

# 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 24, 2019**

**LENT III**

**ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL**



## ¶ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. Short Stations are at 11:15 AM. First Vespers of the Annunciation followed by Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ MONDAY: THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LADY

The great feast of the Incarnation, a traditional day of prayer for the pro-life cause and against abortion (and now, infanticide) is tomorrow. Low Masses are at 8 AM and 5 PM, and High Mass at 11:25 AM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 1:30 PM, followed by Vespers and Benediction. Could you help us pray for this cause and honor the Blessed Virgin by coming to Mass or Benediction?



## ¶ MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

This Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, is the St. Therese Life-Changing Morning of Recollection. The morning begins with Mass and sermon at 8:20 AM. Closing Stations and Benediction are at 12:15.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT IV / LAETARE

Next Sunday is **Sister Sunday**! Come back to Helfta Hall after the morning Masses to participate in the craft and bake sale, the silent auction, and the Split-the-Pot (drawing at 1:30 PM). Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. There will be no Vespers.



## *Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection March 29th*

**5:45 PM:** Low Mass

**6:45 PM:** Lenten Supper: Veggie Chili, Cornbread

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

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

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Lent IV, with a second collect of Our Lady and All the Saints, third Against the Persecutors. Preface of Lent.

## ¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Fr. Collins, Gary Amyx, Becky Richesson, Les Pomerville, Ron Boehm, Mary Jane Popp, and good health for your clergy.

## Collection Report

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> .....\$3,858.00  
Thank you for your generosity

## ¶ LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHTS

**Volunteer cooks needed for April 5th.**

**Not a Cook?** We need help with clean up for our Friday night dinners. Please sign up to clean up one Friday or just be helpful if you are there for Stations and Devotions. We need dishes washed, tables wiped down, floors swept, and trash removed. God bless you for your efforts.

## ¶ LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**Children's Stations** are every **Wednesday at 3 PM**, followed by Holy Communion.

The **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with the Blessing of the Sick is every **Friday night after Stations**. Benediction and Holy Communion follow. 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.

## ¶ UPCOMING

**YAG 2019:** July 12-14

**Girls Camp:** July 17-19

**Boys Camp:** July 22-24

☞ *A thought cannot render us guilty so long as we do not consent to it. It is not in having temptations, but in allowing ourselves to be carried away by them, that we incur guilt. – St. Bernard*

☞ *Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. (300 days) ☞*

## JESUS CONQUERS SATAN

A man's triumph over another is complete when he conquers him not only in the open field, but attacks him in his stronghold and deprives him of his kingdom and even of his dwelling place. Now, Christ had triumphed over the devil and had conquered him on the cross. Thus He said: *Now is the judgment of the world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out* (Jn 12:31).

And, therefore, that His victory might be complete, it was His will to deprive the devil of his throne and imprison him in his own house, which is hell. For this reason He descended into hell, deprived the devil of his own, bound him, and carried off his spoils: *Despoiling the principalities and powers, He hath exposed them confidently, openly triumphing over them in Himself* (Col 2:15).

Moreover, since Christ has been given power and possession in heaven and on earth, He wished to take possession of hell, so that, to quote the Apostle, *In the name of Jesus every knee should bow of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth* (Phil 2:10).

No matter how great a man's afflictions may be, he should always hope in God's assistance and trust in Him.... So if Christ freed those who were in hell, anyone—provided he is a friend of God—should be confident that God will deliver him from his straits whatever they are.... And seeing that God gives special assistance to His servants, anyone who serves God should be full of confidence: *He that feareth the Lord shall tremble at nothing; he shall not be afraid, for He is his hope* (Sir 34:14).

— St. Thomas Aquinas



St. Thomas Aquinas († 1274), a Dominican, remains one of the Church's premier Doctors, or great teachers.



## PERSECUTION OF THE ANTICHRIST

It may not be a persecution of blood and death, but of craft and subtility—not of miracles but of natural wonders and marvels of human skill, human acquirements in the hands of the devil. Satan may adopt the more alarming weapons of deceit—he may seduce us in little things, move the Church, not all at once, but little by little from her true position. He has had much success in this tactic in the last centuries. He has moved every part of the Church away from the truth of Christ, from the old faith upon which it was built. It is Satan's policy to split us and divide us, to dislodge us gradually from the rock of strength. When he has divided the whole of Christendom, the final persecution may come. *When we are full of schism and heresy, what better time for the appearance of Antichrist?* When Christians have flung themselves into the arms of the world, Christ's enemy, when they depend for their protection on the world and have surrendered their independence, honor and strength to its approval, then will the **Antichrist** burst upon them in fury, then will the idolatrous nations open the floodgates of wickedness and overrun the Church and the world with the hatred and cruelty that is let loose from the abyss of hell. Then will Satan and the **Antichrist** have their hour, their last hour of darkness upon the earth. For they and their wicked followers will suddenly disappear into the never-ending darkness of eternal perdition.

— Cardinal Newman

Mass sent to the Missions:  
†P. Dunaway (A. Dunaway)

Mass said privately on 3/20/19:  
Dolores Ferrer (Tobias Bayer)

## SPRING OFFENSIVE – 1940

RUSSIA VS. FINLAND

Why must the Spring come hither  
where the white  
And deathly silence of the Winter  
lingers?  
Must it advance with stout and busy  
fingers  
Kneading the earth to softness and  
delight?  
Should it report with quick ecstatic  
breathing  
To endless ranks of regimental pines  
Rumors of insubordination seething  
In the soft sunshine, just behind the  
lines?  
Were it not wiser that the season dal-  
ly,  
Stifle its passion, abdicate its hour,  
Lest in the fields where hate and fury  
rally  
Crosses invade where crocuses should  
flower?  
Were it not better, numbed with cold  
to lie  
Than stir a moment in the sun, and  
die?

— E. Poteat

This poem also makes me think of the Iraq war launched 16 years ago last Wednesday, Purim. Just change white snow to white sand. This invasion drove out the Christians, and set up ISIS.



## LIFE AND LENT

Even if life were—as surely 'tis not—  
Just a long Lent, with of joy ne'er a  
jot,  
Still 'twould be wisdom to welcome  
the gloom,  
Presage of bliss from the Eastertide  
tomb.

— A.B.O'N., C.S.C.

Sure, 'twas a grand St. Patrick's Day! Fr. McKenna remarked that there is always something special about March 17, but this year it seemed especially so; in church and outside: the beautifully decorated shrine, the shamrocks, the beloved minor key hymns... And then Helfta Hall made Irish for the day, all in green, even the donuts, and shamrocks galore, each preaching the Blessed Trinity. The welcoming hall was packed for between the Masses and for the ever so charming school program "Shillelaghs and Shamrocks," with one beautiful tune after another, so touchingly sung by the children. Some of us were able to stay to thank God for the day by singing the Vespers, but it was not over yet. An excellent attendance of late for the 5:45 permitted more souls to hear the "Mass of the Irish." It was this Mass, *our* Mass, for which the children of St. Patrick suffered for four long centuries, and which sustained them when reduced to serfdom and virtual slavery.

Only two days later came good St. Joseph, great St. Joseph. His altar has been gleaming golden with Spring flowers all March. Illness prevented a Solemn High Mass, however the surviving Fathers ably assisted me at the altar. But they were not the only ones. Fully 1/3 of our parish made it to Mass, ably assisting the priest at the "miracle of the altar," thus honoring the "Father and Guardian of Jesus," great St. Joseph. What a wonderful act of devotion. Surely Heaven heard.

They say the best Lent is made up of the sacrifices God sends to us, not those of our own choosing. In that case, I think we're all having an excellent Lent, for the Lord is both giving and taking away.

In addition to the ever difficult weather, Winter into Spring, and maybe as its byproduct, God has sent us cold, allergies, sore throats and bronchitis and that vague "something going around." Blessed be God.

But the "take aways" stand out this Lent. We have lost (in no particular order) voices, heating in the school, and the church bell. Oh, and I lost my cat, Caravaggio, and part of a front tooth. The voices are returning, and the school heat seems to be working again, after another cold few days. But the cat I fear is gone for good, and our church bell remains a mystery. The French used to tell their children the bells went to Rome on Holy Thursday, to return on Holy Saturday, but it's too early for that. It seems the mounting of the bell was damaged during the installation of the new H/Vac unit on the church roof, and then the whole apparatus was destroyed, pending perhaps some

potential future roof repair. Or not. Please pray with me to St. Agatha for its restoration.

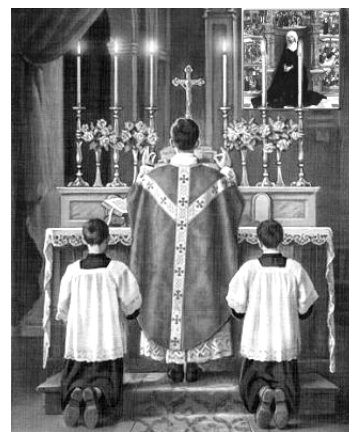
In the meantime I had a bad fall the other day in the parking lot as I was saying my Rosary. Deep in thought, I walked off the asphalt! I lost some tooth in the process, and gained a bruise or two. But the dentist kindly patched my teeth, and removed some asphalt, which had decided to adhere. The rest of me will heal in due time. God's Holy Will.

Well, those are the ups and downs of a week at St. Gertrude the Great. Our Lenten Masses and devotions continue strong, and I hope you do as well! Remember our **Morning** of Recollection next Saturday, and the Sisters on Sunday.

Tomorrow is the third and last of our great Lenten feasts, the Annunciation. A special Mass will be sung, and Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Can you help us pray? Since the Democrats and State Legislatures are so intent on slaying now even babies after birth, we can only cry out all the more fervently for a good and just God to spare them, and us. You know now that the Holy Eucharist, atoning Sacrifice and abiding Sacrament, is the infinitely powerful way to do this. It is our bounden duty.

May the Mass, "God's Gift, Man's Duty and Satan's Theft" be foremost in your thoughts and prayers this Lent. I send a blessing home with you.

— Bishop Dolan



## EDUCATION

Satan knows well that if he can separate religion from instruction, he has cut through the roots of the Christian civilization of the world. For that reason all the art, all the wiles, all the frauds, all the false politics of our day are directed to what is called secular education, national education, imperial education—anything you like, only not Christian education.

— Cardinal Manning





***“LISTEN UP FOLKS!”***  
***“SISTER SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK;  
BRING YOUR APPETITE,  
YOUR ENTHUSIASM, AND  
YOUR FAVORITE CREDIT CARD.”***

***“GET YOUR SPLIT-THE-POT  
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**GOD *LOVES* ME! HE REALLY DOES  
LITTLE FLOWER  
LIFE CHANGING MORNING OF RECOLLECTION  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

**8:20 AM: Mass & Sermon**, followed  
by quiet breakfast (rolls and coffee provided).

During the morning there will be  
two spiritual talks on the teaching  
of St. Therese.

We conclude with Stations and Benediction.

*(The day will be over by about 12:45.)*



### JOSÉ SÁNCHEZ DEL RÍO († 1928)

From 1926 to 1929, the long-oppressed Mexican Catholics took up arms against their government. The Cristeros were named from their distinctive cry, *Viva Cristo Rey!* "Long live Christ the King!" Fourteen-year-old José Sánchez del Río begged his mother to be able to join them: "Mama, do not let me lose the opportunity to gain heaven so easily and so soon." She finally relented.

José became a flag-bearer. In June, 1928, he was captured in the midst of a battle and imprisoned in the nearby sacristy of a church. He spent his days praying the rosary and wrote a heartfelt letter to his family. At one point, the soldiers forced José to watch the execution of a fellow Cristero. José told the prisoner, "You will be in heaven before me. Prepare a place for me. Tell Christ the King I shall be with Him soon."

On the night of February 10, soldiers cut off the bottoms of José's feet and ordered him to march. They drove him forward with strokes from their bayonets; a trail of bloody footprints marked his progress. When he reached the cemetery, José was given one last chance to save himself by declaring "Death to Christ the King." "I will never give in," he responded, "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" As the soldiers pierced him repeatedly, José traced a cross in the ground, knelt, and kissed it. The commander then shot him to death.



### THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2019

Please note these important dates:

#### First Confessions & Testing:

**Saturday, April 27th.**

*(Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed before the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)*

#### Children's Day of Recollection:

**Thursday, June 6th.**

#### Confirmations: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 8th.

#### First Holy Communion: Pentecost Sunday, June 9th.

#### Please note the following:

If your child was **not** baptized at St. Gertrude the Great, the baptismal certificate must be submitted to the church office by **Saturday, March 30th.** *If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 27th.*

Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Catechism Class) **every Sunday**, not once or twice a month as sports or Sunday activities permit, in order to receive the Sacraments.

**No child will be tested** without his Baptismal Certificate and form filled out.

Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.



*Education begins at the mother's knee, and every word spoken in the hearing of children tends to the formation of character.* - Patton

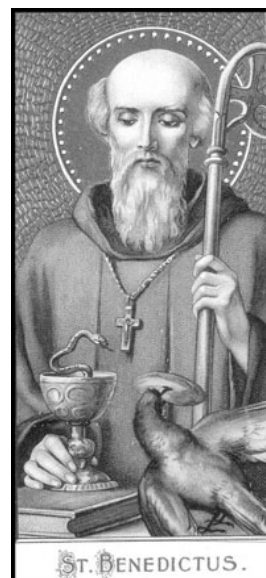
### PRAYER TO SAINT BENEDICT FOR A HAPPY DEATH

*Once St. Gertrude reminded St. Benedict of his death. Radiant with splendor, the great patriarch then appeared to her and promised: "Whoever reminds me of the extraordinary privilege with which God deigned to glorify my last moments, shall experience my particular assistance in his final combat. I will be a faithful protector against the assaults of the enemy. Fortified by my presence, he will escape the snares of the evil one and safely attain eternal happiness."*

O holy Father, St. Benedict, blessed by God both in grace and in name, who, whilst standing in prayer, with hands raised to heaven, didst most happily yield thy angelic spirit into the hands of thy Creator, and hast promised zealously to defend against all the snares of the enemy in the last struggle of death, those who shall daily remind thee of thy glorious departure and thy heavenly joys; protect me, I beseech thee, O glorious father, this day and every day, by thy holy blessings, that I may never be separated from our dear Lord, from the society of thyself, and of all the blessed. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*"To put one's hope in God, and never to despair of God's mercy."*

— The Holy Rule of St. Benedict



## ✠ CALENDAR

## ✠ OUR CREED

MON	3/25/19	THE ANNUNCIATION	FAST
		PROLIFE DAY OF PRAYER	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Special Intention ( <i>Hai Yuaan</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Prolife Cause
	1:30 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		Vespers & Benediction	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Holy Souls ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
TUE	3/26/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Margie Soli – birthday remembrance ( <i>Jim Soli</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	†Mary Rose Peter – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Simpson family</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Special Intention – Deceased cousin ( <i>Carolyn McClorey</i> )
WED	3/27/19	ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, CD	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	Happy Birthday Vinny ( <i>John Brueggemann</i> )
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Henry Sieverding ( <i>Mike Sieverding</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Holy Souls ( <i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations, Holy Communion	
THU	3/28/19	ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN, C	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	Repose of the soul of †Brad Leininger ( <i>Bob &amp; Becky Uhlenbrock</i> )
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	In honor of Our Lady & for the Poor Souls – special intention – petition ( <i>TRCS</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Special Intention ( <i>Paul Puglielli</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	3/29/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
		THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Holy Souls – Thank You ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
	11:05 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass	Angel Garrison ( <i>Lotarski Family</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	Matt Shawhan & family ( <i>JC Simpson</i> )
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VII, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
SAT	3/30/19	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	†Margaret L. Soli – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Jim Soli</i> )
	8:10 AM	Ave & Devotions	
	8:20 AM	Morning of Recollection: High Mass & Sermon	
		Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Annie Young</i> )	
		Spiritual Conferences during the morning	
	12:15 PM	Closing Stations of the Cross, Benediction	
SUN	3/31/19	LENT IV • SISTER SUNDAY	
		LAETARE SUNDAY	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	Special Intention (AV) ( <i>Kuebler/Volz</i> )
	9:00 AM	High Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes	

We declare then, first of all, that the Church is one: *Credo unam Ecclesiam*. In the Canticle of Canticles, we have Our Lord Himself calling her: *My ONE*;—ONE is *My Dove*, *My perfect one* is but ONE (Cantic. vi. 8). — She is, moreover, Holy: *Credo SANCTAM Ecclesiam*. We hear the divine Spouse again saying in the same Canticle: *My Love, My Dove, My Beautiful one*,....there is not a spot in thee (Ibid. ii. 10; iv. 7). Writing to the Ephesians, St. Paul likewise says, that the Church which Our Lord presented unto Himself, is a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle (Eph. v. 27); therefore, the Church of Christ is Holy, there are no Holy ones, no Saints, but within her, and there are *always* Holy ones, Saints, within her. Moreover, being Holy, she cannot teach aught but the truth.—The Church is Catholic: *Credo Ecclesiam Catholicam*; that means, she is universal, because she is spread throughout the whole earth, and because she will continue to exist to the end of time; now both of these are included in the quality of catholicity.

— Dom Gueranger

*St. Catherine of Siena wrote this to encourage her followers:*

“Get rid of all petty resentment, and trust more in others than in yourself. And should the devil still try to trouble your conscience, tell him to deal with *me*—about this and about everything else—for a mother is accountable for her son!

“So that is how zealous I want you to be! For nothing, no situation, is so hard that charity cannot break through it, even as it makes you stronger...

“Keep living in God’s holy peace and love.”



### Servers

MON 3/25	11:25 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: P. McClorey ACs: D. McConnell, M. Simpson CROSS: A. McConnell MITRE: S. Richesson CROZIER: D. Simpson TORCH: A. McClorey, B. Kamphaus, A. McConnell, D. Simpson
SUN 3/31	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. & N. Kolenich, J. Stewart, T. England 11:30 AM LOW: P. & Na. McClorey 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross

11:30 AM Low Mass †Richard Smith (*JCS*)

5:45 PM Low Mass Paul & family (*Diane Puglielli*)

# MY LENT A MASS

## MEDITATION ON THE MASS THIS LENT

### MONDAY IN LENT III

#### *At the Preface.*



Reflect that the very same Jews who, five days before, saluted Christ with hosannas, now cry out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." – *John xix. 6.* Art thou guilty of similar inconstancy? "Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths; that my footsteps be not moved." – *Ps. xvi. 5.*

#### *At the Preface.*

*Jesus is condemned to death.* Lord Jesus Christ! Who though the God of all sanctity, didst submit, through love for me, to a most ignominious condemnation, grant me grace to avoid rash judgments, and strengthen me to bear with patience the injustice of men. "Strengthen Thou me in Thy words." – *Ps. cxviii. 28.*

"Thy hand [shall] lead me: and Thy right hand shall hold me." – *Ps. cxxxviii. 10.*

**Resolve.** In honor of Jesus carrying His cross, to assist others in their hard work.

**Pray.** My Lord, grant me the grace to suffer something for Thy sake.

### TUESDAY IN LENT III

#### *At the Preface.*

*Jesus our Victim.* Lift up your hearts! Let us raise our minds and hearts, and so penetrate into the soul of our Redeemer. Knowing that the hour for His departure out of this world is at



hand, He renews the offering of Himself which He made at His birth: "Behold, I come." It is true then, my Father, that the blood of the holocausts for sin does not please Thee. Thy justice calls for mine. Behold me, Thy Victim. Divine Jesus! Grant that I may acknowledge the mystery of Thy love by a generous devotedness to the interests of Thy Blood in souls, and by offering it my ceaseless thanksgiving. It is truly meet, just and salutary to render Thee an unceasing tribute of gratitude and love.

**Resolve.** To practice some devotion in honor of the Mother of God, and to console the afflicted.

**Pray.** O dearest Mother, assist me in every trial, anguish, and want.

### WEDNESDAY IN LENT III

#### *At the Canon.*

Meditate upon Jesus bearing His own cross as He went up to Calvary. – *John xix. 17.* Dost thou not hear the voice of Christ? "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." – *Matt. xvi. 24.*



*Jesus Carries His Cross.* Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst carry Thy heavy cross for my salvation, grant that I may voluntarily embrace the cross of mortification, and carry it daily for Thy love. "Draw me: we will run after Thee to the odor of Thy ointments." – *Cant. i. 3.*

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ." – *Gal. vi. 14.*

"Let us go forth therefore to Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." – *Heb. xiii. 13.*

**Resolve.** Not to eat out of meal-time, not to sit down without necessity, if fatigued.

**Pray.** O my Jesus, for Thy sake change for me all earthly sweetness into bitterness.

### THURSDAY IN LENT III

#### *At the Sanctus.*

*The holy women and Veronica.* Consider that you have a double cause to weep—both for Jesus who suffers so much for you, and for yourself who ungratefully offends Him so often. How can you remain unmoved at the sight of such suffering?



*Veronica wipes with a linen cloth the Face of Jesus.* Lord Jesus Christ! Who on Thy way to Calvary, didst say to the holy women that wept for the love of Thee, "Weep not for me, but for yourselves;" give me the grace to weep for my sins with tears of holy contrition and love that will render me agreeable to Thy divine Majesty.

**Resolve.** To suffer patiently the inclemencies of the weather.

**Pray.** Forgive me, O my Savior, for having so delicately treated my body.

### FRIDAY IN LENT III

#### THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS

#### *At the Te Igitur and Communicantes.*

*Jesus is stripped.* O Holy of Holies, before fastening Thee to the wood of sacrifice, the executioners tear Thy garments from Thee. What a terrible humiliation! What a cruel outrage to be offered to the Son of the Virgin! And yet, alas! It must needs be endured that the world may know





that it has lost the robe of innocence; that we all need Christ's merits wherewith to cover, as with a garment, our spiritual nakedness.

**Resolve.** Not to lean against anything when

seated, or—when not observed—to pray with outstretched arms.

**Pray.** O Lord, suffer not Thy great pains to be in vain for me.

## SATURDAY IN LENT III

### *At the Memento for the Living.*

*The soldiers divide Our Lord's garments.* By the Blood which gushed from Thy innumerable wounds, re-opened by the brutality of the soldiers, beautify my soul with Thy merits. Blood of Jesus, sole hope of the



Christian, cover us all with Thy regenerating virtue; especially do Thou clothe therewith those poor souls who shall, this day, ask of Thee the vestment of glory and immortality. Apply Thy infinite merits likewise to my relatives, brethren, benefactors, friends and enemies: and be Thou their portion much better than Thy garments were the portion of the decide soldiery.

**Resolve.** Most willingly to return good for injuries received.

**Pray.** O Lord, how much more hast Thou forgiven me, than I have forgiven my neighbor!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### *A Memento Prayer*

Remember, O Lord, in Thy mercy, all those for whom I am bound to pray in justice and charity. I beseech Thee to bless my family and my relations that we may be united much more strongly by the bonds of grace than by those of blood; my friends, that Thou mayest be the bond and center of our friendship; my benefactors, beseeching Thee to render them a hundredfold the good which I have received; and the vengeance which I request for my enemies is, that Thou wouldst visit them with Thy graces. I pray to Thee also, in a particular manner, O my God, for the Church, my tender mother, and all the clergy. Shed over all Thy abundant benedictions; give to all of us hearts according to Thy Heart, uniting us all in the same holy fellowship.

Heart of Jesus, praying and suffering, I adore Thee, and beseech Thee to unite my prayers with Thine.

Heart of Jesus, lamenting and agonizing, I adore Thee, and beseech Thee to fill my heart with sorrow for my sins.

Heart of Jesus, offering Thyself in sacrifice to the eternal Father, I adore Thee, and beseech Thee to offer me in sacrifice with Thyself.

**Resolve.** Not to drink out of meals.

**Pray.** May the Blood of Jesus Christ be given me to drink and to cleanse me from my sins.



# HOLY MASS

## IN UNION WITH OUR LORD'S PASSION

Multitudes of angels assist at every Mass. St. Gregory: "The heavens open and the multitudes of angels come to assist at the Holy Sacrifice." St. Augustine: "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass." St. John Chrysostom: "When Mass is being celebrated, the Sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar."



The efficacy of the Mass is so wonderful, God's mercy and generosity are then so unlimited that there is no moment so propitious to ask for favors as when Jesus is born on the altar. What we then ask for we shall almost certainly receive, and what we do not obtain in the Mass we may scarcely hope to receive by all other prayers, penances or pilgrimages. The angels know this full well and come in multitudes to adore God and make their petitions at this hour of mercy. What an example for us!

We read in the revelations of St. Bridget: "One day, when I was assisting at the Holy Sacrifice, I saw an immense number of holy angels descend and gather around the altar, contemplating the priest. They sang heavenly canticles that ravished my heart; Heaven itself seemed to be contemplating the great Sacrifice. And yet we poor blind and miserable creatures assist at the Mass with so little love, relish and respect!" Oh, if God would open our eyes, what wonders should we not see!

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