



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 10, 2019 LENT I

¶ INVOCABIT SUNDAY

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. Short Stations are at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ WEEKDAY VESPERS

Weekday Vespers are chanted every school day after Mass at about 12:25, the Church's prayer. Translation provided.

¶ LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Wednesday is the Children's Day of Recollection. The day begins at 9 AM, and closes after 2:45 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Please contact the office if your children are going to attend.

¶ LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with the Blessing of the Sick is every Friday night after Stations. Bring the sick to be blessed, and contact the office with their names, to be mentioned during the novena.

Every Sunday at 11:15 AM, **Short Stations** are on offer. They are very brief, and certainly will not take up too much of your Sunday.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT II

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. After the 11:30 AM Mass, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Program in Helfta Hall: "Shillelaghs and Shamrocks." Plan to come! Early Vespers will be at 1:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Lent II, with collect of St. Patrick. Preface of Lent.



¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Rick Woods, Regina Gilliam, and all the intentions that have been recommended to us, especially Matt Shawhan.

By every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less, according to your fervor.

¶ UPCOMING

Saturday, March 30th: St. Therese Life Changing Day of Recollection, 8:05 AM – 12:45 PM. Mass, Sermon, Conferences, Stations and Benediction.

YAG 2019: July 12-14
Girls Camp: July 17-19
Boys Camp: July 22-24

"He need not fear anything, nor be ashamed of anything, who bears the Sign of the Cross on his brow." – St. Augustine

Collection Report

Sunday, March 3 rd	\$4,768.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,009.00
Bake Sale.....	\$441.75
Alter Christus.....	\$49.00

Every Mass will go with you to Judgment and will plead for pardon for you.

Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection – March 15th

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Soup, Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread.

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

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

Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord Jesus Christ supplies for many of our negligences and omissions.

Card of Thanks



Thanks to the Infant of Prague for granting us a "good snow" last Sunday, which hurt nobody.

Thanks to the Sorrowful Mother for hearing a prayer for healing at the novena.



PRIVATE MASSES:

Bishop Dolan (*Mike Briggs Family*)
Fr. Cekada
Fr. McGuire
Fr. Lehtoranta
Fr. McKenna
Fr. Cekada (*Mike Briggs Family*)

A GOOD LENTEN STARTER THOUGHT: GETTING A GRIP

Like many etymologies, the origin of the English word “fast,” in the sense of voluntarily forgoing food, is quite revealing. The old Germanic root meant to “hold firmly,” as we still today might say, “to hold someone or something fast.” The idea was that through self-control and mastering our appetite we may gain a firm grip on ourselves.

In fact, our desires can send us spinning in every direction. We can even lust after things that are bound to unravel and unmake us, like that one last piece of pizza that we know will burst our belt and make us explode. When we fast we decide to batten down this engine of craving, ever churning at our core, to concentrate all our desires upon the one thing necessary. To fast is to transpose our hunger into a higher, spiritual key.

Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert, teaching that *man does not live by bread alone* (cf. Lk 4:4). When Satan came and tried to turn the Lord’s head with all the enviable goods that wicked spirit could conjure, the demon met a perfectly composed heart, focused on God’s word like a laser beam. May our Lenten fast so stabilize our minds that, hungering only for the Bread come down from heaven, we might see past the devil’s diversions and, with our Savior, bind the strong man fast.

– Rev. A. Giambrone, O.P.



[Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord] forgives you all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. He forgives you all your unknown sins which you never confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished.

DON'T FORGET TO PACK!

My dear brethren,
today we set out on the great Lenten journey. So let us take our food and drink along in our boat, putting onto the chest the abundant mercy we shall need. For our fasting is a hungry one, our fasting is a thirsty one if it isn't sustained by goodness and refreshed by mercy. Our fasting will be cold, our fasting will flag, if the fleece of almsgiving doesn't clothe it, if the garment of compassion does not wrap it around.



Brethren, what spring is for the land, mercy is for fasting—the soft, spring winds cause all the buds on the plains to flower; the mercy of our fast causes all our seeds to grow until they blossom and bear fruit for the heavenly harvest. What oil is to the lamp, goodness is to our fast. As the oil sets the lamp alight and, in spite of so little to feed it, keeps it burning to our comfort all night long, so goodness makes our fasting shine—it casts the beams until it reaches the full brightness of self-restraint. What the sun is to the day, almsgiving is to our fast: the sun's splendor increases the light of day, breaking through the dullness of the clouds; almsgiving together with fasting sanctifies its holiness and, thanks to the light of goodness, dispels from our desires anything that could petrify. In short, what the body is for the soul, generosity acts similarly for the fast: when the soul leaves the body it brings about death; if generosity abandons the fast, it is, its death.

– St. Peter Chrysologus

One Holy Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death.

TEMPTATIONS

Creature comforts
And why not?
All you have to do is
Give up a few rocks
These sun-baked stones
That burn your hands and cut your feet
Could soon become a desert treat!
Stop being so hard on yourself!
Fame
All yours for the taking
All you have to do is
Leave this lonely wilderness
Head right to the center of the noisy crowd
Drop in your branding clear and loud
Start showing what you've got!
Power
Not as easy, but well within your reach
All you have to do is
Want it more than anything
Make it your top priority
Your one and only deity
Instead of your strange, silly God
Of Suffering
Solitude
And Silence

– C. Camden

JESUS SCOURGED

As I stand and gaze at my Jesus
Through the eyes of my heart I can see
The pains which rent His body
All because of me.
Here He stands as He stood after the scourging
Before the throngs that cried for His blood
Now He stands for us all to ponder
And to prove His unfailing love.
In every wound we can see
This indescribable love
But His face speaks loudest to me
I discovered the tears among His blood.

– A parishioner
Lent 2017

Today is the Church's solemn public "everybody come" opening of Lent. But many of you made it Wednesday, out of devotion, for ashes. The many Masses, devotions and ashes certainly gave everyone a chance to receive this precious sacramental, and thus start well this holy forty day fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. The extra Lenten devotions and Stations and Benedictions and recollections are here at church to help you. Come. But also read. Read a book. One good book for Lent. Read the little bits of daily devotional and the Sunday bulletin we send home with you.

But remember we also celebrate together, eat together, get to know each other, in Lent. So, come on Friday evening for all or part, and take part in our Lenten Supper, which is not so penitential after all. St. Patrick calls us next Sunday for a bit of the green in all our purple, in a homage to the Irish of yesteryear, who loved the Faith and suffered for it. But they suffered for love, which meant there was joy and wit and plenty of charm in old Ireland. Come to experience "a wee bit of it" next Sunday afternoon, following the 11:30. If you're a High Mass person (the best ☺☘!) pack a lunch if you'd like for after Catechism and stations, and make a day of it. But do come!

AD Kinnett came an unusual way to Mass last Sunday. He was needing a ride (his mother's been poorly) and remembering his father's heritage of bicycling, he hopped on his bike despite the snow, and rode to church in two hours flat. That's the spirit! God reward such devotion, as our fathers in the Faith used to show.

But the snow last Sunday was a gentle affair all day long, and mostly melted demurely on the streets. We did have a normal Mass attendance. I am grateful. But we are still waiting for Spring. I know that our travelling padres, who have suffered so this Winter, would second this prayer for relief.

The weather did cooperate the other Saturday for our Altar Boy Day. The best ever, **Fr. McGuire** says. MC Richard VandeRyt had one entertaining and improving activity after another to keep our young knights of the altar well occupied as well as well fed, the "fun way." Prizes galore, what's not to like? We started the day with High Mass, and Father gave an *excellent* "altar boy" sermon, memorable and inspiring.

Well, it's the turn for **all of our** St. Gertrude children come Wednesday. Parents, grandparents, make the arrangements, **please**. The children who

miss **are the ones who need it most**. Surely once a year is not *too much*?

We turn to St. Joseph during his month for our families, our children, our church, our all. Visit his beautiful altar frequently this month, and light a candle, and leave a prayer for your own intentions.

Fr. Cekada flies to Florida tomorrow, and the **McFathers** return from the hinterlands for the week and especially the Children's Recollection Day.

Have a *good* first full week of Lent. Feed your soul as you fast in body. Make an extra Mass and... (So much to choose from!)

Take a blessing home with you,

– Bishop Dolan

ASH WEDNESDAY AT MY WINDOW

White flakelets without
Tiepolo sunrise beyond
Pines whose green
Dawns darker black
Ash to be blessed within
A creaky cold Lent begins.

– Bishop Dolan

Pope St. Pius X on Modernists: "Kindness is for fools! They want them to be treated with oil, soap, and caresses, but they ought to be beaten with fists! In a duel you don't count or measure the blows, you strike as you can! War is not made with charity, it is a struggle, a duel. If Our Lord were not terrible He would not have given an example in this too. See how He treated the Philistines, the sowers of error, the wolves in sheep's clothing, the traitors in the temple. He scourged them with whips!"

Our Beloved Dead - March

Name	Date of Death
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 Sandmayr	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

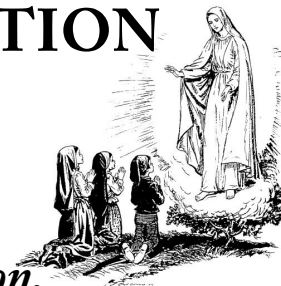
By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord.



CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM



Bring your children to a Lenten Day of Recollection.

*The day consists of spiritual talks, Confessions,
Holy Mass, a hot lunch, Stations, and Benediction.*

The lunch is free, but please contact the office at 513-645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org if your children will be attending, so we know how much to prepare.



Sunday, March 17th:

*St. Patrick's Day Program after the 11:30 AM Mass,
"Shillelaghs and Shamrocks"*



SISTER SUNDAY IS THIS MONTH!

The Sisters' annual fundraiser will take place on March 31st,
Laetare Sunday, in Helfta Hall.

Join us for hot breakfast, silent auctions, craft and
bake sales, a split-the-pot raffle, and fun for everyone.

DON'T MISS IT



Mark your calendars, tell your friends, lend a helping hand!
Donate a few articles for the auction tables, make some desserts, er... sweets,
um... items for the Mid-Lenten-Break Bake sale!

Questions or Donations?

Email: mail@sistersofourladyofreparation.org

VOCATIONS PRAYER TO SAINT
JOSEPH FOR THE MONTH OF
MARCH



O Blessed Saint Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, we pray and we beseech thee to offer to God the Father His divine Son, bathed in blood on the cross

for sinners, and through the thrice holy Name of Jesus, obtain for us an increase in good and holy vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Amid the splendors of eternity, forget not the sorrows of those who weep, that by thy prayers, dear Saint Joseph, and those of thy most holy Spouse, the Heart of Jesus may be moved and thou wilt obtain our requests. Amen.

During Holy Mass you kneel amid a multitude of Holy Angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe.

“We must faithfully keep what we have promised. If through human weakness we fail, we must always without delay arise again by means of holy penance, and give our attention to leading a good life and to dying a holy death. May the Father of all mercy, the Son by His holy Passion and the Holy Spirit, source of peace, sweetness and love, fills us with Their consolation. Amen.”



— St. Colette

Through Holy Mass you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs.

FROM DARK TO LIGHT

Out of the purple night
Cometh the light,
Building a golden way
For a new day.
So when the last dread hour
O'er me shall lower,
Grant that the dark shall be
A way to Thee.

— S.M.R.

By piously hearing Holy Mass you afford the Souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.

Lord God of ages, God of spirits, of holy souls, and of all who invoke Thee in singleness of heart, Thou Who revealest Thyself in heaven to the pure in heart and on earth dwellest in the Catholic Church, Thou Who art served by holy angels and pure souls, and Who from heaven formest a living choir for the praise and glory of truth: grant that this Church of Thine may be a living Church, a Church unspotted full of godly virtues, peopled by ministering angels, worthy to sing Thy praise. We pray Thee for all members of this Church; have mercy upon all, forgive them all, and pardon all their sins; give them grace **never to sin again**; be a tower of strength to them, withstanding all temptation. Have pity on man, woman, and child; reveal Thyself in all; and let knowledge of Thee be written in their hearts, through Jesus Christ Thy only-begotten Son. Through Him be power and glory to Thee in the Holy Ghost, now and evermore, world without end. Amen.



Through Holy Mass you are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass.

“If the Lord should give you power to raise the dead, He would give you much less than He does when He bestows suffering. By miracles you would make yourself a debtor to Him, while by suffering He may become debtor to you. And even if sufferings had no other reward than being able to bear something for that God who loves you, is not this a great reward and sufficient remuneration? Whoever loves understands what I say.”

— St. John Chrysostom

Every time you assist at Holy Mass, besides other intentions, you should offer it in honor of the Saint of the day.

Lord, hear and heed the voice of Thy suppliant Church. Like a vine tended by Thy Son's vinedressers, she strives to root herself firmly in Thee, so that, sheltered from the storms of this world and enriched by increase of offspring, she may triumph in the abundance of her fruit.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/11/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Special Intention (<i>L. Maki</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass	†Richard Smith (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/12/19	ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	Joshua Gunsher & Family – In Gratitude (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Private Intention (<i>Hai Yuaan</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Conversion of sinners (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	For the Poor Souls (<i>St. Anthony</i>)
WED	3/13/19	EMBER WEDNESDAY	FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE
		CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION	
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	Bill Young & Family – In Gratitude (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Our Priests at St. Gertrude (<i>Mary Lacy & family</i>)
	9:00 AM	Opening Talk	
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Special Intention (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	2:45 PM	Stations & Benediction	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	†Richard Smith (<i>Barbara O'Connor</i>)
THU	3/14/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	Poor Souls (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Margaret L. Soli (<i>Jim Soli</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass	Purgatorial Society
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	3/15/19	EMBER FRIDAY	FAST
		ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C • THE LANCE AND NAILS	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Maureen Teresa Bergin (nee Hopkins) (<i>Tim Hopkins</i>)
	11:05 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Poor Souls (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	In Reparation for Our Offenses to the Holy Eucharist (<i>Carol M. Niehaus</i>)
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena V, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
SAT	3/16/19	EMBER SATURDAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	Relief of the Holy Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James Kolenich & Family</i>)
	8:20 AM	Ave & Sermon	
	8:30 AM	(approx.) High Mass	†Mr. & †Mrs. Richard Smith (<i>Simpson family</i>)
SUN	3/17/19	LENT II • ST. PATRICK, BPC	
		ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	Special Intention (<i>Audrey Dunaway</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass	In Honor of St. Bridget of Ireland (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James Kolenich</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes	

✠ MY CREED

After this, follows another subject: *Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam*. Observe, we do not say: I believe *in* the Church; we simply say, I believe the Church. Why is this? Because the faith which has God for its immediate object, is a movement of our soul towards God; she goes forth towards Him, and rests in Him; and thus, we believe IN GOD. But, as regards created and intermediate things which concern God, which help us to go to God, but are not God Himself,—we simply believe them. Thus, for example, we believe the holy Church, which was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ, and in whose bosom alone is there to be found salvation: I believe the Church; *Credo Ecclesiam*. In this Symbol, which is said in the Mass, this article of our faith is more fully expressed than in the Apostle's Creed, where we are taught to say simply: *I believe the holy Catholic Church*.

– Dom Gueranger

ON EVOLUTION

Intelligent design. Quite a few prominent atheistic scientists have come to assert something called intelligent design. They feel comfortable in this assertion since—they think—it preserves their atheism but at the same time preserves them from the absurdities which I have described.

Intelligent design, however is a logical rocket ship which goes straight up to an Infinite Supreme Being, who has no beginning and no end, and who is Subsistent Being itself. For the obvious question is: *Who designed the designer?* This question is relentless in its demands. Nor can it be satisfied by saying there is an infinite series of designers. For again *from nothing, nothing comes*. An infinite number of falling dominoes, for example, does not explain their movement. Someone had to push the first domino.

In other words, the existence of our finite world, which can so easily perish, requires the existence of a Being who is Being itself, Being by His very nature, who can never lose being, and who always possessed it, and who therefore had no beginning and will have no end.

– Bishop Sanborn

Servers

SUN 3/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lacy TH: P. Omlor ACs: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. McClorey, T. England, J. Stewart, B. Kamphaus
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross
11:30 AM Low Mass †Richard Smith R.I.P. (*Gerard Keaveney*)
12:45 PM Shillelachs & Shamrocks: St. Patrick's Day Program
1:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

MY LENT A MASS

MEDITATION ON THE MASS THIS LENT

MONDAY IN LENT I

At the Kyrie Eleison

Reflect on the threefold denial of Peter, who did not repent until the Lord looked upon him. – Luke xxii. 61. How often art thou ashamed of thy Lord Jesus, and deniest Him before men? When wilt thou repent and return to Him with contrition? “I have sinned against the Lord.” – 2 Kings xii. 13.



O Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst submit to be thrice denied in the house of Caiphas, by the head and prince of the Apostles, preserve me from the danger of evil company, that I may not be exposed to the misfortune of separation from Thee. “Cast me not away from Thy Face.” – Ps. i. 13.

Resolve. To deny your own will.

Pray. O my Jesus, like a lamb Thou didst not open Thy mouth.

“Look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me.” – Ps. xxiv. 16.

TUESDAY IN LENT I

At the Kyrie

The disciples had said: “Let us go and die with Him,” but no sooner does the hour of trial arrive than all take flight. Peter, who has not “watched,” who has not “prayed,” who followed his Master “afar off,” exposes himself, nevertheless, to temptation; and Peter, who has promised to “die” with Jesus rather than “forsake Him,” swears, at the voice of a servant, that “he knows not the Man.” And this apostasy he thrice reiterates.

My God! I can only weep...How often, notwithstanding my protestations and solemn declara-

tions of Christian fidelity, how often have I succumbed to a far slighter temptation than that which overthrew the pillar of the Church! O Jesus, show Thy mercy, Thy “seventy times seven times” mercy, in behalf of my weakness, and by the virtue of Thy Blood, strengthen me against future trials.



Lord Jesus Christ! Who by one glance of love didst melt the heart of St. Peter into a fountain of penitential tears, grant, by Thy mercy, that I may weep for my sins, and never by word or deed deny Thee, Who art my Lord and my God.

Resolve. Perform at least once the good resolved upon or commanded.

Pray. Thou, O God, art my strength; in Thee I can do all things.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT I

At the Gloria

Think of the exultation of the Jews at the mocking and sufferings of Christ. And art not thou as one of them, if thou takest pleasure in wicked things? “What shall we answer...or what shall we



say?...God hath found out the iniquity of [His] servants.” – Gen. xliv. 16.

Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst submit to be bound with ropes by the hands of wicked men, break, I beseech Thee, the chains of my sins, and attach the powers of my soul and body so closely to Thee by the bonds of charity, that they may never escape from the salutary restraint of perfect submission to Thy divine will. “Convert us, O God, Our Savior: and turn off Thy anger from us.” – Ps. lxxxiv. 5.

Resolve. Not to excuse ourselves, when, though innocent, we are blamed or punished.

Pray. O Lord, I am only what I am before Thee, neither better nor worse.

“I will be glad and rejoice in Thee.” – Ps. ix. 3.

THURSDAY IN LENT I

At the Collect, Epistle, and Gradual



Think of all the accusations, mockeries, blows, and spittings, which Christ endured in the houses of Annas and Caiphas. – John xviii. 22. Christ was silent as a lamb before His shearers; but how easily art thou made angry, and reproachest thine accusers! “Where is thy fear, thy fortitude, thy patience?” – Job iv. 6.

Lord Jesus Christ! Who wast conducted as a criminal to the house of Annas, grant that I may never suffer myself to be led into sin by the temptations of the evil spirit, or the evil suggestions of my fellow-creatures, but that I may be securely guided by Thy divine spirit in the perfect accomplishment of Thy holy ordinances. “Thou art my patience, O Lord.” – Ps. lxx. 5.

Resolve. To complain of no one.

Pray. Behold me, O Lord, have mercy on me.

“Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and a door round about my lips. Incline not my heart to evil words.” – Ps. cxl. 3, 4.

FRIDAY IN LENT I

THE LANCE AND NAILS

The priest reads the Prayers

Jesus is led before the Tribunal. O Divine Victim! what a series of outrages Thou hadst to endure in the houses of Annas, Ciaphas, Pi-



late, and Herod! Jeers, blows, spittings—every means was employed to overwhelm Thee with opprobrium. Yet Thy Heart remained calm, and Thy lips uttered no complaint; for, as we read in the Gospel, “Jesus was silent.” Deign, O Savior, to apply to my soul the merits of that silence which is more eloquent than words, and give me grace to imitate it when the cup of humiliation is presented to me.

Lord Jesus Christ! Who wast pleased to be led before Pilate, and there falsely accused, teach me to avoid the deceits of the wicked, and to profess my faith by the constant practice of good works.

Resolve. To mortify ourselves on all occasions without attracting observation.

Pray. O my Jesus, Thou canst now say, I am a worm, and not a man.

SATURDAY IN LENT I

At the Gospel



“Direct my steps according to Thy word: and let no iniquity have dominion over me.” – Ps. cxviii. 133. Meditate how Christ was hurried from Caiphas to Pilate, questioned concerning His teaching, and rebuked. – John xviii. Dost thou value the precious doctrine of Jesus? Dost thou receive it carefully thyself, and hand it on to others? “Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths.” – Ps. cxviii. 105.

Resolve. To address our neighbor in a friendly manner.

Pray. O Lord, I offer myself to Thee as a constant holocaust of Thy love.

“I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.” – Ps. i. 15.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

At the Credo

Meditate upon Christ sent by Pilate to Herod, and by him sent back again to Pilate (when he obtained not the signs he expected to see), clothed in a white garment, as a silly person not worthy of credit. – Luke xxiii. Art thou among those who, before they will believe, demand of Christ that they may see a sign? “Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed.” – John xx. 29.

Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst submit to be sent as a fool by Herod to Pilate, who though enemies before, then became friends, strengthen me so powerfully by Thy grace, that instead of apprehending the machinations of the wicked, I may learn to bear their malice as Thou didst, and thus render their injustice profitable to my soul. “I do believe, Lord: help my unbelief.” – Mark ix. 23.

Resolve. Neither do nor neglect anything good out of human respect.

Pray. O my Jesus, the more Thou allowest Thyself to be despised the more I love Thee.

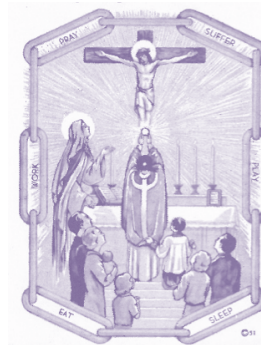
“I live in the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and delivered Himself for me.” – Gal. ix. 20.



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HOLY MASS

IN UNION WITH OUR LORD'S PASSION



THE VISION OF ST. COLLETTE

One day, when St. Collette was hearing the Mass of her confessor, she suddenly exclaimed at the Elevation: “My God! O Jesus! O ye Angels and Saints! O ye men and sinners, behold the great marvels!” After the Mass her confessor asked her why she had wept so bitterly and uttered such pitiable cries.

“When Your Reverence was raising the Sacred Host, I saw Our Lord Jesus Christ as if hanging on the cross, shedding His Blood, and praying to His heavenly Father in most lamentable accents: ‘Behold, O My Father, in what condition I was once hanging on the cross and suffering for the redemption of the world. Behold My wounds, My sufferings, My death; I have suffered all this in order that poor sinners might not be lost. But now Thou wilt send them to Hell for their sins. What good, then, will result from My sufferings and cruel death? Those damned souls, when in Hell, instead of thanking Me for My passion, will only curse Me for it; but should they be saved, they would bless Me for all eternity. I beseech Thee, My Father, to spare poor sinners and to forgive them from being damned forever.’”

– Fr. Michael Muller, CSSR

The Blessed Eucharist, Our Greatest Treasure