

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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March 14, 2021

LENT IV

LAETARE SUNDAY



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Today is Laetare Sunday, marking the halfway point of Lent. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Eldon Neukam's Solemn Funeral Mass will be offered on **Tuesday** at 11:25, with the Rosary first at 11 AM. Please note that we will be **covering the statues** (a big job at St. Gertrude!) for Passiontide after Mass on **Saturday**. Come help if you can.

¶ ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The fast is traditionally dispensed Wednesday on this great day for the Irish. Three Holy Masses (7, 8, & 11:25 AM) are offered, and children's Stations with Holy Communion are at 3:00 PM.



Thy Grace A Lenten Prayer

O my God,
suffer me still,
bear with me
in spite of my
waywardness,
perverseness
and ingratitude!
I improve very slowly
but really, I am
moving onto heaven,
or at least,
I wish to move.
Only give me Thy grace
meet me with Thy grace,
I will, through Thy grace,
do what I can
and Thou shall
perfect it for me.
Then shall I have
happy days,
in Thy Presence
and in the sight
and adoration of
Thy five
Sacred Wounds.
Amen



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.

"I am looking at my Lord, and it is in looking at Him that we learn how to love." – Ven. Maria-Eugenie Millerat

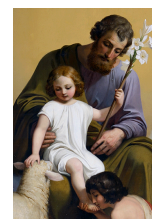
Lumen Christi

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

In Gratitude & Special Intentions
(Susan Duddy)

¶ ST. JOSEPH

Three Masses are offered Friday on the feast of great St. Joseph. St. Joseph's Bread will be blessed and distributed after the 11:25 AM High Mass. Bring some **food for the poor** (who feel the pinch more than most) on Friday. This is known as the "St. Joseph's Table." Come to evening devotions, Mass at 5:45 followed by the Lenten supper and special *Stations of St. Joseph*. The Sorrowful Mother Novena with Benediction concludes the evening.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PASSION

Passiontide begins next Sunday. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM, ending early for final Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45. **Set Your Missal:** Passion Sunday, second collect of St. Benedict, Abbot. Preface of the Holy Cross.

¶ **PLEASE PRAY** for Margaret Kinnett, Lisa Zver, and our shut ins, and those so long deprived of Holy Communion.

Wedding Banns

First time: Joseph Simpson & Sarah Burns

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2021

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING:

Saturday, April 10th.

****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, May 20th.

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost,

Saturday, May 22nd.

FIRST COMMUNION:

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6th.

¶ **BOOKSTORE NEWS**

The Army of Saints has arrived! They are on display in the Bookstore. See if your unusual saint is here. Get them while they last.

Many Holy Face items are on display, books, pictures, and medals.

If you like the side chapel with the Scourged Christ statue you can find a framed picture for a low price to take home for your own devotions. Check the Bookstore for new items weekly.

**Lenten Friday Evening of
Recollection—March 19th**

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Festive Supper: St. Joseph's Pasta, Fish Rollatini, Fava Bean & Fennel Soup, Vegetable Platter, St. Joseph's Zeppole

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

¶ **EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES & LILY MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Envelopes are available in the pews for the Easter Novena of Masses and the Lily Memorials. Please fill them out and return them to the office by **Monday, March 29th**.



¶ **UPCOMING**

Girls Camp: June 15-17

2021 YAG: July 9-11

Boys Camp: July 27-29



PLEASE NOTE:

For Requiem and Ferial Masses, the rubrics for the congregation differ from other Masses:

Kneel during the prayers before the *Epistle* and after the *Communion*.

Kneel from the *Benedictus* through to the *Last Gospel*.

Parents and teachers, please instruct your children to pause for a moment to swallow the Sacred Host before leaving the rail, slowly and reverently. **Do not rush.**

CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe also the necessity of Divine Grace, without which we cannot make so much as one step towards heaven; and that all our good and all our merits are the gift of God; that Christ died for all men, and that His grace does not take away nor oppress our free will.



Collection Report
Sunday, March 7th\$5,977.00
Alter Christus.....\$142.00
Thank you for your generosity.

MARCH RUMINATIONS

Brown March precedes the green
Rain is coming, felt not seen
Nature soon will change her sheen
And all outdoors an Irish scene

Now all of this rhymes with vaccine
Here naught of nature intervenes
But dark experiment of genes
Death or illness...unforeseen!

— Bishop Dolan



THE HOLY WINDING SHEET

What royal cerements, dearest Lord,
Shall loving service bring,
What costly silks and spices rare
To wrap Thy form, O King?

Ah! Love makes answer, and we come
With linen vestal-wrought,
And myrrh of grief all steeped in tears,
And incense sorrow-bought.

And, swathing Thy most precious
form,

We Kiss Thy sacred tomb,
That is not darker than the shades
Which fill our hearts with gloom.

But Hope low whispers: "This the
shroud

Of Him the crucified,
Shall be the spotless Easter robe
Of Him the glorified!"

St. Joseph's month got off to an excellent start. I don't think we've ever had so many for First Saturday. Father had to break hosts and still he *ran* out. So many beautiful Communion of Reparation. Although the entire service does *run* long, as it includes final devotions and some suggested meditation thoughts, nobody *ran* out, but many stayed to complete the requested "company keeping" with Our Lady.

Helfta Hall was full for the Tea Party. It *ran* long, but the speaker was engaging and offered some great insights. The meeting opens with a prayer. It is interesting to consider how Protestants pray. After the salutation, the Lord is informed about one or two items of current events (kind of a recap) and then a suggested course of action is presented, ending with a hearty "Amen."

I'm writing this on Mid-Lent Day, last Thursday. We're meant to rejoice that Easter approaches, but often have occasion to reproach ourselves for a slovenly and self-indulgent Lent. Too much self, not enough sacrifice. Thank God He sends His Son to take away our sins, for even whose remnants we don't do much in the way of atoning.

Stay close to St. Joseph. What our possibilities don't obtain, may his intercession grant us, we pray. Friday is his feast, and the High Mass features the traditional Blessing of Bread, the evening a wonderful supper and a time of recollection.

And who could forget St. Patrick? Three Masses Wednesday morning honor him, the last with beautiful Irish music. It's nostalgic anymore, of course. Ireland is consumed by Communism, and the Church and the Mass are banished from its shores, as if they were serpents. What the Protestant English could not achieve in three centuries, sixty years of Modernism and thirty of prosperity easily accomplished. Spare them a prayer today. May the snakes be banished from their land.

Remember, with gratitude, the power of prayer. When all the fuss started last March we prayed. Every day there was a special Collect, and almost as often a hymn against "the threefold plague," Adoration all night, and many at daily Mass. Not one case of "Covid," and not one missed Mass. We were entirely protected. We resisted the lies, and were spared from the virus. Thanks be to God, our loving Father, and to the Blessed Mother, whose care for us is unceasing. The Avenging Angel flew over.

Thanks be as well for cheering cooks and nourishing Lenten meals. It was looking pretty lean earlier, but Providence always provides.

Ah, one little word on our echo chamber. Fr. Cekada designed the church for its splendid musical acoustics. Sound echoes. So if you're visiting in the vestibule during

Mass or Adoration, your voices or innocent mirth will carry. Please be considerate. Speak softly, or even adjourn to outside or Helfta Hall. It's easy to forget, and sound does carry. For once it's adults and not the babies. The children are smiling.

Enjoy the early Spring. Romantic minded robins are hopping about. Bunnies are back, multiplying like rabbits. Some of the blessed pansies persevered through winter, I think, and crocuses have popped their purple heads out to signal Spring.

But most of all rejoice that Easter approaches, and that we still have three weeks to "make good" our Lent, which is meant to make us good. Be generous. It must last a year!

God bless you and St. Joseph protect your family and our country from the wicked who seek our ruin.

– Bishop Dolan



THE HOLY FACE DEVOTION

In Tours, France during the 1840s a young Carmelite nun received a series of revelations from Our Lord about a powerful devotion He wished to be established worldwide—the devotion to His Holy Face. The express purpose of this devotion is to make reparation for the blasphemies and outrages of "revolutionary men" [the Communists] through whom God is allowing the world to be chastised for its unbelief, as well as for the blasphemies of atheists and freethinkers and others, plus, for blasphemy and the profanation of Sundays by Christians. Specifically, this devotion is the Divine tool given by God to defeat Communism, but it is also an instrument given to the individual devotee as a seemingly unfailing method of appealing to God in prayer—through adoration of His Holy Face and Name.

Our Lord gave Sister Mary a short but powerful prayer called "The Golden Arrow," by which a person can "shoot directly into the Heart of God" to heal the wounds inflicted on it by the malice of sinners. Of the nine promises connected with this devotion, the first three are 1) "By My Holy Face you will work miracles;" 2) "By My Face you will obtain the conversion of many sinners;" and 3) "Nothing you ask in making this offering will be refused to you." This devotion brought St. Therese to her great sanctity. Anyone who is searching for a spiritual method for fighting atheism, socialism, materialism and paganism and its programs and/or who is searching for a virtually infallible method of prayer will be delighted with The Golden Arrow devotions.

"Just as in an earthly kingdom money which is stamped with the picture of the sovereign or ruling executive of the country procures whatever one desires to purchase, so likewise in the Kingdom of Heaven, you shall obtain all that you desire by offering the coin of My precious Humanity which is My adorable Face." – *Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter*

INTERNET MASSES: SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

QUESTION: What benefits do I derive from watching the traditional Latin Mass on the internet? I know I don't get the full benefit I would if I were there in person.

RESPONSE: It is clear, based on the teaching of pre-Vatican II theologians regarding hearing Mass over the radio or television, that one could not fulfill his Sunday obligation by viewing a Mass broadcast over the internet. The law requires physical presence at the Holy Sacrifice, or at least being part of a group that is actually present (in the case of a congregation so large, for example, that it spills out beyond the doors of the church into the street).

So, if you were able to be physically present at Mass under the usual conditions on a Sunday or a Holy Day, you would be obliged to go to it. You could not choose instead to remain at home glued to your computer—or indeed, to remain in the church parking lot, hovering over your I-Phone—and still fulfill your duty to assist at Mass.

Thus the question of the obligation.

However, the spiritual benefit of a broadcast Mass is another matter—you can indeed benefit from it. This is clear from the comment of Fr. Francis Connell, a well-known moral theologian at Catholic University in the 1950s, who addressed the question of hearing Mass over the radio:

“One may participate in the benefits of the Mass without being actually present—namely, by directing one's intention and devotion to the sacred rite. By hearing Mass over the radio one can certainly foster his devotion, and thus profit considerably from the offering of the Holy Sacrifice. Indeed, **it could happen that one who participates in the Holy Sacrifice in this manner will gain much more benefit than many of those who are actually present.**” (Father Connell Answers Moral Questions [Washington: CUA 1959] 75–6)

So, in these days when true Masses offered by real priests are few and far between, Catholics can at least have the consolation of knowing that a facet of modern technology so often used for evil can also be used to foster their own devotion—and indeed, to bring to them the benefits of a true Mass, wherever it is offered.

Deo gratias!

—Fr. Cekada



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Ask Jesus to come into your soul with an increase of His own divine life since you do not now receive Him sacramentally. Commune with Him. No formal prayers are required. Any simple aspiration is sufficient, such as,



O Jesus, I look to the holy tabernacle in adoration, where Thou art really present for love of me. I, too, love Thee, O my God. I cannot, at this moment, receive Thee in Holy Communion. But come,

Jesus, come to visit me by Thy grace; come in a spiritual way into my heart; come to cleanse it and make it like to Thine. Amen.

Go, my dear angel, I beg of thee, to where my Jesus lies; say to my divine Redeemer that I adore Him and that I love Him with all my heart. Invite the adorable Prisoner of love to come into my heart and make it His fixed abode. My heart is too small to afford a lodging for so great a King, but I purpose to enlarge it by faith and love. *300 days indulgence*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus took the loaves and He distributed them

JOY IS analyzed in today's liturgy! *True liberty* (EPISTLE) and the *true satisfaction of hunger* (GOSPEL) are the *causes of joy*. Our moderns talk much of freedom; but freedom from what! The more they talk about freedom, the more heavily do they become chained in “bondage.” In the EPISTLE a contrast is drawn between the slave son of a slave girl (symbolizing the fear begotten by the Mosaic law) and the free son of a free woman (symbolizing the love inspired by Jesus). The EPISTLE indicates also how

freedom, “persecuted” by the flesh, finally triumphs. In the GOSPEL Divine Providence goes so far as to multiply food to satisfy legitimate hunger, the food that also is a symbol of Jesus' feeding our soul with His own Body and Blood. *True freedom can only be gained by a sincere Easter Confession. Only our Easter Communion will satisfy the soul's instinctive hunger for a personal union with God, and unite us together in a real social and mystical union to work for one another in “a City which is compact together.”* (COMMUNION VERSE)

✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/15/21	FERIAL DAY • ST. CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Noah Kuebler – 18 th Birthday (<i>K/V</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Family & Friends of †Richard VandeRyt (<i>Katherine Kunkel</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
TUE	3/16/21	FERIAL DAY FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Anna Kolenich, Happy Birthday! (<i>Kolenich Family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt (<i>Joseph McMahon</i>)
	11:00 AM	Rosary
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Requiem Mass †Eldon Neukam
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Richard VandeRyt, 1 st Anniversary 3/16 (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
WED	3/17/21	ST. PATRICK, BPC NO FAST
		<i>ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass For my family (<i>Matt Brueggemann</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Brian & †Ryan – Rest in peace
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>Mark Cash</i>)
	3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion
THU	3/18/21	ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Yen Nguyen</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Pontmain for answered prayer (<i>Judy</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass For our priests at St. Gertrude's (<i>Lee & Dianne Payne</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:15 PM	Low Mass †Grandparents (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>)
FRI	3/19/21	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY FAST
		<i>THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Brian – Rest in peace
	11:06 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass Uncle Ken & Aunt Regina (<i>Matt Brueggemann</i>)
		Blessing of Bread, St. Joseph's Table
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass & Sacred Heart Novena: †Carl McClorey (<i>Val Bellavia</i>)
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:30 PM	St. Joseph Stations, Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction
SAT	3/20/21	FERIAL DAY • SS. PHOTINA & COMP., MM FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Colleen Eldracher – Thank You! (<i>The Movie Crew</i>)
	8:15 AM	Ave Regina & Sermon
	8:30 AM	High Mass For my family & friends (<i>Jason Murray</i>)
	After Mass:	Veiling of the Statues
SUN	3/21/21	PASSION SUNDAY • ST. BENEDICT, AB
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Margaret L. Soli (<i>Jim Soli</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes

THE LEGEND OF THE LITTLE KING

It was summer and the children of Nazareth were playing in the fields. And Jesus was a child with them. Wild roses grew in the fields, and the children gathered them; and the Child Jesus also.

And the children of Nazareth played that Jesus was a king among them. And making a crown of wild roses, they placed it on His head, and brought Him to Mary, His Mother, saying: "Lo, here is Jesus, our King!"

Mary sat sewing by the open door. She smiled to see the children come, for she knew that Jesus was in the midst of them.

And when they showed her how they had crowned Him, she smiled the more. But there was no mirth in her smile; for there came before her the vision of a Man of Sorrows bearing a cross and crowned not with roses but with thorns.

And Mary shuddered and said:

"Come hither, little Son Jesus, and play no more today. The clouds have hid the sun, and the wind blows cold."

And the Child Jesus abode with His Mother.



THE PATRON OF PRIESTS

*Thou wert made a priest, St. Joseph, Of a sacred mystery
When the Father gave the chosen one, Christ's Mother, unto thee.*

*From the introit—thy espousals—
Through the long communion days,
With holy awe, thy hands anoint
Led Christ through childhood's ways.*

*Thou holy patron saint of priests, O teach God's priests to see
With eyes of faith the wondrous things
Thy priesthood showed to thee!
O make them serve our Virgin Queen
With hearts as pure as thine—
O may each priestly soul become, Another Nazareth shrine!*



Servers

TUE 3/16	11:25 AM REQUIEM: MC: P. Omlor CROSS: A. McConnell TH: C. Richesson ACs: D. McConnell, Na. McClorey TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson
WED 3/17	11:25 AM SOL. HIGH: MC: P. Omlor CROSS: A. McClorey TH: D. McConnell ACs: C. Richesson, S. Richesson TORCH: Na. McClorey, A. McConnell
FRI 3/19	11:25 AM HIGH: MCs: P. Omlor, C. Richesson CHAPLAINS: Fr. Lehtoranta, Fr. McKenna TH: Na. McClorey ACs: A. McConnell, A. McClorey CROSS: D. McConnell TORCH: S. Richesson, D. McConnell
SUN 3/21	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: Na. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J., B. & C. McGinnis, J. Stewart 11:30 AM LOW: J. & N. Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: P. Omlor 5:45 PM LOW: P. Omlor

11:15 AM Short Stations

11:30 AM Low Mass Jeanne Hille (*Maria Kunkel*)

4:45 PM Lenten Vespers & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach, 10th Anniversary (*Eva Nellenbach*)

Our Lent – Reparation

To restore the Church and save our country.

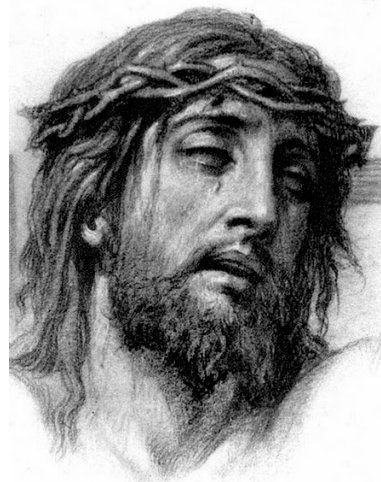
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Short Stations 11:15 AM Vespers 4:45 PM LENT IV LAETARE SUNDAY ROSE/V	FAST 15 <i>Pray for the Poor Souls</i> Ferial Day St CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C V	FAST 16 <i>Make a Holy Face visit</i> Ferial Day V	FAST 17 NO FAST! But Stations St PATRICK, BpC St JOSEPH OF ARIMATEA, C W	FAST 18 <i>Study the Catechism</i> St CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BpCD W	FAST  19 Blessing of Bread St JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF O L THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD W	FAST 20 Ferial Day St PHOTINA & COMP, MM V
FINAL Short Stations 11:15 AM Vespers 4:45 PM PASSION SUNDAY St BENEDICT, AB V	FAST 22 <i>Pray for farmers</i> St ISIDORE THE FARMER, C St CATHERINE OF GENOA, W W	FAST 23 <i>Hang the Holy Face in your home</i> Ferial Day V	FAST 24 Children's Stations, 3:00 PM St GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL W	FAST 25 Exposition, Adoration for our country THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM W	FAST  26 Final Friday Recollection SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BVM W	FAST 27 <i>Stock up statues, give them as gifts</i> St JOHN DAMASCENE, CD W
Don't miss the Procession PALM SUNDAY St JOHN CAPISTRAN, C V	FAST 29 <i>Get shopping, housework done early...</i> MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK V	FAST 30 <i>...so you can attend Holy Week each day.</i> TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK V	FAST 31 <i>Don't miss Tenebrae, 6:30 PM</i> SPY WEDNESDAY V	FAST 1 Mass & Holy Communion, 9 AM Tenebrae, 6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY W/V	FAST  2 Tre Ore 11 - 3 GOOD FRIDAY St FRANCIS OF PAULA, C FIRST FRIDAY B Tenebrae, 6:30 PM	FAST AND ABSTAIN UNTIL NOON 3 THE Mass of the year HOLY SATURDAY FIRST SATURDAY V/W

A PRAYER OF REPARATION FOR THE OUTRAGES OUR LORD RECEIVES

I salute Thee, O Lifegiving Pearl of the excellence of God. I salute Thee, most amiable Jesus. I salute Thee, human nature's Incorruptible Flower. Thou art my sovereign and unique salvation.

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude that those who say this prayer in reparation would be defended by Himself against the accusations of demons at the Particular Judgment and so consoled that the enemies of their salvation will be left struck with terror.



*"O ye to whose brave spirits
My glory is so near,
To whom My victory cometh,
My triumph is so dear,
Ye are My cherished spouses;
My Name e'er holy keep,
Asking ever for the guilty
Pardon and sorrow deep."*

**CONCLUSION OF THE
GOLDEN PROMISES OF OUR LORD
IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO HONOR
HIS HOLY FACE**



THE GOLDEN ARROW

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

**MONDAY IN LENT IV
Fifth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

"I will defend them, I will preserve them, and I assure them of final perseverance."

Practice of Reparation

To hear an extra Mass (besides the one of obligation) on Sundays and holy days of obligation, in reparation for those who do not comply with the Sunday precept, and for the conversion of these persons.

Adorable Face of my Jesus, my only love, my light and my life, grant that I may know, love and serve Thee alone, that I may live with Thee, of Thee, by Thee, and for Thee. Amen.

**TUESDAY IN LENT IV
Sixth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

"By offering My face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained."

Practice of Reparation

To offer the sacrifice of a legitimate pleasure on Sunday to atone for the profanations committed on this day.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy Beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy Name, for the conversion of sinners and for the salvation of the dying.

O Divine Jesus, through Thy Face and Name, save us. Our hope is in the virtue of Thy Holy Name!

**WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV
Seventh Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

"As in a kingdom they can procure all that is wished for with a coin stamped with the king's effigy, so in the kingdom of heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face."

Practice of Reparation

At the beginning of our prayers and exercises of piety, as an easy means of putting ourselves in the presence of God and combating distractions, to think of the Holy Face of Our Lord, Whose gaze is fixed upon us, and to adore Him with faith, and turn our hearts to Him with love.

**THURSDAY IN LENT IV
Eighth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.**

"By My Holy Face they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners."

Practice of Reparation

To endeavor to imitate the patience, gentleness, serenity, modesty of the Holy Face, listening to the Divine Master, Who said: "Learn of Me when ye look upon Me, that I am meek in face and humble of heart;" knowing, indeed that like a spotless mirror, the face of the Man-God reflects the gentleness and humility of His heart.

Be merciful to us, O my God, and reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call upon Thy Holy Name and seek with love and confidence Thine adorable Face. Amen.

**FRIDAY IN LENT IV
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD**

O Savior Jesus, at the sight of Thy most holy Face, disfigured by suffering, at the sight of Thy Sacred Heart, so full of love, I cry out with St. Augustine: "Lord Jesus, imprint on my heart Thy sacred Wounds, so that I may read therein sorrow and love; sorrow to endure every sorrow for Thee; love to despise every love for Thee."

Practice of Reparation

To propagate devotion to the Holy Face by distributing books, leaflets, scapulars, pictures, medals, etc.; trying by this means to conquer the baneful effects of irreligion and indifference.

SATURDAY IN LENT IV

Cry of Love

Pardon, pardon, O my God, for the innumerable souls which are being lost every day around us. The devil rushes forth from the abyss, hurrying to make horrible conquests; he excites the infernal band; he exclaims, "Souls! souls! let us hasten to ruin souls!" And souls fall like autumn leaves into the eternal abyss.

We also, O my God, will cry, "Souls! souls!" We must have souls wherewith to acquit the debt of gratitude we have contracted towards Thee; we ask them of Thee by the wounds of Jesus, our Savior. These adorable wounds cry out to Thee even as so many powerful mouths. The King crowned with thorns demands subjects torn from the devil; we ask them of Thee, together with Him and through Him, for Thy greater glory, and through the intercession of the most Holy Virgin Mary, conceived without sin.

Practice of Reparation

To make the sign of the Cross with great respect, to repair the indignities that Jesus Christ received during His bitter passion, and for all disrespect shown to the image of Jesus Crucified.

PASSION SUNDAY

Prayer of Pope Pius IX

O my Jesus! cast upon us a look of mercy; turn Thy Face towards each of us as Thou did to Veronica; not that we may see It with our bodily eyes, for this we do not deserve; but turn It towards our hearts, so that, remembering Thee, we may ever draw from

this fountain of strength the vigor necessary to sustain the combats of life. Amen.

Practice of Reparation

To make a genuflection passing before the Blessed Sacrament, on entering and leaving the Church, in reparation for the genuflections made in derision by the Roman soldiers; saying at the same time, "I salute Thee, Jesus, King of the Jews! King of my heart, reign over me and over all men." We can likewise make the intention to repair the contempt of unbelievers to deny the Real Presence.

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Thine adorable Face to ask of Thee the graces of which we stand most in need, we beseech Thee, above all, to grant us that interior disposition of never refusing at any time to do what Thou requires of us by Thy holy commandments and divine inspirations. Amen.



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Reparation Notes



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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.