



# 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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## March 27, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT • LAETARE ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, CD

### ¶ REJOICE SUNDAY

Today is **Seminarian Sunday!** The Bookstore is closed, but please come back to Helfta Hall for the breakfast, Silent Auction, raffle, and more. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for our Lenten **Short Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction as usual at 4:45 PM.

**PARENTS:** The wail of disgruntled babies is a great distraction to the celebrant, especially when he is preaching, and to the choir. Please sit in the **back pew** with fussy children, or as close to the back as possible. That way you can easily take the little one out for a bit before the crying goes stereophonic. Our new crop of babies is blessed with great lungs. For longer sessions or nursing mothers, the last classroom on the right is open and available for your use.

### ¶ SHROUDED STATUES

We will be **covering the statues** (a big job at St. Gertrude!) for Passiontide after the second Mass on **Saturday**. Come help if you can.

### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**10:55 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass and Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Confessions and Rosary  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass, Devotions  
**6:45 PM:** Lenten Supper  
**7:30 PM:** Stations & Devotions

#### All Night Adoration

*First Friday Intention: In Reparation to the Sacred Heart for all that the Heart of His Mother suffers today.*



### Seminarian's Prayer

Dear Lord, I heard Thy loving Call,  
"Come follow Me."  
I left my home, my loved ones, all,  
To follow Thee.  
My parents dear I left behind  
And followed Thee.  
Lord, give them life that they may find  
A priest in me.  
And when they both for Heaven yearn,  
Take them to Thee.  
That there they wait for my return  
To live with Thee.

— Fray Chavez

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:05 AM** Rosary & Litany  
**7:15 AM** Confessions  
**7:30 AM** High Mass  
**8:15 AM** Devotions & Benediction  
**8:40 AM (approx.)** Sermon, Low Mass  
*First Saturday Intention: Reparation for the offenses of those who outrage our Blessed Mother directly in Her holy images.*

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PASSION SUNDAY

The Second Collection for our seminarians will be taken up. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, ending early for the last of our Lenten **Short Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Passion Sunday, second collect for the Church. Preface of the Holy Cross.

**PARENTS:** Is one of your children making their First Communion this year? They **cannot be tested** on April 23<sup>rd</sup> if their Confirmation form has not been submitted *in advance*. This is the **LAST WEEK** in which to submit your form. **We must have them by April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Don't have the form? Contact the Office and it will be emailed to you.

### ¶ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES

New, "immodesty training" dresses are sold now, sleeveless or with cap sleeves and see-through lace. Please remember these are never appropriate and are always forbidden.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Theodore & Elizabeth Amundsen on the Baptism of their son, Alexander Harutun, on Sunday, March 20, 2022.*

The people followed Jesus into the wilderness, because they were desirous of hearing Him. Their bodies hungered, but their souls were so refreshed, so delighted with the word He spoke, that they forgot their corporal needs and Christ, to recompense their zeal, wrought a miracle. What an example for us, to hear attentively the Word of God and draw from it fruit for the benefit of our souls! ...Were the dispositions of the children of the Church like those of the five thousand people who followed Christ into the wilderness, the Word of God would bring forth abundant fruit for the salvation of all.



**Lumen Christi**

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

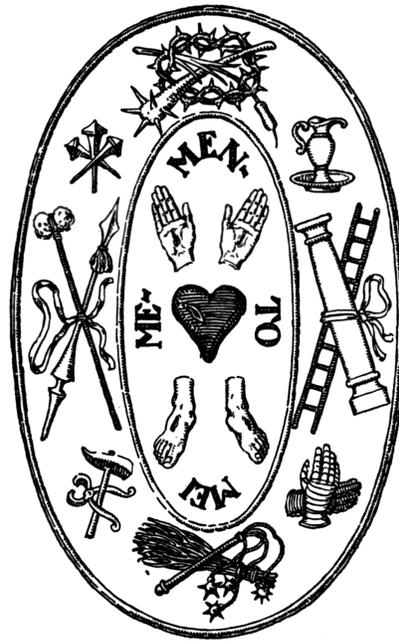
**Theresa Christy Nguyen –  
Special Intentions**  
*(Christy Nguyen)*

**THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2022**

- **FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING:** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **CHILDREN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **CONFIRMATIONS:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **FIRST COMMUNION:** Pentecost, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

¶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Ordination to the Priesthood:** May 4
- **Young Ladies’ Vocation Weekend:** June 24-26
- **YAG:** July 8-10
- **Girls Camp:** July 12-14
- **Boys Camp:** July 26-28



**DID YOU LIKE THE SERMON?**

Five thousand men followed Christ into the wilderness to hear Him speak. How great must their desire have been to understand His doctrine! It caused them to disregard the necessities of life; they did not even think of providing food. What a salutary lesson for those Christians, who frivolously neglect to hear the word of God from those of whom Christ has said: “Those who hear you, hear Me!” The desire to hear the Word of God is fearfully wanting in many Christians. Are there only a few who the whole year long listen not to a single sermon? Who think they are doing wonders if they assist at Mass every Sunday? Is it surprising that they lead an indifferent life, or even follow the ways of evil without concern? How can it be otherwise?

*Friday Evening of Recollection*

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: Pizza, salad, fruit, and drinks.

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

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

**ROSE-BIRTH**

They plaited the thorns for my Master,  
They plaited and pressed them down;  
His Blood like a fire devoured them  
And made them a red rosy crown.

They opened His flesh with their lashes  
And watched tiny rivulets spout;  
I wonder if they too saw only  
A torrent of roses rush out.

They opened His side with a spear-point  
And gazed on His Heart while He bled;  
Behold His last offering of roses—  
White roses and red.

– Norman J. Johnson

**SERMON BLOCKERS**

It does not enter their thoughts to walk in the path of righteousness, or to live a holy life, because no one reminds them of their obligations, and because they have before their eyes only the example of other indifferent Christians. ...Hence, even if they do hear a sermon, they devote their attention to the style and delivery of the speaker, and listen to him more as a man and lecturer, than as a priest and preacher. St. Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, gives thanks to God that they had received His word “not as the word of men, but (as it is indeed) the Word of God, Who worketh in you that have believed.” Will God work in those who listen to the divine Word as the word of men? The priest speaks in the Name of God. It is the Lord Who addresses us, when by His commission the preacher expounds the teachings and precepts of the Church.

– Fr. Francis Xavier Weninger

**Collection Report**

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,917.00

*A black smartphone was found on the church grounds on March 13. Would the owner please contact the office?*

The Annunciation is really the day of days, beyond even a holy day. Its falling on a Lenten Friday did not dispense us from abstinence, as in the Novus Ordo and aligned groups. It did permit us to have a truly *holy* day, with Masses Solemn and Low, Vespers, Adoration, two Rosaries and two Benedictions, two novenas and the Blessing of the Sick. This great feast marks the Incarnation. Tradition tells us that March 25 is as well the day of Creation, the Fall, the Passover, *and* the Redemption, the original Good Friday. All of this prayer was certainly well timed to counteract current events, man waging merciless war against God, birth pangs of a Satanic One World Church and State.



Spring finally snuck up on us this year, all taken up as we were with Lent and its attendant activities. I almost missed the daffodils, but St. Joseph didn't. His March altar glows golden with the Welsh national flower. A shout out to our Forsythia, which bravely bloomed three times this winter, twice for a false spring and finally for the real thing. Of course allergy sufferers pay for this pied beauty, but who would turn aside from Nature's flower show?

Fifty-one rather demure and unusually well-behaved children made the Lenten Recollection with us on Wednesday. There was some illness—there always is—which tamped down the numbers, but it was such a wonderful day for our children, our future.

I spoke on Wednesday about the brother of a Cincinnati priest, a Civil War veteran who dedicated his life to serving Fr. Damien's lepers on Molokai, Br. Joseph Dutton. He was converted to the Faith by the good example of his Catholic orderly. One of Fr. Damien's purificators made its way to Fr. Dutton, and finally to us here, a precious relic of a great and holy priest.

It is our prayer that the four deacons presently preparing for Holy Orders in May will be each of them, great and holy priests. How touched we are at your great generosity for today's "Seminarian Sunday," which aims to help equip these future priests and necessarily missionaries, with all they will need in their labors. A lot of work went into preparation for this day. Please participate, and generously.

Today is Laetare, MidLent Sunday. Ask yourself how the first half has passed and resolve earnestly, pray sincerely, for an even better conclusion. Your prayer, alms and penance will promote peace and order in a crazy world, as well as in your own soul and family.

First Friday's All Night Adoration, the second of this Lent, beckons all to come and adore and store the needed graces for Holy Week and Easter.

God bless you and yours,

– Bishop Dolan

### All Night Adoration Guard of Honor: April 2022

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Doby Curran, David Swinney  
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton  
 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor  
 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Nick McClorey  
 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli  
 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith  
 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, Keith Elflein  
 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann  
 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*  
 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle  
 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman  
 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church of-  
 fice immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to  
 relieve you, please call Rev. Mr. Brueggemann (859-443-  
 9745) or Rev. Mr. Simpson (513-478-7906) to substitute.*

☞ *Please make your hour in the sanctuary if possible. You  
 may sit for your hour if necessary.*

### A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thou, O Lord, hast wiped out my debt of due punishment. Thou, as the Good Shepherd, didst pursue Thy wandering sheep. As a true Father would, in my weakness Thou didst show me sympathy, healing my wounds with Thy life-giving remedies, and giving me care and guidance. All that was needed to nurse me back to health from my former evil state Thou didst provide. Thou hast in truth been a light to the wanderer, and from him who forgot Thee never absent.

– Liturgy of St. Gregory



### A PRAYER FOR CALM

From Thy kindness, O Lord God, comes that fullness of peace which Thy grace makes enduring. To us, when we were not, Thou didst grant life, and through Thy beloved Son, born eternally from Thee, that life, by our redemption, was renewed and ennobled. Thou didst restrain Thy just anger and gave to each of us the gifts of peace, charity and friendliness that we might show them to others. So now, Lord, who lovest tranquility, and whose delight is peace, grant us grace always to be children of calmness and peace. Bind us fast to one another with that bond of goodwill so necessary for unity and harmony among the members of Thy Body which is the Church. Keep us from deceitful ways, from all dissension and double-dealing. Teach us the worth of restraint and of sincerity in our speech. Grant also, that welcoming each other in the spirit of humility, our actions may have the countersign of the way of life taught by Him Who gave us life, even Jesus Christ, Our Lord. – Liturgy of St. Gregory

MON	3/28/22	ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN, C	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers ( <i>The Clergy &amp; Seminarians</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	For a good and holy Lent 2022 ( <i>James Kolenich</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/29/22	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	In Ukraine: safety of Oksana, Vlad & Mila's families ( <i>Maureen Scanlon</i> )
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass	Purgatorial Society
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Janet Strauss ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean</i> )
WED	3/30/22	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Margaret L. Soli – 5 year anniversary ( <i>Jim Soli</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	†Dr. Innocent Okerulu ( <i>Joe Druecker</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations, Holy Communion	
	5:15 PM	Low Mass	†Ewa Hughes ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Hanna</i> )
THU	3/31/22	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	My †Mother, Shiv Jen Cheng – soul to go to heaven ( <i>H.Y.</i> )
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Intentions of Fr. Valerii Kudriatsev ( <i>James Kolenich</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	†Michael Briggs ( <i>N. Andreotta &amp; A. Swinney</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	4/1/22	FIRST FRIDAY • FERIAL DAY	FAST
		<i>THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD</i>	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Kyle McGuire ( <i>The McConnell Family</i> )
	10:55 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	Low Mass, Benediction	In thanksgiving for favor received ( <i>Veronica Briggs</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	Rest of the soul of †Mr. Kyle McGuire ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII, Blessing of the Sick	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
		<i>All Night Adoration</i>	
SAT	4/2/22	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. FRANCIS OF PAULA	FAST
	7:05 AM	Rosary & Litany	
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	High Mass	Claire Smith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
	8:15 AM	Ave Regina & Sermon	
	8:40 AM	(approx.) Low Mass	In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, in thanksgiving ( <i>PAO</i> )
		Covering of Statues after Mass	
SUN	4/3/22	PASSION SUNDAY	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	†John Batkowski ( <i>Marge Kitchen</i> )
	9:00 AM	High Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

*Seven Ordinary Proofs of Love for the Blessed Sacrament*

1. A holy reverence in the Presence of Jesus.
2. An endeavor to console Him in His loneliness.
3. Showing happiness in being with Him.
4. In no hurry to leave Him.
5. Expressing hearty interests in the affairs of His Church.
6. Appreciation especially for recent favors.
7. Regrets that you must leave Him and promises to think of Him while away.



**ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

John came from French peasant stock and spent his childhood working as a shepherd. "If I were to become a priest," he told his mother, "I would like to win many souls." His lack of early education led to many trials in the seminary, but at twenty-nine he was ordained. Two years later, he was made pastor in the tiny village of Ars.

He met the lukewarm faith in his parishioners with a regimen of prayer, fasting, and zealous teaching. Drawing on Eucharistic adoration for strength, he devoted himself to the confessional. Over time, word of his spiritual acumen spread well beyond the village, and people came from all over France to confess to him. He stayed in the airless confessional, in heat and cold, up to sixteen hours a day. At the age of seventy-three, as he lay dying, he was still absolving penitents.

For thirty-five years, John suffered terrifying nightly torments from the devil. At first the jarring visitations—loud noises, ghostly singing, and even physical assaults—evoked a great fear in the priest. But he persevered in faith, and eventually was able to joke about the devil's attempts to sway him from his work. He came to see that the torments increased just before a great sinner was about to come to confession.

St. John gave this advice: "**The demon is very cunning, but he is not strong. Making a Sign of the Cross soon puts him to flight.**"

*Loving Father, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, may I never despair in the face of the devil's attacks.*

**SERVERS**

FRI 4/1	5:45 PM LOW:	Capetillo Bros.	STATIONS:	<i>Volunteers</i>
SAT 4/2	7:30 AM HIGH:	P. Omlor		
	8:40 AM LOW:	M. Simpson & Kolenichs		
SUN 4/3	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemann Bros.		
	9:00 AM SOL. HIGH:	MCS: M. Simpson, N. McClorey	CROSS:	J. McGinnis
		TH: D. Simpson	ACs:	T. Lawrence, T. England
		SMITH, J. Stewart, B. & C. McGinnis		
	11:30 AM LOW:	A. McClorey, N. Kolenich		
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:	G. Miller		
	5:45 PM LOW:	A. Capetillo		

10:40 AM	Catechism Classes	
11:15 AM	Final Short Stations	
11:30 AM	Low Mass	Rest of the soul of †Kyle McGuire ( <i>Bob &amp; Becky Uhlenbrock</i> )
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction	
5:45 PM	Low Mass	Happy Birthday, Daniel Brueggemann ( <i>Dad &amp; Mom</i> )

## Reverend Mr. Thomas Ojeka



Rev. Mr. Ojeka was born in 1988 and was raised in rural Alifokpa-Yache in Yala Local Government Area of Cross River State in southern Nigeria. He is an only child after the death of an infant sister. His parents are subsistence farmers. He was raised Novus Ordo. His father is still actively involved in the local Novus Ordo parish as “General Catechist” but does not object to Fr. Nkamuke’s mission visits and the celebration of Mass in their home. His mother was always active in the choir and different pious associations but left the Novus Ordo in 2018 to stay true to the unchanging Faith. Growing up, Rev. Mr. Ojeka taught catechism and was often called “Junior Catechist” after his father. This developed his interest in teaching. From his mother, he became involved in the choir and began to compose hymns using lyrics in his language, both out of necessity and out of personal devotion. After completing high school in 2006, he completed nine years at the Congregation of the Servants of Charity Seminary. This seminary was founded in 1908 but has unfortunately gone along with the Modernist Revolution in all of its details. While there he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy and had started his study of Theology before leaving in 2017 to join the Traditional Seminary under Fr. Nkamuke. This desire to become a priest began as a childhood dream, in his words: “I wish to become a Catholic priest if it is the will of God.” This dream was greatly influenced by the life of the founder of the Congregation of the Servants of Charity, Don Luigi Guanella, ordained in 1866. The sole wish of this Italian priest was to be “a fiery sword in the ministry,” devoting all of his gifts of grace and nature to the cause of the Cross. Rev. Mr. Ojeka comments on his own journey: “Being led sweetly by Providence to be healed of my previous total blindness concerning Vatican II and its impostor ecumenical church, and given to see clearly how my inspiring ideal is totally compromised, I resolved to flee.” He enjoys playing a variety of instruments, including the organ. Other hobbies of his are sports, reading, writing, and gardening.

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## Reverend Mr. Thomas Simpson



Rev. Mr. Simpson was born in April 1997 and is the second oldest of a family of eight children. He grew up in the greater Cincinnati area and has been a member of St. Gertrude the Great Church all of his life. Before entering the seminary, Rev. Mr. Simpson was homeschooled under his parents. After graduation, he interned with a mechanic for three years, worked on a dairy farm, and cut grass for neighbors and friends. In his free time, he enjoys playing the banjo and guitar with his brothers and going on bike rides. When asked what his biggest inspirations were in his decision to pursue the priesthood, he gave this response: “Father Cekada and Father McGuire were very instrumental in my entering the seminary. I didn’t think I would be able to make the studies, but by God’s grace I was able to pull through.”

## Reverend Mr. John Okerulu



Rev. Mr. Okerulu was born in the mid-1990's in Port Harcourt City, Rivers State, Nigeria. This is a large city in the southern part of the country. He is the youngest of six children. His father, the late Dr. Innocent-Mary Okerulu, was a dental surgeon and his mother, Bibiana-Mario Okerulu, is an English teacher. Rev. Mr. Okerulu describes his family as "close-knit" which is "typical...with most ethnic groups in Nigeria." But he further explains that this is especially the case "when the practice of the Catholic faith is taken seriously by the parents and children." He completed his education up through high school and went to college to study Philosophy. He originally considered studying Engineering but decided on Philosophy due to his strong attraction toward the Priesthood. Because of this calling, he eventually left college to begin his seminary training. He attributes Our Beloved Mother Mary as the largest influence in his desire to become a priest. After completing St. Louis de Montfort's Total Consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 2012, he experienced a "turning point" in his calling. As stated by Rev. Mr. Okerulu, "Not so long after making this Total Consecration, I felt a strong desire to give my whole self in the service of Our Divine Lord. This desire I owe to Our Beloved Queen whom I had consecrated my whole being to. She indeed knows how to use the weak things of this world to procure God's Greater Glory."

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## Reverend Mr. Anthony Brueggemann



Rev. Mr. Brueggemann was born in October 1998 and has twelve siblings. He grew up in rural Kentucky on a small farm, about an hour's drive from St. Gertrude the Great Church. His father is a mechanic and is currently employed at UPS. Rev. Mr. Brueggemann was homeschooled for most of his childhood with the exception of grades 8th-10th when he attended a private school. Before entering the seminary, he was employed at Bavarian Trucking for about three years. A few of his responsibilities included litter clean-up, truck driving, and electrical and plumbing work. Some hobbies Rev. Mr. Brueggemann enjoys are photography and shooting his gun, although as he states, "[M]y present location is not ideal for the latter." In his pastime he also enjoys sports that involve running. There were many factors that influenced his decision to become a priest, including the important influence of Father Anthony Cekada.

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



### MONDAY IN LENT IV

When Our Lord had been scourged, the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and placed it on His Head, pressing it down, striking the crown with sticks that they might save their hands from wounds, and then they put a purple garment on Him. All this was done to mock Him, because He said He was a king: the crown of royalty He bore on His Head, and the purple garment which kings generally wore covered His Body. They carried out their derision still further; they bent their knees before Him, and having blindfolded Him, they struck Him in the Face, having asked Him to point out who was the one that had given Him the blow. O loving Face of Jesus! upon which the angels desire to gaze; look with pity on poor humanity that dost treat Thee so cruelly; look with pity on our inordinate desires to satisfy the demands of our passions. Ah, Thou knowest who hast heaped these insults upon Thee! In Thy omnipresence Thou seest the sins which we commit.

### TUESDAY IN LENT IV

The Jews, indeed, treated Thee as a mock king, and like a fool, whilst poor mankind in its ignorance hast prepared all these torments for Thee.

Pilate must have witnessed much of this cruelty, as it was inflicted right in his court, with his consent, perhaps even by his orders. What a frightful spectacle it was to look upon this figure of a man, scourged almost beyond recognition, with a crown of thorns on His Head, bound, and a cloak thrown over His shoulders.

### WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV

Pilate thought that this spectacle would render the Jews merciful, that the punishment had been sufficient. So he led Our Lord over an archway and placed Him in full view of the assembled multitude, saying: "Behold the man!" Yes, O Christian heart, look at the Lord exhausted after the scourging, the crown of thorns on His Head, clotted blood in His Face, burning with a fever heat, ready to die from loss of blood. O my Jesus, what sufferings didst Thou not endure to satisfy the cruelty of man! Thou hast become a spectacle before God and the world. But the Jews were hardened. The sight of Christ in this condition did not move them. They cried, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him."

### THURSDAY IN LENT IV

When the Jews demanded the death of Christ so vehemently, Pilate had water brought to him, in which he washed his hands, as a sign that he was innocent of the great crime of

condemning Our Lord to the death of the cross. Still he condemned Him, and wrote the inscription of the cross himself. The Lord was led out to be crucified. St. Catherine of Emmerich saw in a vision the rapture with which Jesus received the cross. That He knelt down and addressed the wood with loving words. It was the consummation of the Lord's desires. His whole aim in life was that He should die on the cross, so now He stretches out His arms to receive that precious burden, the seat of His love, the instrument of His mercy, and the sign of triumph.



### FRIDAY IN LENT IV

#### *THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD*

Dear cross! No longer are you the accursed wood, but the glory of the elect. Cross and altar are now the same thing to us; the altar is our joy and happiness, so also is the cross. The Christian who has no love for the cross is to be pitied. The Lord takes the holy cross on

His shoulders, at the foot of Calvary, and carries it up to the summit. What a journey that was, full of sorrow and pain! He falls several times; He meets His holy Mother on the way and exchanges some words of consolation with her. He meets the weeping women of Jerusalem, and bids them weep over themselves and over their children. Simon the Cyrenean is compelled to help carry the heavy weight of the cross. Veronica, a devout woman, offers a handkerchief, that the Lord may wipe His sacred countenance.



#### SATURDAY IN LENT IV

Two malefactors are also to be crucified with the Savior. He does not despise their company: He wished to be numbered among the most abject of sinners, for He carries in His cross all the sins of mankind. He has to make reparation to the heavenly Father for them all. At this sight let us no longer grumble at our crosses, but let us bear them lovingly and cheerfully.

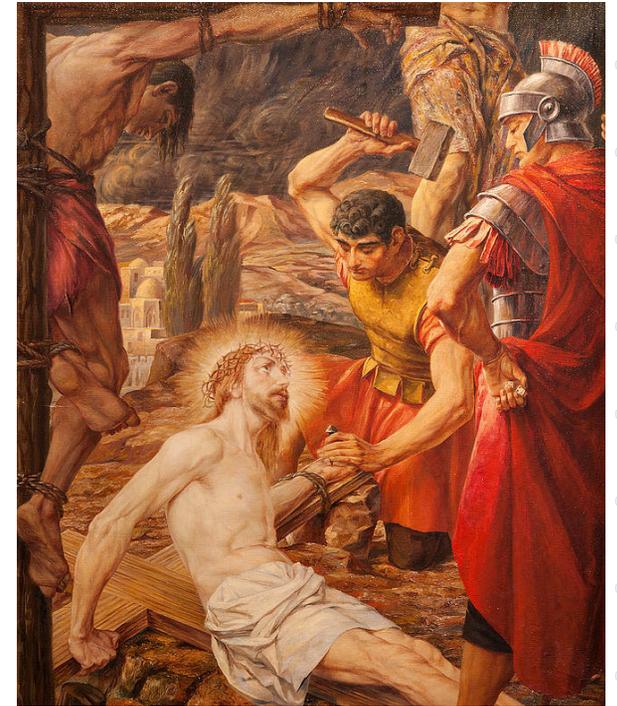
After terrible exertion in consequence of His exhaustion, loss of blood, want of food and rest, Our Lord arrives at the summit of Mount Calvary, called Golgotha, the place of execution, the mount of skulls. Our Lord would have died in consequence of the terrible punishment He had received, only the power of His heavenly Father kept Him alive.

#### PASSION SUNDAY

Arriving on the spot, His clothes are cruelly torn off His sacred Body; the wounds are reopened and bleed afresh. He kneels down, and at the command of His executioners He extends His arms and feet to the places to which they were to be attached. The soldiers take nails and hammers, and drive nails into the palms of His hands, fixing them to the cross; then His feet are nailed also. When all this has been done they raise the cross to an erect position and set it in the ground. Mary the Mother of Jesus is present; she hears the strokes of the hammer—every sound pierces her heart. O Mother of Sorrows! Make me feel the dreadful crucifixion in my soul; divide thy sorrows with me. Mary Magdalen, the penitent woman, hastens to the foot of the cross. St. John, the beloved disciple, is there also.



# The Passion of Our Lord



2022 Lenten

Daily Thoughts and Prayers

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