

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 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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¶ LENT III – OCULI SUNDAY

The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion rail following all Masses today. The second collection at the Offertory is for training our future priests. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Short Stations are at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

The “Little Church” is in the vestibule today to receive your offerings for Masses for priests.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19: St. Joseph’s Day, the Blessing of the Bread and the St. Joseph Table
2018 YAG: June 22-24
Girls’ Camp: June 27-29
Boys’ Camp: July 24-26

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT IV

Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, and Sister Sunday. Come back to Helfta Hall after Mass to peruse the craft and bake sale selections, and to participate in the Silent Auction. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Lent IV with collects of Our Lady & All the Saints and Against the Persecutors. Lenten Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Sr. Jeanne Marie, Ruth Sieverding, Fr. Pio, OFM Cap.; Christopher, one of Fr. Nkamuke’s parishioners; and the conversion of a fallen-away traditional priest.

Collection Report

Sunday, February 25th.....\$4,296.00

Lumen Christi

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

To keep the red lamp burning
(Patrick Curry)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Now, the *offensive!* Christ, victorious in resistance, is still more so in the attack. He is the *stronger man*, mentioned in the Gospel of the day, who triumphs over the “*strong man*”—the unclean spirit. Thus the soul is liberated. “You were once darkness,” says St. Paul (Epistle), “but now you are light in the Lord. Walk, then, as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth).”



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

†Sharon Patton, who entered eternity on Saturday, February 24.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Be sure to put your clocks *forward* one hour Saturday night.



THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2018

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 14th. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed *before* the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

CHILDREN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, May 17th.

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 19th.

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3rd.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by Saturday, March 17th. 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 14th.

It is sometimes difficult to know if the children are ready, but if they know their basics, and are reverent at Mass, they probably are! Please speak with Bishop Dolan.

Please note the following:

- Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Class) every Sunday, not once or twice a month as sports or Sunday activities permit, in order to receive the Sacraments.

- No child will be tested without his Baptismal Certificate and form filled out.

Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



When He had cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke

ONVERTS preparing for Baptism in ancient times were examined on this day. Like them, realize that *when you were christened you became "other Christs."* At Baptism, "by

the finger of God" (Gospel) Jesus replaces the "devil" and enables the "dumb" to speak. The "house" may well be our modern world, where Baptism is so universally ignored; so that modern youth, exposed to the evil of sin so early in life, is turned over thereby to the devil, who today is pulling the strings, controlling human ideas, and walking with ever increasing fury. *As for you, do not compromise, do not try to be on all sides. "He who is not with Me is against Me."* God is generous when you are loyal. "Followers of God" must renounce the world of "darkness"; the "flesh of uncleanness"; the devil who "deceives" you (Epistle); only then are you privileged to walk "in goodness, justice and truth." Such are the negative and positive duties of Baptism—death to sin, life unto God.



DURING THE DAY

Unite your daily work with Jesus Who labored in the carpenter shop of Joseph. He put His Heart into His work. He loved it because it was His Father's Will. He loved it for the love of us.

During your workdays, frequently say: "All for Thee, O most Sacred Heart of Jesus." (300 days)

Lenten Friday Evening
of Recollection – March 9th

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Tuna Noodle Casserole, dinner rolls, vegetable soup, salad, and fruit

7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction

8:30 PM (approximately): Distribution of Holy Communion

¶ WE GET NOTES...

"Thank you Bishop Dolan for Mass and prayers teaching. St. Gertrude Altar Boys are amazing. Young men rather than boys."



¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our annual novena to the Sorrowful Mother, with the Blessing of the Sick, now follows Stations each Friday evening. Be sure to bring the sick to be blessed, and call or email the office with their names, to be mentioned during the novena.

¶ REMEMBER SGG IN YOUR WILL

Remember SGG in your will, in your trust, or as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy. Contact Fr. Cekada for further information.

LOW MASS ON SUNDAY

The church is noisy with shuffle of children's feet
and somebody's endless cough.
The heads of the boys in rows
are knobs of unpolished wood—
mahogany, teak, and pine.
Only the little Belgian
son of the delicatessen
has an ebony polished knob.

A tiny girl has come late;
she is wearing a grown-up hat
and a jersey down to her knees.
The benches are full, but still
there is room for the little girl,
as an old, old mumbling man,
who is small like a withered berry,
shrinks smaller still for her sake.

A thin young mother is smiling
while, fidgeting on her lap,
her grave round baby grabs
and puts on his father's hat.
He is staring with shadowless eyes
immense in solemnity.
But the rigid father, dismayed,
gives him a rosary
for a plaything, in case he cries:
gives him a string of beads
because they are bright and small
to fit the size of his hand:
as God, the Father of all,
to us, the witless and weak,
gives gently the Mysteries
of the life of His only Son,
to hush the possible cries
of spirits too small to hold
the simplicity of His love.

We are the common bread;
we are flesh and blood; we are salt.

It is strange to think that the
saints,
with their delicate smile of peace
carved in stone, and the flowers
withering at their feet,
were also the common bread
and were flesh and blood
and were salt.

Not with the crystal peace
held up to receive the light
we come, but tangled with care.
Deep in the earth our roots,
locked in the earth we know.

- Caryll Houselander (an excerpt)

The March winds roared the new month in on Thursday afternoon. That morning mournful rains assisted at Sharon Patton's Requiem. She was named for the Rose of Sharon, one of Our Lady's titles. Some say the flower is actually the crocus which each year serves as Spring's harbinger. Three blossomed in my garden the morning of her funeral.

The church was full of family and friends and faithful for the Solemn High Requiem. This was a finer tribute than ever a eulogist could give. Afterwards Marlys and the ladies of the parish provided a tasty lunch for a packed Helfta Hall. Afterwards **Fr. Lehtoranta** read the burial prayers at the cemetery through wind and rain. It was the first day of St. Joseph's month.

Many thanks to Mark Lotarski and all of those who work behind the scenes. Thanks to all of you who helped pay for the funeral, and so quickly, with the Go Fund Me site. We appreciate once again the charity and cooperation of Mueller Funeral Home.

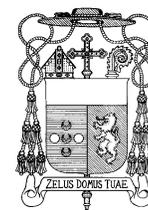
May the many who owe so much to Sharon Patton for her years as a School and Sunday School teacher pay that debt now by charitable prayers for her soul. "Pay it forward," too, won't you, by helping educate our children, your children, in the faith? There's so much you can do. Who else would do it? Some of our children still do not know how to genuflect or make the sign of the cross properly. Catch them, show them kindly. You'll be continuing Sharon's invaluable work. Keep her soul and her family in your prayers.

I must say a word about **Bishop Selway's** consecration on February 22, which now seems so long ago. The four hour ceremony was splendid, solemn, and most prayerful. It moved along majestically, without a hitch, but also with a prayerful recollected air. I was very proud of our priests and servers from St. Gertrude, who performed their duties to everyone's edification. We were all enchanted with the fabulous, unforgettable music. Three hundred people were in attendance. It was good to see our far flung priests again, **Fr. Larrabee**, **Fr. Saavedra**, **Fr. Palma**, as well as young **Fr. Eldracher**, otherwise cutting his teeth in the challenges of the Australian mission.

Afterwards there was a proper sit down luncheon outside, under a tent, graced by our guests, clergy and *four bishops* in their billowing purple ferriolos. The school children served, and very well. Thus the Church continues. Deo Gratias to the Lord who gives and the Lord who takes away.

Word has reached us of the death of **Bishop Hes-son** late last Summer. I had helped teach him how to say

Mass when first he joined us at Oyster Bay back in the early eighties. He helped us with our church in Eddystone, Pennsylvania. While he was consecrated a bishop, his apostolate was always rather limited, as is sometimes the case for one reason or another. Say a prayer for his soul, and that of the other deceased bishops and priests.



I almost forgot the Children's Day of Recollection! I *knew* there was something else. What a busy week it was. Most of our public school families forgot it too, but most of our home schoolers remembered and joined our own students for a great day of moving talks, prayer, Stations and Benediction, and most of all, Holy Mass.

I had some great stories that afternoon for the little ones, but the Children's Stations most of all touched me. They are the same Stations I remember from St. Suzanne in Detroit where I went to school. It always moves me to hear again this beloved childhood devotion. Thank you for helping us train a new generation in the traditions of our faith.

Another Way of the Cross, short and quite practical, is slipped in on Sundays during Lent between Sunday School and the 11:30. These Stations are very short, but at least provide a possibility for "making the Stations" when you're here already. One stop shopping. The main thing is for the children to know them and pray them.

Our Lent got off to a rather slow start, what with the Consecration of Bishop Selway, but now we're hitting our stride. Good attendance at the weekday morning Masses continues. Have you been? And to a Friday Recollection? Next Sunday is already Laetare, or Rejoice Sunday, marking Mid Lent. The Sisters are planning quite a Sister Sunday, so you'll want to get in on it, and support this charitable cause. Every Sunday is a "little Easter," remember. And Easter will soon be here. On weekdays, be regular and generous in your penance.

The McFathers are off on their rounds this weekend. **Fr. McGuire** is covering for **Fr. Francis, OFM** at Christ the King in Lafayette, Louisiana, and giving a weekend of recollection. His theme is St. Therese. Fr. Francis is in South Africa to take care of the lone "sedevacantist" or Catholic in that poor country. **Fr. McKenna** is making his northern rounds. Last Monday he conducted the funeral of a very devoted Catholic, Elaine Pawinski, grand or great-grandmother to some of our own.

Yours in Good St. Joseph,

Bishop Dolan

LENT AND DAILY MASS

My Lenten Missal focuses the eye on the inestimable value and importance of daily Mass. Holy Mass is the divinely appointed means to insure union with God and service to neighbor. This Missal will induce many to assist at daily Mass who have not previously done so.

Father James Daly, S.J., in the book called "Road to Peace" says, "If I were asked to name one human experience which kept its thrill after thousands of repetitions, I should answer that it was the act of the Priest saying Mass. Severe forms of illness are harder for him to bear than for other men, simply because they deprive him of the joy of saying Mass. He will say Mass as long as he has the power of dragging himself to and standing at the altar." How true these words are and how well they may be applied also to the intelligent and zealous Catholic layperson.

Whatever sacrifice you make, in the early morning, rising in order to assist at daily Mass, you can be assured that God will not be outdone in generosity. By spiritual graces and temporal blessings He will grant a hundred-fold for that precious hour or half hour, more than you have gained by your own unaided efforts.

If business or domestic duties prevent, then take out your Missal, unite with the Mass being offered in your parish or unite with the Mass in some part of the world. Where there is a will, there is a way.



PRAYER FOR BISHOP HESSON

Grant us, O Lord, that Thou give to be a companion of Thy saints the soul of Thy servant, John, bishop, whom Thou hast taken out of the toilsome struggle of this world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We must turn to the Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the sacrifice of Calvary, and realize that there is the center of Christian prayer, the point where all the private prayers of the separate members are gathered together, where the whole Church prays in unison as one living organism. Here the cornerstone, which is the cornice stone at the same time, gives cohesion to the whole temple in which, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, all Christians offer the one spiritual sacrifice. The Passion is the hinge of time joining it to eternity round which it revolves. The redemption, which is the Cross, is the central theme of Lent, fellow suffering with our Lord, the offering of all our sacrifices with His unique sacrifice in the Mass.

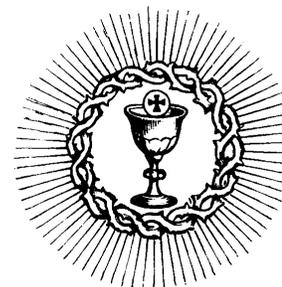


When St. Margaret Mary Alacoque attended Holy Mass, as she gazed at the altar, she would never fail to take a glance at the Crucifix and the lighted candles. Why? It was to impress into her mind and heart two things: the Crucifix reminded her of what Jesus had done for her; the lighted candles recalled what she must do for Jesus; that is, sacrifice herself and consume herself for Him and for souls.



The best example of participation at the Holy Sacrifice is given us at the foot of the Cross by the most Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Evangelist and St. Mary Magdalen with the pious women (John 19:25). To assist at Mass is very much like being at Calvary.

St. Andrew Avellino used to be moved to tears as he said, "One cannot separate the Most Holy Eucharist from the Passion of Jesus."



PARTICIPATE IN MASS

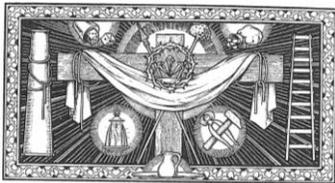
True, active participation at Holy Mass is what makes us into slain victims like Jesus and succeeds in "reproducing in us the pain-marked features, the suffering likeness of Jesus" (Pius XII), allowing us "the fellowship of His sufferings" as we are "made conformable with His death" (Philippians 3:10). St. Gregory the Great taught: "The Sacrifice of the altar will be on our behalf truly acceptable as our offering to God when we present ourselves as victims." As a reflection of this doctrine, in early Rome the faithful used to advance in penitential garb, chanting the litany of the Saints, in a procession to the altar for the celebration of Holy Mass, with the Pope presiding. If we would go to Mass in this spirit, we should want to make our own the sentiment St. Thomas the Apostle expressed when he said, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (John 11:16).

MORNING PRAYER

O my God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in all the Holy Masses throughout the world, in thanksgiving for Thy favors, in reparation for our sins, for the petitions of our associates, and in particular for the intentions recommended this month.

I renew my baptismal vows, I renounce Satan and all his works and all his pomps, I take Jesus Christ for my Model and my Guide and I promise to be faithful to Him unto the end of my life.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory, etc.



“When you are going from one place to another, or on a journey, let your lips continually ruminare something from the scriptures, grinding the psalms as in a mortar, so that they may ever give forth an odor of aromatic plants.” — St. Peter Damian

Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.

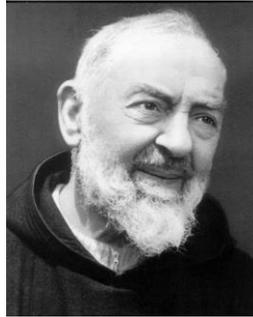
They will receive in their souls a bright and constant irradiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendor in Heaven.

I will defend them, I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.

MASS OF PADRE PIO

One day a spiritual son asked Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, “Father, how should we take part at Holy Mass?”

Padre Pio replied, “As Our Lady, St. John and the pious women did on Calvary, loving Him and showing Him pity.”



In a misal of one of his spiritual children Padre Pio wrote: “In assisting at Holy Mass, concentrate intently on the tremendous mystery which is taking place before your eyes, and that is the Redemption and reconciliation of your soul with God.” At another time he was asked, “Father, why is it that you cry so much during Mass?” “My daughter,” replied Padre Pio, “what are those few tears compared with what takes place on the altar? There should be torrents of tears!” And still another time it was said to him, “Father, how much you



wounds of your feet for the entire time of Mass!” Padre Pio replied, “During Mass I am not standing, I am hanging.” What a reply! The few words, “I am hanging,” very strongly express what it is to be “crucified with Christ” of which St. Paul speaks (Gal. 2:19), and which distinguishes the true and full participation at Mass from the vain, academic, even to the point of only noisy external verbal participation (Dialogue Mass).



FOR THOSE ABSENT FROM MASS AND SACRAMENTS

O eternal Father, by the heart of my Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, I dare approach Thee. By this Divine Heart I give Thee adoration for all who do not adore Thee; I love Thee for all who cherish Thee not. I acknowledge Thee to be my God, for all who, blind and deaf, out of contempt, refuse to acknowledge Thee. By this Divine Heart, I would give Thee the homage which all Thy creatures owe Thee. In spirit I go round in the world searching all the souls redeemed by Thy precious Blood. I embrace them all to present them to Thee by Him, and through Him I beseech Thee to fulfill their conversion. Can it be, Eternal Father, that Thou wilt allow them to remain ignorant of my Jesus? Wilt Thou suffer that they should not live for Him Who died for us all? Heavenly Father, Thou seest them all lying in death; give them life, by this Divine Heart. Amen.

must suffer by standing on the bleeding



MON	3/5/18	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Youngworth-Puglielli March Deceased (Diane Puglielli)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) (rescheduled from 3/1)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/6/18	SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MM	FAST
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Irene Ulanowski – 1 yr. anniversary of death (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Merry Christmas Jean & Kirby Bischel (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)	
WED	3/7/18	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday Theresa! (<i>Jacinta Simpson</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas, Angel of the Schools For our Teachers, Students, & Benefactors (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
THU	3/8/18	ST. JOHN OF GOD, C	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Katie West's Intentions (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Thelma Sieverding (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Former & current Benefactors of Fr. David T. Baryj (<i>Fr. Baryj</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	3/9/18	ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W	FAST
		<i>ST. DOMINIC SAVIO • THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS</i>	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>)	
	10:55 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Merry Christmas Bishop Dolan (<i>Sharon</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Sr. Gerard Vincent & †Vivian Wainright (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VII with Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	Holy Communion	
SAT	3/10/18	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS	FAST
	7:10 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass In honor of Our Lady – SGG Clergy (<i>Henry de la Chanonie</i>)	
	8:10 AM	Ave Regina & Sermon	
	8:20 AM	High Mass †Mary Lawrence Baker (<i>Keith & Karla Lawrence</i>)	
SUN	3/11/18	LENT IV – LAETARE SUNDAY	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Uncle Ken & Aunt Regina (<i>Brueggemann boys</i>)	
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Sharon Patton (<i>Richesson Family</i>)	
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes	
	11:15 AM	Short Stations of the Cross	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Sharon Patton (<i>Connie Kamphaus</i>)	
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great	



JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR

Tell all your friends and make a day of it!



Bring the family; there's something for everyone!

SISTER SUNDAY

BREAKFAST AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES
Look forward to Hot Honey Ham, Wholesome Egg Strata, Kentucky French Toast, and Delicious Fresh Fruit for only \$2 a plate. Then treat yourself to unlimited hot coffee and a glass of fresh fruit juice for free!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
Please bring your donated auction or craft items to the social hall sometime this week and mark it "for the sisters".

**PLUG IN THE MIXER AND FIRE UP THE OVEN:
LET'S GET COOKIN'!**

Please bring your baked goods to the Social hall either Saturday or Sunday. Sweet Treats and Savory Snacks are welcomed and appreciated.

The Silent Auctions will begin on the morning of March 11th and end at 1:30 PM that afternoon. We will accept cash and checks for all purchases.

Split-the-Pot tickets will be available until 1:30 PM on March 11th. The winner will be announced that afternoon and contacted if not present.

Servers

SUN 3/11	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, P. Omlor TH: J. Lacy ACs: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TORCH: J. & N. Kolnch, C. & J. Mourer
	STATIONS: MC: M. Simpson. D. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus
	11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, P. McClorey
	4:45 VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G Miller
	5:45 PM Low: G Miller



Masses for †Sharon Patton
Bishop Dolan 2/24/18
Fr. Cekada 3/1/18
Fr. McGurie 3/1/18

MONDAY IN LENT III

Thought—“No prophet is acceptable in his own country,’ ...and they arose and put Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow of the hill...that they might throw Him down headlong.” (Gospel)

Practice—I shall say something nice today either *to* or *about* every member of my family, and be especially kind to those I work with.

Prayer—Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our families. (300 days indulgence)

“What can God refuse us when He sees us daily at the foot of the altar where His Divine Son is offering Himself on our behalf?”
—Mother Loyola

TUESDAY IN LENT III

Thought—“How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” asked Peter. Jesus answered, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.” (That is, without limit.)

Practice—Today I shall cancel ALL grudges, including those which are hanging over from a distant past.

Prayer—Our Father...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

“During Mass beg of God to give priests to His Church...be more urgent in this petition than in all others, for it is the most important.” —Msgr. Gibergues



WEDNESDAY IN LENT III



Thought—“What goes into the mouth does not defile (make unclean) a man, but that which comes out of the mouth—evil thoughts, lies, blasphemies, slanders, cursing, swearing—these make a man unclean; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.” (Gospel)

Practice—Today I will check on myself: have I disliked people because they are untidy (dirty or sloppy), and liked the “slick” and well-dressed (with a convertible) although they may in reality be “clean” cheats? Or maybe I’m one myself—paying more attention to my external appearance than to the condition of my soul.

Prayer—Grant, O blessed Joseph, that, ever secure under thy protection, we may pass our lives without guilt. (300 days indulgence)

“Of all honors that have ever been rendered to God by the homage of the Angels, and by the virtues, austerities, martyrdoms and other holy deeds of man, none could procure so much glory to Him as one single Mass.”
—St. Alphonsus

THURSDAY IN LENT III

Thought—“Now when the sun was setting, all who had persons sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands upon each one of them and cured them, and dev-



ils also came forth from many...” (Gospel)

Practice—Today I shall give personal attention to anyone in need whom I can help, instead of leaving it to someone else, or “getting rid” of him as fast as I can.

Prayer—Be pleased, O God, to rescue me; O Lord, make haste to help me! (500 days indulgence)

“In the Mass Christ takes up our poor ineffective acts and lifts them up to heaven. He catches them up in the very whirlwind and mounting eddies of His own infinitely strong and perfect acts, and so carries them to the throne of His Father.” —Bishop Hedley

FRIDAY IN LENT III THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS

Thought—“The woman said to Him, ‘Sir give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.’” (Gospel)

Practice—Today I shall not drink anything between meals, not even water, and offer it to obtain strength for some person I know who gets drunk often or occasionally, thus losing the “Living Water” of sanctifying grace by committing sin.

Prayer—Heart of Jesus, grant that I may love Thee and cause Thee to be loved. (300 days indulgence)

“Christ was and is both Priest and Victim: He is the Priest according to the Spirit, the Victim according to the flesh. He is both the Sacrificer and the thing sacrificed.”
—St. John Chrysostom



SATURDAY IN LENT III

Thought—“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone at her.” (Gospel)



Practice—I will not judge anybody today. If a fault is very obvious, I shall at least try to excuse the intention or plead ignorance on the part of the offender.

Prayer—Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, set free the holy souls in purgatory. (300 days indulgence)

“If we understood the Mass, if only we...had sufficient faith to penetrate Its unspeakable mysteries, what an attraction the Holy Sacrifice would have for us, and how eagerly should we desire to assist at it.”

—Msgr. Gibergues

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Thought—“Gather up the fragments that are left over, lest they be wasted.” (Gospel)

Practice—I will be careful not to waste anything today, especially food and time.

Prayer—Abide with me, Lord, be Thou my true joy. (300 days indulgence)

“A missal, which is the official score of the Mass rite, will have the beneficial effect of keeping our minds better occupied during Mass and of our taking a far more active part in what is going on at the altar.”

—Fr. Forster, S.J.

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

“...There are devotions enough, but the queen of them all, the Mass, is very often neglected. Which answers the question of why there are so few conversions. I would like to stir up a strong reaction on this important point among good Catholics. Like John and Magdalene, let us stand at the foot of the Cross with the Queen of Sorrows, praying and weeping before the Calvary of the Altar. Let us beseech the Divine Victim on behalf of the dear prodigals of our home. Let us wrest these miracles with the omnipotence of the Mass.

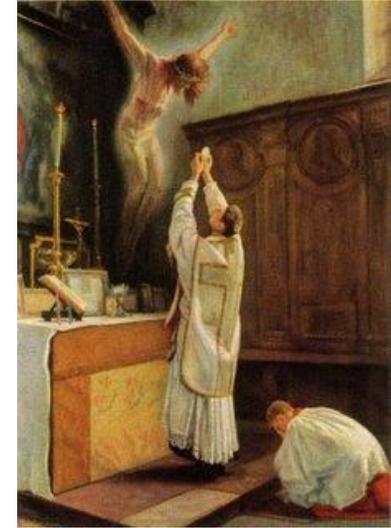
“This has been the classical approach to breaking the rocks of the greatest sinners, since Good Friday. It is my conviction that the home which shelters a fervent soul devoted to the Mass, has one who pays the price and saves those who are in danger of hell. This soul is a great apostle because he carries the chalice of salvation in his heart, and his heart lives in this chalice.

“...When I speak thus, I am only calling your attention to the prayer of the Church at the Offertory of the Mass: ‘Accept, O Holy Father, this spotless Host... beseeching Thy clemency... for our salvation and for that of the whole world.’

“The Holy Sacrifice is above all the Mystery of Faith and Love. We find its supernatural explanation in these words, as solemn as they are divine and strong: ‘God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.’ (Jn. 3:16) These are the words of the Holy Spirit. Further comment is useless. Yes, the Love of God the Father, and of God the Son, Incarnate and Victim through love, gives us the key of this ineffable mystery! Just as the beatific vision revolves itself in an endless ecstasy of love, so here below the Mystery of the Holy Sacrifice is revealed in the light which pours forth from the flame of a burning love.”

—Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey

Our Lent: A Mass



Daily Meditations for Lent 2018

The Reign of the Sacred Heart

“Give me a Catholic fully realizing the doctrine of the Mass, really and truly living the grace of daily Mass, and I, too, will show you someone who will be a saint at the hour of death.

“I am preaching the reign of the Sacred Heart. But the reign of the Sacred Heart presupposes an enlightened mind, a full appreciation of the meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as much as that is possible. The Mass is the only wonderful thing on earth—the rest is mere shadow. This is the obsession of my life; this is the foundation of the crusade I am preaching. In the measure we give to priests, to religious, to the faithful, the true meaning, the true sense, of this message of faith and love, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are preaching eloquently, victoriously, through His Blood and Chalice, the reign of the great King Who was crucified for us, the reign of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Who wrought this miracle.”

—Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, SSCC^{SEP}

The picture depicts the miraculous Mass of Fr. Mateo.