

# 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

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

March 13, 2016  
PASSION SUNDAY



## ¶ JUDICA SUNDAY

Passiontide, the most solemn period of the Church's year, begins today. This final fortnight of Lent leads us to the greatest Feast Day, our Lord's Resurrection. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY

Palms will be blessed and distributed at 7:15 AM, and again at the ancient and beautiful 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 will be no Sunday Classes. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

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

*"All the evils of the world are due to lukewarm Catholics."* – Pope St. Pius V

## ¶ ST. PATRICK

This Thursday is St. Patrick's Day. The Lenten fast is dispensed, as was traditional in many dioceses in the United States long before Vatican II. A Solemn High Mass will be sung at 11:20 AM.



JESUS HID HIMSELF AND WENT OUT OF THE TEMPLE

## ¶ ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph's Day comes this Saturday, just before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. High Mass in his honor is at 7:30 AM, and Low Mass at 8:30. We are recessing the rest of his customary celebration for his Easter Solemnity, Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, including the St. Joseph's Table and the Blessing of Bread. May this powerful patron bless us as we prepare for a truly Holy Week.

## ¶ THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

Friday, March 18, is the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, and our final Lenten Evening of Recollection. Mass is at 5:45 PM, Potluck Supper following. Stations at 7:30 PM, with sermonette and the last week of our Sorrowful Mother Novena with Blessing of the Sick. If you haven't made any of the other Fridays, be sure and come to this last one. Pray for a good Holy Week.

## ¶ UPCOMING

Girls' Camp 2016: June 22-24.

## ¶ LAST CHANCE FOR STATIONS!

Who *doesn't* come to Stations in Lent? Our final Wednesday Children's Stations are this week at 3 PM (everybody welcome, though). Don't forget the final Friday Evening Stations at the old traditional time of 7:30 PM.

*"He that sees another in error, and endeavors not to correct it, testifies himself to be in error."* – Pope Leo I

## ¶ 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 will be said daily beginning with Easter Sunday.

Names of loved ones for the memorial flower offerings will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Envelopes for the flower offerings must be returned by Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, to be included in the Easter bulletin. Please be generous! May God reward you.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

In your prayers please remember Sean Murray, William Tilford, and all of our sick and shut in.

### Collection Report

Sunday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$4,529.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,118.00
Alter Christus.....	\$305.00

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

ST. PATRICK

As the month of March approached, many were concerned as to whether the much talked of month would come in like a lion and go out like a lamb or be contrary and do the opposite, but the approach of March brings other thoughts to those who glance through the calendar of its days. The Mysteries of the Way of the Cross, the Annunciation and the Seven Sorrows of Mary, the Archangel Gabriel, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Gregory the Great, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John Capistran and St. Catherine of Bonaonia are a few of the impressive feasts that we celebrated during this month.

Gladly should we write pages about each of these mysteries and saints, but...we will say a few words about Ireland's famous Apostle with the hope that you, be your nationality what it may, will imitate his virtues and adopt the practices he taught.

In 432 St. Patrick came to Ireland with his little band of missionaries and began preaching and teaching and doing good in imitation of Our Divine Savior. Coming, he found Ireland in darkness and the shadow of death. Through his instrumentality, it became the Light of Europe, the home of sanctity and learning, The Isle of Saints and scholars.

He was a model of all the virtues as can easily be seen by even a hurried perusal of his life but in a special manner he impressed upon the hearts of his converts, fidelity to the Holy See, devotion to Mary and the love of the poor souls and last but not least a great attachment to their clergy.

He represented the church to them as being so vast as to fill the whole world and so united as if occupying but a simple thatched cottage embracing all, considering all

without tampering with freedom of any, at whose head reigns Christ in heaven with the Pope as the Vicar on Earth. Love of the darling Virgin Mother Mary's name was so deeply impressed upon the hearts of his neophytes that their sons and daughters have not forgotten it even through the centuries and never are the poor souls mentioned without breathing at the same time a fervent "May his soul rest in peace." The little island that St. Patrick converted has sent thousands upon thousands of missionaries into foreign fields and to this day it is the pious ambition of every mother to see her own boy a priest at the altar.

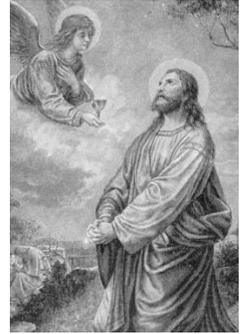
Many forgetful of March's impressive feasts think of it only as the month that does frivolous things with the wind and the weather. Just as many greet each new St. Patrick's day by wearing a shamrock and never give a thought to practicing the virtues which he inculcated. Whether your forefathers came from Cork or from Timbuktu you should be staunch defenders of the Church, faithful and familiar children of Mary, true friends of the poor souls and show due reverence and respect to your clergy. If you practice these virtues you will avoid many modern and prevalently popular vices and above all you will be assured of a joyous eternity.

Cead mile failte!  
-Edgar B. Casey, O.F.M.



THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

These gnarled  
tawny trees  
Slither in twilight  
Seeped in deceit  
Surrounding  
my Lord



As on His knees  
He pleads for relief,  
His Heart stuck like grief  
To the garden rock.  
Gethsemane  
Where beads of precious sweat  
Suspend in shock  
Then bleed  
From each afflicted pore—  
A hundred thousand  
Needles prick and poison open  
sores.  
Half-asleep  
I hear Him breathe  
The evil deeds I've done,  
The ones He has become.  
He cries His soul's opposing needs:  
Let it pass  
Let it be done.

-Rita A. Simmonds

FOR THREE SAINTS

A holy Saint, a humble Saint,  
Who taught and clothed and fed  
And housed the little Son of God,  
And earned His daily bread.

A zealous Saint, a green-robed  
Saint,  
Well-loved on Irish Sod,  
Who spent himself for souls, and  
led a people up to God.

A learned Saint, a healing Saint,  
Whose words are living long  
To honor God, to guide the weak,  
And fortify the strong.

The centuries pass swiftly by;  
But swift years cannot dim  
The glory of three friends in Heaven,  
en,

Three Saints who lived for Him!

-Alice Pauline Clark

Can you guess the three saints?

Laetare, Rejoice, week gave us a day or two of glory this year. The Sunday itself was resplendent in rose and with roses, as we counted the time until the Resurrection of Our Lord. We also rejoiced in the gift of religious, good Benedictine sisters, in our midst. Oh, and my Lenten Roses for the first time blossomed for Rose Sunday in Lent. Modest flowers, they keep their heads down like St. Aloysius. Some are dark, almost black, and others a brighter hue, as Lent brings us both crosses and consolations.

Sisters' Sunday was a great success for the warm and generous welcome we gave our sisters, for the money raised, and for the nice Spring Sunday socializing it fostered. A good sized group stayed for the drawing after the 11:30, and the conclusion of the silent auction. Much visiting, some introductions. Many thanks to our helpers and tireless workers, and to the sisters who took the time from their own convent schedule and prayers to be with us.

Nature was not to be outdone. Although the sun peeked out Sunday, it remained chilly until Tuesday, one of those splendid sunny days of early Spring as rare as they are welcome.

Thanks to all of our welcome workers these late Lenten days. Some of you came forward to help Katie with cleaning and ironing. I am very grateful, as the sacristy workload is great in the lead up to Holy Week. Organized work pays off as Katie's piles of linen shrink slowly, and order is restored. God always sends a way. Thanks for being part of the solution.

I must say the same thing about our creative Lenten cooks up the challenge of vegan fare. We are doing better this year than last, and are grateful to God who feeds the hungry, and to you! Although I do still get Divine Office distractions about "what we are to eat," they are less and I try "not to be solicitous." Deo Gracias. We pray for our benefactors at these same Divine Offices. Our school boys do as well. I notice them participating now, picking up the Latin of the Psalms.

How you noticed the new little church in the vestibule? At long last we've replaced the one that was stolen several years ago. This Building Fund "piggy bank" was originally Connie Kamphaus's idea, until some sacrilegious thief gave into temptation. Chip McClorey and Thomas Simpson spent a long time planning, designing and constructing the handsome (and virtually thief proof) church which now collects odd offerings for the ongoing needs of our building. Thank you for this as well.

But God forbid we should ever only think of

ourselves, of our own building, and not of building up the church throughout the world. This past week, for example, our priests' work spanned some 6,000 miles for example, along the equator, from Ecuador in South America to Nigeria in Africa. Both of these countries are near the equator, but are warmed even more by the presence of persevering Catholics who love their Faith and their Mass.

**Fr. McKenna's** initial and brief reports indicate a successful visit to the Catholics of San Francisco de Quito. He is now back in Milwaukee, about to do another northern (no equator here!) mission run before returning to us in time for St. Patrick's Day. Of course.

St. Patrick is also patron saint of Nigeria, so we send our prayers to **Fr. Nkamuke** and his four faithful flocks for their feast day come Thursday. Father is most grateful for your support, and hopes to return for a visit to St. Gertrude one of these days.

**Fr. Hecquard**, who figures in some of our beautiful calendar photos, spoke with me the other day. He is holding the fort in France, a scene of almost universal distress and division for faithful Catholics. Father offers Mass for a small congregation near Tours, and cares for his elderly parents. He still returns to Rennes to visit the sick and bring them the Sacraments regularly. The St. Pius V Chapel, where he was ordained, is no more, lost to a wrecker's ball. Pray for that group, now meeting in an unsuitable building in an ill lit industrial park outside of town. Their legal existence is precarious, and they need our prayers at this difficult time.

On a brighter note, we heard recently from a Canadian Catholic who follows our Mass daily on the internet, as well as our articles and sermons. This man is almost 500 miles from the nearest Mass, but finds great consolation at [sggresources.org](http://sggresources.org). We have much to be thankful for, including the means to share our riches of the Catholic Faith.

St. Joseph gets tucked in among the palms and purple this year, on Saturday morning, just before Holy Week. Let us not forget, though, that this is his month, and Saturday his day. Sunday he will help us to an excellent and *holy* Holy Week.

Blessed Passiontide! Thank you for being part of all the wonderful work done here each year.



Bishop Dolan

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## ✠ HOLY WEEK 2016 ✠

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### PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 20, 2016

- 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
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### SPY WEDNESDAY: MARCH 23, 2016

*DAY OF FAST*

- 6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae  
8:30 PM Church decorating for Holy Thursday
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### MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY: MARCH 24, 2016

*DAY OF FAST*

- 9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar  
*(A shorter Mass now, as Bishop Sanborn blesses the Holy Oils at the Seminary. This is the Mass to attend! The birthday of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass.)*

*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 were scheduled to participate in the Maundy last year: A.D. Kinnett, J. Seyfried, R. Zbilicki, C. Browne, J. Gunsher, T.G. Simpson, 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 2.*



Thank you,  
Bishop Dolan

### GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 25, 2016

*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.*

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### HOLY SATURDAY: MARCH 26, 2016

*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
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### EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 27, 2016

- 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)

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#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Good Friday 3:00 to 4:00 PM  
Holy Saturday 4:00 to 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 WAY OF THE CROSS

It is said that the Way of the Cross owes its origin to the Mother of God.



Tradition says that the Blessed Mother of God was wont often to walk in the steps of her Son to Calvary, pausing at the spots marked by some special incident.

The early Christians flocked in crowds to the holy places to follow the *Via Crucis*. But when, in the Middle Ages, the Holy Land fell into the hands of the infidels, and the devout pilgrim could only visit the scenes of Our Lord's sufferings at the risk of his life, the stations were erected in churches, and enriched by the Pope with large indulgences. St. Francis of Assisi contributed greatly to spread this devotion.

1. The Way of the Cross is the name given to the fourteen stations which depict the way along which Our Redeemer passed, bearing His cross, from Pilate's palace to Mount Calvary.



The fourteen stations consist of fourteen wooden crosses, to which pictures and inscriptions are generally added. They are erected in churches, sometimes in the open air, on the slope of a hill; occasionally in cemeteries.

2. The manner of performing the Way of the Cross is to go from one station to another, making meanwhile a meditation on our Lord's Passion.

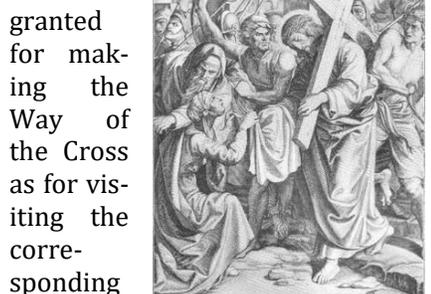
It is not necessary to go from station to station in the church if one stands up and kneels down as every station is being made. It is enough to meditate on the Passion in general, without making a special meditation at each station. An Our Father, Hail Mary, and act of contrition are generally recited at every one.

3. By performing the Way of the Cross large indulgences may be gained; we also obtain contrition for sin and are incited to the practice of virtue.

Daily meditation on the Passion of Christ is more profitable than fasting every Friday in the year on bread and water, or taking the discipline of blood. A single tear shed in compassion for Our Lord's sufferings is of greater value in God's sight than a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We learn how acceptable



mediation on His Passion is to Our Lord, from the revelations of St. Bridget. Our Lord once appeared to her, with blood streaming from all His wounds. She asked what had reduced Him to this pitiable condition? He answered: "It is the doing of those who never consider the great love I manifested towards them by all I suffered upon the cross." It was as a continual memorial of His Passion that Our Lord instituted the holy sacrifice of the Mass. The same indulgences are



granted for making the Way of the Cross as for visiting the corresponding places in the Holy Land. What the indulgences are we do not know precisely; let us be content to know that they are great and numerous; they can however only be gained once in the day. The wooden crosses must be blessed by a Franciscan, or some priest who has the requisite powers, and the stations

must be visited without any break. The Way of the Cross is a means of obtaining the grace of contrition. As the Israelites who were bitten by the fiery serpents were healed by looking upon the brazen serpent, so sinners are healed of the deadly wound of sin by frequent meditation on the Passion of Christ. The Way of the Cross is also an incentive to the practice of virtue. The saints often tell us that meditation on Our Lord's Passion imparts strength to suffer not merely with patience, but with joy. Our arrogance, our avarice, our anger will be cured by the humility, the poverty, the patience of the Son of God. If, O man, you would progress from virtue to virtue, contemplate with all possible devotion the sufferings of your Lord, for this is most conducive to sanctity.



4. If we are prevented from making the Way of the Cross, we can gain the indulgence by reciting the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the *Gloria* twenty times, holding meanwhile a crucifix blessed for the stations in our hand.

The hindrances must be of a sufficient nature, such as long distance from a church, sickness, etc. The cross for performing the stations at home must be of strong material, with the figure of the Savior attached to it, and must have been duly blessed for the purpose. The indulgences are not gained if the crucifix is not the property of the individual using it; but if several persons perform the devotion together, it is enough for one to hold in his hand the cross. For the sick it suffices to take the cross in the hand and make an act of contrition. The Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be are recited fourteen times for the fourteen stations, five times in honor of the five wounds of Our Lord and once for the Holy Father. If the cross has been blessed by a Redemptionist the prayers need only be repeated fourteen times.



# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>3/14/16</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For Mary & Pauline ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> ) 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Elizabeth Smith ( <i>Patsy M. McConnell</i> ) 12:20 PM <b>Vespers</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>3/15/16</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C</i> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Deceased Relatives Montello & Puglielli Families ( <i>Karen &amp; Paul Puglielli</i> ) 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to Poor Souls ( <i>Donna Patton</i> ) 12:20 PM <b>Vespers</b> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Mr. Ken Schroeffer – health & his family ( <i>Lina Baneviciute / Sintsov family</i> ) 5:55 PM <b>Compline</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>3/16/16</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention – Deceased ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Sharon Suess ( <i>Lotarski Family</i> ) 12:20 PM <b>Vespers</b> 3:00 PM <b>Children's Stations &amp; Holy Communion</b> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Thomas Keaveny ( <i>The Wilkers</i> ) 5:55 PM <b>Compline</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>3/17/16</b>	<b>ST. PATRICK, BPC</b> <i>ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C</i> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Rose Marie Donadio ( <i>Rob &amp; Jane Brockman</i> ) 11:20 AM <b>Solemn High Mass</b> Fr. Nkamuke & the Nigerian Missions ( <i>K. &amp; J. Bischel</i> ) 12:20 PM <b>Vespers</b> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Patrick for Paddy ( <i>Mom &amp; Dad</i> ) 5:55 PM <b>Compline</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/18/16</b>	<b>SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN</b> <i>ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD</i> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. ( <i>Samantha</i> ) 10:55 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Bee Lutkehaus ( <i>Cora Arlinghaus</i> ) 12:20 PM <b>Vespers</b> 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Hari & Laura Rao – Blessings on Marriage ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> ) 6:45 PM <b>Lenten Potluck Supper</b> 7:30 PM <b>Stations, Sermonette</b> <b>Sorrowful Mother Novena IX, Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/19/16</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY</b> 7:10 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>High Mass</b> In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> ) 8:20 AM <b>Sermon, Low Mass</b> Repose of the souls of †Robert & †Helen Soeder ( <i>Justin Soeder</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/20/16</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>ST. PHOTINA &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</i> 7:15 AM <b>Blessing and Distribution of Palms</b> <b>Low Mass</b> Regina & Ken Gilliam & family ( <i>Dan, Mary &amp; family</i> )



## THANK YOU FROM THE SISTERS

The Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation extend a most gracious "Thank you" to everyone who helped make "SISTER SUNDAY" a wonderful event. To the organizers and chefs: Mrs. Arlinghaus, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Briggs; to Miss Samantha Current who managed the craft & bake sales while serving as cashier; to Mr. Dima Holbrook, future salesman of the year for raffle tickets; we wish to acknowledge your generous donation of your time and skills. We are indebted to all who generously donated craft/bake sale goods and silent auction items.

We appreciate those who wholeheartedly supported and welcomed the Sisters with their eager participation.

Congratulations to Chip McClorey who won the "Split the Pot"! Chip went home with \$196.00.

We were humbled by the success of this event which brought in just over \$2,700.00.

May Our Lady of Reparation always smile upon you and the parish of St. Gertrude the Great.

Sincerely,

Your Sisters in Christ



Pray for Rich Vande Ryt, who is running for Hamilton County Sheriff. Primary elections are on March 15.

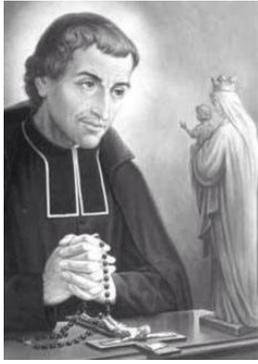
## Mass offered by Bishop Dolan last Saturday: Bonnie Otten (Robert Uhlenbrock)

### Servers

<b>THU 3/17</b>	<b>11:20 AM SOL.HIGH:</b> MC: B. Lotarski <b>TH:</b> N. McClorey <b>ACs:</b> P. & N. McClorey <b>TORCH:</b> School <b>CROSS:</b> P. McConnell
<b>SAT 3/19</b>	<b>7:30 AM HIGH:</b> MC: T. G. Simpson <b>TH:</b> J. Simpson <b>ACs:</b> B. Lotarski, M. Briggs <b>TORCH:</b> M. & D. Simpson
<b>SUN 3/20</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>8:50 AM HIGH:</b> MCs: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson <b>CHAPLAINS:</b> Fr. McKenna, Fr. McGuire <b>TH:</b> B. Lotarski <b>ACs:</b> J. Simpson, Nicholas McClorey <b>MITRE:</b> P. Omlor <b>CROZIER:</b> P. McClorey <b>BELLS:</b> C. Richesson <b>TORCH:</b> M. & D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, N. McClorey, C. Richesson <b>BANNER:</b> L. Arlinghaus <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> A.D. Kinnett, <i>Volunteer</i> <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> 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!

<b>8:50 AM</b>	<b>Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Ralph Patton – Happy Birthday (March 20) ( <i>Patton Family</i> )
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> My brother, †Cl. Wm. R. Smith (USAF) ( <i>Richard Smith</i> )



**JESUS LIVING IN  
MARY:  
THE SPIRITUALITY  
OF ST. LOUIS DE  
MONFORT**

**REPARATION**

**MONDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

Reparation is an ambiguous term. Even in profane use it may be employed in the sense of repair of a damaged object or an act of justice whereby payment of some sort of made for damage done. In religious use it has a variety of meanings. It means principally the work of redemption accomplished by Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sense of “repairing the damage done” by Adam’s revolt and the sin of his progeny; Christ restores us to God’s friendship. The term is also used in a generic way to restitution for injuries, usually when moral theology cannot measure precisely what such payment would entail.

Reparation is the making of amends for insults given to God through sin, either one’s own or another’s. Through St. Margaret Mary’s devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a devotion stemming through St. John Eudes back through Sts. Gertrude and Mechtilde and St. Francis’ devotion to the Five Wounds and Passion of Christ, “reparation” took on a more distinctive meaning. St. Margaret Mary saw Christ’s heart and His love ignored and ridiculed; the response of man is to be reparation through adoration, prayer, and sacrifice.

Heart of God, adorable Heart,  
Heart, the goal of all my love,  
O infinitely lovable Heart,  
Who loves me, loves me always.

Although so poor and wretched,  
Although the greatest sinner,

I now make an act of reparation  
To Thy Heart so full of grandeur.

**TUESDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

The root “repair” is found in St. Louis Marie’s writings about forty times in such terms as reparation, reparatrice, repairer, to repair. The object of this “reparation” may be creation, humanity, Heaven, the Honor of God, and of course scandals and injustices. In most cases Montfort does not use the word as contemporary spirituality defines it, as compensation for an outrage against love. Occasionally he refers to repair of church buildings, or for honoring the devil.

Pardon for all the unfaithful,  
Who, though created for Thee,  
Attack Thee, and damn themselves,  
Despite Thy paternal goodness.

Pardon for the schismatics  
Estranged from Thy unity,  
Pardon for the heretics  
Who contradict Thy truth.

**WEDNESDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, in unity with her Son, atones for the fallen world. Through her piety, Our Lady had “succeeded most worthily in atoning for the fallen universe.” “Reparation” means restoring the universe and, in particular, healing the wounds of mankind caused by sin. When Adam became a slave of the demon and the object of God’s anger, “nothing could restore his privileges.” Wisdom, by whose word “everything was made and everything was restored,” chose “to become man in order to restore that fallen humanity.” In Mary, Jesus “has perfectly restored the glory” that sin had taken away from the Father. Mary, the “restorer of the human race,” is completely united with the Son; as she gains the fidelity and perseverance of those who commit themselves to her, she “makes good the losses caused by Eve’s unfaithfulness.” According to Bl. Alan de la Roche, “who restored the devotion

of the Rosary,” “by this prayer [the Angelic Salutation] the whole world was restored.” Through the Angelic Salutation, the ruins of heaven have been repaired and “the empty thrones in heaven have been filled.”

Ah! pardon for their malice,  
Pardon for their scandal,  
Pardon for all their fury,  
Pardon for their cruelty.

Pardon, pardon, divine Heart,  
We forget Thee in the Tabernacle;  
Pardon for the ungodly Christian  
Who constantly profanes Thee.

**THURSDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

St. Louis de Montfort cites the example of the preacher who at one time had preached against the Rosary and then “publicly acknowledged his former error,” and that of the women who had given herself to the devil and felt “an intense desire to make amends for this terrible deed.” He called on the Daughters of Wisdom to make public reparation for their faults and invited them to atone for “the scandals of all of your brothers.” We know that Montfort founded confraternities for the reparation of such public wrongs.

Ah! pardon for these insults,  
For these criminal rendezvous;  
Pardon for our irreverence  
Which stains Thy holy altars!

They pierce Thy very Heart,  
Which even the devil dare not do.  
For this perjury and blasphemy,  
Thy pardon, Lord, I pray.

**FRIDAY IN PASSION WEEK  
SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

The spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort led him down many different paths. He affirmed the goodness of Our Lord, Who is touched by the misery of fallen humanity. Divine Wisdom brought together

the members of the Trinity, so to speak, “for the purpose of rehabilitating man in the state He formerly created him.” He also writes of the love that is ridiculed by all, even by Christians, and he discusses the satisfactory value of atonement for sins committed. Like St. Margaret Mary, he affirms the response of love to the gift of love—but St. Louis de Montfort sees this as a total, all-inclusive response. It refers not to specific practices of atonement, such as on the First Friday, but to making a complete gift of oneself, a consecration. To make such a gift is in St. Louis de Montfort’s view the ideal in any Christian life; and although he never explicitly mentions it, reparation would certainly be encompassed by this gift.

Pardon for the wayward priests  
And all Thy hidden foes;  
Pardon for a thousand traitors  
Who receive Thee, though in sin.

Alas! Thy life is shattered  
In many hearts, despite Thy love;  
Alas! They crucify Thee there.  
O weep my eyes; O flow my tears.

### SATURDAY IN PASSION WEEK

He does not discuss reparation specifically when he speaks of the works undertaken by the friends of Wisdom “for the glory of God and the salvation of souls,” nor when he explains why the Cross is “precious” and why we should consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, nor even when he explains how consecration gives greater glory to Jesus Christ. But this act of consecration does indeed contain an element of reparation. In this act we in effect acknowledge how much Wisdom has done for us through love, and, simultaneously, we acknowledge our own unfaithfulness. By offering ourselves through the mediation of Mary, we are truly honoring Jesus Christ, because “we are showing that, because of our sins, we are unworthy to approach His infinite holiness directly on our own.”

Pardon for the cowardly souls  
Who sleep next to Thine altars;  
Who, by their hearts so sullied,  
Incite Thy Heart to vomit.

Mercy, mercy, for myself,  
Frequently approaching Thee  
With so much indifference,  
And with a heart so filled with sin.

### PALM SUNDAY

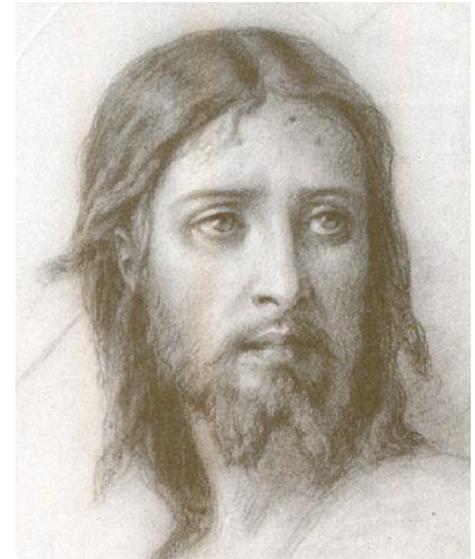
#### A Prayer of Reparation for Insults and Blasphemies

O Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer, Son of the living God, behold, we kneel before Thee and offer Thee our reparation; we would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy Name, for all the injuries done to Thee in the Blessed Sacrament, for all the irreverence shown toward Thine immaculate Virgin Mother, for all the calumnies and slanders spoken against Thy spouse, the holy Catholic and Roman Church. O Jesus, who has said: “If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you,” we pray and beseech Thee for all our brethren who are in danger of sin; shield them from every temptation to fall away from the true faith; save those who are even now standing on the brink of the abyss; to all of them give light and knowledge of the truth, courage, and strength for the conflict with evil, perseverance in faith and active charity! For this do we pray, most merciful Jesus, in Thy Name, unto God the Father, with whom Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.



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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.