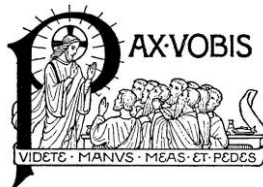


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

April 3, 2016
LOW SUNDAY



¶ QUASIMODO SUNDAY

Today is the Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. The second collection is taken up for the support of our seminary, and the blessing of religious articles is available after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children resume at 10:40 AM. First Vespers of the Annunciation with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE ANNUNCIATION

Tomorrow we keep the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, moved from March 25. This is traditionally a Pro-Life day of prayer. Come to the High Mass at 11:20 AM. Solemn Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed begin at 2:10 PM, concluding with Benediction.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER II

Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM. Devotions with Benediction will be at 5:15 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Second Sunday after Easter, Preface of Easter.

HVAC Fund Report as of 3/27:

Goal: \$11,000

Collected: \$3,133

Needed: \$7,867

Participating: 41 households or young adults. Please do your part.

Lumen Christi

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

Salvation & health for fallen away family
(Claude R. Spelliscy)



BE NOT FAITHLESS, BUT BELIEVING

MY LORD AND MY GOD

I was not there when they first saw the Lord

and did not believe the disciple's word.
"We have seen the Lord," they all said to me,

but it seemed too impossible to be.

He can't be alive because He'd just died.
I'd need to thrust my hands into His side
and put my fingers where the nails had been

before I could believe what they had seen.

But the next time Jesus came I was there
and I saw His wounds and became aware
of Who He really was and why He died.
"My Lord and my God," I fell down and cried.

-Royston Allen

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

In your prayers please remember John Weisman, Nancy Seyfried, the wife of John Seyfried, Gary Amyx, and Trace Gilbert's father.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today, to receive your offerings for the support and sanctification of priests.



JESUS CONFIRMS THOMAS IN FAITH

With Jesus and Thomas we see mercy in action. Thomas was not originally gathered with the other Apostles. Where was he? When his friends tell him they have seen Jesus, he doesn't believe them! He has no reason to doubt his friends' unified witness. His stubbornness and willfulness is unreasonable. Yet Jesus comes and gives him what he asks for, along with a gentle and fatherly reprimand. "Blessed are those who have not seen and believed." Blessed would the people if India (and America!) be, those people who would meet Jesus through the life they saw in Thomas. A life generated, no doubt, by the love and mercy he had seen and touched in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and our God.

Collection Report

Sunday, March 27th.....\$4,066.00
Easter Collection.....\$5,289.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY & THE
RESURRECTION

O most gracious, heavenly Virgin Mary, God in His wisdom and knowledge chose you from among all the lilies in the valley as the loveliest so that you would conceive in your virginal flesh and give life to all earth's needy children.



O Virginal Mother, when the Apostles announced to you the news of your Son's capture, your maternal instincts were moved to heartfelt pity.... When you saw His side pierced with a lance, you were on the point of fainting. Then you became indeed a Mother of all graces for the redemption of the human race.

Therefore, our gracious Advocate, turn your eyes of mercy toward me, and remind your Son of all the sufferings you endured for me, so that for your sake He will teach me to die to everything earthly, make of me a person according to His desires, never turn away from me His gracious countenance, and give me perseverance in His will until death....

Ah, sweetest Virgin, I beg you to inflame my heart with intense love for your Son, and to protect me from temptations, you who are the only refuge of poor sinners....

O brimming fountain of holy joy, sweet and heavenly Virgin, after you had been grievously wounded by the Passion of your Son, you were affectionately gladdened when He appeared to you after His Resurrection....

Therefore, Mother of Mercy,

spread over me your rose-colored mantle, dyed with the Precious Blood of your dear Child. Protect me from all evils of body and soul. Obtain for me the grace to die a holy death in sentiments of right understanding and absolute confidence in God's mercy, so that I may eternally enjoy the vision of your beloved Son seated on the right side of His Father in unending glory.

-Blessed Henry Suso

Bl. Henry Suso († 1366) was a German Dominican priest whose mystical writings focus on divine wisdom and love for Christ's Passion. Also would make a good First Saturday prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD NOT COME
AT EASTER

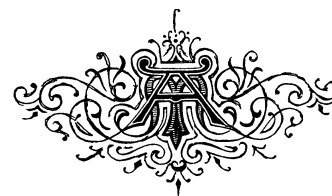
O Lord our God, by the resurrection of Thy Son, Thou hast forever illumined the world. Through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, grant that those who still sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, may be born anew, and that Thy light may shine on them for ever and ever. Amen. Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners, pray for us!



A GOOD SUNDAY PRAYER FOR THE
FAMILY

God, help us get to church today with minimal fuss and fighting, with everyone dressed and ready to pray, with all our bags packed, prepared for anything. And if the kids get fussy and distracted, please let there be a song to soothe them, a colorful window to enchant them, and kind pew mates to accept our flaws.

-Diana Macalintal,
The Work of Your Hands



VIRGIN

As if until that moment
nothing real
had happened since Creation

As if outside the world were
empty
so that she and He were all
there was—He mover, she
moved upon

As if her submission were the
most
dynamic of all works: as if
no one had ever said Yes like that

As if one day the sun had no
place
in all the universe to pour its
gold
but her small room

From *Accompanied By Angels: Poems of the Incarnation* by Luci Shaw



In the Incarnation of the Word is the foundation laid for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In the "fiat" of the Virgin is laid the foundation for the obedient "yes" through which all the redeemed participate in the life, Death, and Resurrection of Him Who is both Son of God and Son of Mary.

We were up early last Sunday for Easter, to sing our Matins at the actual hour of the Resurrection. It is always a peaceful, blissful hour of prayer. But it was so cold that even the birds didn't show up for choir. Oh, one bird tried to send out a tweet at the *Te Deum*, but soon gave up as **Fr. McGuire** resolutely rang the tower bell into the Easter dawn.

I ran into Katie afterwards and she pronounced herself well pleased with Holy Week this year, even though she had caught the virus and her knees had about given out. Everything was indeed beautiful, and so many came to do something, so no one person was burdened with it all, she said. I was happily thinking too of how much thought, planning and practicing is entailed in our Easter/Holy Week observance. Such devotion! And such a good attendance this year. And our visitors. Alleluia.

Later on the day mellowed with spring sunshine, and shone with great crowds of people. By Vespers the birds had returned, and sang with the clergy and the Sisters, with great gusto.

I came across this Bishop's Corner from our first Easter in our new church 11 years ago. It says it all, still today:

In the restful quiet of this Easter Octave, I remember with gratitude the intense efforts of so many who worked so well together to make our first Holy Week in our new church so memorable. May God reward you! the *Novus Ordo* says the people make the church, and while we do not understand this as they do (making it a pretext for stripping and desecralizing the church building), it is true in a sense, and nowhere more true than at St. Gertrude the Great during Holy Week.

Besides being actually *necessary*—no one person or even little group could do it all—this profound popular participation is the secret strength of our church, and always has been. Individuals come and go, but God always provides a good crew, and the beautiful and varied old ceremonies are well and prayerfully performed in our beautiful new church. Alleluia!

It is rare that we have an uninterrupted month to honor the Resurrection of Our Lord. May the truths and consolations of Easter slowly steep into your soul, and fill you with an abiding, serene joy. Remember the Holy Face devotion as well, by which Our Lord promises

to "procure the settlement of all the affairs of our household." Later this month comes St. Joseph's Easter Feast and Novena, and the feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Tomorrow we keep the Annunciation, a traditional day of Adoration and prayer for the pro-life cause. Could you make a visit during the afternoon?

May Mary fill you with Easter joy.

With my blessing,

Bishop Dolan



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



For all our dearly departed
Patton Family

Florence A. Lawrence,
Mark Lawrence, James A. Lawrence
Florence Lawrence



Malia Beckerich
Anonymous

Jim, Tom & Rhonda Peter & Stella Simpson
Simpson family

Patton Family
Anonymous



Jan Pula
Dorian Pula

Marianna Pula
Dorian Pula

Ryszard Smutek
Dorian Pula



†Zuzanna Kuzik
Zenon Kuzik



André LaMothe
David LaMothe

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✠ CALENDAR

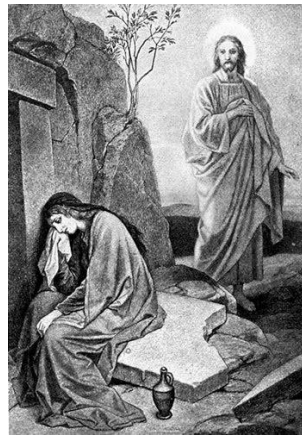
All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at SGGresources.org.

- MON 4/4/16 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**
11:20 AM High Mass Novena IX
2:10 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Solemn Vespers & Benediction
- TUE 4/5/16 ST. VINCENT FERRER, C**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Melissa Kunkel – 3rd death anniversary (Samantha)
11:20 AM High Mass †Margaret M. Richardson (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski family)
5:00 PM Low Mass Nancy Seyfried (JCS)
- WED 4/6/16 FERIAL DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass †David MacDonald – 6th Anniversary April 6 (Tom & Karen Simpson)
11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Low Mass Souls in Purgatory (Trace Gilbert)
- THU 4/7/16 FIRST THURSDAY**
 FERIAL DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention – family (Lina Baneviciute)
11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament For the sanctification of priests (Alter Christus)
5:00 PM Votive Low Mass of Christ the Eternal High Priest †Bishop McKenna
- FRI 4/8/16 FERIAL DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us & for our devoted drivers (The Fathers)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Cross The Brockman Family
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Francis of Paola for Jenny (A.M. Omlor) (from 4/2)
6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
- SAT 4/9/16 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**
 THE HOLY SEPULCHER
7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass Theresa Simpson (Mom & Dad)
8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass In honor of St. Frances of Rome for Pat – Thanksgiving (A.M. Omlor)
- SUN 4/10/16 EASTER II**
7:30 AM Low Mass Gerry Keaveney (Happy Birthday 2-21) (The Wilkers)
9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass Anthony Brockman (Rob & Jane Brockman)
5:15 PM Devotions & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass John & Becky Ellis for their help during my difficult time (Richard Smith)

Mass offered by Bishop Dolan:
 †Dennis Donadio (Rob & Jane Brockman)

AN EASTERTIDE MEDITATION: PROMISE & IMAGE

At the Annunciation the angel came to a Virgin named Mary. The announcement of the Resurrection



came to a very different Mary, the Magdalen woman who had been the dwelling place of seven demons. The number seven connotes completeness, perfection. Mary Magdalen must have been seen as completely lost, perfectly hopeless. But she is chosen to be the herald of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. She is the perfect complement to the sinless Virgin

who received the news of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Virgin Mary witnesses to what we are all promised, Mary Magdalen witnesses that in the face of the Resurrection, there is no such thing as hopelessness: life is stronger than death, the promise is stronger than despair. He is risen! He is risen for Mary Magdalen, or rather, *Saint* Mary Magdalen, the compassionate woman who stood side by side with Mary at the cross! He is risen for Peter, who had betrayed Him but who will lead the Church in its new resurrected life! He is risen for Thomas, who doubted Jesus and his friends, but who would now be a pillar of certainty before the world! He is risen for Mary His Mother and thus for all of us, for she, our Mother, invites us to her risen Son, the promise and image of what we shall be.

-The Magnificat



Masses offered by Fr. Cekada:
 For all faithful departed (Patrick Omlor)
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Servers

MON 4/4 11:20 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, Nicholas McClorey
 MC: T. Simpson TH: J. Simpson ACs: P. Omlor, Peter McClorey
 MITRE: C. Richesson CROZIER: M. Simpson CROSS: P. McConnell TORCH: D. Simpson, A, P, & D. McConnell

SUN 4/10 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: B. Lotarski TH: L. Arlinghaus ACs: S. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor TORCH: C. Richesson, D. & M. Simpson, T. Lawrence
 11:30 AM LOW: N. & N. McClorey
 5:15 PM DEVOTIONS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller