



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

April 14, 2019
PALM SUNDAY



¶ PALM SUNDAY

Blessed palms are available at every Mass today. Feel free to take extra palms to bring home or to bring to a shut-in. Remember to return your Easter memorial flower offering envelopes by **Tuesday, April 16th**, in order for your memorials to be included in the Easter bulletin. Envelopes for the Easter Novena of Masses are also available. The Novena will be said daily beginning Easter Sunday.

Confessions will be heard before and during the morning Masses. Sunday Classes are on a brief vacation and resume on Low Sunday. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK: TENEBRAE

Tenebrae, Latin for "darkness," is the chanting of the Divine Office of Matins and Lauds of the following day. The mood is somber, quiet and reflective; its dramatic features are the gradual extinction of a 15-branch candelabra in the sanctuary, as the church contemplates the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the world, and a loud noise at its conclusion, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. Tenebrae is at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday**.

Tenebrae is a popular service, especially for its dramatic ending when you get to make noise. Translations provided.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Erika McKnight, Chris Browne, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.



¶ MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy (Maundy) Thursday is *the day* of the year to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion. **Mass** begins at **9:00 AM**. Bring the whole family to experience the "Birthday of the Mass" with bells and clackers; the Pange Lingua as Our Lord leaves the church; the sorrowful stripping of the altar. **Parents, bring your children to walk in procession to the beautiful Altar of Repose, dropping rose petals along the way to show Him love and adoration.** A little luncheon follows the Mass. Please do come, and stay for the Maundy.

The **Maundy** is a rich Sacramental of the church, performed on Holy Thursday, in honor of Our Lord who washed the feet of His Apostles. This service is an ideal one for mothers with little ones, as it is short, and children can sit so as to see the ceremony. Come on **Thursday** at **12:15 PM**.

The Blessed Sacrament will be in the side chapel at the beautifully decorated Altar of Repose or Sepulchre, for 24 hours, and should not go unvisited, or be left unattended. The **Men of the Guard of Honor** are asked to keep their customary hours for All Night Adoration to guarantee that Our Lord is not left unprotected during the hours of the night.

¶ GOOD FRIDAY

You may make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament all morning long. **Stations** begin at **11:25 AM**, followed at **12:00 noon** by the traditional Tre Ore (*"three hours"*), with the chanting of the Passion, the solemn prayers and the unveiling and adoration of the Cross, and finally the mystic rites of the Mass of the Presanctified. A sermon and devotions take us to **3:00 PM**, when the relic of the True Cross is venerated. **Confessions** are heard starting at **3:00 PM**.

¶ HOLY SATURDAY

The **Easter Vigil** begins at **8:00 AM** on **Saturday** with the Blessing of the Fire and the Prophecies, with the **Mass** commencing closer to **10:30 AM**. The Blessing of Easter Baskets takes place at the Communion rail after the Mass. All are then invited to a luncheon, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

The beautiful Easter Sunrise Office of Matins & Lauds is at **5:45 AM**, followed by Low Mass at 7:30 AM. Please note, there will be **no 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday**. Easter Vespers are at 6:00 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter Sunday; Sequence, Preface of Easter with special Communicantes and Hanc Igitur.

✠ *Hail, whole Body of my Jesus, hanged for us upon the Cross, torn and wounded, dead and buried.* ✠

Collection Report

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| Sunday, April 7 th | \$5,459.00 |
| Second Collection..... | \$1,285.00 |
| Alter Christus..... | \$130.00 |

PALM SUNDAYS & PALM BEARERS

I am inclined to think that most Catholics have a special love for Palm Sunday. It comes in early spring, in the time of the singing of birds, and is full of sweet and solemn associations. We picture Jesus making His entry into Jerusalem, and pray that we, too, may be found worthy to enter the Holy City and receive the unfading palm from His hand. We recall other Palm Sundays, when we carried the palms home in childhood, and find ourselves saying:

*O come again, ye happy times—
Sweet, holy, peaceful calm;
And let me wear my Sabbath clothes,
And bear my piece of palm!*

I love the beautiful Catholic custom of placing the consecrated palm branch at the head of the bed. And as I write I seem to see a little white bed, in which slumbers a fair-haired child, with a marble angel holding a holy-water stoup, and a consecrated palm above her head. The child has said her "Hail Marys," has crossed herself, asked her Angel Guardian to take care of her; so the long hours of darkness hold no fears.

Every Palm Sunday I think of the blessed martyrs—that white-robed company of palm-bearers, who 'came out of great tribulation.' ...And the noble words of the old hermit hymn-writer recur to me whenever I look at these "athletes of Christ." This dweller in the Egyptian lauras (whose name I forget) had occasion to go into Alexandria, where the pomp and vanity, the glare and glitter of the pagan world were unveiled. He saw the prefect in his chariot, Thais in her paint and ropes of pearls; degraded slaves, licentious freemen; and he went back to his desert home and wrote a hymn, in which he asked "Who should bear the palm?"—a question he thus answered:

*He who gladly barter
All on earthly ground
He who with the martyrs
Says "I will be crowned!"*

Let us look up to the blue and be glad that there are men and women who have said, "I *will* be crowned," even in this our day and within our memory.

...One strong point in a Catholic education is this: the Church teaches her children *how* to be palm-bearers; she teaches them not to turn their backs on duty. "England expects every man this day to do his duty." Noble words these, which stir the pulses as we read. Well, the Church expects *her* children to do their duty—to rally round her standard, to perform deeds of "derring do" in daily life. She is the distributor of invisible as well as visible palms.

Once...I saw a woman, a daughter of Erin—aged, halt, dim-eyed, pitifully poor—led up to receive the palm. She wore a patched and faded gown; shoes, bonnet, shawl—all had long since seen their best days; but she was happy; the "light that never was on sea or land" was on her face as she bore her branch of palm.

"Many a one has a courageous spirit, but the flesh is weak; it utters its protest against winning palms, and has to be disregarded," said a brave man, who won his palm facing a dreadful storm. How very true this is! We may have to pass through a snow or hail storm before we reach the sanctuary rail and receive the consecrated branch. But when we enter the church, there are the shining candles, the statues of the saints and of Mother Mary; there is the Tabernacle. We are in the Holy Presence. An invisible company of saints and martyrs regard us as we kneel meekly there and receive our palm. Surely Palm Sunday is a foretaste of the paradise of God.

—Nora Ryeman

This nice appreciation is from the Ave Maria of 1907, and alludes to the people receiving the palm directly from the priest, as we do candles at Candlemas.

THE SECOND STATION

Oh, Judah's deathless King! is this the throne
Thy people give to Thee—this cross of shame?
The heavens are Thy glory-seat; a flame
Of seraphs crowns Thee; earth, a bubble blown
From out Thy hand, and hung, a sardius stone,
In space, Thy footstool is. Thou call'st by name
This people—seed of Abraham. They came.
They feared. On Moses' face Thy glory shone.

But now their hearts are bold; for Thou art come
In lowliness, and meek; and as a lamb
Before the shearers, Thou, O God, art dumb!
Oh, look on me! Behold the thing I am!
My heart is ashes and my hands are numb—
A Caiaphas, a *faithless* Abraham!

—Charles H. Misner



*Hail, most Precious Blood, flowing so lavishly
from the Wounds of Jesus.*

Passion Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows always completes our Lent, and brings us into Holy Week. The palm is pulled apart and bundled to be blessed, even as we finish some of our Lenten observances: The Friday Recollections and Stations and novenas, oh and the meals too, now are just about done for another year. God bless our young workers who turned out yesterday to clean the cloister for the procession and to dismantle the *Christmas* tree there, which served as a decorative way to protect the fountain from freezing. At least Winter may be passed. Thursday afternoon our new young Masters of Ceremony assembled all of their servers for a thorough Good Friday rehearsal. We thank John VandeRyt for so many years of faithful Good Friday service. The torch is passed on, an important and proud moment.

The **McFathers** are with us for Holy Week, and **Fr. Lehtoranta**, the “Christmas priest” at St. Hugh in Milwaukee, serves once again for Easter as well. **Fr. McKenna** is freshly back from Texas, where he took care of a dying man in El Paso, and a new family in Austin. We hope these will grow into thriving Missions in God’s good time. **Fr. McGuire** returned late last Sunday, or early Monday, from a particularly pastoral visit to Holy Face Mission in Effingham, Illinois. This week, as usual, he’s been visiting our sick, old and new, fallen away and true.

We are—you are—blessed to have Confessions every Sunday morning, just about, of the year. For years before it was a stretch for one priest, maybe two, to accommodate the faithful, especially at Christmas and Easter, between Masses, ceremonies, and Confessions. Thank God for our young priests, their energy and devoted zeal. How easy it is to get to Confessions at our church.

But how could we not as well bless the Lord for the quiet, regular faithful help of the laity in so many areas of church life? This is especially evident at the “great seasons,” such as Holy Week, but really it is year round.

The grounds have suddenly turned a luxuriant green for Passiontide’s purple, and all of the flowering trees are in bloom. The rabbits seem to be thriving, the groundhogs seem to be nesting, and the robins share the roost with lesser species. Puccini caught a bird the other day, just to show he was still in form, and deposited it by the Pieta outside my window. He’s missing his brother, and requires bursts of play therapy, but otherwise he’s adjusted to the sad disappearance of Caravaggio. Cats are known sometimes to come back, months later. We’re on the watch.

Speaking of Puccini, **Fr. Cekada** and I slipped off the other Sunday afternoon to hear a beautiful Puccini Mass. The composer of course, not the cat. His “Missa di Gloria” is the only one he wrote, and offers a real

meditation on the Gloria and the Creed in particular. It was a real treat to hear a chorus of one hundred voices singing this devotional masterpiece.

But let me say that right here in West Chester our music is magnificent. All *four* of our choirs bless the Lord God, and us His children, with almost “wall to wall music” at St. Gertrude the Great, all week long. We are especially conscious of this at this Holy Week. Come to Tenebrae, and pray with the Church’s beautiful music. We are indeed blessed.

Fr. Collins’ cancer is progressing towards its inexorable conclusion, but he is supported by many prayers, and blessed to have a good friend and priest to care for him, **Fr. McMahon**. Fr. Collins will be staying at his rectory at St. Michael’s chapel, rather than returning to Virginia as originally discussed. Amidst all of the sorrow, it is a blessing to have some idea of the “day and the hour” of death, so as to prepare. Thank you for your prayers.

Come and pray with us this week. Make it truly a Holy Week. Come and watch one hour, even. Bring the children for such beautiful and memorable ceremonies, the stuff of which Catholic childhood is made, along with its dearest memories.

Blessed Holy Week!

– Bishop Dolan

Holy Thursday All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

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, Bayers

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: The Holy Thursday Adoration takes the place of the one for the First Friday of May.

Holy Thursday

*All silently, and still, and sweet,
With Easter lilies at His feet,
Our Lord rests in His tomb today.
We keep His vigil—watch and
pray.*

*I keep the world-thoughts from
my breast
Lest one disturb His holy rest.
I keep them far; and in their room
My heart lifts lilies by His tomb.*

– Alice Pauline Clark



THE CHURCH AND STATE POLITICS AND THE PASSION *Everything is Parallel*

There in [Christ] are all the martyrs of all times; those of our own time with every detail of their martyrdom, including those which their persecutors tried to hide, shown to the whole world: the trickery, the utter injustice, the faked evidence, the verdict decided before the trial; and the things that have been done in secret to prepare the victim—if possible to break him!—the mental torture (a veritable crowning with thorns), the long nights without sleep; cruelest of all, the attempt to make him a stumbling block to his own people.

It is significant that everything contributing to that condemnation is parallel with everything that contributes to the passion of the martyrs of our own times: the intrigues and the fears of politicians, the hatred of fanatics, mass hysteria; the unstable crowds...the popular craving for sensation—and those many Pilates of our day who wash their hands of the responsibility of knowing “What is truth?” who shut their eyes to Christ in human beings and try to escape from their own uneasiness by evasions: “I am innocent of the blood of this just man—look you to it! In any case, there is nothing that *I* could do about it!”...

“Behold the man” [John 19:5].

Yes, and behold in Him yourself. Each one of us can recognize himself, a sinner, in the disfiguring, the bruising, the ugliness, hiding the beauty of the fairest of the sons and daughters of men. And there can be few who do not recognize themselves, too, in the utter loneliness of this man in the midst of the crowd that lately spread their garments to be trodden by the little donkey He rode on, and now clamor for His blood.

—Caryll Houselander

The author wrote this thinking about the modern state persecution of the Church. Think, too, about Deep State and abortion and the wickedness of the modern church of Vatican II.

Lumen Christi

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

**To recover what is lost through sin,
vice, & heresy
(Patrick Curry)**

EASTER SUNDAY USHER ASSIGNMENTS:

7:30 AM LOW MASS

Joe Andreotta, Scott Pepiot,
Kent Maki

9:00 AM HIGH MASS

Paul Arlinghaus, Mike Briggs,
Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand

11:30 AM LOW MASS

Dennis Hille, Paul Puglielli,
John Seyfried, Bob Uhlenbrock

Servers

ATTENTION ALL SERVERS: For the Holy Week schedule, please consult the list posted in the Servers' Sacristy. If you are unable to serve for any of your scheduled times, **you must contact Bishop Dolan as soon as possible** to allow time to find a replacement. Thank you!

Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum:

I expect the resurrection of the dead. The Church does not tell us to say merely: *I believe* the resurrection of the dead, but *I expect*. We ought, indeed, to be impatient to see the coming of that moment of the resurrection, for the union of the body with the soul is necessary to the perfection of beatitude. The pagans had great difficulty in accepting this Truth, because death seems to be a condition of our very nature; our nature being composed indeed of body and soul, seeing that these elements can be separated, death maintains a certain empire over us. But for us, Christians, the Resurrection of the Dead is a fundamental Dogma. Our Lord Himself, rising again, on the Third Day after His death, confirms this Dogma in a most striking manner; for, says St. Paul, He is the first to come forth from amongst the Dead: *primogenitus ex mortuis*; as we are all to imitate Him, we too must all rise again.

—Dom Gueranger



IN CASE YOU ARE ASKED

I once was approached by a professional man who, though not a Catholic, professed a keen interest in the teachings of the Church. Uppermost in his mind at the moment was the fact that so many prominent men and women have entered the Church within the past few years. Offhand he mentioned Gilbert K. Chesterton, the illustrious English man of letters, Alfred Noyes, the English poet, Doctor Kinsman, formerly Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Delaware, and Sheila Kaye-Smith, the English authoress.

His one perplexing difficulty was this: "Is it true," he asked, "that your church teaches that no one outside its communion can be saved? I've read statements given out by these recent converts to Catholicism, all of which impressed me greatly. But I can't see that a man should be condemned just because he does not join your Church. Will not Christ accept him who tries to live up, according to the dictates of his conscience, to the commandments of God and of nature? Just what does your Church teach in this matter?"

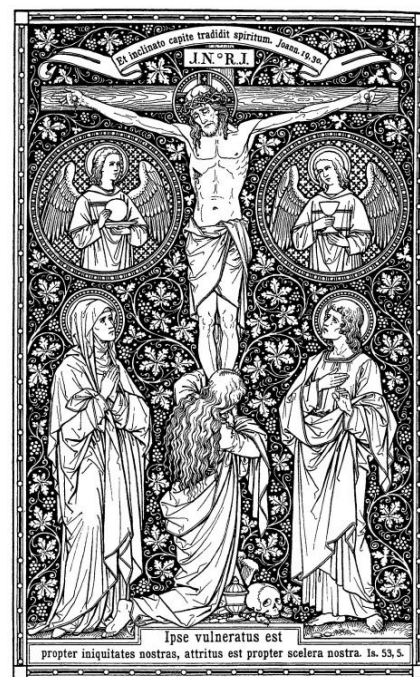
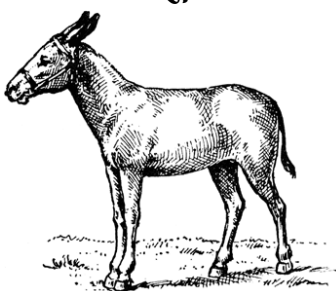
Naturally enough, the answer was that the Church is as rational in this matter as she is in others. Explaining the famous dictum (Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus—Outside the Church there is no salvation) in its correct meaning, namely, that only those who are thoroughly convinced that the Church is the true Church of God, and nevertheless refuse to belong to her through a fear of social ostracism, business or political injury, are referred to, the writer sought to make clear the position of the Church as briefly as possible. Substantially the exposition followed that given by Pius IX, the full text of which is inserted here, for it may be helpful to Catholic readers of the *Messenger*, when they are challenged as the writer was challenged. Like my

inquirer, who was the soul of sincerity, and who went away apparently satisfied, those seeking information on this head will, in all probability, be thankful for the explanation.

The salient sentences from the pen of Pope Pius IX are these: "Far be it from us to dare to set bounds to the boundless mercy of God; ...we must hold, as of faith, that out of the Apostolic Roman Church there is no salvation, and that she is the only ark of safety. But we must also recognize with certainty that those who are in invincible ignorance of the true religion are not guilty of this in the eye of the Lord. And who will presume to mark out the limits of this ignorance of our most holy religion, according to the character and diversity of peoples, countries, and minds?" Again he writes: "It is known to us that those who are in invincible ignorance of our most holy religion, but who observe carefully the natural law and precepts graven by God upon the hearts of all men, and who, being disposed to obey God, lead an honest and upright life, may by the light of divine grace attain to eternal life; for God, who sees clearly, and searches and knows the heart, the disposition, thoughts, and intention of each, in His supreme mercy and goodness by no means permits that anyone suffer eternal punishment, who has not of his own free will fallen into sin."

— Fr. Reginald, OFM (1930)

Oh, write my name in these Thy Wounds, good Jesus, and hide me therein from the face of the tempter.



MY CRUCIFIX

I bear it everywhere. I prefer it to all things.

*I often read of beautiful things
That carry my soul aloft on wings,
But aught they say, or e'er can sing,
Such peace to me can never bring.
As my Crucifix.*

*It brightens my day and cheers my night,
And makes life's heaviest burdens light;
Nor beauties of nature, nor charms of sea
Such depths of thought can unfold to me
As my Crucifix.*

*It speaks in a low, mysterious way,
And says what creatures can never say.
Ah! who will tell me the value of pain
And the merit patient suffering can gain
As my Crucifix.*

*When bowed beneath the weight of woe
That only our Crucified Lord can know,
Who then can comfort my aching soul
And urge it onward towards the goal,
As my Crucifix.*

*The trees and flowers all speak of God's love,
And the sky reveals it from above,
But neither flowers, clouds nor sun
Can tell what His love for me has done,
As my Crucifix.*

✠ THE HOLY WEEK CALENDAR ✠

MON 4/15/19 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
8:00 AM Low Mass Erika McKnight
11:25 AM High Mass †Mildred Adyniec-Perlowski (*Charles & Pat Beck*)
12:25 PM Vespers

TUE 4/16/19 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE, C
7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Joseph Collins (*Simpson family*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Blessings on our decision to move to West Chester (*William Herman*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Pat Gibson (*Jane & Rob Brockman*)
12:25 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass †John Boggie (*Mary Christensen*)

WED 4/17/19 SPY WEDNESDAY *FAST*
ST. ANICETUS, PM
7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Joseph Collins (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
8:00 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus – Special Intentions (*TRCS*)
9:00 AM Low Mass †Rosemarie Zuccaro (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*) **followed by Vespers**
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Thursday

THU 4/18/19 MAUNDY THURSDAY *FAST*
On Holy Thursday, your hearts should be filled with a true love, and a lively gratitude towards Christ, for having instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice and Sacrament, in which and by which He might not only always be with us to the end of the world, but might also unite Himself to us, in such a manner that we should abide in Him and He in us.

9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass For the sanctification of our priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
Procession to the Altar of Repose,
Vespers, Stripping of the Altar

Adoration continues at the Sepulchre until 12:00 AM on Good Friday

11:15 AM Lenten Luncheon (*bring a dish to share if you would like*)
12:15 PM The Maundy (Washing of the Feet)
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae

Holy Thursday—April 18, 2019—12:15 PM

THE MANDATUM

ALBERT DANIEL KINNETT, JOHN SEYFRIED, JOSHUA GUNSHER, DAVID MARKO, JOE BAYER, JUSTIN SOEDER, BRENDAN LOTARSKI, LEVI GIESE, THOMAS LAWRENCE, BOB UHLENBROCK, HUNTER LUMBATIS, *SERVERS*

The above listed men should arrive no later than 12:00 PM and report to the sacristy to prepare and receive instructions.

FRI 4/19/19 GOOD FRIDAY *FAST*
On Good Friday, be penetrated with a very lively sorrow for the sufferings which Christ, our Saviour, deigned to endure for us, by expiring for our sins on a cross, and by shedding for our redemption the last drop of His blood. On this day, you should assist at the sermon on the Passion, and at the whole Divine service. You should adore Jesus Christ on the Cross with sentiments of compunction, love and gratitude; in a word, you should spend the whole of that day in prayer, meditation, and works of charity.

11:25 AM Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM Tre Ore

It is a fine tradition to keep silent from Noon to 3:00 PM today

12:15 PM Mass of the Presanctified, Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross

2:15 PM Tre Ore Devotions and Sermon

3:00 PM Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross

3:00 PM Confessions (till 4 PM)

3:15 PM Vespers

6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena

6:35 PM The Office of Tenebrae

8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Saturday
Come when you can, leave when you must.

SAT 4/20/19 HOLY SATURDAY *FAST TILL NOON*

On Holy Saturday, honor Our Saviour in the tomb. This mystery formerly gave such pious occupation to the faithful, that, disregarding their own comfort, they passed the day and the night in prayer, without food and without rest; because they remembered that by their Baptism, which may be called the sacrament of the death and burial of Christ, they were buried with Him in the tomb, and with Him they arose therefrom to a new life. The Church still retains the custom of administering solemn Baptism to the neophytes on Holy Saturday, and prepares for it by solemnly blessing, on that day, the water used in Baptism. Assist with piety at that holy ceremony, and renew the promises of your Baptism. New fire is blessed, signifying the new life that we receive from Christ, Whose glorious Resurrection is represented by the everburning paschal candle.

8:00 AM Easter Vigil: Blessing of the Fire, Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, First Mass of Easter For our choir and servers, sacristans and workers (*Bishop Dolan*)
Vespers, Blessing of Easter Food

A complimentary Easter Luncheon follows Mass—all are invited

4:00 PM Confessions (till 5 PM)

SUN 4/21/19 EASTER SUNDAY
5:45 AM Easter Matins & Lauds
7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (*Eva Nellenbach*) (from 4/20)
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass Easter Mass Novena I
11:30 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
Benediction
6:00 PM Vespers

No 5:45 PM Mass

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

At the division of the Sacred Host

Reflect upon the separation of Christ's soul from His Body. – *Matt. xxvii. 50.* It is appointed unto men once to die. – *Heb. ix. 27.* "Let my soul die the death of the just." – *Num. xxiii. 10.*



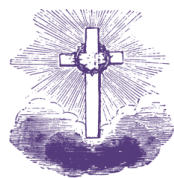
"My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Whence comes this strange cry? Because of our Redeemer's having made Himself anathema for sin: "Cursed is he that hangeth on the tree!" And, therefore, He must undergo all that is due to sin: pain of sense and pain of loss. Scourges, nails, and thorns have already expiated the former. To us, this appears the most cruel suffering; nevertheless, Jesus uttered neither moan nor sigh—but His abandonment, the torment of the reprobate, the pain of loss, fills His soul with fear and horror. O Jesus, in Thine unutterable desolation on the cross, Thou didst take on Thyself this anguish. Thanks be to Thee for this mercy for ever and ever! By Thine own abandonment I entreat Thee not to condemn me on the day of Justice to the torments of the reprobate. Forgive the grievous sins by which I have merited this woe, and set me on Thy right hand amongst the elect. Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood grant me the grace of perseverance. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." – *Rom. xiv. 8.*

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." – *Apoc. xiv. 13.*

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.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK



When the priest puts part of the Host into the Chalice.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, after Thy glorious victory over the power of the devil, didst descend into Limbo, to liberate the souls imprisoned

there; apply, I beseech Thee, the virtue of Thy Most Precious Blood and Passion to the faithful souls in Purgatory, that they may be received into the joys of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

Let us commend ourselves to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. O holy souls, tormented in most cruel pains, as one truly devoted to you I promise never to forget you, and continually to pray to the Most High for your release. I beseech you to respond to this offering which I make to you, and obtain for me from God, with Whom you are so powerful, on behalf of the living, that I may be freed from all dangers of soul and body; I beg both for myself and for my relatives and benefactors, friends and enemies, pardon for our sins, and the grace of perseverance in good, whereby we may save our souls. Set us free from all misfortunes, miseries, sicknesses, trials, and labors. Obtain for us peace of heart; assist us in all our actions; succor us promptly in all our spiritual and temporal needs; console and defend us in our dangers. Pray for the exaltation of holy Church, for peace between nations, for Christian princes, and for tranquility among peoples; and obtain that we may one day all rejoice together in Paradise. Amen.

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.

SPY WEDNESDAY

At the Agnus Dei.



When the priest strikes his breast, reflect how many of those who saw Christ dying on the cross, striking their breasts returned. – *Luke xxiii. 48.* And dost thou not strike thy breast in token of true sorrow for thy sins? Lord, I strike my breast with the publican, and say, "Be merciful to me a sinner." – *Luke xviii. 13.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the meditation on Thy torments has excited many to repentance; I beseech thee, through the efficacy of Thy most bitter Passion and death, to grant me perfect contrition for the offenses of my past life, and grace to avoid sin in future. Amen. "And now, O Lord, think of me, and take not revenge of my sins, neither remember my offenses, nor those of my parents." – *Tob. iii. 3.*

"Let Thy mercies speedily prevent us." – *Ps. lxxviii. 8.*

Resolve. To complain of no one.

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Spiritual Communion.



I also thirst to possess Thee, O Jesus, the Bread of the elect and the Fountain of life! Come, my Lord, my love! Give me to drink from the fountain of Thy Sacred Heart. O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, come, that feeding on Thy substance and drinking of Thy Blood, I may ever feel that thirst after Thee which is both quenched and excited in the very act of being satisfied. Amen.

"Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend My Spirit." I, too, O Jesus, commend my soul to Thee. And to whom else would I give or entrust it, when Thou Thyself art pleased to say: "Child, give Me thy heart." Yes, my Lord, I give myself wholly to Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit. Reject me not, O God; abandon me not, I entreat Thee, through the merits of Thy Most Precious Blood. Amen.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY

"All is consummated"

O Jesus, Thou art about to consummate Thy sacrifice; deign to bless me before expiring... Bless me with that sorrowful benediction which, with outstretched arms, and for the space of three hours,



Thou didst bestow on Thy elect. Bless all those I love, and may Thy Blood so impregnate all our actions that they may bear fruit unto eternal life. "My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready." – *Ps. lxi. 8.*

At the Communion of the priest.

Meditate upon the burial of Christ. – *John xix. 42.* He asks from Thee thy heart as a sepulcher. "Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting-place, Thou and the ark [of Thy holiness]." – *Ps. cxxxi. 8.*

For the conversion of many.

Lord Jesus Christ! the contemplation of Thy torments has excited repentance in many hearts; grant me, through the efficacy of Thy painful sufferings and ignominious death, perfect contrition for my past offences, and the grace to avoid all willful sin. "My heart shall rejoice with Thee." – *Prov. Xxiii. 15.*

Resolve. To address our neighbor in a friendly manner.

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

HOLY SATURDAY

At the Communion.

Jesus is buried. Lord Jesus Christ! Who wast pleased to be buried in a new monument, give me a new heart, so that being buried with Thee, I may attain to the glory of Thy Resurrection.



At the Ablution.

Jesus is embalmed. Lord Jesus Christ! Who wast pleased to be embalmed and wrapped in a clean linen cloth by Joseph and Nicodemus, give me the grace to receive most worthily Thy precious Body and Blood in the holy Sacrament of the Altar, with a heart embalmed with the precious ointment of Thy virtues.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

At the Final Prayers.



Meditate upon Christ's joyful and glorious resurrection. – *Mark xvi. 6.* "For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." – *Colos. iii. 3.*

After the Communion.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst triumphantly issue from the fast-sealed monument, grant that, rising from the tomb of my sins, I may walk in newness of life, so that when Thou shalt appear in glory I may merit also to appear with Thee. "We look for the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will reform the body of our lowness, made like to the body of His glory." – *Phil. iii. 20, 21.*

At the Dominus Vobiscum.

Jesus appears to His Disciples. Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst gladden the hearts of Thy blessed Mother and Thy Apostles by manifesting Thyself to them after Thy Resurrection, grant that, since I cannot be so happy as to behold Thee in this mortal life, I may hereafter enjoy the unclouded vision of Thy glory. "When shall I come and appear before the face of God?" – *Ps. xli. 3.*

After the Postcommunion.

Jesus converses for forty days with His Disciples. Lord Jesus Christ! Who, after Thy Resurrection, didst deign to converse for forty days with Thy disciples, instructing them in the Mysteries of our faith, increase, I beseech Thee, my knowledge of those divine truths, and confirm my belief in them. "I desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ." – *Phil. i. 23.*

Resolve. To say or do something that may draw contempt on us.

Pray. O my dearest Spouse, I will rather be despised with Thee, than be honored without Thee.

HOLY MASS

IN UNION WITH OUR LORD'S PASSION

MEDITATION

The Heart of Jesus Concealed and Buried in the Sepulcher. Beloved Savior, Thy Body is placed in the sepulcher, the last of the humiliations which Thou hadst to undergo in this world, for humiliation was to accompany Thee even to the tomb. O my soul, what a state of abasement for God made man is this, to be in the world as not there, hidden in the bosom of the earth, surrounded by the shades of death, given up to obscurity in the region of darkness, absolutely destitute of everything, for even the tomb in which Jesus reposes is not His, thus verifying the words He has said of Himself: "The birds of the air have their nests, but the Son of man hath not where upon to lay His head." Yet in this state of humiliation Thou, my Jesus, dost preserve all Thy power.



Behold, my soul, the great example given us for our imitation. St. Paul tells us that we are dead, that our life must be "hidden with Jesus Christ in God." Yes, my divine Savior, in Thy tomb I will learn detachment from the world, forgetfulness of the world, death to the world and to myself, the nothingness of earthly things, the love of retirement, and strict union with God; for Thou shalt take the place of all, O Jesus, when for Thee I have quitted all with heart and mind.

O my God, vouchsafe to accept these resolutions; I renew them in this holy sacrifice, and I offer them to Thee in union with Thine own. I beg of Thee to give me the grace to preserve them in my soul as long as I live, and grant that I may persevere in them until death.