



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 18, 2018

PASSION SUNDAY

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD

¶ JUDICA SUNDAY

Today opens Passiontide, with the statues and images shrouded in purple. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM, with short Stations following at 11:15 AM. First Vespers of St. Joseph with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Join us tomorrow for the great feast of St. Joseph. High Mass is at 11:25 AM followed by the Blessing of Bread and a pizza lunch. The day concludes with Vespers and Benediction at 1:30. Those who attend are dispensed from the fast. Bring some food for the poor to the St. Joseph Table.

¶ 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.

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ruth Sieverding, Connie Kamphaus, Janet Clementi, and Joan Landry.

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)



JESUS HID HIMSELF AND WENT OUT OF THE TEMPLE.

FINAL Lenten Friday Evening of Reflection

March 23th

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper

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

8:30 PM (approximately): Dis-
tribution of Holy Communion

Collection Report

Sunday, March 11th.....\$3,872.00
Thank you for your generosity.

¶ VISIT THE BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOP!

See what is new in the Gift Shop. Just in are DVDs for good Catholic viewing. Also, new saint lockets make great gifts. The Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation have new cards available and have been baking goodies. Find them in the Bookstore Sunday mornings.



¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our annual novena to the Sorrowful Mother, with the Blessing of the Sick, is now on its final week. 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.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 YAG: June 22-24 (registration ends June 17! yagincincy.org)
Girls' Camp: June 27-29
Boys' Camp: July 24-26

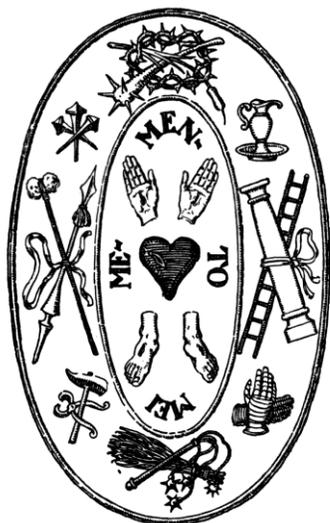
¶ EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES & LILY MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Envelopes are available in the pews for the Easter Novena of Masses and the Lily Memorials. Please fill them out and return them to the office by Monday, March 26th.

PASSION SUNDAY



HE Crucifix over the main altar is *veiled* today. Think it over in amazement! Jesus is obliged to *hide Himself when "humanity 'stones' Divinity"* (Gospel). The Jewish synagogue makes its final decision to ignore the miracles, the doctrine, and the sinless life of Christ, even though all these were prophesied in their own Old Testament. Due to stiff-necked pride and hardhearted materialism, their part of the covenant had become a dead letter. Jesus makes a terrifying analysis of them: "You are not of God." In the Epistle, St. Paul indicates how the High Priest of the Old Testament offered the blood sacrifices of victim goats, an offering which acknowledged that man deserves to be done away with for trying to do away with God by sinful rebellion. He now beholds the Altar of Calvary, where Jesus, Eternal High Priest, sheds His Precious Blood to "cleanse our conscience" and "to serve the living God." *Let us not "stone" Christ or cause Him to hide Himself.*



THE MASS: THE PASSION

The second element in the Sacrifice of the Mass is that externally, in a mode suited to our needs and to the passage of time, it represents the Passion of Christ. After each Consecration our Lord says: "This do ye for the commemoration of Me." And St. Paul explains that in so doing we "show the death of the Lord." The Blessed Sacrament is a memorial in external actions of the one sacrifice. A complete sacrifice must have its external element to express the internal offering. Since the Mass is the same sacrifice as Calvary, this element must be closely identified in both. Thus, although in real fact our Lord is wholly present under either species, yet in these externals, that is, sacramentally or in signification, His blood is separated from His body; it is sacramentally shed. This explains the double Consecration: first the body and then the blood. It also explains why the words of Consecration over the chalice contain a reference to this sacrificial shedding: *Qui pro vobis et pro multis effundetur* ("which is shed for you and for many"). Thus externally and sacramentally the liturgy of the Mass shows forth the death of the Lord on Calvary when that blood was poured out from that body in the act of sacrifice. In an unbloody manner the Consecration represents the Passion and death of Christ, so that in the Mass we have not only the same Victim but also the same sacrificial rite as Calvary. This sacrament, says St. Thomas, is a sacrament because it represents the Passion of Christ.

- Fr. Claude Peplen, O.P.



THE MASS

"When I, through love for you, came down to rid
The world of its profound iniquity,
My Glorious Divinity I hid
Beneath the mantle of humanity.
With joy I chose my creatures' humble lot,
My Dignity could know no greater loss.
Alas! My Chosen people knew me not
And scorned Me on the gibbet of the Cross!

"Today I hide Myself beneath the veil
Of snow-white Bread and royal-purple Wine.
I am your King, your God! I shall not fail
To spread for loyal friends a Feast Divine.
My angels wait you in the banquet hall,
Will you, in scorn, refuse to heed My call?"

- A.J. Rawlinson



SAINT JOSEPH'S MONTH

Saint of the Childhood and the Hidden Life,
Why is it that thy month is always Lent?
What hadst thou with the Passion?
Mary went
To Calvary with Jesus; but the knife
Of that fierce sorrow was spared thee.
Thy strife
In anxious care and fostering patience spent:
Now to the stable, now to Egypt sent,
And then long years with humblest labor rife.
But this thy portion of the coming Cross
Which o'er thy path its forward shadow threw.
And it not ours like thine—to walk content
In that long shadow, counting all things loss
Save what for Jesus we endure or do?
To teach us this thy month is always Lent.

- Benjamin Dionysius Hill, C.S.P.

How quickly now Lent has passed, finally. I am already publishing the Palm Sunday Servers' Schedule. Laetare week proved a difficult one with piercing cold weather and dark days, and yet another round of flu-like illness. Here's hoping yesterday's grand St. Patrick's Day Mass brings us Heaven's favor and a bit of the luck of the Irish.

Today's somber mournful Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, with its heavy shrouds hiding our images, and the image of Christ's sufferings imprinted on our imagination, is bookended this year with two joyful feasts, St. Patrick and St. Joseph. That's life, and it is certainly the life of a Christian. Thus we rejoice "with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep." That would be us, who follow the Catholic calendar and the Church's liturgical year.

We Catholics never separate. The world does that. For them, all is division and opposition. How many and how heavy were the crosses and contradictions of the life of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. How blessed and joyful is the painful Cross of Christ, which is our "salvation, life and resurrection." Our life, at any given moment, is a combination of both joy and sorrow. How much we need a deep faith, along with a bit of Irish wit and humor, and above all the silent, awed serenity of St. Joseph, as he lived with God and the Mother of God.

Thanks to the Legacy Choir for a magnificent Mass Saturday. The beloved Convent Mass was sung again in full, with beautiful organ music and hymns. A moving St. Patrick's Day to be sure. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a fine convivial "Irish" breakfast.

We have an excellent program planned for a truly Christian St. Joseph's Day, once a holy day, and still a "day of devotion," or should be. Tomorrow at the school Mass we're honoring two dear ladies who were as wedded to their work, church work, holy work, as ever anyone could be, Katie Bischak and Sharon Patton. How much they gave, to church and school, how lovingly, and for how many years!

Speaking of giving, thanks to our Friday evening cooks who've given us great meals to fuel our recollection and prayers. Anne Marie Omlor emerged from the sick house, quiche in hand this past Friday. Thank you! This Friday is already our final evening. It worked very well this year. "Great attendance!" as Trump might tweet.

And a big thank to you to everyone who made the Sister Sunday such a success. It's a great fundraiser for the good Sisters of course, but it's also a fine mid-

Lent social. I'm always happy to see Helfta Hall jammed with stuff (where does it all come from? Where does it all go?) and people both, waiting for the conclusion of the silent auction and the drawing. A good time was had by all. What more can we say? Oh, congratulations to little Matthew McConnell, a toddler with the luck of the Irish to be sure.

Next Sunday is Palm, with its slightly adjusted schedule and so moving ceremonies. Bring or stay with the children for the Procession. They get to march with a new little donkey, which makes its debut. Plan now for the Sacred Three Days: Holy Thursday (children to escort Our Lord to the Altar of Repose) and your Holy Communion, Adoration by day and by night, Tenebrae and the Great Vigil of Saturday, with its crashing Gloria of Resurrection, and a fine lunch afterwards. Oh, and the Easter Egg Hunt! Mark your calendars for the most special days of the year. May they bring you grace, and lead you to glory.

Love and live your Mass!

– Bishop Dolan



This striking photograph of a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes was taken on February 27, 2018, by a visitor to the outside altar and grotto at the house of the Missionaries of the Rosary, near Mendoza, Argentina. There seem to be tears on Our Lady's face, and no natural explanation is forthcoming. As word spread, many people came that day to witness this. One tear was eventually taken in some cotton, but no tests have been done. But the man who took the photograph had been living in adultery, and has now separated from the woman, and both are saying the Rosary. The priests say that many people have visited, including great sinners, and have asked for confession. They are being catechized now, and prepared for the Sacrament of Penance. We don't know what happened that day to the little Lourdes statue at the outdoor altar, but we do know that "by their fruits you shall know them." The conversion and confession of an Argentinean adulterer would certainly be a great antiBergoglio grace.

✠ HOLY WEEK 2018 ✠

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 25, 2018

- 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 as well as your donkey to the Procession! They have the privilege of walking together and leading 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 28, 2018

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 29, 2018

DAY OF FAST

- 9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar
(This is the Mass to attend! The birthday of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass. Please bring your little children to walk in the procession after Mass.)

A Potluck Luncheon follows Mass

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

- 12:15 PM The Maundy (Washing of the feet) **
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
All Night Adoration continues

** The following men participated in the Maundy last year; let us know if you can't make it this year: A.D. Kinnett, J. Seyfried, C. Browne, J. Gunsher, T.G. Simpson, K. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, D. Marko, J. Bayer, P. Lotarski, J. Soeder, K. Bischel, *altar boy*.

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 13.

Thank you, Bishop Dolan

GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 30, 2018

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Adoration at the Sepulchre continues till 12:00 noon

- 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
6:25 PM Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
8:30 PM Church decorating for Holy Saturday

Come when you can; leave when you must.

HOLY SATURDAY: MARCH 31, 2018

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: APRIL 1, 2018

- 5:45 AM Solemn Matins and Lauds
7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass
9:00 AM Solemn High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass with Benediction
6:00 PM Vespers

(No 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Good Friday 3:00 to 4:00 PM
Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM



PASSIONTIDE / HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Janet 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 the church office at (513) 645-4212.

High Mass

Hot Cross Buns

COME TO ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

11:25 AM *MEMORIAL HIGH MASS*
FOR OUR DEAR †KATIE BISCHAK
AND †SHARON PATTON
FOLLOWED BY
THE BLESSING OF BREAD
AND A PIZZA/SALAD LUNCHEON
CONCLUDING WITH
1:30 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

THOSE WHO ATTEND
ARE DISPENSED FROM THE FAST

*Please bring some food for the poor
for St. Joseph's Table*

VESPERS! and
Benediction

Pizza Lunch



2018 YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER



June 22-24



- *Daily Holy Mass*
- *Castle Tour*
- *Bowling*
- *Parish potluck & bonfire for St. John's Eve*
- *S'mores!* 
- *Square-dancing for the intrepid*
- *Comfy couches if you just need a nap*
- *Probably other fun stuff like campfire songs with cowboys, poker, & volleyball (no real gambling, no horses, no worries)*



Come meet* fellow Catholics
AND HAVE FUN!

Registration ends **June 17**. Sign up today at yagincincy.org

**Meeting not required if you're not big on social things. Seeing is fine too. Hey, there are s'mores. Just come!*



The family of Sharon Patton would like to offer our heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way—large or small—to Sharon and our family, before and after her death. The many gifts, cards, expressions of sympathy and support we received this past year were a blessing. Many times, a simple word or card would lift our spirits and give us the strength to carry on. The many Masses offered for her healing during this difficult time were greatly appreciated. Then after her death, we were sincerely grateful for the comforting Requiem Mass and all those who planned, prepared and served, to the many who endured the slashing rain to pray Sharon to her resting place at Gate of Heaven. We are grateful to all those who donated money, time, prayers; everyone who cooked, served or helped clean up! Thank you to all those 'behind the scenes' for everything you did; the choir who sang so beautifully, the care baskets and photos prepared so lovingly at the luncheon, the generous gifts of food. We have also been overwhelmed by all the expressions of sympathy, the many cards and gifts following Sharon's death. The many Masses offered for the repose of Sharon's soul, are also, deeply appreciated. Our gratitude to all of you is a debt we can never repay—except through our prayers for each of you. Thank you seems so inadequate, but it comes from our overflowing hearts.



Ladies and Gentlemen,
 May God Reward
 your Generosity!

We thank everyone for their participation in Sister Sunday this year. Your presence has added to our treasure of fond memories, good fun, and hearty laughs. We that hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did, and that the sisters are ever in your gracious prayers.

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 Congratulations to...

Matthew McConnel
 who won a whopping \$472.50 from
 our annual Split-The-Pot!

Way to Go Matthew!

We would especially like to thank all volunteers who made Sister Sunday a real success. Many thanks to:

Miss Leanne Arlinghaus who organized the volunteers; Mr. & Mrs. Arlinghaus, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence, and Mr. & Mrs. Maki who donated and served our delicious breakfast; Miss Katia Arlinghaus, Miss Caroline Briggs and Miss Felicity Lotarski who volunteered to be our lovely cashiers; Young Mr. Patrick Omlor, Miss Renee, Miss Cora, Miss Marcella, and Master Conrad Arlinghaus who sold tickets and organized the children's fun and games; Mrs. Carolyn McClorey who setup the Ladies' boutique; and to all who chipped in behind the scenes!



*"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time."
 "they just happen to have the Heart."*

I am without a heart that mourns and looks for You; I lack the spirit of penance and compunction that brings children back to their heritage. I cannot weep, O Lord. My mind is clouded with earthly concerns and cannot direct its attention in sorrow. My heart has grown cold from a multitude of temptations and can no longer warm itself with tears of love for You. But may You, O Lord Jesus Christ, treasury of blessings, grant me perfect repentance and a sorrowful heart that I may set myself to follow You with all my strength. Amen.



St. Benedict's feast day is Wednesday. Pray for the Sisters

MON 3/19/18 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY FAST
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Honor of St. Joseph (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
 11:25 AM **High Mass** †Katie Bischak & †Sharon Patton
 1:30 PM **Vespers & Benediction**

TUE 3/20/18 FERIAL DAY FAST
ST. PHOTINA & COMPANIONS, MM
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** St. Anthony (*Arlinghaus Family*)
 11:25 AM **High Mass** †Jane B. Donadio (*Mary P. Kassenbrock*)
 12:25 PM **Vespers**
 5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Ryan Greenwell

WED 3/21/18 ST. BENEDICT, AB FAST
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** Hannah Petrizzi's Intentions – Happy Birthday (*Theresa & Jacinta Simpson*)
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Blessed Name Day Sr. Benedict Marie
 11:25 AM **High Mass** Happy Birthday, Caleb Mourer (*Love, Mourer Family*)
 12:25 PM **Vespers**
 3:00 PM **Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion**
 5:00 PM **Low Mass** Special Intention (*Rich VandeRyt*)

THU 3/22/18 ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER, C FAST
ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA, W
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** MHT Clergy & Seminarians (*C. Simpson family*)
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Blessed Name Day Mother Isidore
 11:25 AM **High Mass** My friend †Katie (*Gloria Z.*)
 12:25 PM **Vespers**
 5:00 PM **Low Mass** Special Intention (*Rich VandeRyt*)

FRI 3/23/18 SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Wilma Schappacher (*Mary Black*)
 11:06 AM **Confessions**
 11:25 AM **High Mass** Anny Reilly (*Theresa Simpson*)
 12:25 PM **Vespers**
 5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Katie Bischak (*JC Simpson*)
 6:45 PM **Lenten Supper**
 7:30 PM **Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena IX with Blessing of the Sick, Benediction**
 8:30 PM **Holy Communion**

SAT 3/24/18 ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL FAST
 7:10 AM **Confessions**
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Sharon Patton – Month's Mind (*Tom Kunkel family*)
 8:10 AM **Ave Regina & Sermon**
 8:20 AM **High Mass** Special Intention (*Cora Arlinghaus*)

SUN 3/25/18 PALM SUNDAY
 7:15 AM **Distribution of Palms**
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Mrs. Wilma Schappacher (*Ken & Regina Gilliam*)
 8:50 AM **Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass** †John J. Kolb (*Patricia J. Kolb & family*) (from 3/18)
 11:15 AM **Final Short Stations of the Cross**
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** For †Sharon Patton with much gratitude (*Dean & Carolyn McClorey Family*)

PRAYER TO THE PASSION

Our Lord Jesus Christ our God, as Thou didst weep over Lazarus and shed tears of sadness and compassion for him, accept these bitter tears of mine.

By Thy Passion heal my passions, by Thy wounds comfort my wounds, by Thy Blood purify my blood, and spread over my body the life-giving perfume of Thy Body. The gall which Thine enemies offered Thee brings sweetness to my soul and makes it lose the bitterness which the enemy poured upon it. May Thy Body stretched on the wood of the Cross make my mind fly toward Thee when the demon tries to drag it down below. May Thy head which had to rest on the Cross make my mind fly toward Thee when the demon tries to drag it down below. May Thy head which had to rest on the Cross lift up my head when I am insulted by enemies. May Thy sacred hands nailed to the Cross by unbelievers draw me up toward Thee from the abyss of perdition, as Thou Thyself hast promised (Jn 12:32). May Thy Face which was so often struck by the slaps and spittle of cruel men make my face shine again after it has been disfigured by sin. May Thy spirit which Thou didst give back to Thy Father on the Cross lead me to Thee by Thy grace.

Our Beloved Dead ~ March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Lucy G. Meyer	3-03-1988
Catherine J. Bischak	3-05-2005
Claude E. Charles	3-10-1990
John J. Kolb	3-10-2004
Robert Duff	3-13-2013
Margaret Sandmayer	3-17-2006
Dorothy B. Spicer	3-18-1986
Marilyn L. Ryan	3-21-1997
Howard Elmlinger	3-22-1990
Williams J. Smith	3-25-2003
Mary Rose Peter	3-26-2017
Margaret Soli	3-30-2017

Servers

MON 3/19 11:25 AM SOL.HIGH: CHAPLAINS: Fr. Lehtoranta, J. Simpson TH: D. McConnell CROSS: P. McClorey ACS: M. Simpson, A. McClorey MITRE: D. Simpson CROZIER: P. McConnell TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, C. & J. Mourer

SUN 3/25 7:30 AM Low: D. & J. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCs: R. VandeRyt, J. Simpson, J. Lacy TH: P. Omlor
 CROSS: L. Arlinghaus ACS: C. Richesson, M. Simpson BELLS: D. Simpson BANNER: N. McClorey TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson, T. Lawrence, J. Stewart, J. & N. Klenich
 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, P. McClorey
 4:45 VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G Miller
 5:45 PM Low: G Miller

4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

MONDAY IN PASSION WEEK



Thought—“And God saw their works, that they had turned from their evil ways; and the Lord our God had mercy upon His people.” (Epistle)

Practice—Today I shall go out of my way to speak to at least two people whom I usually avoid for some reason, and offer this as a penance for my sins.

Prayer—Jesus, for love of Thee, with Thee, and for Thee. (300 days indulgence)

“Nothing is so consoling, so piercing, so thrilling, so overcoming, as the Mass...it is not a mere form of words, it is a great action, the greatest action that can be, on earth.” — Cardinal Newman

TUESDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Thought—“And Habacuc cried, saying, ‘O Daniel, servant of God, take the dinner that God has sent you.’ Daniel said, ‘You have remembered me, O God, and You have not forsaken those who love You.’ And Daniel rose and ate.” (Epistle)



Practice—Today I shall give either food or clothing (or whatever I can) to someone in need.

Prayer—Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things. (300 days indulgence)

“Our Martyrs died for the Mass, saying It, hearing It, having It said by stealth in their houses.”

— Fr. Rickaby, S.J.



WEDNESDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Thought—“Keep My laws, for I am your God.” (Epistle)

Practice—Today I shall accurately observe all rules laid down by those over me even if I don’t like them, remembering that all authority comes from God.

Prayer—We pray Thee, come to the aid of Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. (300 days indulgence)

“Assist at Mass with fear and trembling, with purity of heart and with spiritual gladness and heavenly joy.”

— Fr. Porter

THURSDAY IN PASSION WEEK

Thought—“I say to you, her sins, many as they are, are forgiven her, because she has loved much. But he to whom less is forgiven loves less.” (Gospel)

Practice—I shall show my love for God today by being very courteous to my neighbor—everyone I contact today—as Magdalen showed



her love by washing Jesus’ feet.

Prayer—O my God, I love Thee with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art Infinite Good; and I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. (3 years indulgence)

“There is nothing of so much worth as the Mass. Our Lord desired to be remembered, it was for this that He bade His priests to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass continually.”

— Fr. Dignam, S.J.

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



Thought—“Happy the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which without dying, earned the palm of martyrdom beneath the cross of Our Lord.” (Communion Verse)

Practice—Today in honor of the Mother of God, I shall be very kind to all the mothers I meet or work with.

Prayer—Holy Mother, pierce me through; in my heart each wound renew of my Savior crucified. (500 days indulgence)

“In the Mass what we owed, He has paid, what we sinned, He has atoned for and abundantly satisfied Divine Justice, giving us the boundless treasure of His merits and infinite price of His Blood.” — Paradisus Animae

SATURDAY IN PASSION WEEK



Thought—“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” (Gospel)

Practice—Today whenever I begin a new piece of work or move from one place to another, I shall recall that all things pass away, and I shall look forward to seeing Jesus Who is waiting for me at the “end of the road.”

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

“If we fully realized what the Mass is, we should die.”

— *The Cure of Ars*

PALM SUNDAY

Thought—“The multitude goes forth to meet the Redeemer with flowers and palms, and



pays the homage due to a triumphant Conqueror; the Gentiles proclaim the Son of God; and their voices thunder through the skies in praise of Christ: Hosanna!” (First Antiphon during the Procession of Palms)

Practice—I shall go to church today for the Mass at which the palms are blest and bring one home and place it behind a crucifix or sacred picture on the wall.

Prayer—Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. (500 days indulgence if said after the Consecration of the Mass)

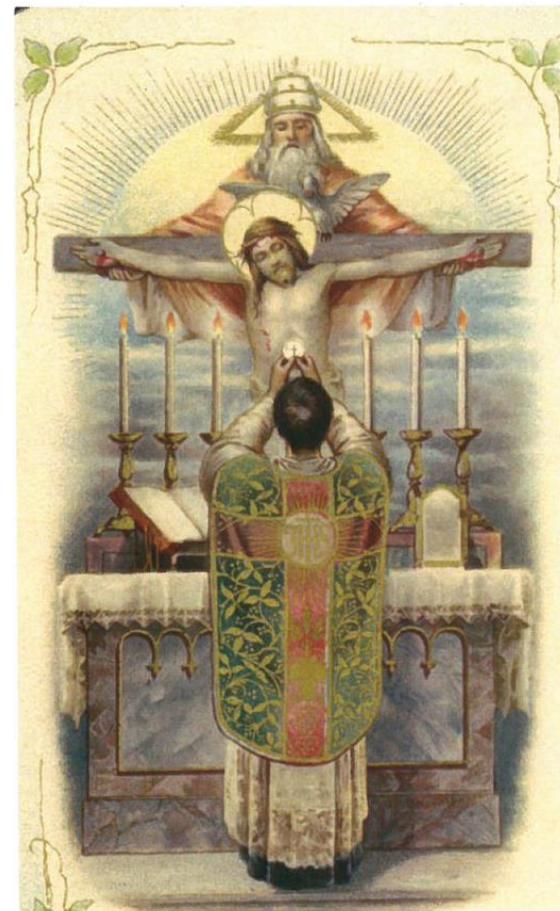
“The average Catholic is too often ignorant of the Church’s liturgy, enshrining as it does such a wealth of Catholic doctrine. To one who lives with the Sacred Liturgy, it tells a thousand things, that the stranger does not learn.”

— *Fr. Forster, S.J.*

How suitable it is to occupy ourselves during Holy Mass with the Passion and Death of Our Savior.

What, in fact, can be more suitable than to think of what passes before our eyes? Now, at the altar, everything speaks to us of the passion and the death of the Savior: the cross surmounts the tabernacle and is seen upon the sacred vestments; the stole represents the chains by which Jesus was attached to the pillar; the girdle, the scourges which lacerated His flesh; the maniple, the cords with which He was bound; the passing to and fro of the priest from one side to another of the altar recalls to mind the different tribunals at which He was made to appear. The Mass itself is a lively and real reproduction of the sacrifice of Calvary; it is the same Victim and the same Priest. It is true that in it Jesus Christ borrows the person of a man to render His invisible priesthood visible; but in reality it is always Jesus Christ Who consecrates, Jesus Christ Who immolates Himself, Jesus Christ Who prays. Ought not all this to show us that during holy Mass we ought to meditate upon His passion and death, inspired by the same pious sentiments with which we should have been animated had we assisted, together with Mary and St. John, at His agony upon Calvary; that, consequently, we ought to sacrifice ourselves, body and soul, to the great living God, in order to form, with Jesus Christ, but one sole victim?

Our Lent: A Mass



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