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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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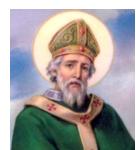


March 13, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

¶ TRANSFIGURATION

Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, ending early for our Lenten Short Stations at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. PATRICK'S DAY

 Thursday is the feast of St. Patrick. The fast is traditionally dispensed on this day. Celebrate by joining us for the festive High Mass at 11:25 AM, followed by a party in Helfta Hall.

¶ ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Two Masses are offered Saturday on the feast of great St. Joseph. St. Joseph's Bread will be blessed and distributed after the 8:20 AM High Mass. Bring some food for the poor (who feel the pinch more than most) on Saturday. This is known as the "St. Joseph's Table."



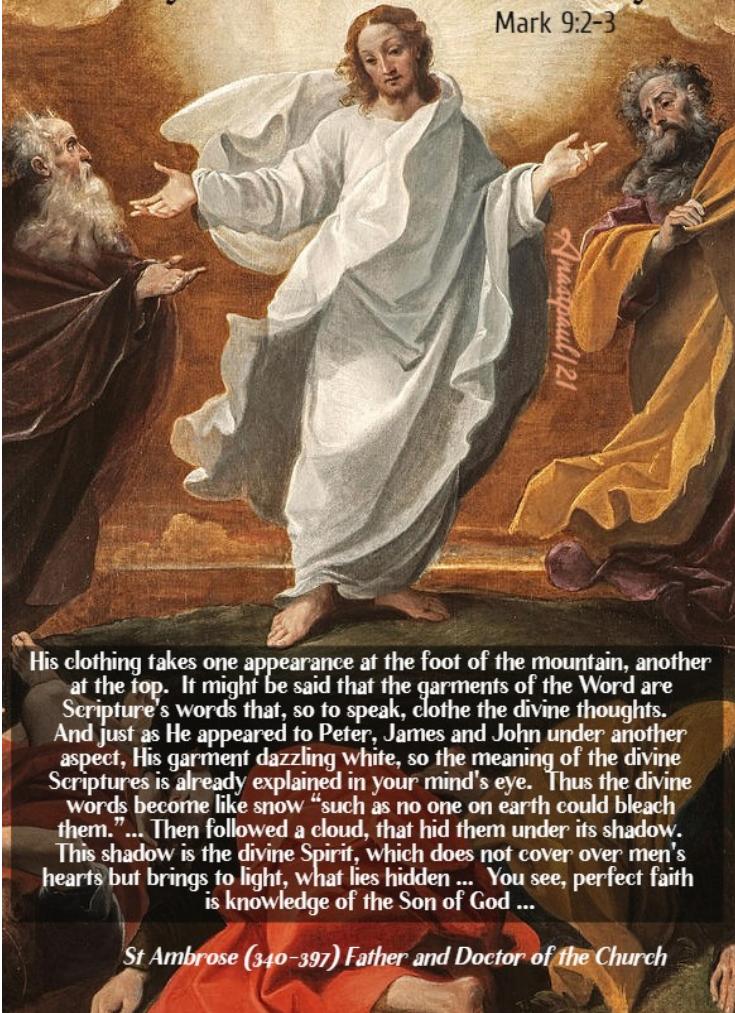
¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

Blessing of Expectant Mothers after all Masses. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, ending early for our Lenten Short Stations at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

 Set Your Missal: Third Sunday of Lent, second collect of the Saints, third for the Church. Preface of Lent.

He was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white.

Mark 9:2-3



His clothing takes one appearance at the foot of the mountain, another at the top. It might be said that the garments of the Word are Scripture's words that, so to speak, clothe the divine thoughts. And just as He appeared to Peter, James and John under another aspect, His garment dazzling white, so the meaning of the divine Scriptures is already explained in your mind's eye. Thus the divine words become like snow "such as no one on earth could bleach them." ... Then followed a cloud, that hid them under its shadow. This shadow is the divine Spirit, which does not cover over men's hearts but brings to light, what lies hidden ... You see, perfect faith is knowledge of the Son of God ...

St Ambrose (340-397) Father and Doctor of the Church

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Valerii, Angela Gardner, Barbara Zapp, Bill Seng, and the repose of the souls of †Bp. Morello and †Charles Lorenzen.

Collection Report

Sunday, March 6 th	\$8,308.00
Second Collection.....	\$2,279.00

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Children's Lenten Day of Recollection:** Wednesday, March 23.
- **The Annunciation:** Friday, March 25. Early afternoon Adoration, Vespers.
- **Seminarian Sunday:** March 27 after morning Masses.
- **Young Ladies' Vocation Weekend:** June 24-26
- **YAG:** July 8-10
- **Girls Camp:** July 12-14
- **Boys Camp:** July 26-28

¶ GIVE A HAND!

Could you help a bit serving the benefit breakfast buffet on Seminarian Sunday? This does not involve cooking the meal and is something anyone can do. If you can help, please email or call Lexi Briggs: lexibee79@gmail.com, 513-375-9156 (you might have to leave a message) and let us know which Mass you plan to attend and help out after Mass. Thank you for being generous with your time!

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel

& Michelle Hille on the Baptism of their son, Xavier James, on Sunday, March 6, 2022.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Ralph Otis, who died on Tuesday.

**THE TRANSFIGURATION
CHANGES EVERYTHING**

You and your friend of many years meet for breakfast every Saturday morning at a diner where you share your life, open your heart. Sometimes you pick up the check, sometimes he does. One Saturday you detect something in your friend's face. You ask, "What is it?" He replies, "I have to tell you something." Your friend proceeds to inform you he has just inherited a hundred million dollars.

Now if *this* Saturday morning your friend does not reach over to pick up that check, your friendship will be damaged.

A revelation of this magnitude produces *expectation*. It changes things. "Why are you telling me all this," you silently wonder, "unless you plan to share your good fortune with me? Otherwise, such a disclosure would be cruel, breeding envy."

That is the point of the Transfiguration. The magnificence that transfigures Jesus He intends to give us. St. Thomas Aquinas says that Christ wished to be transfigured in order to show people His glory "to arouse them to desire it."

Jesus does so as a friend, and St. Thomas observes that one of the indispensable marks of friendship is that a friend shares his belongings with friends, taking care of his friend "as he would take care of himself."

What in you needs to be changed? The Transfiguration is Jesus beckoning you to receive from Him what makes the impossible happen.

—Rev. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Lumen Christi

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

Matt Wagner
(Jamie Wagner)

SUNDAY MASS THOUGHTS

Our Lord had done some amazing things: He had healed the sick, calmed the sea, and even raised the dead. But at the Transfiguration, He revealed His divinity in all its glory. Not only did the three disciples witness the radiance of Jesus' Face and clothing, but they also heard the Father calling Him "My chosen Son" (Luke 9:35).

Yet while Jesus was on earth, His glory remained mostly hidden. Yes, the disciples witnessed His miracles. But He was a man just like them—He lived, breathed, ate, and slept among them. What Faith it must have required for them to believe that in this man, God was actually present with them!

We also need Faith, not only to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but that He is actually present with us. Because He is, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, every time and in every place where Mass is celebrated. To all appearances, the Blessed Sacrament looks like ordinary bread and wine. But in reality, the consecrated Host and the Precious Blood is truly Jesus Christ. He is with us in every way—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

And not only is Our Lord present; He loves us so much that He asks us to consume His Body and His Blood. Each and every time we receive Him, He is as close to us as He can possibly be in this life. And each and every time, He gives us the grace and strength to follow His commandment to love Him and one another.

On Mount Tabor that day, Peter, John, and James got a rare glimpse of Jesus in all His glory. Today, let Him show you His glory. As the priest elevates the Sacred Host on the altar, imagine Jesus as He was at the Transfiguration, His Face radiant and His clothes dazzling white. Then kneel down in awe and worship Him.

"Jesus, help me to see Thee as Thou truly art, in all Thy glory!"

TRANSFIGURED

We journeyed
With Jesus
On foot
Up a high mountain.

At its peak
We closed our eyes.

Then there was light,
So much light
We could no longer sleep.
Another world
Had broken in.

Where is my Lord?
What have you done to Him?

The Master is not gone;
He is fully arrived—

God the Son
Descends with us
Cloaked in humankind.
—Rita Simmonds



O Lord, Who, in the mystery of the glorious Transfiguration of Thy Divine Son, didst deign to make resplendent the truth of the holy Catholic Faith, and confirm miraculously, by Thy very word, spoken from a cloud, our perfect adoption as Thy sons; we humbly beg of Thee to grant that we may in truth become coheirs of this same King of Glory, and share in Thy everlasting happiness. Amen. (100 days, once a day. — Leo XIII, Dec. 14, 1889)

Friday Evening of Recollection

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: Cheese Enchiladas, Vegan Taquitos, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Texas Caviar/w chips, Fruit.

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

8:30 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion

❖ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ❖

What a fine spring day we had for the solemn, public opening of *Ver Sacrum*, Holy Lent, last Sunday. It was a busy one, with Short Stations and a Baptism for Dan and Michelle's first baby, Xavier. There was much church business to be seen to and a second first to be listened to, **Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Ojeka's** fine first sermon. A few souls even swelled our afternoon Vespers attendance.

For an advertised "quiet week," there's quite a bit to report. At the top of the news is **Fr. Valerii's** letter. He managed to get out from behind Russian lines, and is now temporarily housed in a hospital in Lviv, Ukraine. Read the letter, and keep him in your prayers. Maybe someone who has no priest or Mass would receive him, and many blessings with him, a priest of God in exile.

We started the week with a Solemn Mass for the "Angel of the Schools," St. Thomas Aquinas. Intent, even intense study is the order of the day, not only in our great little school (check it out!) but also for our deacons, who passed their first Mass Rubrics test for **Fr. McGuire**.

The needs of our new priests are many, and God bless you who are intensely preparing a great Seminarian Sunday. The enthusiasm is building. Your generosity is great. How Almighty God has blessed us.

Rev. Mr. Thomas Simpson shows promise as a creative cook and menu planner. For those occasions when the Cucina Clerical (check it out!) schedule is bare, we do not go hungry. Talented part-time chef **Fr. McKenna** treated us to *perfectly* cooked scallops and shrimp over wild rice with Brussels Sprouts and asparagus Thursday night. Doesn't *that* sound good? After a week of beans, it tasted good, too!

Someone asked if the cats were doing Lent, too. Although Nineve's animals did penance at the preaching of Jonah, this bishop's cats are dedicated carnivores, like most people. Giacomo, a big and lovable tabby, has a little routine worked out when he needs (yet another!) meal. He meows, as if to say, "*Hey, hey!*" and sometimes taps me twice on the leg, with a look of great enthusiasm. Cavaradossi is a sweet cat, mostly given to play, and is grateful when his bigger friend allows him to finish his meal in peace. Giacomo joined me for outdoor Stations Thursday, only he was after a mouse, it turns out. But I remember that St. Joseph is depicted making a mouse trap, which represents our redemption through the wood of the cross.

Ralph Otis died Tuesday after a long decline with cancer. We settled the funeral for Thursday, but the children (as they do, increasingly nowadays) had other ideas. It was cancelled, but we decided to go ahead with the *in absentia* funeral for the originally planned day. Sorry for the confusion. He was a fine man, Ralph, "Bo" was; an original. He and his bright colored shoes will be missed.

Did you remember to "spring forward" this morning,

and spring out of bed? Increasingly I find it difficult to adjust to these time changes. A bit more penance for a bit, but it does prolong the dawn, and the sweet morning hour of prayer.

Oh, just be aware that we have entered into the next stage of the Great Reset, now that Covid has done its work by means of the jab on your genes and fear in your head. Increasingly we have been pushed to internet and credit card purchases rather than cash. Now, those whom our masters so designate (Canadian truckers, innocent Russians) are cut off from the above. Neat trick. One day, Scripture says, no one will be able to "buy and sell" without the Mark of the Beast.

But you bear the mark, the character of Confirmation, final brigade of the Soldiers of Christ. Fight on!

— Bishop Dolan



Your Excellency,

Today we were settled in a sanatorium not far from Lvov.

I was able to bring only my antimension, liturgical books and a breviary. I did not manage to take the vestments, the chalice and paten with me. In addition, in Ukraine it is forbidden to buy wine during the war. Therefore, I can only pray the breviary and the rosary.

I also injured my spine and I feel severe pain especially when I lie down.

When the pain in my back subsides, I would like to leave through Poland to England. Maybe some sedevacantist family would like to take us in as refugees and I could be useful to them and to other people. I heard that Great Britain government permits families to take refugees from Ukraine.

If I apply for refugee status in Poland, they won't let me say Mass and we will be obliged to live in a sport hall together with decades or hundreds people.

Perhaps sedevacantists in another western country want to invite us.

My site is blocked in Ukraine so I cannot publish new articles. Also I was not able to take my laptop with me. Yet I can buy a new one.

Your Excellency, thank you very much for your support and for your and clergy's and faithful prayers.

Yours in Christ and His Immaculate Mother,

Fr. Valerii

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2022

- FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 23rd.
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NECESSARY FORM.
- CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thurs., June 2nd.
- CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 4th.
- FIRST COMMUNION: Pentecost, June 5th. (Due to a late Easter, First Communion Sunday is Pentecost, June 5, NOT June 19.)

❖ CALENDAR

MON	3/14/22	FERIAL DAY FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Emilia Arnold (<i>Nathaniel Arnold</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special Intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
TUE	3/15/22	FERIAL DAY • ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>JCS</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Faithful departed of the Kolenich family (<i>Kolenich family</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Joe Andreotta (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
WED	3/16/22	FERIAL DAY FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention CV (<i>K/V</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Repose of the soul of †Dr. Innocent Okerulu (<i>TRCS</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations, Holy Communion
	5:15 PM	Low Mass Thank you Poor Souls for prayers answered (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	3/17/22	ST. PATRICK, BPC • ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Conversion & perseverance for Treder Family (<i>Michael Treder</i>) (rescheduled from 3/10)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Joseph McMahon
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mr. Kyle McGuire (<i>JCS</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
FRI	3/18/22	ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM • THE HOLY SHROUD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass All poor souls in Purgatory (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
	11:06 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass SGG Seminarians (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Mr. Briggs (<i>Levi Giese Family</i>)
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:30 PM	St. Joseph Stations, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	3/19/22	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Congratulations Bishop Dolan, 28 th Anniversary (<i>Judy</i>)
	8:05 AM	Ave Regina & Devotions
	8:25 AM	(approx.) Solemn High Mass & Sermon Charles Simpson Family (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) Blessing of Bread, St. Joseph's Table for the Poor
SUN	3/20/22	LENT III • ST. PHOTINA & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt 2 nd Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Grace M. Drucker (<i>Joe Drucker</i>)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:15 AM	Short Stations
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Ken Dadosky – special intention (<i>Joseph Prell</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

❖ CATECHISM CORNER

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MUST BELIEVE

We must believe that Our Blessed Lord, before He ascended into heaven, founded a society, the Catholic Church, to carry on His work among men; that the Church is made up of those who, being baptized, profess the doctrine of Jesus Christ, share in the same sacraments, and in their religious life are ruled by their lawful bishops under a single and supreme leader, the Pope.

FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY: PRAYER FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome, O Holy Day of the Lord!
Bright day of gladness for praising Jesus.
Move our feet in haste to Mass,
Move our lips to holy words,
Move with Thy finger the wheel of our soul.

O God, it is Thou hast bought us,
It is Thou wilt come to take us.
If in youth we broke Thy Law,
Write it not against our age.

Bind fast the Evil One,
That he may not come nigh to us.
Deliver us from his company,
And from the seven deadly sins.
Amen.



This is an ancient prayer that was said, in Gaelic, by the people as they set out for Mass on Sunday morning. It has Patristic echoes; and the faith and worship from which it derives, comes down in an unclouded tradition from Patristic days.

SUNDAY SEVEN: Seven Joys at the Moment of Death

1. The joy of belonging to God.
2. The joy of knowledge granted by Faith.
3. The joy of supernatural hope.
4. The joy of supernatural love.
5. The joy of knowing that the devil cannot go further than God permits.
6. The joy of knowing we are safe when clinging to our Blessed Lord through repentance, humility and love.
7. The joy of knowing we have, despite all our sins, lived for Him.

Servers

FRI 3/18 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo Bros. STATIONS: *Volunteers*

SAT 3/19 7:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor
8:25 AM HIGH: Seminarian & Simpson Bros. & *Volunteers*

SUN 3/20 7:30 AM LOW: Bruegemann Bros.

9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: P. Omlor, T. Lawrence CROSS: C. McGinnis TH: C. Arlinghaus ACs: T. England, J. Kolenich

11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich

4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller

5:45 PM LOW: A Capetillo

CONSIDERATIONS ON THE PASSION OF OUR LORD FOR EACH DAY OF LENT



MONDAY IN LENT II

After the ceremony of the washing of the feet, Our Lord concludes His discourse by telling His apostles that now He will not say much more to them, but the prince of this world, Satan, is about to approach to claim a share in His sacred humanity: but in that He has no part. This He tells them, that the world may acknowledge that the Son loves His Father, and that He does all that is required of Him. (*John xiv.20*) There are many who love to sit at the table of the Lord, to be filled with consolation, and to enjoy the spiritual luxury of His company. But few there are who would follow Christ to the cross. We must not only love the table of the Lord, but we must also be with Him in His Passion. We should suffer the trials sent to us, as good followers of the Lord Jesus. Remain then with the Lord under all circumstances, whether it be for consolation or bitterness of suffering. Some of the saints understood this so well that they prayed for afflictions.

TUESDAY IN LENT II

And now after the Last Supper, the Lord goes forth with His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He is so overcome with fear and sorrow, that He seems to cling to the society of the apostles for consolation. Falling down on His Face, He prays that the chalice might pass, yet not as He would, but as the Father willed it. The disciples slept as if they had lost all sympathy for the Lord. But why is Our Savior so distressed? Why is He so downcast? The sins and the consequences of sin appear before Him so vividly, and He is so overwhelmed with them, that He feels His soul oppressed unto death. He sees all the misery of humanity, all the cruelty practiced by man, all the ignorance and degradation of the world; and for this He must suffer, to bring God's mercy again to man. He is to take upon Himself all the sins of mankind. He is to be degraded to the level of a slave, to die the same death, and for all of us.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

In the terrible agony of Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Lord saw all the sins of mankind. He sees the injustice of man in comparison to the eternal justice of God. He beholds their ingratitude to His everlasting love, their obduracy against the sweet mercy of God. This leprosy of sin has been laid on the Lord, so that, as the Palmist says: "The confusion of my face hath covered me." (*Ps. xlivi.16*) He is filled with the confusion of shame, because sin is so horrible. His soul is overwhelmed with bitterness, because sin is so full of malice and

insult to God. Thus covered with our shame, He appears before His heavenly Father, prone on His Face on the ground. The heavenly Father does not recognize His Son; Jesus prays, but is not heard. The justice of God casts Him away. He begs the Father for help, but He will not bend His ear to the supplication of His Son. Jesus waits for consolation, but instead receives His death sentence. He must drink the cup of sorrow to the very dregs.

THURSDAY IN LENT II

The Lord bade His disciples watch and pray, but hardly has He left them to themselves than they fall asleep. Judas is not asleep; he is actively engaged in getting his company together, giving them instructions how to proceed, so that they might elude the power of the Lord. But the disciples sleep, and are careless of the Lord's interests. No wonder that the indifference of the disciples gave Him an additional pang. We, too, are the disciples of the Lord. Why do we sleep while the enemy is sowing the seed of error and irreligion? What effect has the instructions, the counsels of the divine Master, had upon us? They are all forgotten, and we look to our own comfort and to our pleasures; we go after the world, money and honors, but think little of God. Let us then watch and pray; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak. The soul would act otherwise, if the body had not been allowed an almost limitless freedom while the soul is dying of spiritual starvation. Give your soul an opportunity to rise above the low necessities of the body, and the spirit will then be strong to compel the body to obey.

FRIDAY IN LENT II THE HOLY SHROUD

When Our Lord had prayed and struggled in this mortal agony, He arose and assembled His disciples about Him, and awaited the coming of the traitor. And as He was yet speaking, behold, the crowd arrived, and Judas, one of the twelve, was with them; coming up to Jesus, he kissed Him, and the Lord said: "Judas, with a kiss you betray the Son of man." Judas thus betrays the Lord with the sign of friendship. He comes up to Him as of old, when returning from a missionary tour, he was met by the Lord with open arms, and he, as well as the other disciples, would tell of their labors, their successes, and the good they had done. And now, as if to throw the Lord off His guard, he pretends to have the same spirit within His breast. O Lord Jesus! with what kindness didst Thou not even then receive Judas, that he might see that Thou didst still love him. In our frequent infidelities the Lord comes to us with the same sweetness and goodness. He would lead us back to our duties and the recognition of our faults. O that we would listen to the words of Our Lord!

SATURDAY IN LENT II

When Judas had given that traitorous sign, the kiss of peace, the disciples all fled. Our Lord had commanded, "If therefore you seek Me, let these go their way." No sooner had the disciples seen that the Lord presented His hands to be tied, than they ran off in the greatest hurry. They had forgotten the assurance they had given that they would remain faithful. They whose feet had been washed in all humility by Our Lord, Who had

fed them a short time before with His sacred Body and Blood. We are not far inferior in infidelity to the disciples. In the morning we have gone to communion, and before the day is over we have fallen into grievous sin. We had made many resolutions at our last confession, and at the approach of the first temptation we have fallen into the same sins again. We leave, without much concern, Jesus, the best friend we have in this world. Oh, let us remain faithful to the good Master of our souls, Who, after this life is over, promises us eternal rewards.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the soldiers came up, and bound the Lord's hands as He willingly offers them. He makes no opposition whatsoever. He might have continued the exhibition of His power by which they fell back three times, and He might have walked away. But the time of the Passion had come, and He allows the soldiers to have the mastery over Him. Christ has dissolved our bonds, and He is bound Himself; in fact, by that binding Christ has merited to loosen us from the slavery of Satan. But Christ was also bound that we, too, may bind ourselves in the law of God, and be faithful to its observance all the days of our life. Tie your will to the chains of the Lord Jesus; honor those chains, yes, even love them, as they are the bonds of the union between you and Him. Make up your mind to follow Christ, to be united to Him, and never desire to be freed from this close friendship.

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The Passion of Our Lord



2022 Lenten
Daily Thoughts and Prayers

*For the restoration of the Church
and the salvation of our country.*