

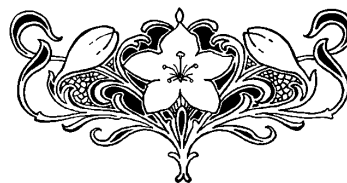


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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

March 31, 2019
LENT IV
LAETARE SUNDAY



¶ SISTER SUNDAY

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

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:50 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Sermon & Low Mass
6:45 PM Lenten Supper
7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick
8:30 PM: (approx.) Holy Communion

All Night Adoration

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

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary, Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass
8:10 AM Devotions & Benediction
8:35 AM (approx.) Low Mass
First Saturday Intention: In reparation to the blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.

Helpers needed to cover statues.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Collins, Viola Ripberger, now in a nursing home, Joe Prell, Theresa Couch, Steve Binder, and the repose of the souls of †Leslie Matatics and †Michael Heil.

Lumen Christi

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

Restore health of Linda Ann Kaplinski
(Dennis Kaplinski)



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PASSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Passion Sunday, the opening of Passiontide. The second collection will be taken up for our seminary. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Passion Sunday, with a second collect for the Church. Preface of the Holy Cross.

Your Excellency Bp. Dolan, and clergy and faithful of St. Gertrude's,

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and prayers, the Mass for my mother's soul and the enrollment of her in the Purgatorial Society. I was very touched and consoled by so many prayers and expressions of sympathy. Be assured of my prayers for you and I'm sure my mother will return the favor too.

Fr. Gabriel Lavery, CMRI

¶ 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.

Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection – April 5th

5:00 PM: Exposition
5:45 PM: Low Mass
6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Black beans & rice, cheesy potatoes, salad, bread, fruit
7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick
8:30 PM (approx.): Distribution of Holy Communion

All Night Adoration

¶ UPCOMING

First Confessions & Testing: April 27
YAG 2019: July 12-14
Girls Camp: July 17-19
Boys Camp: July 22-24

Collection Report

Sunday, March 24th.....\$4,403.00
Thank you for our generosity.

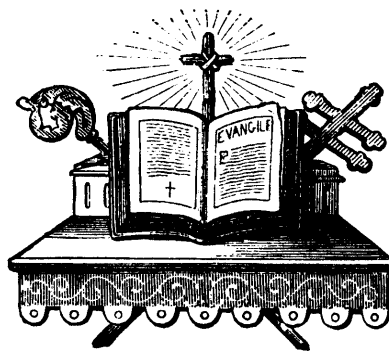
REJOICE AND LEAP FOR JOY

By surrender to God I mean giving oneself up to God, to be transformed in Him. It is the cure for self that is the core of the whole thing; we require to be cured of *self* by being changed, as the bread and wine on the altar are changed, into Christ.

In this surrender is, I believe, the cure for the torment of self, which is precisely what most psychological suffering is. It is the cure for the weakness that cannot carry the common burden of the world's sin; the cure for the fear that causes the will to wither before the challenge of life, the cure for the feebleness that makes the impact of natural beauty painful, the cure for the cowardice that causes the heart to contract and shrink before the challenge of love.

When a saint surrenders himself wholly in this way, it is true that he will certainly accept whatever circumstances God allows for him. He may sometimes, because of his individual and unique vocation, go out to meet and welcome some of them. *Such things as poverty, pain, bereavement, persecution*—what you will—but he will not *accept them* or welcome them because he supposes them to be the essential things in his life, but *because, compared to the joy, the power and the beauty of God, they will be almost nothing at all.* They will be to him like leaves blown in the wind, the great wind of the Spirit of Love that sweeps the world like blown fire, setting it alight with His glory. For the saint the surrender to God is a tremendous fling of the heart, comparable to a leap into the fire of eternal Love, to burn with its heat, to take the radiance of its light, to dance in the dancing of its flames.

For us it is a more secret thing, but none the less miraculous for that. It means that we begin to be able to enjoy life, and gradually gain in strength of spirit until we can enjoy everything. — Caryll Houselander



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

All this was once shown in a vision to Nicholas de la Flue, a holy hermit of Switzerland who was greatly enlightened by God in spiritual matters. While this good man was one day present at Mass, he saw a large tree full of the most beautiful flowers. He soon noticed that the flowers began to fall down upon those who were present. But some of the flowers, as soon as they fell, became withered and dry, while others retained their freshness and fragrance.

After Mass, he related this vision to his brother and requested him to explain its meaning. The brother replied that he too had seen the vision, and he explained it as follows: "The tree," said he, "is the Holy Mass; the withering of many of the flowers signifies that many of the graces which Our Lord distributes in the Mass are lost because Christians are not recollected and devout while they assist at this sacrifice, or because they afterward allow worldly thoughts to stifle all the good inspirations which they have received; the flowers which retained their odor and beauty signify the permanent fruits which those Christians derive from the Mass who assist at it with reverence and devotion and who, after having left the church, are still mindful of the great blessings which they have received from this holy sacrifice."

— Fr. Michael Muller, CSSR
The Blessed Eucharist,
Our Greatest Treasure

THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY

The night is dark. Oh, where is absent moon?
Blossoms in the courtyard scent the air.

I am alone, alive, but cannot sleep.

I pace my room, then lie and close my lids

To see once more that pile of jagged stones,

The blaze of hate and wildness in men's eyes.

I feel the bruises throb on arms and wrists.

I see the man called Jesus glare and bend.

I watch His finger writing in the sand.

I hear the heavy panting of my breath,

The frantic fearful drumming of my heart.

I see Him stand again and hear His voice.

I see Him bend and write some other words.

I feel hard fingers loosen from my wrists.

Amazed, I watch accusers slink away.
I see again this Jesus' radiant face—
Implacable and strong, yet passing kind.

I hear Him say to go and sin no more
And know that my choice must be to obey.

I'll give Him the little life He saved—

And love—that's all a woman can repay.

And yet tonight I shall not lie and sleep.

I'll stay awake and wait for blessed day.

— Ann Applegarth



Rejoice with us, children of Mother Church, this Laetare Sunday. Mothering Sunday, the English call it, based on the Epistle. It is their Mothers Day. Many reasons for rejoicing suggest themselves. It is a great thing still to be a Catholic today, without compromise or connection with the false harlot church of Vatican II. It is such a strength to know that weak as we are, we have two strong, loving mothers: Holy Mother Church, and our Blessed Mother. And, of course, we rejoice today at the prospect of Easter. Not so much the *end* of Lent, as its fruition: Resurrection. Christ rises from the dead, and I in Him.

Be sure to go back to Helfta Hall today. It's a lot of fun, sort of like a street fair or a market day, all crowded with interesting items. And you can get breakfast, too. And all for a good cause, as the Sisters depend upon this annual fundraiser very much. Your Lenten alms will be rewarded in this life, and the next.

Last Monday's Annunciation feast was cold and wet without and warm and bright within. We honored the day God became Man in the womb of the Virgin, for our salvation. We grieved over abortion, the terrible *sin* of it, and offered reparation, all in a spirit of wonder and love.

Good and bad news came this past week. On Tuesday, St. Anthony's day, I discovered we had "baptized" our bell "Anthony," and proceeded to pray to him for its return. At dinner (thank you Bev and Charlie Henry, and our brave Lenten cooks!) Father announced a plan. It seems the **McFathers** climbed up the ladder, conveniently still in place, and figured it wouldn't be too difficult at all to get the bell ringing again. A little rope, some schoolboy power to move it slightly and there you have it. Thanks to all who helped. (The boys enjoyed climbing on the roof.) The bell just needs a little cover to protect against rust. Thanks to St. Anthony and St. Agatha, and mighty Gabriel, Angel of the Annunciation. Be faithful to your Angelus three times a day.

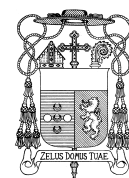
But this week we learned that **Fr. Joseph Collins** has pancreatic cancer, and probably not long to live. Father was one of "the Nine," and has been pastor of St. Michael's Chapel in Glenmont, New York for years, and also helped out at the CMRI mission in Boston. As it happens today is the 26th anniversary of death of **Bishop Vida Elmer**, Fr. Collin's predecessor at St. Michael's. Please pray to him for Father in his hour of need.

Prayers, too, for the clergy, so busy these days. Coughs and colds, falls and allergies try to keep us

down, but with God's grace we continue on our way. So must we all. Soon it will be Holy Week. First Friday this week calls us to come and adore. On First Saturday we'll need some help to cover our many statues. May our Lenten sacrifices cover our sins, and God's mercies blot them out.

Rejoice!

– Bishop Dolan



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor – April

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Ken Gilliam, Kirby Bischel
 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Justin Soeder
 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, *Volunteer needed*
 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, *Volunteer needed*
 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Danny Brueggemann
 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, *Volunteer needed*
 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Paddy Omlor
 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212

Please note: there will be All Night Adoration as well on Maundy Thursday, April 18, and no All Night Adoration in May.

Our Morning Offering

O MY GOD, ALL IS GOOD IF IT COMES FROM YOU

O my God, I will put myself without reserve,
 Into Your hands.

Wealth or woe, joy or sorrow,
 Friends or bereavement,
 Honor or humiliation,
 Good report or ill report,
 Comfort or discomfort,
 Your presence

Or the hiding of Your countenance,
 All is good if it comes from You,




You are wisdom and You are love—What can I desire more?

You have led me in Your counsel
 And with glory You have received me
 What have I in heaven, And apart from You,
 What want I upon earth?
 My flesh and my heart fail
 But God is the God of my heart
 And my portion forever. Amen.

– John Henry Cardinal Newman



Lent 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>April</i>	1 FAST Do your Daily Devotional FERIAL DAY V	2 FAST Make a visit in honor of the Holy Face ST FRANCIS OF PAULA, C W	3 FAST Early morning Mass is a must FERIAL DAY V	4 FAST Don't forget: <i>Family</i> Rosary ST ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, B+CD W	5 FAST  Take an hour to adore ST VINCENT FERRER, C FIRST FRIDAY W	6 FAST Reparation to the Immaculate Heart FERIAL DAY FIRST SATURDAY V
Afternoon Vespers and Benediction Morning Stations PASSION SUNDAY V	8 FAST Go to Holy Communion FERIAL DAY B+ JULIANA, V V	9 FAST Give an alms to the poor FERIAL DAY V	10 FAST Offer an extra sacrifice for the Poor Souls FERIAL DAY V	11 FAST Tune in to Mass if you cannot come ST LEO I, P+CD W	12 FAST  Novena ends – bring the sick THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BVM W	13 FAST Get ready for Holy Week ST HERMENEGILD, M R
Take & give away extra palm PALM SUNDAY ST JUSTIN, M SS TIBURTIUS & COMP V	15 FAST Have a Mass offered MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK V	16 FAST Read the Passion TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK ST BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE, C V	17 FAST Tenebrae WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK ST ANICETUS, PM V	18 FAST Make a visit! MAUNDY THURSDAY W/V	19 FAST  12-3 in church. GOOD FRIDAY B	20 FAST AND ABSTAIN UNTIL NOON The most beautiful Mass of the year HOLY SATURDAY V/W



To me nothing is so consoling, so piercing, so thrilling, so overcoming, as the Mass, said as it is among us. I could attend Masses forever, and not be tired. It is not a mere form of words—it is a great action, the greatest action that can be done on earth. It is, not the invocation merely, but, if I dare use the word, the evocation of the Eternal. He becomes present on the altar in flesh and blood, before Whom angels bow and devils tremble. That is that awful event which is the scope, and the interpretation, of every part of the solemnity. Words are necessary, but as means, not as ends; they are not mere addresses to the throne of grace, they are instruments of what is far higher, of consecration, of sacrifice. They hurry on, as if impatient to fulfill their mission. Quickly they go, the whole is quick, for they are all parts of one integral action. Quickly they go, for they are awful words of sacrifice, they are a work too great to delay upon, as when it was said in the beginning, “What thou doest, do quickly.” Quickly they pass, for the Lord Jesus goes with them, as He passed long the lake in the days of His flesh, quickly calling first one and then another; quickly they pass, because as the lightning which shineth from one part of the heaven unto the other, so is the coming of the Son of Man. Quickly they pass, for they are as the words of Moses when the Lord came down in the cloud, calling on the name of the Lord as He passed by, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.” And as Moses on the mountain, so we too, “Make haste and bow our heads to the earth and adore.”

– Cardinal Newman

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.

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O God, Who didst inflame by Thy Spirit of Love the soul of Thy servant, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, grant unto us also to love and to make Thee ardently loved. (100 days)

Our Beloved Dead – April

Name	Date of Death
Andrew Courter	4-03-2012
Carole K. Rogers	4-04-1987
Florence Roth	4-04-1988
Mary L. Blase	4-04-2004
Veronica Golembeski	4-08-1996
John M. Reis	4-10-1994
Sue (Maggie) Mincey	4-10-2007
Ellen G. Amyx	4-12-2005
Louis R. Bickett	4-12-2010
Cheryl Maki	4-13-2004
Alberta Courter	4-15-2008
Iole G. Feighery	4-16-2005
Walter C. Elbert	4-19-2001



ANOTHER MORNING OFFERING OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

O my God, Most Holy Trinity, I desire to love Thee and to make Thee loved—to labor for the glory of Holy Church by saving souls here upon earth and by delivering those suffering in Purgatory. I desire to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, and to reach the degree of glory Thou hast prepared for me in Thy Kingdom. In a word, I wish to be holy, but knowing how helpless I am, I beseech Thee, my God, to be Thyself my holiness. I offer Thee the infinite merits of my Savior, begging Thee to behold me only through the Eyes of Jesus. I offer Thee all the merits of the Saints, together with all their acts of love, as well as those of the Angels. Lastly I offer Thee the love and the merits of the Blessed Virgin, my dearest Mother. To Her I commit this Oblation, praying Her to present it to Thee.

THE BLESSING OF A CHURCH BELL

O God! Thou didst command Moses Thy servant and lawgiver to fashion silver trumpets, whose sweet sounds should tell the people to prepare for Thy worship and assemble for its celebration. So grant, we pray, that this bell destined for Thy holy church may, through our lowly ministry, be sanctified by the Holy Spirit; that its ringing will invite the faithful to the house of God and to eternal recompense. Let piety wax stronger in Thy servants so often as their ears perceive the melodious peals. At its sound let evil fly in terror, let thunder and lightning, hail and storm be banished, let the power of Thy hand crush the powers of the air, that hearing the sounding bell they may tremble and vanish at the sign of the cross engraved thereon. This may Our Lord Himself grant, Who overcoming death by the instrument of the Cross reigneth in the glory of God the Father together with the Holy Spirit, forevermore. Amen.



SISTER SUNDAY IS TODAY!

JOIN US IN HELFTA HALL AFTER ANY OF THE MORNING MASSES.

"Or all of the morning Masses!"

Breakfast is served three times folks! When does that happen at home?!"

CRAFT & BAKE SALE!
SILENT AUCTION!
SPLIT THE POT DRAWING AT 1:30 PM

✠ CALENDAR

✠ OUR CREED

MON 4/1/19 Ferial Day FAST
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention – B.R. & R. H. (*Scott Rich-
 ession Family*)
11:25 AM High Mass Special Intentions (*Lotarski Family*)
12:45 PM Vespers

TUE 4/2/19 ST. FRANCIS OF PAULA, C FAST
7:00 AM Low Mass In honorem Sancti Raphael (*Tobias Bayer*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Private Intention (*Hai Yuaan*)
11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Joseph Collins (*Lotarski Family*)
12:25 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass †Garry Watson (*Joseph & Elizabeth Prell*)

WED 4/3/19 FIRST WEDNESDAY • Ferial Day FAST
7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom (*The Brueggemann
 family*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Hannah's Intentions – happy birthday!
(Jacinta Simpson)
11:25 AM High Mass Purgatorial Society
12:25 PM Vespers
3:00 PM Children's Stations, Holy Communion
5:00 PM Low Mass Holy Souls – Thank You (*Arlinghaus Family*)

THU 4/4/19 FIRST THURSDAY • ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BPCD
7:00 AM Low Mass My friends at MHTS (*Tobias Bayer*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Clare Lotarski*)
11:25 AM High Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter
 Christus Confraternity*)
12:25 PM Vespers

FRI 4/5/19 FIRST FRIDAY FAST
 ST. VINCENT FERRER, C • *THE PRECIOUS BLOOD*
8:00 AM Low Mass †James D. Hanna Sr. – 38th Anniversary 4/5
(Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar)
10:50 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass & Benediction †Aunt Ruth Arlinghaus
(Arlinghaus Family)
12:25 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention (SV) (*Kuebler/Volz*)
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
All Night Adoration

SAT 4/6/19 FIRST SATURDAY • Ferial Day FAST
7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass Poor Souls (*Mike Briggs*)
8:10 AM Devotions & Benediction,
First Saturday Meditation
8:35 AM (approx.) Sermon & Low Mass Doris & Victor
 Ritze – Merry Christmas! (*Love, Bobby & Aubrey*)
Helpers needed after Mass to veil our many statues

SUN 4/7/19 PASSION SUNDAY
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Ken & Regina Gilliam (*Dan, Mary & family*)
9:00 AM High Mass Fr. Joseph Collins (*The Fathers*)

Finally, she is Apostolic: *Credo Ecclesiam Apostolicam.* Yes, her existence dates from the commencement, that is to say, she comes from Our Lord Himself; she did not spring up all on a sudden when five, ten, or fifteen centuries had gone by, as was the case with Protestantism, for example; had she come thus tardily into being, she could not have come from Our Lord. In order for her to be the true Church, she must be Apostolic, that is, she must have a hierarchy, which dates back even to the Apostles, and, by the Apostles, to Our Lord Himself.

Thus, we believe the Church; and God wishes us to believe her to be One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: *Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam, et Apostolicam Ecclesiam.* We believe her, because she is founded upon these four essential Marks, which are the very meaning of her being called a Church of divine Institution, and she is proved to be that, by the very fact of her having those four Marks.

– Dom Gueranger



ONE DAY IN SPRING

The Boy Jesus worked each day with
 Joseph.
 Amid the scented woods with nail and
 saw;
 Toiled humbly at His lowly work,
 Obedient to the law.

One day in spring, He helped with growing strength
 To lift a beam of wood and stand it high.
 His eyes were saddened as He turned
 To reach the nails nearby.

“Son, that was a heavy load for You,”
 Kind Joseph gently said.
 The Boy pressed the sharp nails in His tender hands,
 Then slowly bowed His head.

– Mary Campbell

I was just reading that in the 1950's Cincinnati Our Lady of America apparitions (approved by Archbishop Liebold) St. Joseph came and told of how he suffered the Passion too, only in advance. He asked for the “First Wednesday” devotion as well. – Bishop Dolan

Servers

SUN 4/7 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM **HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor **TH:** C. Richesson
 ACs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson **TORCH:** T. England, J. Stewart, C.
 Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence
 11:30 AM **LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
 4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller
 5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller

10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross
11:30 AM Low Mass †Ralph, †Patricia, & †Sharon Patton (*Mary
 Lacy & children*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

MONDAY IN LENT IV

The priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the Chalice and Host.

Jesus is nailed to the cross. Lord Jesus Christ! Who wast nailed to the cross for my redemption, attaching to it through Thy sacred Flesh, my sins and the eternal punishment due to them, grant me Thy saving fear, that resolutely observing Thy holy precepts, I may be ever attached to the cross with Thee.

Prayer during the Canon.

O Jesus, dying on the cross for love of poor sinners, through *Thy sacred head* crowned with thorns I beg Thee to have mercy on all bishops; on all priests; and on all our superiors.

Through the wound in *Thy right hand* I recommend to Thee my father, mother, brothers, sisters, relatives, friends, and benefactors.

And through the wound in *Thy left hand* my enemies, all poor sinners, and those who have never been baptized. Help Thy servants who are trying to convert them.

Through the wound in *Thy right foot* I pray for the poor, the sick, and the dying, and for all who are in any kind of pain, temptation, or trouble.

Through the wound in *Thy left foot* I beg of Thee mercifully to grant eternal rest to the souls of the faithful departed, especially N. N.

Through *Thy Sacred Heart*, O Jesus, I offer myself to do and suffer all things for Thy love. Give me all the graces I stand in need of, and especially the grace which I am seeking to obtain through this holy Mass.

Resolve. To obey perfectly even in difficult matters.

Pray. O Jesus, to Thee I live; O Jesus, to Thee I die; O Jesus, Thine am I in life and death!

TUESDAY IN LENT IV

At the Consecration.

Jesus is Crucified. The Victim is laid on the altar; the sacrifice begins. Blood flows in great streams from the four extremities of His body now pierced with huge nails. O Cross! Thou Cross that art bathed in Divine Blood, how shouldst thou not be unto me a

tree of life? But, my Jesus, life and the source of life, are they not to be found on the altar where Thy priest has just uttered the words of consecration—words which change the bread and wine into Thy most Precious Body and Blood?

Ave Verum

Ave Verum Corpus,
natum
Ex Maria virgine!
Vere passum, immo-
latum,
In cruce pro homine!

Cujus latus perfora-
tum
Unda fluxit et san-
guine;
Esto nobis prægusta-
tum,
Mortis in examine.

O clemens, O pie!
O dulcis Jesu, Fili
Mariæ!

Hail to Thee! true body
sprung
From the Virgin Mary's
womb!
The same that on the
cross was hung,
And bore for man the
bitter doom!

Thou Whose side was
pierced and flowed
Both with water and with
blood;
Suffer us to taste of Thee,
In our life's last agony.

O kind, O loving one!
O sweet Jesus, Mary's
Son!

Resolve. To exercise hearty and benevolent charity toward our neighbor.

Pray. With the darts of Thy love, O Lord, wound my heart and remain my portion forever.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV

At the Elevation of the Host.

Meditate on Christ nailed to the cross by His hands and feet, set forth as a spectacle to the whole world. — *Luke xxiii. 33.* Behold, O man, thy Redeemer! With what affection has thou hitherto embraced Him, Who here, with extended arms, invites thee to His embrace? “My Beloved to me, and I to Him.” — *Cant. ii. 16.*

The cross of Jesus is elevated between heaven and earth. Lord Jesus Christ! Who wast pleased to be elevated on the cross and exalted above the earth for the love of me, detach my heart, I beseech Thee, from all terrestrial affections and ele-

vate my understanding to the consideration of heavenly things. “Tell Him that I languish with love.” — *Ibid. v. 8.*

“**Who then** shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation? or distress, or famine? ...For I am sure that neither death, nor life, ...nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.” — *Rom. viii. 35-39.*

Resolve. Strive to practice poverty perfectly.

Pray. O my only Good, I willingly embrace holy poverty, since for my sake, Thou didst become the poorest of all.

THURSDAY IN LENT IV

At the Elevation of the Host.

Jesus raised on the Cross. Eternal Father, behold the Victim of our salvation Who, once sacrificed to Thy justice on the altar of the cross, now speaks to Thee and implores Thy mercy on our behalf. The wounds of my Savior's body and the many drops of His Precious Blood are so many eloquent voices, pleading to Thee in favor of guilty man, and saying: “Have mercy, O God, spare Thy people whom I have redeemed with My Precious Blood.” My Lord and my God!

At the Elevation. Contemplate Jesus hanging on the cross, and adore the same Jesus here present on the altar; say with utmost reverence and devotion: “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus, my crucified Savior, Thou didst die for the love of me, let me die to self and to the world for love of Thee!

FRIDAY IN LENT IV

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

Reflect how profusely Christ poured forth His blood from His five sacred wounds for the washing away of our sins. Run to Him, O sinner, that thou mayest be cleansed, and “draw waters with joy out of the

Savior's fountains." – *Is. xii. 3.*

"Suffer me, therefore, that I may lament my sorrow a little, before I go, and return no more, to a land that is dark and covered with the mist of death." – *Job x. 20, 21.*

The Elevation of the Chalice.

The Blood of Jesus flows from His wounds. Lord Jesus Christ! Thy sacred wounds are the inexhaustible source of all grace; grant then, that Thy precious Blood may purify my soul from all evil thoughts, and prove a salutary remedy for all my spiritual miseries. "Perhaps darkness shall cover me." – *Ps. cxxxviii. 11.*

Resolve. Strive to practice true self-denial, and accept all things with a holy indifference from the hands of God.

Pray. Holy Mother, impress thy sufferings deeply in our hearts.

SATURDAY IN LENT IV

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

The Blood of Redemption flows. O Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I adore Thee! Praised and blessed be the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood of Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar. Blessing and thanksgiving be to Jesus, Who with His Blood hath saved us! Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of Holy Church.

Praise and glory be to Thee, most loving Jesus Christ, for the most sacred wound in Thy side, and by that adorable wound, and by Thy infinite mercy, which Thou didst make known in the opening of Thy breast to the soldier Longinus, and so to us all, I pray Thee, O most gentle Jesus, that having redeemed me by baptism from original sin, so now by Thy Precious Blood, which is offered and received throughout the world, deliver me from all evils, past present, and to come. And by Thy most bitter death give me a lively faith, a firm hope, and a perfect charity, so that I may love Thee with all my heart, and all my soul, and all my strength; make me firm and steadfast in good works, and grant me perseverance in Thy service, so

that I may be able to please Thee always. Amen.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy death and Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

PASSION SUNDAY

The Canon continued.

"This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." O Jesus, the pardon so readily granted to the penitent thief is the most convincing proof of the efficacy of Thy ransoming Blood. No sooner did he say to Thee: "Lord, remember me," when Thou didst make answer: "This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise."

O Lord, my God, suffer me to make the same petition. Remember me; remember the sinners whom Thou hast redeemed at such a cost; remember the souls in Purgatory—those, especially, who were most devoted to Thy Precious Blood and to the tears of Thy Immaculate Mother. Summon those poor souls to Paradise this very day, and, in Thy bounty, prepare a place for me also in Thy Kingdom.

Lord, hear and heed the voice of Thy suppliant Church. Like a vine tended by Thy Son's vine-dressers, 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.

Be pleased to watch over Thy flock, good Shepherd. Let not the sheep which Thou hast ransomed with Thy Precious Blood be attacked and torn to pieces by the fiend.



HOLY MASS

IN UNION WITH OUR LORD'S PASSION

OPENING PRAYER



What, in fact, can be more suitable than to think of what passes before our eyes? Now, at the altar, everything speaks to us of the passion and the death of the Savior: the cross surmounts the tabernacle and is seen upon all the sacred vestments; the stole represents

the chains by which Jesus was attached to the pillar; the girdle, the scourges which lacerated His flesh; the maniple, the cords with which He was bound; the passing to and fro of the priest from one side to another of the altar recalls to mind the different tribunals at which He was made to appear. The Mass itself is a lively and real reproduction of the sacrifice of Calvary; it is the same Victim and the same Priest. It is true that in it Jesus Christ borrows the person of a man to render His invisible priesthood visible; but in reality it is always Jesus Christ Who consecrates, Jesus Christ Who immolates Himself, Jesus Christ Who prays. Ought not all this show us that during holy Mass we ought to meditate upon His passion and death, inspired by the same pious sentiments with which we should have been animated had we assisted, together with Mary and St. John, at His agony upon Calvary; that, consequently, we ought to sacrifice ourselves, body and soul, to the great living God, in order to form, with Jesus Christ, but one sole victim?