

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

February 21, 2016

LENT II

REMINISCERE SUNDAY

¶ TRANSMUTATION SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail today, after all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

Sunday classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Lent III, with collects of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin and of Our Lady and All the Saints. Preface of Lent.

¶ THIS WEEK:

Our Children's Lenten Day of Reflection is on Wednesday of this week, February 24th. Please call the school office at (513) 645-4216 to let us know if your children will be attending.

¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA



Our annual Sorrowful Mother Novena continues now every Friday evening. Come to receive the Blessing of the Sick. Submit the first names of your sick, and those in the Armed Forces. Just call or email the church office. The Infant of Prague Novena concludes this week *before* the 5:45 PM Friday Mass, and, as always, the Sacred Heart Novena is during Benediction.

My God, I love Thee.
300 days

Lumen Christi

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

In thanksgiving for Fr. Lehtoranta's Ordination
(Kathleen Wegrzyn)



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. HEAR YE HIM.

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2016

Please note these important dates:

- *First Confessions & Testing:* Saturday, April 16. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

- *Children's Day of Reflection:* Thursday, May 12.

- *Confirmation:* Saturday, May 14.

- *First Communion:* Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, March 16th. 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 16th.

¶ WEEKDAY LENTEN SPECIALS

The older boys of St. Gertrude the Great School sing Vespers of the weekdays of Lent with the priests, every school day following the 11:20 AM Mass (approximately 12:20 PM). Join our boys for this brief but beautiful service! Also, at 3:00 PM on Wednesdays, we offer the traditional Children's Stations of the Cross (adults welcome!) followed by distribution of Holy Communion.

¶ LENTEN FRIDAY EVENINGS

Come to our Lenten Friday Evenings of Reflection. Confessions and Rosary are at 5:15 PM, followed by the Infant of Prague Novena. Mass is at 5:45 PM with the Sacred Heart Novena following. After Mass, enjoy a Lenten Potluck Supper in Helfta Hall. Please bring a dish to share if you'd like. Stations of the Cross are at 7:30 PM, followed by a candlelight sermonette, the Sorrowful Mother Novena, and the Blessing of the Sick. The evening closes with the distribution of Holy Communion.

¶ PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Gary Amyx, Sr. Jeanne Marie, and Joan Landry.

Thy will be done!
500 days

Collection Report

Sunday, February 14th.....\$4,212.50
Bake Sale.....\$480.25

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

If they love Him, they cannot refuse Him this; it will come naturally to them. What we should desire and pray for above all is love: "Sweet Heart of Jesus, may I ever love Thee more and more!" Love will teach us all things—zeal, repara-

tion and thanksgiving. Reparation undertaken only from a sense of duty will not go far; it must be inspired by love.

Once Our Lord appeared to St. Mechtilde with His hands outstretched and His wounds open. "When I was hanging on the Cross," He said, "all My wounds were bleeding, each of them a voice interceding with My Father for the salvation of men; and they still cry to Him to appease His wrath against sinners. As I, in My human nature, offered Myself to God the Father with ineffable love, covered with blood, a victim on the altar of the Cross, so with the same love I offer Myself now to the Father for sinners. I present to Him all the instruments of My Passion, for what I most desire is that the sinner be converted and live. If this sinner is converted, the divine Victim thrills with joy; but if he rejects the grace offered by the Sacred Heart, He feels the sad effects

and seems to have found an executioner.

"As long as a sinner remains in sin, he keeps

Me stretched and fastened to the Cross; but as soon as he repents and becomes converted, he detaches Me, and as if I had really been detached from the Cross, I fall with all My weight on him, as formerly on Joseph of Arimathea, with My grace and mercy; I give Myself into his hands, so that he may do with Me what he will."

Aspiration: "Heart of Jesus, victim of sin, to Thy reparations I unite myself."

Practice: Compassionate the sufferings of Jesus and strive to suffer with Him in a spirit of reparation.

WHY SEDEVACANTISM
from Bishop Sanborn

Common sense is on the side of sedevacantism. It is common sense that a heretic cannot be a Catholic. It is common sense that someone who, through heresy, is not even a Catholic, cannot be the pope. It is common sense that someone who intends to promulgate a new religion which substantially transforms the Catholic Faith, cannot have the power of Christ to teach, rule, and sanctify the Church. It is common sense that a wolf with sheep's clothing



on, or worse, shepherd's clothing, is not a member

of the fold, and is not a true shepherd. It is common sense to say that the destruction wrought upon the Church since Vatican II is the work of enemies, and not of true Catholic popes.

Consecration prayer:
Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me.

500 days

LI: VALENTINE FOR CALLISTA

I gather song from February's wind,
Its purifying breath that hints of you
In many whispers, even to the end
Of our horizon and its open view;

And memory turns not its face to look
On our lost paths, or trace their vanished ways.
O love is not a card, it is a book
Whose prologue passes but whose ending stays.

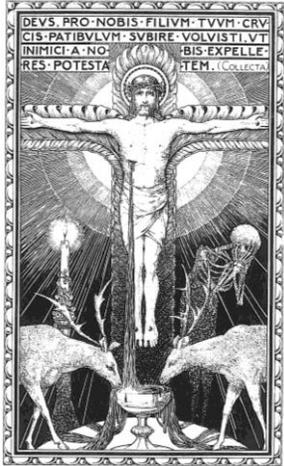
The Valentine I give is that saint's blood,
For lovers who ask heaven's blessing shed,
That I should hang upon my Savior's rood
And die unto myself as soon as wed.

For, love is sanctified beneath a Tree
Whose Fruit gives endless life to thee and me.

-Joseph MacKenzie
Festum Sancti Valentini Martyris
Anno MMXIV



O God, Whom no eye hath seen,
Who hast revealed Thy glory in the transfigured face of Thy Well-Beloved Son, and through His voice spoken Thy word to us, give us ears to hear, that we may follow His footsteps through suffering and death even to the glory foreshadowed on Mount Tabor, for He is Thy Beloved Son, living and reigning with Thee and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. Amen.



Lent II, Transfiguration Sunday, is always a joyful one, as it grants us a glimpse of Easter glory, that transfiguration God would work in us during these weeks of Lenten retreat. With the apostles, though, we need to open our eyes, wake up, and listen. "This is My beloved Son!"

Our microblast of Winter, ten days or so, seems to have given way to another Spring break, and that during last week's Spring Ember Days. How liturgical. One of these days Spring will be here for good, and it will be a blessing.

Winter always takes its toll. I remember that last Lent we had weather every Sunday, and those who needed an excuse—some don't, of course—stayed away from Church all Lent long. Last Sunday we were between snows, and it was cold. Many of you stayed home to be on the safe side. When the weatherman intones snow, people think Kroger, not church. Let us pray for good weather. Let us make reparation for the violation of Sundays.

Last Sunday's surprise snow made for slippery roads in the afternoon. I thank the Simpsons who with John composed the congregation, as well as the choir and servers, for Vespers. We cancelled the Mass as the usher had no one to usher. All got home safe and sound through the snow. After finishing our prayers and sacristy work **Fr. McGuire** and I enjoyed some excellent Beef Bourguignon which the Henrys had kindly brought. It made for a cozy supper.

Poor **Fr. McKenna** was meanwhile struggling with snow effect to make it back home after a particularly arduous journey. He finally did. I'm glad we saved him some dinner. **Fr. Lehtoranta** got back at midnight, too late to eat. He says it's always that way anymore when returning from Louisiana. **Fr. Cekada** enjoyed Florida's balmy breezes as he taught our future priests last week. He's started work on another video.

Caravaggio and Puccini were to the doctor yesterday for their annual checkup. The cats are quite flexible when it comes to weather, and are now in full bunny hunting mode, spending long hours in the underbrush. They are somewhat less eager for doctors' visits, but allow themselves to be persuaded. Thank you, Gloria.

Have you heard? Fr. Lehtoranta has published a book, *The Nail of Jahel*, about the heroines of the Old Testament, perfect spiritual reading for ladies and young ladies this Lent. This idea started with a series of sermons on the subject during Girls' Camp, which Father has expanded upon in a way so as to inspire our girls and their mothers, and increase our knowledge of *The Book*, Holy Scripture. Available in the bookstore.

Bring the children to church Wednesday morning. Cancel classes at home, Protestant, or public school so as to give your little (and not so little) ones *one precious*

day *a year!!* of Catholicism and prayer and talks, *just for them*. Call if you're coming, as we'll be providing lunch.

We also provide, or rather some of you do, supper for the Friday Evenings of Lent. Come for all or part of our program, especially Stations. Thanks to our Lenten cooks, and all of our helpers.

God bless you for an excellent and holy second week of Lent! Fr. McGuire reports that Loraine and Viola were so happy to receive Ashes the other week that they both *sighed* with joy! We found Gary Amyx, just not doing too well at the moment. Bee enjoyed a visit with the Arlinghouses, even though she doesn't remember any more. Visiting the sick is a *great* Lenten activity.

Yours in a spirit of reparation,

Bishop Dolan



OPPOSABLE THUMBS?

Dear Diary,

I offer this with no judgment, simply an observation:

Recently while riding the B train northward, I noticed the hands of the two people sitting opposite me. They were both engaged in moving their thumbs in the same pushing motion. The young woman was scrolling through her cellphone messages. The man was holding his rosary and gently moving his beads.

-Susan Krieger

An interesting New York Subway sighting. What do you do with your thumbs?

WISDOM FROM A CHILD



Blessed Jacinta Marto told how the Blessed Virgin told her in one of the apparitions: "Pray, pray much and make sacrifices for sinners. Take note of how many, many souls go to hell because there is no one to pray and make sacrifices for them..." And she continued: "The sins which bring the most souls to Hell are sins of the flesh. Certain fashions will arise which give much of-

fense to Jesus. Those who serve God should not follow the latest fashion. The Church does not change with the times. Jesus is always the same. The sins of the world are very great. If people understood what Eternity is, they would do everything to change their life. Souls are lost because they do not think of the death of Jesus and do not do penance."

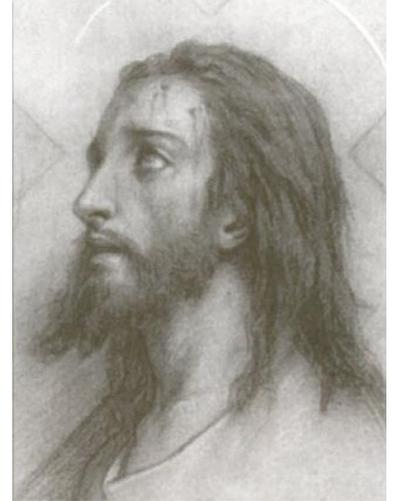
CHILDREN'S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

This special Lenten recollection day is intended for all children, ages 6 through 17, and will include Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and age-appropriate spiritual talks. As usual we are offering a free hot lunch for the children.

9:00 AM Opening Talk
11:20 AM High Mass
Lunch
2:45 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction



Parents! Grandparents! Godparents! Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day.

Please call St. Gertrude the Great School (513-645-4216) by Monday to let us know if your children will attend.



SUPPORT THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF REPARATION

"Sisters' Sunday," March 6th, is taking shape.

This fundraiser is for Our Lady of Reparation Convent.

Mass.

Come to Helfta Hall after Mass and purchase craft and bake sale items. Enjoy a breakfast with coffee or orange juice for just \$2 per person after the 9:00 AM



hot

Check out the Silent Auction that will be on display. Bidding will be open until 1:00 PM. The auction will end and be announced that afternoon. All winning bids must be claimed and paid by March 13, at noon. We have a couple of items donated but could use your help.



If you have something to contribute we would be glad to accept it for the support of our Sisters. Auction items could be, but are not limited to: collectible books (sets, religious reading, classics), services, gift cards, jewelry, statues, pictures, wine, gift baskets, small unused appliances, quilts, etc. Items should be new or gently used. If you need to have a minimum bid or reserve price just give us a call (859-384-0103) and we will discuss options.

A Children's Silent Auction table will be available to children 12 and under.

Children's auction items could include, but are not limited to: new or gently used children's books, water bottles, stickers, toys, rosaries, jewelry, sports equipment, etc. This adds an element of fun for the younger generati



Bake sale and craft items would be a great help as well.

Please support our Sisters! They will pray for you!



REPARATION THOUGHTS...
BODY AND SOUL

“As the scourging was the reparation for the sins of the flesh, so the crowning with thorns was



the atonement for the sins of the mind—for the atheists who wish there were no God, for the doubters whose

evil lives becloud their thinking, for the egotists, centered on themselves. The soldiers cursed as the thorns pricked their fingers. Then they cursed the Lord, as they drove the crown of thorns into His head, as a mockery of a royal diadem. Into His hands they placed a reed, the symbol of His kingdom, presumed to be false and unstable like the reed. His flesh, already hanging from Him like purple rags, is now covered with a purple robe to ridicule His claim to kingship of hearts and nations. Blind-folding Him, they struck Him, asking Him to prophesy, or tell whom it was that delivered the blow. They then bowed down before Him in mock reverence, spitting in His face, that all the subsequent Mindszen-tys, Stepinacs, and martyrs of the world might have courage in their hour of martyrdom. In this Mystery is verified the truth of our Saviour’s warning: ‘If the world



hates you, be sure that it hated Me before it learned to hate you. If you belonged to the world, the world would know you for its own and love you; it is because you do not belong to the world, because I have singled you out from the midst of the world, that the world hates you.’ He who expects to preserve His faith without being mocked by the world is either weak in it, or else not so bold in goodness as to draw upon himself the mocking insults of another purple robe and a torturing circle of thorns.”

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen
(*The Fifteen Mysteries*)



THE THIRD APPARITION OF THE ANGEL

“After we had repeated this prayer, My God, I believe, I adore, etc., I don’t know how many times we saw the shining over us, a strange light. We lifted our heads to see what was happening. The Angel was holding in his left hand a chalice and over it, in the air, was a host from which drops of blood fell into the chalice. The Angel leaves the chalice in the air, kneels near us and tells us to repeat three times:

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred

Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.’

“After that he rose, took again in his hand the chalice and the host. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time,

“Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God.’

“Once more he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer thrice: Oh, Blessed Trinity etc. and disappeared. Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the Angel in everything, kneeling prostrate as he did and repeating the prayers he said.”

It was in this way that catechized in prayer, reparative suffering, and the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, and strengthened by the Bread of Angels, that the children of Fátima were prepared for the visitation of the Queen of Portugal, the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

A Prayer Before Mass

Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominations, Principalities, Powers, celestial Virtues, Cherubim and Seraphim, and especially thou, my Holy Guardian Angel, join me, I pray you, in this Mass, and deign to alternate with me in prayer in such wise that I may assist at this Mass worthily, attentively and devoutly, in communion with the whole Church, as a sacrifice of reparation and praise acceptable to God, profitable to my soul and to the souls of all those for whom I have promised to pray or am bound to intercede, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, one God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

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

- MON 2/22/16 ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH**
8:00 AM Low Mass William Landry – conversion (*Mother, Joan Landry*) (from 2/21)
11:20 AM High Mass †Felipe O. Mendoza – 40th day of death (*Dioscora M. Mendoza*)
12:20 PM Vespers
- TUE 2/23/16 ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Jim Gebel*)
11:20 AM High Mass Thank You St. Anthony (*Mary Brueggemann*)
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Poncho Capetillo Family (*Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock*)
- WED 2/24/16 VIGIL OF ST. MATTHIAS**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Margo Donadio (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
9:00 AM Opening of Children's Day of Recollection
11:20 AM High Mass Thank you Blessed Mother Mary for answered prayers (*Mrs. Laura Lynn Rios*)
12:20 PM Vespers
2:45 PM Children's Stations & Benediction
5:00 PM Low Mass Thank you St. Joseph for prayers answered (*Mary Brueggemann*)
- THU 2/25/16 ST. MATTHIAS, AP**
ST. WALBURGA, V
BLESSED SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO, C
8:00 AM Low Mass Anne Marie & Paddy Omlor (*Patrick Omlor*)
11:20 AM High Mass Bring our daughter Felicia back to the Faith (*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Andreotta*)
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Audrey M. O'Connor (*Ken & Colleen Schroepfer*)
- FRI 2/26/16 FERIAL DAY**
THE HOLY SHROUD
ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA, PENITENT
8:00 AM Low Mass Andrew Prell – Thank you for all your help (*Mom & Dad*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass Joseph Roddmann – health & faith (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
12:20 PM Vespers
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena IX
5:45 PM Low Mass †Jose M. Abella – 6th Anniversary Feb. 21 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
6:45 PM Lenten Potluck Supper
7:30 PM Stations, Sermonette
Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
8:30 PM (approx.) Holy Communion



Our Beloved Dead – February

Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Carol Jean Mincey	2-07-2009
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Estrella I. Simpson	2-14-2012
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Bernard Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

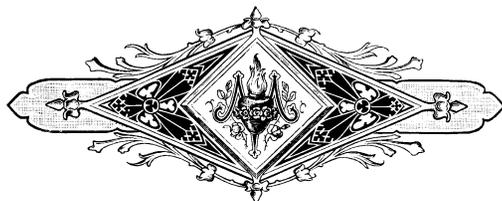


SERVERS

- WED 2/24 11:20 AM HIGH: MC:** T. Simpson **TH:** B. Lotarski **ACs:** N. McClorey, J. Simpson **CROSS:** P. McClorey **TORCH:** Students
- SUN 2/28 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: B. Lotarski **TH:** J. Simpson **ACs:** S. & L. Arlinghaus **TORCH:** C. Arlinghaus, C. Richesson, T. Lawrence, M. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: N. & N. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

- SAT 2/27/16 FERIAL DAY**
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass †Albert Barré, Sr.–58th Anniversary Feb. 20 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass Merry Christmas Mom & Dad (*Brueggemann kids*)
- SUN 2/28/16 LENT III**
ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER
7:30 AM Low Mass Children/Godchildren & families (*Dan, Mary*)
9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass David Mann Family (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass St. Jude Thank You for answered prayers (*Rios family*)

NOVENA OF REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



MONDAY IN LENT II

First Day's Intention: Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus, Our Lady of Fatima, inspire me to grieve sincerely for the sins that weigh heavily upon the souls of men. Sorrowfully I recall the bitter and harsh punishments heaped upon thy Divine Son, when He was cruelly scourged at the pillar, unmercifully crowned with thorns. I recall His sad journey to Calvary, His Crucifixion, and ignominious death on the cross. Yet, they were but the instruments of pain. It was my sins that really caused His Precious Blood to be shed. His excessive love willed that He should suffer for my salvation. Thus, I will give my little love to make amends and atone for a thoughtless and unappreciative world.

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, you who suffered, and shared with Him each pain caused and inflicted by our sins, intercede for us that we may be privileged to unite our hearts with yours in an effort to make reparation for our sins, and the sins of ungrateful mankind. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

TUESDAY IN LENT II

Second Day's Intention: Greater love and appreciation for the Rosary

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, teach us to love those little beads. In every trial, tribulation and sorrow they have been a source of comfort to all who trust in you. We are happy in the possession of our Rosaries. May your Rosary, Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, ever strengthen us in all our weaknesses, be our peace in time of affliction, comfort in all matters of doubt, courage in time of temptation, and a source of consolation throughout all our days on this earth. May it be a strong influence on us in success or in failure. In all things, may we live in peaceful union with thee through the medium of thy Rosary. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Rosary, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

Third Day's Intention: The True Peace of Christ

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, we pray that the hope and promise made by you at Fatima will soon be realized. Our kith and kin make the supreme sacrifice, and our loved ones languish in the horrors and hardships that have come upon this world at war. We know it is your ardent wish and desire that there be peace in the world, and it is only through Reparation to your Immaculate Heart that such can be accomplished. You have told us your wish in the Message of Fatima: Reparation through the Rosary and the practice of the First Saturdays. We beg of you, Oh Mary Immaculate, that we may heed your

pleadings, and through our prayer and example show the world the road to true peace, which the world itself cannot give. Bless, we beseech thee, our country, and inspire us and our leaders to receive, understand, and promote that glorious Message delivered by you at Fatima.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of Peace, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

THURSDAY IN LENT II

Fourth Day's Intention: Relief for the Souls in Purgatory

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother most merciful, to thee do we plead the cause of the poor suffering souls in Purgatory, especially those most abandoned. In obedience to thy request at Fatima, we beg for their relief. Oh Mother most merciful, we ask thee to lessen their toll of expiation. Deign to accept our humble prayers and sacrifices in reparation and payment for the punishment that is due from them. We pray that through the treasures of your Divine Son, your own special merits, and those of the saints, that God may be mindful of our prayers on behalf of the suffering souls in Purgatory, and bring them into His Kingdom to love and serve Him forever. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Mother most merciful, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

FRIDAY IN LENT II - *THE HOLY SHROUD*

Fifth Day's Intention: Salvation of Souls

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Virgin most powerful, we know that the vision of the

terrible fires of hell which you showed the three little shepherd children at Fatima, was really meant for us. We beseech thee, Oh Mother Mary, to spare us the fate of a judgment that will ordain such a punishment. Grant unto us a faith so strong that we may ever realize that the evil of sin will be justly repaid with eternal punishment. I believe in the Infinite Justice of the one true God and the Infinite Love of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We pray and beseech thee that through your intercession we may be given the grace to live so worthy a life on earth, as to enjoy the reward of eternal happiness in the kingdom of thy Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Virgin most powerful, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

SATURDAY IN LENT II

Sixth Day's Intention: Purity of Body and Soul

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Virgin most pure, have compassion on those who are prone to the allurements of impurity. Give us, we beseech thee, strength to overcome our weaknesses, and courage in the struggle against sin. We know it is your ardent wish that we renew our pledge of holy purity. Oh, Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consecrate to thee here and now, without reserve, our eyes, ears, tongues, hearts—our whole beings. We promise that with thy help, we shall be steady in our purpose to serve thee with undefiled chastity. Give us the courage to resist all temptations, and to avoid all things that may be the occasion of sin.

Our Lady of Fatima, Virgin most pure, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Seventh Day's Intention: Forgiveness of Sin

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, to whom else will we turn in our sorrow for sin, if not to thee. From whom shall we find comfort and consolation, in the shame of our sins, except from thee? Lead us back, dear Mother of Love, to the path of righteousness that leads to the Sacred Heart of thy Divine Son.

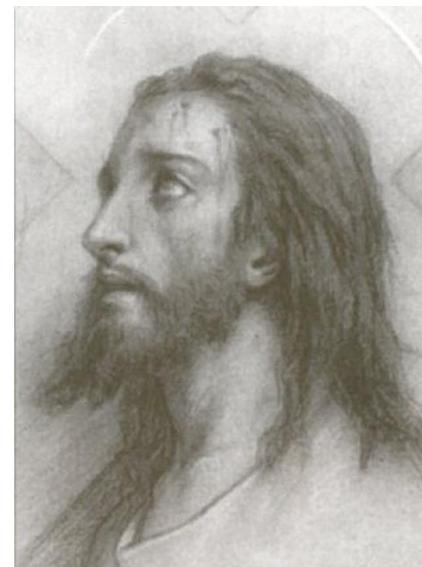
We have sinned often, Oh dear Mother, and the remembrances of the error of our ways trouble us. It shall be no more. We know that thy protecting care will find peace and hope for us, and the remission of our sins. We know too that as with Mary Magdalene of old, thy Son shall welcome us with a loving smile, because you have always pleaded for us. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Refuge of sinners, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.



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Reparation Notes



Daily Thoughts and Prayers for Lent 2016

An Offering for Lent – St. Therese

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this Lent for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and *I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.*

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all eternity. Amen.