Thomas observes, the sublimest of them all. While in the other Sacraments we receive a share in the graces and merits of the Saviour, we receive in the holy Eucharist Jesus Christ Himself, the author of all graces. The only begotten Son of God, born of Mary the Virgin, is present really and substantially in the most holy Sacrament under both forms. Hence there is due to Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist the same adoration that the angels and saints offer to Him in heaven – the adoration which all creatures owe to their God and Creator.

O Jesus, true God, really present in the Blessed Sacrament, I am filled with admiration and awe at the sight of Thy beautiful and simple modesty. I am dumbfounded when I think of Thy meekness, humility, love and respect toward Thy own creatures! To Thee alone all honor and love and respect and adoration for ever and ever. Amen.

THURSDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Jesus is in the Blessed Sacrament as my Savior, to communicate to me the graces of Redemption and apply its merits to me, to wash my body and soul in divine blood.

It is for that purpose that He stands on the altar of sacrifice as a victim of propitiation, begging of His Father grace and mercy for me. But in order that His sacrifice may produce all its fruits, Jesus asks me to complete it, to unite myself to Him, to suffer in His place; for since His resurrection He can no longer suffer.

He will in return make my afflictions and my sufferings infinite in price and value; He will clothe them with the merits of His divine Person and make them His own; He will thus through the Eucharist renew and reproduce in me the Redemption, His Passion and death on Calvary.

Act of Adoration and Reparation

I adore and praise Thee, O my Divine Jesus, and I make reparation to Thee for all the outrages that Thou hast endured for my sake, in all the members of Thy Sacred Body, and particularly in Thy Divine Face. Hail, Amiable Face, bruised with blows, soiled with spittle, and disfigured by the ill-treatment which the impious Jews made Thee suffer. Hail, O beautiful eyes, all bathed with the tears that Thou hast shed for our salvation. Hail, sacred ears, tormented by an infinity of blasphemies, of injuries, and bitter mockeries. Hail, O holy mouth, full of grace and sweetness for sinners, and embittered with vinegar and gall. In reparation for so many ignominies, I offer Thee all the adoration which Thou receivest, particularly in all places where Thou art honored by a special worship, in which I join with all my heart. Amen.

FRIDAY IN PASSION WEEK

FEAST OF THE SEVEN SORROWS

One of the most beautiful adorations was that made on Calvary. There, Jesus was adored under all His titles, in all His virtues, in the kingliness of His love. The Good Thief adored Him as his

Savior King, Magdalen as her beloved Master, John as the God of love, and Mary, His Sorrowful Mother, under all these titles and in all these states. Finally, the converted executioners adored Him; they proclaimed Him the Son of God, and, prostrating themselves at the foot of the Cross, they made the first public solemn act of adoration on the very place of their decide.

O Sorrowful Virgin, thou didst adore thy Divine Son in His state of perpetual Victim, always immolated on our altars, incessantly demanding, by His death, grace and mercy for sinners. We unite with thy dolors and thy perfect reparation. We desire to accept our daily trials for love of Him, and with thee to console Jesus for the ingratitude of men and the outrages He receives in the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.

SATURDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Adore with a lively faith Jesus veiled in the Most Blessed Sacrament for love of man. Adore His goodness which veils His glory so that man may dare come close to his Lord and God, and converse familiarly with Him.

Adore His holiness which veils the brightness and perfection of His virtues so as to reveal them to man by degrees and not to discourage his weakness but to lift him up to Himself.

Adore His divine mercy which, to force man to recollect himself in God, veils His holy humanity and the beauty of His divinity; and thus the adorer comes to Him out of pure faith, out of pure love, and adores Him in spirit and in truth.

O Virgin Immaculate, who didst return to Jesus so perfect thanksgiving for the institution of the Divine Eucharist and the ineffable Gift in which the Savior exhausted His power and the treasures

of His Heart, teach us to thank thy Divine Son for this great benefit, and especially to make our thanksgiving well when we have had the happiness of receiving Him in Holy Communion. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY

Adore Jesus in the Divine Host by offering the sovereign homage of your mind to Him Who is its sovereign truth; of your heart to Him Who is its God; of your will to Him Who is its Lord; of your body to Him Who is its Savior; of your whole self in an offering of praise and love. Thank this Good Master for having given you the Holy Eucharist, for having called you to adoration, to Holy Communion; there is no greater good on earth, no sweeter consolation.

Prayer of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

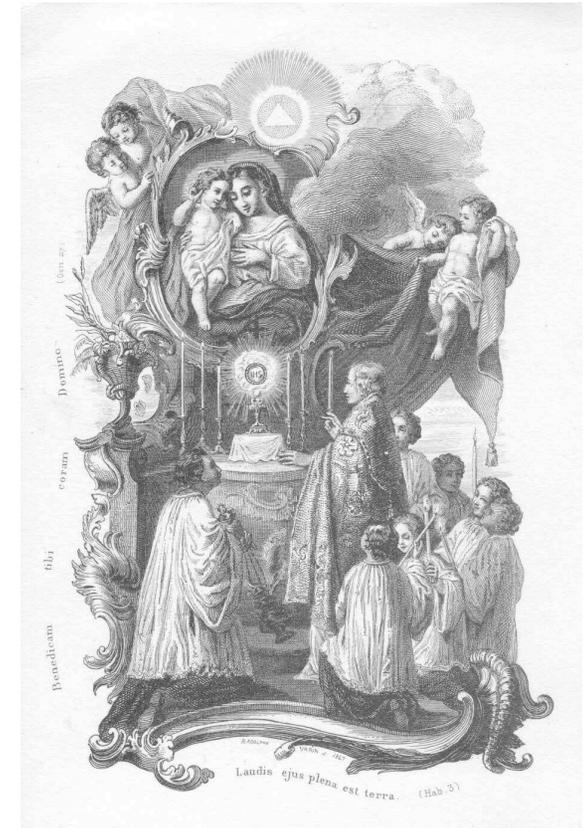
O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost! From the abyss of my nothingness I adore Your divine majesty. Prostrate at Your feet, I offer myself entirely to You. Accept me as a victim to be sacrificed to Your divine love. If the victim is unclean, purify it and make it acceptable and worthy of You.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! Enkindle in my heart the fire of Your love, that I may be consumed as a perfect holocaust for Your love and Your glory. I thank You for all the benefits and mercies granted to me until now. I am unworthy of so many favors. Have pity on me, O Lord, through the merits of Your Sacred Heart, and for the sake of Your Precious Blood shed for me, deign to cast a look upon my soul and it will be healed. Touch my heart and it will be made holy. Send a spark of Your sacred fire and all my being will be aflame with Your love.

The blessings I ask for myself, grant also, to all mankind; for I desire that all may love and serve You as You deserve to be loved and served. Amen.

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