



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 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY
ST. VINCENT FERRER, C



¶ 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 7th**, 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 Fr. Cekada, Dorothy Alban, and all of our intentions.



¶ 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 altars. **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.

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

Sins Crying to Heaven for Vengeance: Wilful murder, the sin of Sodom, oppression of the poor, defrauding laborers of their wages.

THE GRACE TO TAKE UP OUR CROSS

Pain, sickness, trouble, seem to strike senselessly and often warp the lives they touch. Why this one or that one should be singled out for suffering is more than anyone can know here and now.... What we do know is that God is our Father and that He permits only those things to happen to us that are for our good. They are indeed for our own good *if* we use them rightly.

"Offer it up!" is a stock phrase that will bring a smile of recognition to anyone who has ever gone to a Catholic school. It was a little phrase that in childhood could transform everything from a lost prize or a skinned knee to a dose of bitter medicine or the teasing of a trying companion. With older years and the sophistication of our age it is easy to forget that life's biggest, sorest, bitterest crosses can be "offered up" in union with our suffering Lord just as successfully as the smaller trials of childhood. Furthermore, they can be endured *cheerfully*, not just as a medical measure to help our cure, but as coin for heaven. Every pain is expendable, and it is a pity to waste even the tiniest bit. Naturally this does not mean that a person with appendicitis is expected to fold his hands and die piously without ever calling the doctor. The Lord Who gave us remedies expects us to use them. But there will always be pain which no doctor can alleviate, and there will always be suffering which no remedy can cure. What is to be done with that? It is a free gift to us, like the cross thrust on Simon of Cyrene's shoulders. To grumble while we bear it will not make it any lighter nor relieve us of it.... To bear the cross of suffering with regard for Him Who allows us to carry it is to use wisely and well a sure means to heaven.

— Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.

"Now if you would derive benefit from these thoughts of Our Lady's heart considered as the center of the Cross of Christ and as Queen of martyrs, you must not doubt the great love of her heart for the countless souls who are crucified in this life. It will be most pleasing to her if you will remember to commend to her special protection all afflicted persons everywhere."

— St. John Eudes

I STAND AND LISTEN

Sometimes in a lowly cell,
in the Presence of my God,
I stand and listen.
In the silence of my heart
I can hear His will.
When I listen,
despairing people flock to me.
They expect that I can
see the answers.
They ask my advice,
they say I am wise.
I answer that nothing
can deceive me,
if I stand alone and silently listen.
For, I am but a servant,
who is guided by his King,
when I listen.
Sometimes in a lowly cell
in the Presence of my God
I stand and listen. Amen.

— St. Columban



We beseech Thee, O Lord, give effect to our devout supplication, and mercifully turn away the pestilence; that the hearts of men may know that these scourges both proceed from Thine indignation, and cease by Thy compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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!

HOLY WEEK: TENEBRAE

Zelus domus tuae—

I am eaten up,
Carried on the crest of wave
On wave
Of cadences, rising, falling.
Sound of armies' marching,
Sea's loud roar and
Earth's eruption,
Thunder's cymbals,
God-abandoned Christ's
Flesh-marrow-piercing cry:
Miserere, Deus
Dele iniquitatem meam.

— John De Caprio



EASTER SUNDAY USHER ASSIGNMENTS:

7:30 AM LOW MASS

Joe Andreotta, Scott Pepiot,
Paul McConnell

9:00 AM HIGH MASS

Paul Arlinghaus, Mike Briggs,
Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand

11:30 AM LOW MASS

Dennis Hille, John Seyfried,
Bob Uhlenbrock

Palm Sunday leads us into the losses, the dark defeat of Holy Week, with a scene of splendid homage and joy for the victory of our King. In the midst of the desolation of these days, a great victory was granted *us*. There was much talk last week of closing down the remaining churches. We prayed. Mightily. We were heard, speedily. Not a word more was said of closing churches. Thanks be to God, to the Divine Infant, to the Holy Face.... All of these graces come to us through "Mary of Graces" with the help of Good St. Joseph. Many people prayed. Thank you for yours. On to Holy Week and Easter. *Our* story always has a happy ending.

On a human level, remember that neither politicians nor police want to tangle with preachers, nor leave a legacy of Chinese Communist style closed churches. It's way too early for that. At the moment the success of this vast enterprise of social control depends upon *voluntary compliance* or *self-policing*. Think about that. Read and think and discuss, as well as pray.

It occurred to me forcefully again this week how many of our own, how many clergy even, are afraid, very afraid, after the endless barrage of propaganda from the media and pressure from family and friends. Little accurate information is out there, be it ever so little as the consolation of simple compared statistics and what even a short memory could supply, say, going back to the far more serious flu of 2009, to say nothing of SARS, etc.

But we have a secret weapon. "Turn, turn, turn" the old 60s song goes. Turn it off, turn away, turn to Jesus in His bitter Passion for sweet, strong relief. Live these days of Holy Week as never you have before. If you can come, come often. Many cannot or will not, paralyzed by fear. You be bright and brave and light the way, won't you? Only turn it off, stay away from the propaganda they call news. Entirely away.

But spare a prayer for those caged in at home, in a hospital or nursing home; depressed, sad, slowly withering away. This is not the all of it by any means, but it is part of what our masters have imposed upon us. Unspeakably sad.

Cloister yourself, your soul, in another way these days, far away from the electronic voice that tells you not to think, only to fear. Don't listen. "Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Thus the Church today begins a long day of prayers. But this one, at Midnight Matins, comes first. Give yourself to others for Jesus' sake.

Let Christ pray in you, let Him suffer for souls

and honor His Father, *in you*. I do not know how this crucial Holy Week of 2020 will end, but I do promise you peace, if you turn *away* and turn *towards!* Jesus, only Jesus, these days.

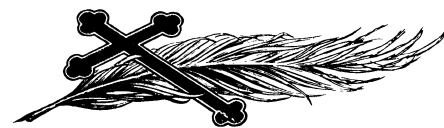


Fr. Lehtoranta has gone to Milwaukee for Holy Week to see what good he can do for souls in that oppressed state, ten at a time. **Fr. Francis Miller** is under the same official restrictions, and is trying outdoor Masses, drive-in theater style. It should work for him. He asked the police but they weren't committing, as everybody's afraid, waiting for orders, endless orders. But I don't think they'll bother the good Franciscan in Lafayette. **Fr. McKenna** is due to be back with us today, having visited his Texas missions. Seminarian **John Okerulu** is with us for Holy Week, and we are grateful for his help.

Fr. Cekada is working very hard on his rehabilitation therapy, patiently bearing yet another round, the hospital isolation, and the mix-ups and delays of that life. Keep him, and all of our shut ins in your prayers these days, as well as those paralyzed at home, prey to every fear, sunk in sadness.

"Pray and keep watch, lest you enter into temptation."

– 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: Justin Soeder, *Volunteer needed*

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, Hunter Lumbatis

1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, *Volunteer needed*

2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John 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

Collection Report

Sunday, March 29th\$5,617.00

✠ THE HOLY WEEK CALENDAR ✠

MON 4/6/20 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
 Ferial Day • *BL. JULIANA, V*
8:00 AM Low Mass Pete Gebel (*Bishop Dolan*)
11:25 AM High Mass In petition to Our Lady Help of Christians for the restoration of the Mass to those who are now without it (*TRCS*)
Servers: M. & D. Simpson
12:25 PM Vespers

TUE 4/7/20 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
 Ferial Day
8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Anthony and the Holy Souls (*Arlinghaus Family*)
11:25 AM High Mass For my husband's intentions on his birthday (*Jennifer Richesson*)
Servers: Mr. Okerulu & P. Omlor
12:25 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Francis & Elaine Puglielli (*Diane Puglielli*)

WED 4/8/20 SPY WEDNESDAY *FAST*
 Ferial Day
7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Richard C. VandeRyt (*Joseph Lotarski*)
followed by Vespers
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Thursday

THU 4/9/20 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 our priests, living and deceased, and our seminarians (*Alter Christus*)
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 9, 2020—12:15 PM

THE MANDATUM

ALBERT DANIEL KINNETT, JOHN SEYFRIED, JOSHUA GUNSHER, DAVID MARKO, 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 4/10/20 GOOD FRIDAY *FAST*
On Good Friday, be penetrated with a very lively sorrow for the sufferings which Christ, our Savior, 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 4/11/20 HOLY SATURDAY *FAST TILL NOON*
On Holy Saturday, honor Our Savior 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 4/12/20 EASTER SUNDAY
5:45 AM Easter Matins & Lauds
7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass For ending the threefold plague, and for restoring the Holy Masses and the True Faith (*Dorian Pula*)
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass Easter 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

"Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors." (Matt. 6:12.) St. John, Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt, was called the Almoner because of his great generosity to those in need. In his territory lived two noblemen who were mortal enemies. The good bishop begged them to forgive and make up, but without success. One day he invited to his house the more stubborn and obstinate of the two, only to see the unforgiving man's face darken with anger when the name of his enemy was mentioned.

As it was time for the bishop to say Mass, he invited his visitor to attend. St. John came to the Our Father in the Mass. It was custom in those days for those assisting at the Holy Sacrifice to recite certain parts, especially the Our Father, along with the priest. As the prelate recited the prayer of prayers, the nobleman prayed with him. Right after saying, "Give us this day our daily bread," the bishop suddenly stopped, while the nobleman went on along with the words, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Realizing that he was praying alone, the nobleman quickly stopped also. His face flushed as the bishop told him to think of what he had just said to God. There, in the very presence of Jesus Christ, he had asked God to pardon him according as he pardoned his enemy.

The grace of God worked in the nobleman's heart. At the end of Mass he arose, hurried to the home of his enemy, and begged forgiveness.

Every day we pray those words, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Do we realize what we are saying?

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Remember that you are talking directly to God when you say those words, to God Who alone

can forgive sins. Constantly keep in mind the fact that sin is an offense against the Almighty; it is disobedience to His holy will. Too common today is the idea that there is no sin, that right and wrong are determined by what society thinks or by the harm caused through breaking one of the divine laws.

God can and does forgive sin directly, as happened often in the Old Testament. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, frequently forgave sins during His lifetime. He even worked miracles to prove that He had the power of forgiving sin.

God also forgives sin indirectly through the ministry of His Church and His priests. Christ gave the power of forgiving sin to His apostles and to their successors, the bishops and priests of the Catholic Church.

God is always ready and willing to forgive if we are sorry and ask forgiveness. Like the father of the prodigal son, our heavenly Father is waiting for us to come back to His love. The Son of God suffered and died for our sins, died that we might obtain forgiveness. And God, the Holy Ghost, enlightens your mind and inflames your heart that you may seek divine pardon.

SPY WEDNESDAY

We might ask God to give us the grace, the divine help to be truly sorry for our sins. Without genuine sorrow, no sin can be pardoned, and without God's help, we cannot have true sorrow.

This point is extremely important. Some sinners find it difficult to be sorry. They must ask for the spirit of true sorrow. Then there are sinners, people who never go to the sacraments, people who have fallen away from the Church, who never pray. For them also we must beg the spirit of contrition for sin.

Then we ask God to give us the grace to confess our sins. The sacrament of Confession is the ordinary means of forgiveness. Some people are afraid to confess. Some are ashamed. Some are discouraged by their moral failures. Others put off

confession through thoughtlessness and carelessness. Still others block the whisperings of conscience by stuffing their ears with the clamor of this world's entertainment and the tin-pan merrymaking. Ask God to give you and all sinners the courage and willpower to make a good confession regularly.

That word "forgive" begs God to blot out the guilt of sin from our souls. Forgiveness is not a mere covering up or hiding of our sins; it is not as some of the so-called reformers pictured it—a bandage over a sore, a blanket over one's moral back. No, forgiveness means a complete removal of sin from the soul.

Furthermore, we ask God to take away at least some of the temporal punishment due to our sins. We ask the heavenly King to cancel at least some of the penalties for our crimes.

HOLY THURSDAY

Each one of us must ask pardon and conversion for himself. Each one of us must ask forgiveness. We have all sinned; we all need forgiveness. The sinner must turn to God.

That word "us" means not only the individual praying, but it includes all sinners. Just as Jesus taught us to say "Our" Father, and give "us" this day our daily bread, so also, when we ask for forgiveness, we do not pray, "forgive me," but, "forgive us." As followers of Christ, Who died for all the sins of all men, we have the double duty of asking forgiveness for ourselves and also of begging pardon for all the sinners of the world.

GOOD FRIDAY

"Trespasses" is an old English word meaning injury, offense, sin. To trespass means to exceed the bounds of what is lawful, right, or just. It means to encroach on another's rights or privileges. Sin is just that. It is going beyond the bounds, going against the law of God. It means

encroaching upon God's right to our obedience.

By so doing, we become debtors to the justice of God. We owe Him something in the way of amends and reparation. We are in God's debt. The Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:12) even uses the word "debt": "Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors."

Every debt must be paid either by the one owing it or by someone else. If not paid, it must be cancelled by the one to whom it is owed. Never can we pay the infinite debt we contract by sin. Our only hope is that God will cancel or forgive what we owe Him. For this we pray in this petition of the Lord's Prayer.

For us Catholics, asking God's forgiveness for our sins means something very definite—it means making a good confession regularly, and it means doing everything that a good confession implies, especially making a firm purpose of amendment, and resolving to right the wrong we have done to the Almighty.

HOLY SATURDAY

"As we forgive." Here is an absolute condition before God will cancel our debts to Him. We must first cancel the debts others owe to us. Right after Jesus gave us the Our Father, He went on to single out one sentence for further explanation and emphasis. He declared: "For if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you your offenses. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses." (Matt. 6:14, 15.)

Our Lord also told the striking story of the king who discovered that one of his servants owed him ten thousand talents, a huge sum of money, which the servant could never hope to pay. When the king ordered that the servant be sold into slavery, together with his wife and children, the man fell down and begged: "Have patience with me and I will pay thee all." (Matt. 18:26.) In pity the master forgave. Immediately after, the servant met another who owed him a

small sum. He seized him by the throat and demanded payment. No patience. No time. Pay! Hearing of this, the master called the forgiven but unforgiving servant:

"Wicked servant! I forgave thee all the debt, because thou didst entreat me. Shouldst not thou also have had pity on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?"

The unforgiving one was handed over to torturers until he paid all the debt. Then Jesus added: "So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not forgive your brothers from your hearts." (Matt 18:32-35.)

EASTER SUNDAY

"Those who trespass against us." These injuries may be real or imaginary. In either case we must cancel them out of our minds before we can be forgiven.

From the consideration of this part of the Lord's Prayer we can see that all of us must say those words with thought and sincerity. All of us need forgiveness. The whole world needs forgiveness. Heaven and hell hang upon those words. Pray them with meaning. Pray them with sorrow. Pray them with determination. Pray them today as you will want to pray them at death. Amen.



How to Meditate:

Say a little prayer to the Holy Ghost to start. Read over the text slowly. Pause, reread it prayerfully. Sit quietly with it. Pray in your own words. Conclude with the Our Father.

LENT 2020 THE OUR FATHER

"AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US"

Act of Spiritual Communion

And forgive us our trespasses: Alas, how manifold and how grievous are our trespasses! For in many things we all offend, and in our misery and our poverty we have not wherewithal to acquit our great debt.

But behold, O Lord, with Thee there is mercy, and plenteous redemption with Thy Son, Whom, in pity of our misery, Thou hast given us. He is just and undefiled and free from all sin, and He has paid our debt; He has expiated our sins; He has made abundant satisfaction to Thy justice, in that He has given to us the inexhaustible treasure of His merits and the infinite worth of His Blood.

And all this treasure and this worth we have laid up for us and hidden in this most precious Sacrament. Wherefore, O eternal Father, I offer Thee now this treasure that Thou mayest take thence whatever Thou dost require of me for my manifold debts.

I have not wherewith to pay Thee, but the merits of Thy Son abound to overflowing, that therefrom all our debts may be forever discharged. For His sake, then, forgive us, even as we forgive all that trespass against us; as we forgive, lest we be without that perfect bond of charity, and so unworthily touch the Sacrament of peace and oneness; lest we should seek in vain unto God for forgiveness if we keep anger against our fellow men.