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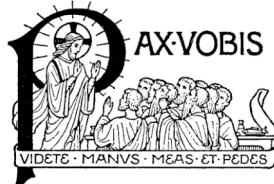
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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

April 12, 2015 LOW SUNDAY



¶ SUNDAY IN WHITE

Today is *Quasimodo Sunday*, also called Low Sunday or White Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter. Sunday classes for adults and children resume today at 10:40 AM. Devotions with Benediction are at 5:20 PM.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Ronald E. Kitchen
Rose A. Kitchen



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¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

Set Your Missal: Easter II, Preface of Easter.

TRANSIENCE



Time is Daffodils, yellow-bright
Upon the minute hand of spring,
And quickly into warmer light

The petaled weights of blossoming
Push fragrant hours ahead...ahead,
And time becomes the Rose instead.

—Leroy B. Meagher

¶ FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Holy Communion testing with Fr. Cekada is at **9:00 AM on Saturday, April 18th**, followed by a spiritual talk with Bishop Dolan and First Confessions. *Parents, please note:* If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, *please let us know* if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 18th.



BE NOT FAITHLESS, BUT BELIEVING

A Paschaltide Poor Souls' Prayer

Jesus, through the merits of Thy bitter passion and death and through Thy glorious Resurrection, I beseech Thee, have compassion on the poor souls and grant them a happy and glorious admission into heaven. Let them enter into that peace so long desired; let them contemplate the splendor of the beatific vision; let them bless eternally Thy mercy.

Collection Report
Easter Collection.....\$5,917.00
Sunday, April 5th.....\$1,636.00
Second Collection.....\$1,632.00
Thank you for your generosity! Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

Please note these important dates:

- *Day of Recollection for First Communion Children:* Thursday, May 21st.
- *Confirmation:* Saturday, May 23rd.
- *First Communion:* Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7th.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for our sick: Paul Leurk, Janet Clementi, Sue Becker Menefee, and Joanne Franklin, who was in the hospital during Holy Week.

¶ WE GET LETTERS

"Thank you for the streamline Traditional Latin Masses on Sunday mornings. We have a traditional priest for Mass and Confessions every two months, and so appreciate watching the Mass and sermons over the internet for our Sunday Mass."



—D. Legere

CONGRATULATIONS to Micah Ellis on his Baptism and First Holy Communion on Holy Saturday, 4/4/15.



CONGRATULATIONS to Steven and Rose Shaver on the baptism of their daughter, Kathleen Rose, on 4/7/15.

¤ CALENDAR

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

MON	4/13/15	ST. HERMENEGILD, M 8:00 AM Low Mass †Cheryl Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Novena IX
TUE	4/14/15	ST. JUSTIN, M STS. TIBURTII & COMPANIONS 8:00 AM Low Mass †Guy Macchia – 37th Anniversary (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention – Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Bill & Cindy Current</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Brian Clark & Payton (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>)
WED	4/15/15	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass All who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Doris & Vic Ritze</i>)
THU	4/16/15	FERIAL DAY ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Anonymous</i>) 11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament Justina's Family (<i>Sharon</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (RH) (<i>Kueblers</i>)
FRI	4/17/15	ST. ANICETUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass Carley Vande Ryt (<i>Aunt Rose</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass My nieces & nephews (<i>Sharon</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Mom & Dad! (<i>The Simpson kids</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	4/18/15	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY THE HOLY SEPULCHER Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Special Intention (<i>Simpson Family</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (<i>Samantha Current</i>)
SUN	4/19/15	EASTER II 7:30 AM Low Mass †Ronald Tammen, Jr. (<i>M. Sutton</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Thanksgiving for past intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Marko</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass †Virgil McCormick (Birthday Remembrance) (<i>Margaret & Albert Daniel Kinnett</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Servers

SUN 04/19:

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, N. McClorey
TH: J. Lacy ACs: N. & P. McClorey TORCH: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, M. Simpson, C. Richesson
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: J. Murray, G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: J. Murray, G. Miller

¤ THINK ON IT

A Sedevacantist Archbishop of Cincinnati

A quote from Cincinnati Archbishop Purcell, who was present at Vatican I:

The question was also raised by a Cardinal, “What is to be done with the Pope if he becomes a heretic?” It was answered that there has never been such a case; the Council of Bishops could depose him for heresy, for from the moment he becomes a heretic he is not the head or even a member of the Church. The Church would not be, for a moment, obliged to listen to him when he begins to teach a doctrine the Church knows to be a false doctrine, and he would cease to be Pope, being deposed by God Himself.

If the Pope, for instance, were to say that the belief in God is false, you would not be obliged to believe him, or if he were to deny the rest of the creed, “I believe in Christ,” etc. The supposition is injurious to the Holy Father in the very idea, but serves to show you the fullness with which the subject has been considered and the ample thought given to every possibility. If he denies any dogma of the Church held by every true believer, he is no more Pope than either you or I; and so in this respect the dogma of infallibility amounts to nothing as an article of temporal government or cover for heresy.

(Abp. John B. Purcell, quoted in Rev. James J. McGovern, *Life and Life Work of Pope Leo XIII* [Chicago, IL: Allied Printing, 1903], p. 241; imprimatur by Abp. James Quigley of Chicago; underlining added.)



¤ CATECHISM CORNER ¤

There are seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

Baptism is a Sacrament which washes away original sin, regenerates us in Jesus Christ and makes us Christians, and children of God and of the Church.

Without Baptism it is impossible to be saved.

By Baptism, we bind ourselves:

First, to renounce the devil and his pomps, that is to say, the maxims and vanities of the world; and to renounce his works, that is to say, all kinds of sin.

Second, to live according to the law of Jesus Christ.

It is necessary, that he who baptizes, should pour water on the head of the person whom he baptizes, saying at the same time: “I baptize thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;” and that he should have the intention of doing what the Church does.

❖ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ❖

Blessed Low Sunday to you! It is important that the low follow the high, to allow a little rest and restoration after all of our exertions, joys and sorrows of the past fortnight. We have heard and seen many wonderful things, but do not forget the blessing—your blessing of this Sunday—that you have not seen, and yet have believed. Blessed are you!

I thought I would offer a little report on our **Holy Week**, a kind of **Holy Week Journal**.

Palm Sunday was just about perfect, though it was cold. Beauty did beautifully, and walked nicely at the head of our procession with “the children of the Hebrews”. (That would be us.) As we stood at the door, out in the cold, we certainly symbolized the Church Militant, didn’t we? It was hard to hear the angels and saints within, but still we stood and shivered and sang our Gloria Laus with all our might. It’s a relief when the crucifer knocks thrice, and unseen heavenly ushers open the gates of Heaven to us, and even more so as we enter the warm church, streaming with sunshine, and fragrant with incense, while the choir sings Schubert’s triumphant Ingrediente Domino. For some reason, I thought of the Mormon’s Celestial Room, a kind of fancy hotel lobby in their temples meant to suggest heaven, where initiates go to sit for awhile after they have concluded their Masonic and gnostic ceremonies. Our church is much more evocative of the real thing, I must say.

Then began the solemn sad Mass of the Passion. Perhaps it was the sunlight, but I was struck at how quiet everything was for a High Mass, one of the most silent and prayerful I can remember. It is worth remembering, this beautiful start to our Holy Week.

Early Holy Week saw the Simpson sisters and Rose and her crew and others come to help with everything from the Altar of Repose to curtains, candlesticks, and ironing. I was a bit concerned this year as Katie is still recovering from her fracture, but I needn’t have worried, God always provides, and many of you always come through. The McFathers and Darlene managed the sacristy in great measure, and everything fell into place.

Holy Thursday saw a good attendance, with some out of town guests, for the morning Mass and early afternoon Maundy. The weather alternated storms and sun, quite liturgical. Adoration at the Easter Sepulchre was a bit dodgy, but we made it, with help even from strangers. Ditto for the so beautiful **Tenebrae**...a very small attendance, which is sad, but then again it is a sad service, the candles symbolizing Our Lord being abandoned by one disciple after another, until there is only His Mother.

Good Friday always draws a good crowd, especially so this year. It is a heavy series of services (Stations, Mass of the Presanctified, Adoration of the Cross, a sermon on

death), dramatic, touching, mystical and mournful, this year all in the rainy humid dark. Still, when it is past three most people are still there, as if reluctant to leave Calvary, even though Our Lord is buried, the sepulcher sealed. John Vande Ryt comes still to be MC for this one service each year, and does it very well. Otherwise he is a policeman, and it is fitting that they should be represented on the altar, along with lawyers and boys and old men and high priests and young ones.

That night **Tenebrae** picks up a little towards the end and earthquake, as children and volunteers gather for the big push to get everything turned around and set up for the **Easter Vigil** in the morning. Nobody stays up too late for this anymore, as in the old days. Many hands make light work, and the stage is set for Saturday’s vigil at the Sepulcher as we await the Resurrection.

The week ends as we started it, outside the church in the cold, though this time without the donkey. The Fire is blessed, the procession is formed, and we follow Christ’s light into the church, pausing thrice to thank God and adore on bended knee. Thus the long vigil begins, ending hours later all in white and gold and organ and bells for the **Resurrection of Our Lord**. Alleluia!

The faithful were rewarded with a proper, and abundant, Easter Brunch, the Children with an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards in the April sunshine. We all rejoiced together in a Lent well concluded, a Holy Week of true faith and adoration. Almost four hundred attended the three Easter Masses the next morning. First we sang the last of our Matins, in the final cold dark of early morning, to begin this day, which the Lord hath made. This year it was beautifully, beautifully sung with help from the schola, yet so quietly. Later Father Cekada’s new organ would ring out in triumphant peals.

How proud we were of the ladies and young ladies of the choir, who gave so much and sounded so good, especially in the Easter High Mass. The same must be said of our servers, and so many who helped in so many ways. God reward you all with an extra measure of Easter Peace!

—Bishop Dolan

RESURRECTION

Easter, the solemnity of solemnities, the time of Alleluias, of perfect joy—let us forget our fears. **Fear of difficulties**. *They said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone? And looking they saw the stone rolled back...* How many times have I made mountains out of nothing or exaggerated the importance of an obstacle? Trust in Our Lord! When I shall near my goal, the stone will be rolled back. Invincible courage! Alleluia!



AN EASTER GREETING

BABY TALK

Babies are all different. They don't know how they're supposed to act in church, so they just act like they always do. Sometimes they laugh. Sometimes they giggle. Sometimes they cry. Sometimes they cry loudly. Once in a while a baby will fight the whole idea of being baptized. In those cases, after I completed the words of baptism, I used to quip to the uncomprehending infant, "Some day you'll thank me for this."

When we had several families waiting their turn for baptism, the first child seemed to set the tone for what followed. If the first baby was calm, smiling, and endearing during the baptism, I would say right away, "What a good baby." Then I'd say it again while looking directly at the next baby in line. "Goood baby." I kept hoping the next one would learn how she or he was supposed to perform.

Kids eventually open their mouths to say all kinds of things. We've all been taken aback by the insightful remarks that toddlers make. It's our prayer that baptism will not just make them Catholic in name but active Christians who will speak to others about the faith. In the years since you were baptized, have you spoken wisdom, too?

*They praised in unison your conquering hand,
Because Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute,
and gave ready speech to infants.*

Wisdom 10:20-21

(I found the above interesting. It was written by a Novus Ordo priest. Babies do seem to have a way of communicating among themselves. I maintain you can always tell the difference between a St. Gertrude baby and a visitor baby. They pick up on cues. What a blessing our babies are!

—Bishop Dolan)



IN THE COUNTRY OF CLARE one fine Sunday morning, an old tramp sidled up to a group of men standing near the parish church and begged a few coppers.

"Ask the parish priest over there," said one of the group. "He's a decent man and, never fear, he'll give you something."

Soon the tramp and the P.P. were deep in conversation, and then a surprised, pained look was seen to steal across the tramp's face.

"Well, how did ye get on?" he was asked as he rejoined the group.

"Get on, is it?" said the tramp. Then he grinned sheepishly as he added: "Sure, I gev him half-a-crown for his new church."

THE POETRY CORNER

IN TIME OF RESURRECTION



Though there are Judas hearts which scheme today
To barter Truth for silver in the palm;
And weak-willed Pilates giving mobs their way,
Still Christ goes marching on through storm and calm.
Though coarse Barabas still remains the choice
Of those whose malice knows no lesser balm
Than the extinction of that Holy Voice
Whose words come ringing down the centuries,
Still Eastertide returns, and we rejoice!

Though there are highpriests now whom it would please
To nail His Spirit to a narrow span
That they might triumph in their heresies:
Though haters plunge from plan to sordid plan,
Still Love survives, and Easter comes to man!

—Virginia Moran Evans

BALLET OF SPRING

Stately tulips, straight and tall,
Walk sedately down
Beds along the garden paths
On every street in town.

Daffodils in ruffled skirts—
Not sedate as these—
Tossing heads of yellow hair,
Make merry with the breeze.

How they swirl their draperies
As they bend and sway
Dancing on their pointed toes
In a spring ballet.



—Helen Howland Prommel

AN EASTER PRAYER

O Lord, our God, Thou has replanted on our earth the garden lost in Eden, and hast sent a new Gardener to till the soil ploughed by the wood of the Cross, so that He Who is also the seed fallen into the ground in death might sprout and grow and bear much fruit. Watered by His life's Blood and the tears of His Mother at the Foot of the Cross, may Thy people yield an abundant harvest in a world starving for the Bread of Life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
(Indulgence of 500 days)*