

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 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY



¶ PALM SUNDAY

Blessed palms are available at every Mass today. Feel free to take extra palms to bring home or to bring to a shut-in. Remember to return your Easter memorial flower offering envelopes by tomorrow, Monday, March 26th, in order for your memorials to be included in the Easter bulletin. Envelopes for the Easter Novena of Masses are also available. The Novena will be said daily beginning Easter Sunday.

Confessions will be heard before and during the morning Masses. Sunday Classes are on a brief vacation and resume on Low Sunday. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK: TENEBRAE

Tenebrae, Latin for “darkness,” is the chanting of the Divine Office of Matins and Lauds of the following day. The mood is somber, quiet and reflective; its dramatic features are the gradual extinction of a 15-branch candelabra in the sanctuary, as the church contemplates the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the world, and a loud noise at its conclusion, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. Tenebrae is at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Tenebrae is a popular service, especially for its dramatic ending when you get to make noise. Translations provided.

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Bishop Dolan, Connie Kamphaus, Kathy Bayer’s sister Barbara, Trey Nies’s grandmother-in-law, and all of our sick.



¶ MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy (Maundy) Thursday is *the day* of the year to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion. Mass begins at 9:00 AM. Bring the whole family to experience the “Birthday of the Mass” with bells and clackers; the Pange Lingua as Our Lord leaves the church; the sorrowful stripping of the Altar. Parents, bring your children to walk in procession to the beautiful Altar of Repose, dropping rose petals along the way to show Him love and adoration. A little luncheon follows the Mass. Please do come, and stay for the Maundy.

The Maundy is a rich Sacramental of the church, performed on Holy Thursday, in honor of Our Lord who washed the feet of His Apostles. This service is an ideal one for mothers with little ones, as it is short, and children can sit so as to see the ceremony. Come on Thursday at 12:15 PM.

The Blessed Sacrament will be in the side chapel at the beautifully decorated Altar of Repose or Sepulchre, for 24 hours, and should not go unvisited, or be left unattended. The Men of the Guard of Honor are asked to keep their customary hours for All Night Adoration to guarantee that Our Lord is not left unprotected during the hours of the night.

¶ GOOD FRIDAY

You may make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament all morning long. Stations begin at 11:25 AM, followed at 12:00 noon by the traditional Tre Ore (“three hours”), with the chanting of the Passion, the solemn prayers and the unveiling and adoration of the Cross, and finally the mystic rites of the Mass of the Presanctified. A sermon and devotions take us to 3:00 PM, when the relic of the True Cross is venerated. Confessions are heard starting at 3:00 PM.

¶ HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday with the Blessing of the Fire and the Prophecies, with the Mass commencing closer to 10:30 AM. The Blessing of Easter Baskets takes place at the Communion rail after the Mass. All are then invited to a luncheon, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

The beautiful Easter Sunrise Office of Matins & Lauds is at 5:45 AM, followed by Low Mass at 7:30 AM. Please note, there will be *no 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday*. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses. The second collection will be taken up for the support of our seminary. Easter Vespers are at 6:00 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Easter Sunday; Sequence, Preface of Easter with special Communicantes and Hanc Igitur.

Collection Report

Sunday, March 18th.....\$3,882.00

PALM SUNDAY



HE Liturgy is *twofold* today; the first part being a *joyous procession* of palm-bearers, commemorating Christ's *triumphant entry* into Jerusalem; the second part, during Holy Mass, giving us a *sorrowful account of His Passion and Death*. The Blessing of the Palms in many ways resembles the Mass as far as the Canon. Study its prayers; they are full of *instruction* for the *mind*, full of *inspiration* for the *heart* and the *will*. A Procession, which follows the Blessing and usually takes place outside the church, represents our final *triumphant entry into heaven with Christ*. Arriving at the door which is closed, the cross-bearer knocks on the door with the Cross to remind us that we have *closed* heaven's gates by our sin; that Christ has gained entrance for us by His Cross. Today, let us voice our *grateful loyalty* to Jesus by imploring His *grace not be betray Him* as Jerusalem



did, only a few days after they hailed Him as King. Make a Cross from palm branches. Give it a place of honor in our home. During the year, may it be an expression of your faith and a pledge of God's protection!

LOST IN 2017:

White zippered rosary case with My Rosary printed in gold letters on the front. Inside are blue sacrifice beads and a rosary with colorful small round beads in blue white and red, I think. The medal is St. Therese. It was a gift from my son, Fr. McGuire, on his trip to France. It is very special to me. Thank you.

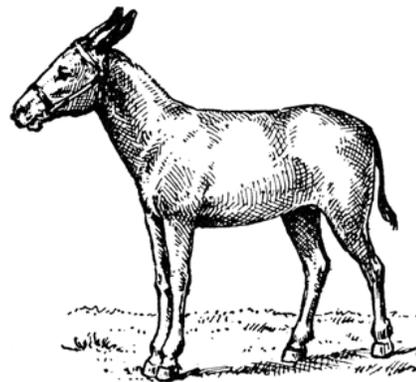
ALWAYS A DONKEY

This past December, someone placed a small wooden crucifix near the Baby Jesus and the figure of a little burro in our parish Christmas crèche. What a strange thing to do! Only now, at the beginning of Holy Week, have I caught the meaning behind that anonymous yet profound portrayal of Jesus' earthly journey from Bethlehem to Calvary, from the wood of the cradle to the wood of the cross.

Mary made the journey to Bethlehem on the back of a burro, carrying the unborn Jesus under her heart. The flight into Egypt and the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday saw the sturdy burro pressed into service once again as Jesus neared the place of His suffering and crucifixion.

- Melinda Knight

See...Jesus and Mary must sometimes be carried: Am I donkey enough to do it?



CHRIST'S BITTER PAIN

How bitter, Lord, the pain that
Thou didst know,
As on that way of sorrow Thou
didst go,—
The pain that boundless love its
anguish lends,
When Thou were thus forsaken by
Thy friends!

- S.M.R.



THE CALL

My blood so red
For thee was shed,
Come home again, come home
again:
My own sweet heart, come home
again!
You've gone astray
Out of your way,
Come home again, come home
again!

- Anonymous, 17th century
*A reminder to pray for our Fallen
Aways this Holy Week*



PALM SUNDAY

Astride the colt and claimed as King
That Sunday morning in the spring,
He passed a thornbush flowering
red
That one would plait to crown His
head.

He passed a vineyard where the
wine
Was grown for me of royal line
And where the dregs were also
brewed
Into a gall for Calvary's rood.

A purple robe was cast his way,
Then caught and kept until that day
When, with its use, a trial would be
Profaned into a mockery.

His entourage was forced to wait
To let a timber through the gate,
A shaft that all there might have
known
Would be an altar and a throne.

- Marie J. Post
*A nice poetic Palm Sunday / Mass
connection*

Last Sunday we entered into the Passion, St. Patrick's green giving way, just for a day, to the great liturgical mourning. But Monday we were in gold for good St. Joseph. Many of you came for that special Mass, dedicated as a memorial to Katie Bischak and Sharon Patton. St. Joseph, silent, strong and utterly selfless is the special saint of sacristans and of teachers. After Mass we processed to Helfa Hall and blessed Hot Cross Buns in his honor, and had lunch together. The beautiful day closed with Vespers and Benediction. I went home to have the flu, which has had me, off and on, ever since. I'm glad the rest of the Fathers and faithful workers are holding on in preparation for this holiest of weeks.

The night of the Spring snowstorm I saw six deer eerily silhouetted against the white light of the night. We just looked at each other for awhile, then parted. Spring snows tend not to stay, and this is what I was hoping for with the latest prediction for Saturday.

Today is doubly sacred, both to the great Offertory of Christ's Mass, and to the Incarnation itself, the Annunciation—March 25 is the day of days, you know, so holy. Today is also the traditional date of the Crucifixion, and many other sacred events. Our celebration of the Annunciation is transferred to April 9th.

Today let us accompany our King, led in triumph, of His own will, to the place of sacrifice. Our High Priest and Victim begins to enter into the holy of holies. "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

A Blessed Holy Week!

– Bishop Dolan

EASTER SUNDAY
USHER ASSIGNMENTS:

7:30 AM LOW MASS
Joe Andreotta, Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki

9:00 AM HIGH MASS
Paul Arlinghaus, Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand

11:30 AM LOW MASS
Dennis Hille, Paul Puglielli, John Seyfried, Bob Uhlenbrock

Servers

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!



Holy Thursday Guard of Honor
All Night Adoration at the Altar of Repose

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Doby Curran, Joe Andreotta
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Ken Gilliam, Kirby Bischel
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Klenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Brett Kirkpatrick, *Volunteer needed*
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Chip McClorey, David Marko
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Danny Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Bob Uhlenbrock, *Volunteer needed*
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Paddy Omlor, Joseph Simpson
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212

Please note: The Holy Thursday Adoration takes the place of the one for the First Friday of April.



Eternal Father, I offer to Thee the sacrifice which Thy beloved Son Jesus made of Himself upon the cross, and which He now renews upon this altar; I offer it to Thee in the name of all creatures, together with the Masses which have been celebrated, and which shall be celebrated, in the whole world, in order to adore Thee, and to give Thee the honor which Thou dost deserve to render to Thee due thanks for Thy innumerable benefits, to appease Thy anger, which our many sins have provoked, and to give Thee due satisfaction for them; to entreat Thee also for myself, for the Church, for the whole world, and for the blessed souls in purgatory. Amen.

"On Calvary the object of the Sacrifice was to pay the price of the redemption of fallen man, whilst the purpose of the Sacrifice of the Mass is to apply to each of us individually the treasures of Grace merited and amassed by Christ on the Cross." – Fr. Laurence, O.C.D.

✠ THE HOLY WEEK CALENDAR ✠

MON 3/26/18 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** †Mary Rose Peter – 1st Anniversary (C. Simpson family)
 11:25 AM **High Mass** †Marge Soli – 1st Anniversary (Fr. Lehtoranta)
 12:25 PM **Vespers**

TUE 3/27/18 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
 ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, CD
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** Happy Birthday, Theresa Schroeffer (Theresa Simpson)
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Sharon Patton (Patsy)
 11:25 AM **High Mass** For Colleen's Belated Birthday (Katerina & Leanne Arlinghaus)
 12:25 PM **Vespers**
 5:00 PM **Low Mass** Special Intention (SV) (Kuebler/Volz)

WED 3/28/18 SPY WEDNESDAY *FAST*
 ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN, C
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** Special Intention Deceased (Margaret Sutton)
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Sharon Patton (Theresa Simpson)
 9:00 AM **Low Mass** Bishop Dolan & priests of St. Gertrude's (Rich VandeRyt) **followed by Vespers**
 6:30 PM **The Office of Tenebrae**
 8:30 PM **Church Decorating for Holy Thursday**

THU 3/29/18 MAUNDY THURSDAY *FAST*
 9:00 AM **Pontifical High Mass** For the sanctification of our priests (Alter Christus Confraternity)
Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar
Adoration continues at the Sepulchre until 12:00 AM on Good Friday
 11:15 AM **Lenten Luncheon**
 12:15 PM **The Maundy (Washing of the Feet)**
 6:30 PM **The Office of Tenebrae**

FRI 3/30/18 GOOD FRIDAY *FAST*
 11:25 AM **Stations of the Cross**
 12:00 PM **Tre Ore**
It is a fine tradition to keep silent from Noon to 3:00 PM today
 12:15 PM **Mass of the Presanctified, Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross**
 2:15 PM **Tre Ore Devotions and Sermon**
 3:00 PM **Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross**
 3:00 PM **Confessions (till 4 PM)**
 3:15 PM **Vespers**
 6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena**
 6:35 PM **The Office of Tenebrae**
 8:30 PM **Church Decorating for Holy Saturday**
Come when you can, leave when you must.

SAT 3/31/18 HOLY SATURDAY *FAST TILL NOON*
 8:00 AM **Easter Vigil: Blessing of the Fire, Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, First Mass of Easter** For our choir and servers, sacristans and workers
Vespers, Blessing of Easter Food
 4:00 PM **Confessions (till 5 PM)**

SUN 4/1/18 EASTER SUNDAY
 5:45 AM **Easter Matins & Lauds**
 7:30 AM **Easter Sunrise Low Mass** †Margaret L. Soli – 1 yr. anniversary (Jim Soli) (from 3/30)
 9:00 AM **Pontifical High Mass** Easter Mass Novena I
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
Benediction
 6:00 PM **Vespers**
No 5:45 PM Mass

Holy Thursday - March 29, 2018 - 12:15 PM

THE MANDATUM

ALBERT DANIEL KINNETT, JOHN SEYFRIED, CHRISTOPHER BROWNE, JOSHUA GUNSHER, KEITH LAWRENCE, STEPHEN LAWRENCE, DAVID MARKO, JOE BAYER, JUSTIN SOEDER, KIRBY BISCHEL, STEVE MOURER, BOB UHLENBROCK, DALE MOORE, BILLY YOUNG

The above listed men should arrive no later than 12:00 PM and report to the sacristy to prepare and

moves from one side of the altar to the other, we may represent to ourselves the Savior brought before the tribunals of Annas, Caiphas, Herod, and Pilate. The Secret may cause us to think of the manner in which the scribes and Pharisees plotted against the life of Jesus. We omit, for the sake of brevity, a number of considerations which we might make, and we enter upon the principal part of the Mass, which extends from the Elevation to the Communion of the priest, inclusively.

When the priest bows down in order to pronounce the words of consecration, let us behold with the eyes of faith Jesus Christ really present under the species of bread and wine, renewing in the sight of His Father, the supreme oblation which He made of Himself on Calvary. The elevation of the Host is the emblem of Jesus Christ lifted up upon the cross, and that of the chalice represents the blood He shed for our salvation. The fraction of the Host indicates the death of the Savior; the particle of the Host which is placed in the chalice, the descent of the soul of Jesus Christ into Limbo. Finally, the Communion of the priest symbolizes the burial of Our Lord. This method is, as may be seen, very simple, and at the same time very natural, since holy Mass is the memorial of the passion.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Thought—Judas Iscariot, who was about to betray Him, said, “Why wasn’t this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?” Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief. (Gospel)

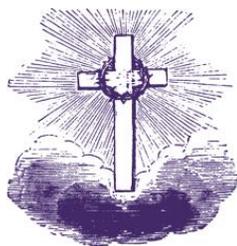


Practice—Today I will not criticize others’ actions, even if I think I know better ways of doing the same things.

Prayer—Heart of Jesus, I love Thee. Convert all poor blasphemers. (300 days indulgence)

“The Mass was instituted before the Crucifixion...in the first Mass the living Christ offered Himself to His Heavenly Father. In every Mass it is the glorious living Christ Who, by the priest, offers Himself to His Heavenly Father.” – Fr. M. Scott, S.J.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK



Thought—At that moment a cock crowed a second time, and Peter remembered the word that Jesus has said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times,” and he began to weep. (Passion according to St. Mark, read in today’s Mass)

Practice—Today I shall often remember my sins with sorrow, because in committing them I acted like Peter, as if I didn’t know Jesus.

Prayer—O Jesus, hide me within Thy wounds. (300 days indulgence)

“It is important to study the Mass, to recognize its place and the sequence of its parts...it matters much that we pray the Mass.” – Fr. W. Busch

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Thought—Judas, one of the Twelve, was going before them (the crowd), and he drew



near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, “Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” (Passion

according to St. Luke)

Practice—Today I shall not pretend nor be a hypocrite, but be sincere and truthful.

Prayer—Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give myself to Thee through Mary. (300 days indulgence)

“There is not a single priestly vestment nor a ceremony of the Mass which does not point to some circumstance of the Passion.” – Fr. Porter

HOLY THURSDAY

Thought—“A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, as I have loved you,” says the Lord. (First Antiphon during the washing of the feet)



Practice—I shall receive Holy Communion, and in preparation and thanksgiving, I shall be charitable in thought, word, and act all day, trying not to hurt anybody, and forgiving everybody readily.

Prayer—O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine; all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. (300 days indulgence)

“The Mass and the Last Supper both point to Calvary. The Last Supper looking forward: the Mass looking back; but Calvary is the centre for both of them.” – Fr. Rickaby, S.J.

GOOD FRIDAY



Thought—“And bowing His head, He gave up His Spirit.” (Passion according to St. John)

Practice—I shall keep perfect silence today from 12 o'clock at noon to 3:00 PM, thinking as much as possible about the dreadful, yet glorious, sufferings of Jesus which redeemed me.

Prayer—We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world. (3 years indulgence)

“Had we been present on Calvary, God, we feel, would have granted us any reasonable request. With the like faith, we shall be equally heard at Mass.” — Fr. Forster, S.J.

HOLY SATURDAY

Thought—“This is the night in which, destroying the chains of death, Christ arose victorious from the grave.” (Paschal Proclamation)



Practice—I shall be very helpful to everyone today, without complaining how much there is to do, with the intention that I am preparing everything for Jesus Who will rise again the Third Day.

Prayer—Come, Lord, and tarry not. (500 days indulgence)

“By attendance at Mass we, with the priest, offer to God this supreme gift, the most acceptable thing that can ascend from earth to Heaven.” — Fr. M. Scott

EASTER SUNDAY



Check up

1. Am I richer in God's Life—a better person—than I was at the beginning of Lent?
2. How successful was I in following Jesus through the forty steps?
3. Have I succeeded in becoming aware that Heaven is my Goal and the material things of this world only the means for reaching it?

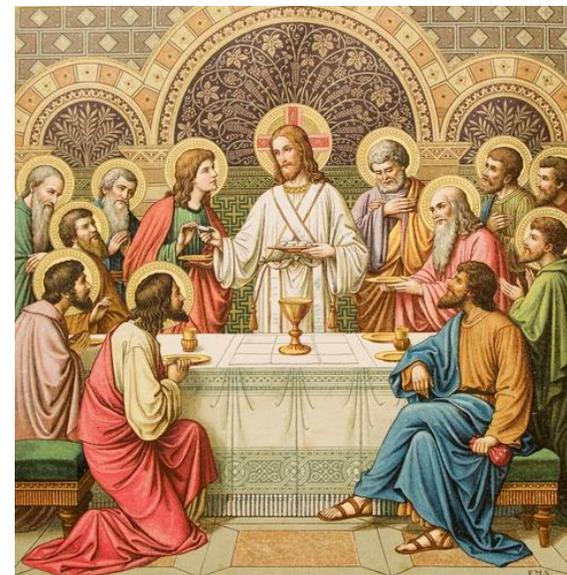
In the Offertory of my Easter Mass I shall offer all my practices and prayers of the 40 days of Lent to the Risen Savior.

“As He (Almighty God) looked down on the silence and the darkness of Calvary and saw the act accomplished by which the world was redeemed, so... (in the Mass) He saw the same mystery accomplished.” — R. H. Benson



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Our Lent: A Mass



Daily Meditations for Lent 2018

How to Hear Holy Mass

It appears that the devout recollection of the passion of the Savior while the holy sacrifice of the Mass is being offered up is in accordance with the intentions of the Church, because by the principal ceremonies of the Mass she endeavors to recall to our mind the various incidents in the death of Jesus Christ. Thus, when the priest ascends the steps of the altar, we ought to remember the entrance of the Savior into the Garden of Olives: when the priest bows down at the Confeiteor, it is Our Lord prostrated face downward upon the ground and entering into the agony where He sweat great drops of blood. When the priest