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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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February 21, 2021
LENT I



¶ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Blessed Ashes will be available at the Communion Rail after all Masses for those who did not receive them Wednesday. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available next week.) Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



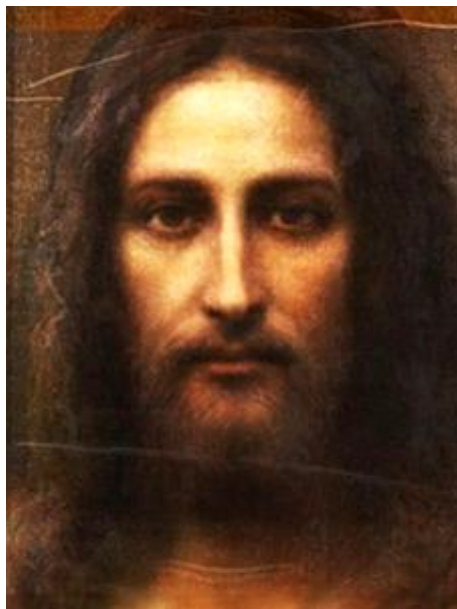
¶ THIS WEEK

A number of interesting saints accompany us on our first full Lenten week. St. Peter the Apostle is honored on **Monday**, and St. Peter Damian, reforming monk, on **Tuesday**. The latter, although a poor and hungry boy, gave a coin he found to the priest for a Mass for his deceased father. A feast breaks through the purple pall of Lent on **Ember Wednesday**. St. Matthias, last of the Apostles, is honored. On **Ember Friday** we remember St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent, as well as the Holy Lance and Nails. **Ember Saturday** closes the week with a patron saint of youth, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the **Lenten Ember Days**. All Catholics, age seven and older, must keep the abstinence, partial on Wednesday and Saturday, total on Friday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 are obliged to follow the Church laws of fast—one full meal a day. Every weekday of Lent.

¶ **PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of †Ralf Karlsen of Sweden, for a good death for Frank Beckerich, and for the recovery of Eldon Neukam.



*“... For thy sake I have borne
reproach; shame hath covered
My Face.” Ps. 68*

*Our Daily Offering for Lent:
PRAYER TO THE ETERNAL FATHER
FOR OUR COUNTRY*

*Eternal Father, we offer Thee the
adorable Face of Thy well-beloved Son,
for the honor and glory of Thy Holy
Name and for the salvation of the United
States.*

*PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
The Children's Day of
Recollection is on March 3rd.*

Collection Report

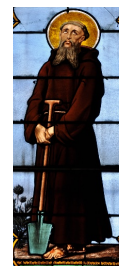
Sunday, January 14th\$5,467.00
Bake Sale.....\$920.00

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT II

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Lent II, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third for the Living & the Dead. Preface of Lent.

It's never too early to ponder warm thoughts of buds and blooms! Ian Ford will be adopting the gardens of SGG (cloister garden excluded—thank you, Uhlenbrocks!) and is looking to form a small gardening group to assist when needed. Bulk planting, weeding, edging beds, creating beds, mulching, and trimming will all be on the 'to-do' list at certain times of the year. No horticultural experience required. Also appreciative of anyone able to transport compost/mulch/hardscape materials on occasion. If interested, you may contact Ian directly at ijf90@yahoo.com or 513-828-9811. St. Fiacre, pray for us!



“To the gentleman who saved me a place in the confession line at the 11:30 Mass on Feb. 7—such a nice thing to do. Thank you so much.” – Rose B.



¶ UPCOMING

- **Sodality of Charity Meeting: Saturday, February 27.**
- **Children's Lenten Day of Recollection: Wednesday, March 3.** Please let us know if your children will be attending.
- **Altar Boy Day: Saturday, March 13.**

Our Lord complains again that the nation is provoking the justice of God, and that Sister Mary should offer the Holy Face in reparation, or else the guilty country will reap chastisements.

I cannot restrain my tears at the thought of what Our Lord told me after I received Holy Communion this morning. The following are the terrifying words which He spoke to me:

"The face of this nation has become unsightly in the eyes of My Father. The people are provoking the arm of His justice. To obtain mercy, offer therefore to the Eternal Father the Face of His Son in which He takes His delights. Unless this be done, the nation will experience God's just punishments. Yet the country's deliverance from these evils lies in the Face of the Savior. Behold here another proof of My goodness towards this nation which repays Me with ingratitude!"

Frightened I said to Our Lord, "Savior, is it really You Who gives me these revelations?" He answered me:

"Were you able to obtain them yourself at the time of your last Communion? I purposely abandoned you to profound darkness the last eight days to help you realize that it is I Who reveal Myself to you."

I then prayed as follows:

"Eternal Father, we offer You the adorable Face of Your Well-beloved Son, for the honor and glory of Your Holy Name, and for the salvation of our country."

*Revelation of January 23, 1846
Sr. Mary of St. Peter*



"For the devil may tempt the good, but he cannot find rest in them; for he is shaken violently, and upset, and driven out, now by their prayers, now by their tears of repentance, and now by their almsgiving and similar good works."

— St. Bruno of Cologne

¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

Incense burners are back in the bookstore. We have new sizes and types. Everything you need for using incense in the home is there for your convenience.

Several copies of *My Other Self* by Clarence Enzler are available in the bookstore for good Lenten reading. Offered at a great reduced price of \$8.50; get your copy today. One parishioner claimed it changed his life.

Bishop Dolan has recommended it saying, "The book is highly recommended for the faithful. He writes with a popular touch, quite accessible."

Ave Maria Press says: "In this intimate guide to the spiritual life, Christ speaks directly to the reader, whom Christ admonishes to be His presence of love and service in the world. Each chapter of *My Other Self* is divided into short, eloquent sections based on scripture and with beautiful prayers for meditation. These convenient divisions make the book ideal for use as a daily devotional, or a guide to prayer."

CONGRATULATIONS

*to Alex & Whitney Ball
on the Baptism of their daughter,
Alice Susan, on Monday, February
15, 2021.*



"If we had the vision of faith, we would see beneath every behavior—no matter how repulsive—beneath every bodily appearance—no matter how dirty or deformed—a priceless dignity and value that makes all material facts and scientific technologies fade into insignificance."

— Fr. Daniel Egan

A Father Damian of Molokai kind of priest.



BEAUTIFUL SNOW

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow,
Filling the sky and the earth below;
Over the house tops, over the street,
Over the heads of the people you

meet;

Dancing,

Flirting,

Skimming along,

Beautiful snow! it can do nothing
wrong.

Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek,
Clinging to lips in a frolicsome freak;
Beautiful snow, from the heavens
above,

Pure as an angel and fickle as love!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow!
How the flakes gather and laugh as
they go!

Whirling about in its maddening
fun,

It plays in its glee with everyone.

Chasing,

Laughing,

Hurrying by,

It lights up the face and it sparkles
the eye;

And even the dogs, with a bark and a
bound,

Snap at the crystals that eddy
around.

The town is alive, and its heart in a
glow,

To welcome the coming of beautiful
snow.

How the wild crowd go swaying
along,

Hailing each other with humor and
song!

How the gay sledges like meteors
flash by—

Bright for a moment, then lost to the
eye!

Ringing,

Swinging,

Dashing they go

Over the crest of the beautiful snow.

— An excerpt from a longer poem by
John Whittaker Watson, with thanks to
Fr. Lehtoranta

Nature was still wearing white vestments last week, heedless of the arrival of Lent. Still, she so scheduled the snow so as to make possible the Ashes for Wednesday, Lent's opening. Thursday was the feast of St. Bernadette, privileged child of Mary, who saw the Immaculata 18 times. But Our Lady's appeal, her repeated admonition even as she kindly heals our sick, is most insistent: Penance! Penance! Penance! May Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette watch over this crucial Lent, offered with whatever prayer and penance we can manage, in reparation to the Holy Face, for the salvation of our country.

Today is the solemn, public Sunday start of Lent. We're offering blessed ashes, on the *forehead* as traditional, for those who couldn't make it Wednesday. (The Novus Ordo declared forehead ashes "unhealthy," but head ashes just fine. Don't try to figure it out. *It's meant to make no sense.*) Lent is called the "soul's spring," and we hope weather now will reflect this spiritual truth. It does make getting around so much easier. Church is always last priority (after Kroger), so we are always asking for good weather.

Still, we can't complain, not about Covid, nor about snow. (Well, *maybe* about the Covid snow job. The propaganda in public places is unbearable.) The good news is how many of you made the sacrifice to come after work Wednesday, made the sacrifice to assist at the Holy Sacrifice. I am hopeful for a great Lent, one that reflects the devotion, the *enthusiasm* of our faithful. It's encouraging for any cook to see such good appetites!

Our brethren in Texas suffered far more than we with our warm homes during cold weather. These kinds of outages, along with everything else anymore, just seem *staged*, faux, one more true act of "domestic terrorism," brought to you by the powers that be. So, you see the need for prayer for our beloved country? Be generous in your sacrifices of time and church, as well as fasting.

Keep the Texans in your prayers. **Fr. McGuire** is heading down to Dallas after the 7:30 this morning for their third Sunday of the month Mass. May all go well. **Fr. McKenna** has been gallivanting all around the frozen north, North Dakota and Wisconsin specifically. Our goal this year was to distribute the Blessed Ashes at as many of our missions as possible. God bless our intrepid missionaries. "Who is that masked man?" He is a priest of the Most Holy God.

Once again, it *is* curious, typically topsy-turvy, that the Novus Ordo says that ashes

on the face are unhealthy. The first of the beautiful blessing prayers on Wednesday asked that they bring us "health of body and safety of soul." May our good God grant this grace to us all, and thus, may we well begin our 40 Day Fast.

I send a blessing home to you, and every prayer for a good Lent. Remember our sick, shut-in and dear departed.



— Bishop Dolan



P.S. Send a SASE for a free Lent 2021 Holy Face holy card(s).

CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe that Jesus Christ has also instituted the great Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood in remembrance of His Passion and Death. In this Sacrifice, called the MASS, He is mystically immolated every day upon our altars, being Himself both Priest and Victim. This Sacrifice is the principal worship of the New Law, in which, and by which, we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ; and with Him and through Him we adore God in spirit and truth; give Him thanks for all His blessings; obtain His grace for ourselves and the whole world, and pardon for all our sins; and pray for the living and the dead.

Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—Feb. 26th

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Cuban beans and rice, cheesy potatoes, salad, bread, fruit.

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

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



Masses sent to the Missions

Relief of the Holy Souls (*Kolenich Family*)

2x In Thanksgiving (*Karla Lawrence*)

†David MacDonald, Sr. – 56th Anniversary 2/21 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)

†Mary MacDonald – 50th Anniversary 1/30 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)

†Maurice Galarneau – 7th Anniversary 2/27 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)

Conversion of Mary Lynn Strasser (*Bill & Terri Young*)

2x In honor of St. Anthony & St. Joseph for Holy Souls (*Arlinghaus Family*)

Our Children & Godchildren (*Arlinghaus Family*)

Parents, Siblings & Godparents (*Arlinghaus Family*)

Poor Souls (*Linda Maki*)

Thanks to all who contributed to the luncheon for family & friends of Kent

Maki (*Linda Maki*)



SODALITY OF CHARITY LENTEN MEETING Saturday, February 27

In the spirit of

St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face

Start with the 8:15 AM Ember Saturday High Mass, the day includes crafts, lunch, and a movie.
The day ends with the Rosary at 1:30 PM.



✠ CALENDAR

MON	2/22/21	ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH <i>FAST</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Dennis Hille (<i>Alberta VandeRyt</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Happy Birthday, Clara Young (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>) 12:25 PM Vespers
TUE	2/23/21	ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD <i>FAST</i> VIGIL OF ST. MATTHIAS 7:00 AM Low Mass For Grandpa & Mémère and all of their intentions (<i>Cecilia Simpson</i>) ☞ 8:00 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Anthony (<i>Patrick A. Omlor</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Elaine Pawinski – anniversary of death (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>) 12:25 PM Vespers
WED	2/24/21	ST. MATTHIAS, AP <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> EMBER WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM Low Mass My Mother (<i>T. Bayer</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Friends of Peter J. Gebel Jr. at St. Gertrude the Great Church (<i>Willa L. Gebel</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass SGG Clergy – In thanksgiving (<i>T. Bayer</i>) 12:25 PM Vespers 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion 5:15 PM Low Mass Return to faith – 2 sisters, 3 brothers (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
THU	2/25/21	FERIAL DAY <i>FAST</i> ST. WALBURGA, V • ST. SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Anya Proctor (<i>Matthew Giese</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>JCS</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>) 12:25 PM Vespers
FRI	2/26/21	EMBER FRIDAY • THE LANCE AND NAILS <i>FAST</i> ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA, PENITENT 8:00 AM Low Mass My friends & their intentions (<i>Veronica Briggs</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Keith (<i>Christensens</i>) 12:25 PM Vespers 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Closing of Infant of Prague Novena 5:45 PM Low Mass Isaac Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>) Sacred Heart Novena 6:45 PM Lenten Supper 7:15 PM Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena V, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction 8:30 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	2/27/21	ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN, C EMBER SATURDAY <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass & Ave Regina Rose Kuebler & family (<i>Katherine Kunkel</i>) 8:15 AM High Mass For Renee and all of her intentions – Happy Birthday! (<i>Cecilia & Regina Simpson</i>) Sodality of Charity Lenten Meeting

'Come, Follow Me!'



As the Lenten Season of penance and prayer begins, Catholics are called upon again to tread in spirit the Way of the Cross with Christ. The “Ecce Homo” of Martin Feuerstein, adapted for use here by Leo Canavan, art editor, portrays the Man of Sorrows in majestic mien, as befits the King of Kings. Despite the crown of thorns and the reed scepter, both intended as mockeries of Christ’s

claims, His Divinity and majesty are evident. The persecutors of the present day, who force Christ’s Mystical Body to undergo the humiliation and suffering of the road to Calvary, will also find at last that Christ is truly King and that His divine power cannot be overcome by earthly tyrants.

“PRO LIFE DEFENSE CLASS”

- *Do you believe abortion is a religious or moral issue?*
- *When do you think human life begins? Why?*
- *What would your advice be for girls/women who don't have the money to go through with the pregnancy? (ie. medication, healthy meals, taking work off)*
- *Do you approve the undertaking of wars? If so, what is the difference between war killing and abortion killing?*
- *If abortion became fully illegal what would the punishment be if a woman had an abortion? Should the killing of a human in the fetus count as strongly as murder of an adult? What would the punishment be for the doctor who performed the procedure?*

Learn how to answer these questions and many more with our online zoom class! February 28th / 3-5pm. Send an email to cincinnatiaprolife@prolifefuture@gmail.com and we'll get you a zoom link and password! Pass it on to your friends and let's learn how to defend the unborn.

Servers

SUN 2/28 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **HIGH:** MC: M. Simpson **CHAPLAINS:** J. Lacy, C. Richesson
TH: Na. McClorey **ACS:** D. Simpson, T. England **TORCH:** T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, B. McGinnis, N. Kolenich
11:30 AM **LOW:** P. & A. McClorey
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** P. Omlor
5:45 PM **LOW:** P. Omlor

SUN	2/28/21	LENT II
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Bud P. & Granddaughters (<i>M. Sutton</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:15 AM	Short Stations
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Joe Druecker</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Fr. James Kosek (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)

OUR REPARATION RULES, CONCLUDED



MONDAY IN LENT I – DEPRIVE

Our sixth rule is to practice reparation by depriving ourselves of something we now have that we could, if we wanted to, do without.

- It may be some luxury in the home,
- Or some delicacy at table,
- Or some comfort in our way of living,
- Or some trinket, or indulgence that we could just as well do without.

Call it mortification or self-denial; whatever the name, the basic idea is to expiate for sins of self-indulgence by giving up. When we sin we offend God by choosing some creature to which we have no right. When we practice mortification, we make reparation by choosing to deprive ourselves of some creature we have a right to—why, in order to undo the harm caused by sin and thus propitiate the offended justice of God.

TUESDAY IN LENT I – SACRIFICE

I have saved sacrifice for the end because it synthesizes everything we have so far said.

- What is sacrifice? Sacrifice is the surrender of something to God.
- Sacrifice is the heart of penance and reparation.

When we sacrifice, we let go with our wills of whatever we could legitimately possess and

enjoy because we want to make up to God for having stupidly chosen some creature in preference to the Creator.

We return to where we began by stressing that when we sacrifice, we do **more** than we would have done; we give up more than we would have given up; we surrender more of what we like in order to—in plain English—prove to God that we love Him.

There is an episode in the Gospels that perfectly synthesizes this cardinal mystery of sin and penitential reparation.

Remember after the Resurrection when Christ asked Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the others do?” Why the question? Because Peter had sinned; sinned more than the others who had remained faithful to the Master. Peter was expected to love Christ more. Why more? Because he had more to sacrifice in order to expiate more because he had so deeply sinned in denying the Saviour.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT I

We have our seven rules of Meditation. Review them today, and often during Lent.

As we look into our hearts we must humbly confess that truly, we have sinned, sinned often, sinned deeply, sinned willfully.

But God is good. He gives us the privilege of not only expiating what we have done wrong, but actually becoming more pleasing to Him by our penance and reparation.

It was no pious statement that St. Paul gave us when he said, “Where sin abounded, grace has even more abounded.” In

other words, in God’s providence, He allows us to sin so we might repent and become saints.

THURSDAY IN LENT I

The Fatima children had experienced supernatural visions the year before when an angel (quite possibly the archangel Michael) visited them three times in 1916. He called himself the Angel of Peace and taught them the first of these Fatima prayers, also known as the Pardon Prayer, that spring:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

He later referred to himself as the Angel of Portugal and taught them the second of our Fatima prayers covered here in his last appearance that autumn, amazingly, while leaving a Host (the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ) and a golden chalice both suspended in mid-air!

Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

FRIDAY IN LENT I

THE LANCE AND NAILS

After that the Angel rose, took again in his

hand the chalice and the host. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time,



Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God.

Once more he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer thrice: Oh, Blessed Trinity etc. and disappeared. Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the Angel in everything, kneeling prostrate as he did and repeating the prayers he said.

It was in this way that catechized in prayer, reparative suffering, and the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, and strengthened by the Bread of Angels, that the children of Fátima were prepared for the visitation of the Queen of Portugal, the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

SATURDAY IN LENT I

The following year, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco first saw Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th, 1917. She appeared to be “more brilliant than the sun,” as Lucia later put it. Indeed, in the second apparition in June she opened her hands to reveal a light so radiant that “we saw ourselves immersed in God,” again according to Lucia.

As World War I raged on, Our Lady asked the children to pray the rosary daily for world peace. She further requested that they bear sufferings **in reparation** for the many offenses committed against her Son, as well as

for the conversion of sinners. She appealed for prayer and penance from all of us as well.

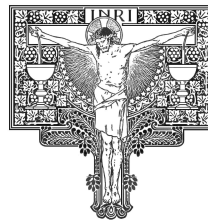
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“How are we to make sacrifices?” Lucy asked.

“Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an **act of reparation** for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you.”

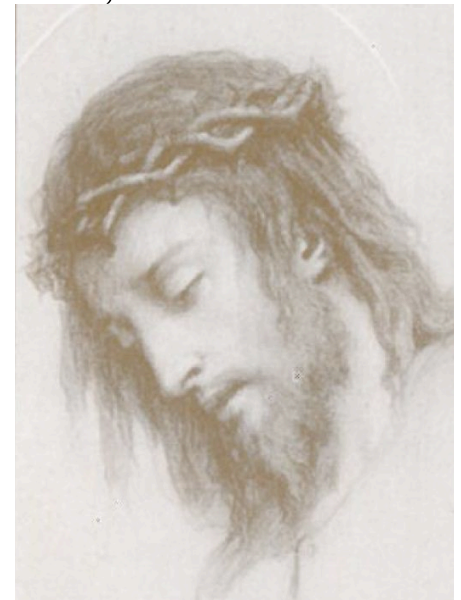
The following Fatima prayers came from Our Lady herself. When she appeared to the children in July, 1917 she taught them this prayer, to be said when offering up personal sufferings, sacrifices, or acts of penance:

Oh my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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Reparation Notes



2021 Lenten

Daily Thoughts and Prayers

For the restoration of the Church and the salvation of our country.

An Offering for Lent – St. Therese

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this Lent for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and *I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.*

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all eternity. Amen.