

# 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 21, 2021**  
**PASSION SUNDAY**  
**ST. BENEDICT, AB**

## ¶ PASSION SUNDAY

Passiontide begins today. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for final Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

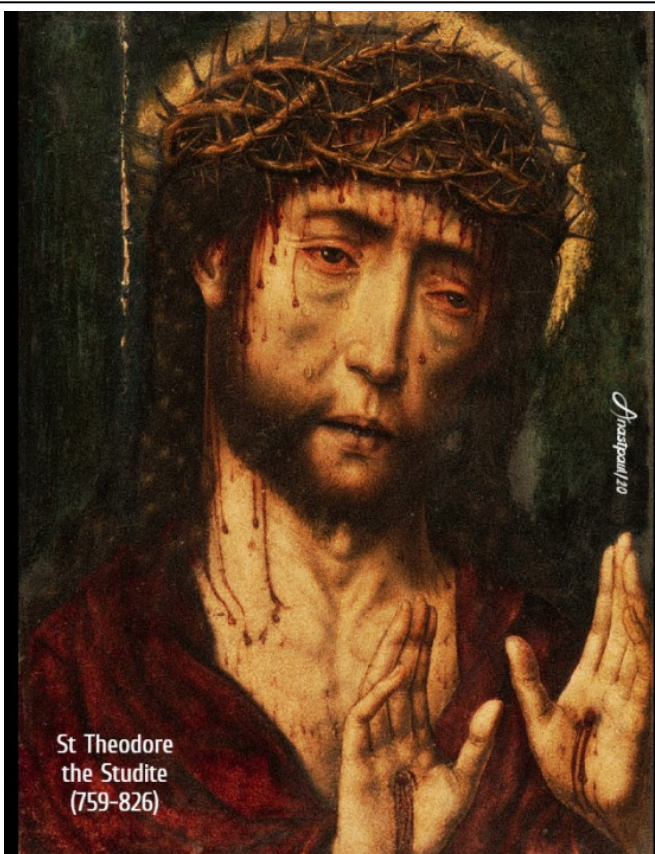
## ¶ THIS WEEK

The last of our Lenten weeks before the Great Week itself opens with the American feast of a Spanish Saint, patron of farmers, **St. Isidore**. St. Gabriel comes **Wednesday** to usher in the great feast of the Incarnation, the **Annunciation**. **Make Adoration with us in the afternoon, come to Mass**. Another feast of Our Lady, now her Sorrows, comes for the last of our Lenten **Friday** programs. Stations will begin at 7:30 PM, the conclusion of the Sorrowful Mother Novena & Blessing of the Sick.

## ¶ EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES & LILY MEMORIALS

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 29<sup>th</sup>**.

*"Covid is a true killer. So far it's killed the flu, cancer, heart disease—it killed the ability to think, logic and common sense. It killed the economy, the working class, and millions of jobs. It killed millions of businesses, human connection, love and compassion."*



St Theodore  
the Studite  
(759-826)

He who is immortal, voluntarily shed His blood.  
He who created the host of angels, was bound at the hands  
of soldiers and He who is to judge the living and the dead,  
was dragged to justice.

Truth was exposed to false witnesses,  
was slandered, struck, covered with spittle,  
hung on the wood of the cross - the Lord of glory  
endured every outrage and suffering without Himself  
needing these trials.

So there is nothing surprising about it, if we submit to  
even one of these trials since such is our condition (...).  
Therefore, we too have to be offended and tempted,  
afflicted by the cutting off of our wills.

**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.*

## Final Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection March 26th

**5:45 PM:** Low Mass

**6:45 PM:** Lenten Supper:  
Pizza, salad, fruit

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

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUN.

Palms will be blessed and distributed at **7:15 AM**, and again at the ancient and beautiful ceremony with procession, beginning in church at **8:50 AM**. We hope the beloved tradition of processing with a real, live donkey (or mule!) will continue: parents, bring your children to participate in the procession! Those attending the 7:30 AM Mass are welcome and encouraged to stay awhile, and join in the procession too. Palms will be available at every Mass. Due to the Procession, there will be **no Sunday Classes**. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Palm Sunday, Preface of the Holy Cross. Reading of the Passion.

¶ **PLEASE PRAY** for Jules Vermette, Ben and Angela Morgan, Ronald Stout, Lisa Zver, Theresa Couch, and the repose of the soul of †Helen Kalian.

## Collection Report

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> .....\$8,363.00



### A PASSIONTIDE PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ our God, as Thou didst weep over Lazarus and shed tears of sadness and compassion for him, accept these bitter tears of mine.

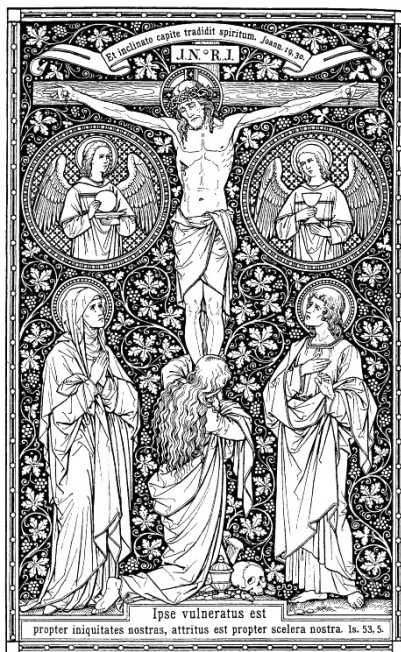
By Thy Passion heal my passions, by Thy wounds comfort my wounds, by Thy Blood purify my blood, and spread over my body the life-giving perfume of Thy Body. The gall which Thine enemies offered Thee brings sweetness to my soul and makes it lose the bitterness which the enemy poured upon it. May Thy Body stretched on the wood of the Cross make my mind fly toward Thee when the demon tries to drag it down below. May Thy head which had to rest on the Cross lift up my head when I am insulted by enemies. May Thy sacred hands nailed to the Cross by unbelievers draw me up toward Thee from the abyss of perdition, as Thou Thyself hast promised (Jn 12:32). May Thy Face which was so often struck by the slaps and spittle of cruel men make my face shine again after it has been disfigured by sin. May Thy spirit which Thou didst give back to Thy Father on the Cross lead me to Thee by Thy grace.



**Wedding Banns**

*Second time:*

*Joseph Simpson & Sarah Burns*



### CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe that Jesus Christ will come from heaven at the last day to judge all men; that all the dead, both good and bad, shall arise from their graves, and shall be judged by Him according to their works; that the good shall go to heaven with Him, body and soul, to be happy for all eternity in the enjoyment of the Sovereign Good; and that the wicked shall be condemned, both body and soul, to the torments of hell.

### 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.

### UPCOMING

**Girls Camp:** June 15-17

**2021 YAG:** July 9-11

**Boys Camp:** July 27-29

### THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

**I.** By that stress and struggle there  
In the agony of prayer;  
By the sweat of blood that fell  
For that woe unspeakable,  
Sin upon the Sinless laid,—  
Jesus, hearken! Mary, aid!

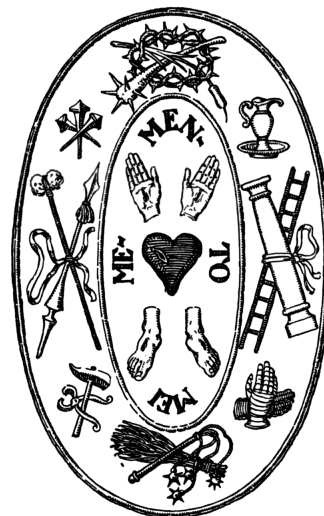
**II.** By the scourge that rent and tare  
Flesh divine in shame laid bare;  
By the blood that drenched the  
ground;  
By the body one vast wound;  
By the stripes our healing made,—  
Jesus, hearken! Mary, aid!

**III.** By the crown of plaited thorn;  
By the robe of purple scorn;  
Reed for sceptre, mocking knees,  
Blows and spitting,—by all these,  
Liege defied and King betrayed,—  
Jesus, hearken! Mary, aid!

**IV.** By the cross they laid on Thee;  
By Thy way to Calvary;  
By that fellowship of woe  
Only Mary's heart could know;  
Shepherd, seek and save Thy strayed,  
Jesus, hearken! Mary, aid!

**V.** By Thy crucifixion dread;  
By redemption finishèd;  
By the priceless gift decreed  
For Thy mourning children's need,  
Mother of God our Mother made,—  
Jesus, hearken! Mary, aid!

— Emily Hickey



Laetare, or Rejoice Week has been one of weddings and funerals, preparing for them, and carrying them out. Tuesday we had a Solemn Requiem for Eldon Neukam, token of our esteem and lasting gratitude to a good man who gave of himself year after year. Today I'm in Milwaukee due to a funeral yesterday for one of our first faithful, Helen Kalian, a real foundress of that church.



But green shone among the black this week: another glorious St. Patrick's Day with beautiful music, Solemn Mass, and an abundant *Italian* dinner. And why not? Many an Irish saint ended up in Italy, giving those good folk what only the Irish can give.

Friday's feast of St. Joseph has more of a universal character, for St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church. But by yesterday afternoon he was shrouded in purple with all the rest for the Passion of Our Lord. Only his golden daffodils and green lights remind us it is still his month. And how fitting, for St. Joseph matches each of his Seven Joys with Seven Sorrows, which enabled him to suffer the Passion with his Son, by anticipation. In a different way, we do as well, anticipating the sad chronology of Holy Week, as well as the splendor of the Resurrection. Be sure to *anticipate* your Holy Week this week, by planning and preparing for your participation.

This is the last of our Lent, for Holy Week has its own spirit and schedule. The final "Short Stations" are this morning, Children's Stations on Wednesday, and the closing of Sorrowful Mother Novena on Friday, the final Recollection. Joyful news in times of sorrow: You can still get in on everything!

But let us not forget **Thursday**, which brings us to our knees in *Adoration* and takes us back to the beginning, the **Annunciation**. Against the Lenten purple the Sacred Ministers don Mary's colors, and another Solemn Mass is sung. Afterwards the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for a few precious hours until the early Vespers and Benediction. Last year we prayed for protection from the Plandemic. A year later, with so many falling victim to the "vaccine," we are still praying. Pray with us. Many adorers are needed from 12:30 until 3:00 PM, a kind of Tre Ore a week in advance. Friday is the feast of Mary's Seven Sorrows.

We ought to pray that this year-long plague of wicked plans, death and destruction, be brought to an end. There *are* stirrings of sense in our land. Will they make a difference? It will be a battle. St. Michael must both sheath and unsheathe his sword these days. Prayer is our weapon, our proven protection.

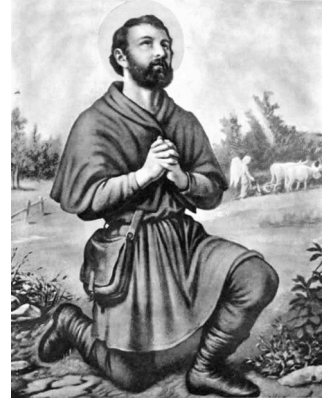
A blessed Passiontide!

— Bishop Dolan

## ST. ISIDORE, THE FARM-LABORER, CONFESSOR

*March 22—Patron of farmers*

St. Isidore was born at Madrid, Spain, in the latter half of the 12<sup>th</sup> century. For the greater part of his life he was employed as a laborer on a farm outside the city. Many marvelous happenings accompanied his lifelong work in the fields and continued long after his holy death. He was favored with celestial visions, and it is said the angels sometimes helped him in his work in the fields. St. Isidore was canonized in 1622.



In 1947, he was proclaimed the patron of the National Rural Life Conference in the United States.

### PRAYER TO ST. ISIDORE FOR GOOD CROPS

O Blessed St. Isidore, thou wert so diligent in thy work in the fields, being assisted by angels in thy holiness; pray, we beseech thee, that our seeds may grow as well as thine, and that we may persevere in our work and always maintain that attitude of humble love of God for which thou wert crowned a saint. St. Isidore, patron of farmers, pray for us. Amen.

*Margaret and Albert Daniel Kinnett are in need of a ride to church, at least short term. Can you help?*

513-554-0855

*"Of old, before My Passion,  
Veronica, with love's great power,  
Clad with courage, seemed to soften  
All the anguish of that hour.  
Another Veronica I now long for  
Who, adoring night and day,  
On My bleeding brow unceasing  
The veil of her true love shall lay."*



## The Annunciation

*This Thursday, March 25  
7 & 8 AM Low Mass, followed by  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
until 3:15 PM. Adorers needed!  
2:30 Vespers & Benediction*

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## ✠ HOLY WEEK 2021 ✠

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### PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 28, 2021

- 7:15 AM Blessing and distribution of Palms,  
Low Mass  
8:50 AM Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass

*The beautiful Procession and High Mass of Palm Sunday is magnificent, and well worth the extra time. Bring the children as well as your donkey to the Procession! They have the privilege of walking together and leading the Procession.*

*N.B. The Procession commences about 9:30 AM, proceeding through the cloister and around the grounds, finishing with a brief but ancient ceremony at the church doors before re-entering the church. Please do not start your engine or drive your car in the parking lot during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.*

- 11:30 AM Low Mass  
4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction  
5:45 PM Low Mass
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### SPY WEDNESDAY: MARCH 31, 2021

*DAY OF FAST*

- 6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae  
8:30 PM Church decorating for Holy Thursday
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### MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY: APRIL 1, 2021

*FIRST THURSDAY – DAY OF FAST*

- 9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass, Procession to the Altar  
of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar  
(*This is the Mass to attend! The birthday of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass. Please bring your little children to walk in the procession after Mass.*)

*A Potluck Luncheon follows Mass*

**Adoration continues at the Sepulchre  
until 11:00 AM on Good Friday.**

- 12:15 PM The Maundy (Washing of the feet) \*\*  
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae  
All Night Adoration continues

**\*\* Men scheduled for the Maundy:** Albert D. Kinnett, David Marko, John Seyfried, Brendan Lotarski, Levi Giese, Joseph Andreotta, Bob Uhlenbrock, Hunter Lumbatis, Mike Volz, Noah Kuebler, Raphael Kuebler, Robert Miller, Doby Curran.

*If you cannot participate, PLEASE contact the Church office immediately to let us know! Otherwise, please plan to report to the Sacristy not later than 12:00 noon on Holy Thursday, April 1.*

Thank you,

Bishop Dolan

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### GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 2, 2021

*FIRST FRIDAY – FAST AND ABSTINENCE*  
Adoration at the Sepulchre continues till 12:00 noon

- 11:25 AM Stations of the Cross  
12:00 PM Tre Ore  
12:15 PM Mass of the Presanctified, Adoration of  
the Cross  
2:15 PM Tre Ore Devotions and Sermon  
3:00 PM Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross,  
Vespers  
3:00 PM Confessions  
6:25 PM Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart  
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae  
8:30 PM Church decorating for Holy Saturday

*Come when you can; leave when you must.*

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### HOLY SATURDAY: APRIL 3, 2021

*FIRST SATURDAY – FAST & ABSTINENCE ENDS AT NOON*

- 8:00 AM EASTER VIGIL: Blessing of the Fire,  
Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, Holy Baptism,  
First Mass of Easter, Vespers, Blessing of Easter  
Food

*A complimentary Easter Luncheon follows – all are invited*

- 4:00 PM Confessions
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### EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 4, 2021

- 5:45 AM Solemn Matins and Lauds  
7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass  
9:00 AM Solemn High Mass  
11:30 AM Low Mass with Benediction  
6:00 PM Vespers

(No 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

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**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**  
Good Friday 3:00 to 4:00 PM  
Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM



#### PASSIONTIDE / HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Janet and her Sacristy crew welcome all helpers the next two weeks to assist with decorating, cleaning and polishing the vessels and church ornaments, ironing altar and Mass linens, and other tasks to help set up for the ceremonies. Keep in mind our especial need for many holy helpers on Good Friday evening, after Tenebrae. If you can spare an hour or two, please call the church office at (513) 645-4212.

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As we began this article with...the spread of the devotion to the Holy Face as being a weapon against Communism, we remind you that Communism is far from being dead. The enemy does not sleep. Here is a quote from one Communist website called [www.redsun.org](http://www.redsun.org), "...we are unfolding within the new era, initiated with the October Revolution in 1917, in the past century, which is grand and glorious, a great milestone. You may be disturbed by the fact that restoration has taken place in the USSR and in China, but this implies not seeing the struggle between restoration and counter-restoration... Communism will not be in one country; it will be in the entire world, or it will be not at all... We are inexorably marching toward it. Nobody take us off this course."

These words filled with ardent zeal for the spread of Communism are a reminder of what awaits us if we do not fight. We dare to say that we **MUST** take them off this course! With the Holy Face in one hand as our shield and Our Lady's rosary in the other as our weapon, we must march toward this final battle in which Our Lady will be triumphant and crush the serpent's head! For in this mystery of the Holy Face is the core theme—Reparation. A reparation for those who are attacking the Catholic Church from without AND within! This is a battle to the death—the death of Communism, the death of Masonry once and for all! Remember with the devotion of Our Lady of Good Success—she promises "good success" in all of our endeavors—we cannot fail!

*When Communists took over China, the Chinese Catholics prayed the following prayer every day. Those who survived the mock trials of the Communists attributed their release to the power of this prayer said daily:*

*"O my God, I fear only my fear; it could make me abandon Thee. O my God, I fear only my fear; it could make me lose courage before the end. O my God, do not forget me in Thy Glory, but give me Thy Love and the strength to give my life for Thee. Amen."*



the rebuffs I receive from the souls of many religious." Our Lord asked her in particular to make reparation for the sin of pride in religious souls. These last years were spent in doing just that. The "Kiss" that was to make reparation for the kiss of Judas now takes on a new meaning for her. For as Judas was a priest and a bishop of Christ, Our Lord, in His request, was asking Sr. Pierina to make reparation for all of the "Judases" of the world that were offending Him—most particularly religious "Judases." For you see, those apostles who betrayed Our Savior on Holy Thursday ran from the Holy Face. There was only one Apostle who did not run from it—St. John. Through that gallant act in which he stayed and comforted Our Lady as they watched Jesus throughout His Passion, St. John was given something none of the other apostles dared to receive, which was an active participation in His Passion. This active participation merited for him a fortification in his Faith and made him able to defend it as he stood beside Our Blessed Mother. In that gaze from the cross, Christ gave His Mother to us via St. John. This was one of the greatest gifts He could have given us short of a promise of Heaven.

In 1941, Our Lord asked Sr. Pierina if she would be willing to join Him in the agony of His Soul in Gethsemane for the sins "of those most dear to Me and especially for

We will leave you with this excerpt from a lecture given by Fr. Mateo Crawley-Bouvey, SS, SC, Apostle of the Sacred Heart.

"Are you really zealous? Are you really apostles of the Holy Face of Jesus? You must be the ones to set fire to their hearts. How many Catholics there are who have not grasped the duty of being apostles, the duty of gratitude! It is our positive duty—our obligation to bring others to Jesus, to give Him your care, lavishing this treasure on souls, on poor starving souls. It is sad that so few truly love Jesus."



#### OFFERING OF THE HOLY FACE BY ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Oh, my beautiful Immaculate Mother Mary, Queen of Sorrows, I beg of thee, by the inexpressible agony thou didst endure at the foot of the Cross, to offer to the Eternal Father, in my stead, the Holy Face of thy Divine Son, my Jesus, covered with Blood, wounds, and other indignities heaped upon Him during His Sacred Passion, and beg of Him to grant (*here mention the grace or favor you desire*). Amen.

#### *Masses sent to the Missions*

4x Poor Souls (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
4x Zachary Daris (*John & Mary Fields*)



## ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>3/22/21</b>	<b>ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER, C</b> <i>FAST</i> <i>ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA, W</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Joseph D. Murphy – Happy Birthday! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Prell &amp; family</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> For our country ( <i>M.E.G.</i> )
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>3/23/21</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Claire Smith ( <i>Isaac Smith</i> )
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Robert Brockman ( <i>Hille Family</i> )
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> 34 grandchildren, 1 great-grand-in-law ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>3/24/21</b>	<b>ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Hunter Lumbatis ( <i>Alexander Krawczyk</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Dennis Hille ( <i>Alberta VandeRyt</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Fr. Joseph Collins ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	<b>12:25 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Relief of the Holy Souls ( <i>Kolenich Family</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>3/25/21</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE OUR LADY</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Elizabeth Young – Happy Baptism ( <i>Bill &amp; Terri Young</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Mary Beth Grumblatt & children ( <i>M.E.G.</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass</b> †Ronald Lotarski <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Lotarski &amp; family</i> )
		<b>Exposition &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/26/21</b>	<b>SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Dr. Kem ( <i>Jean &amp; Kirby Bischel</i> )
	<b>11:06 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Richard VandeRyt ( <i>Katherine Kunkel</i> )
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass &amp; Sacred Heart Novena</b> Anthony Giese & Charlie McClorey ( <i>Thomas Simpson</i> )
	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Supper</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Sorrowful Mother, Closing of the Sorrowful Mother Novena with Blessing of the Sick, Benediction</b>
	<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/27/21</b>	<b>ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, CD</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention Deceased ( <i>JCS</i> )
	<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>Ave Regina &amp; Sermon</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Regina Simpson, Niko Kolenich, Natalia Kolenich – My Godchildren
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/28/21</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY • ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN, V</b>
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Blessing &amp; Distribution of Palms</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Paul & Lisa McConnell ( <i>McConnell Boys</i> )
	<b>8:50 AM</b>	<b>Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass</b> For the happy repose of the soul of †Rev. Fr. A. Cekada ( <i>Anthony Gilmartin</i> )
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †H. Joseph Druecker (Father) ( <i>Joe Druecker</i> )

## THE ANNUNCIATION



The feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin is celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It is one of the earliest feasts of the Church. This feast honors the beginning of the Redemption when Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to Thy word." What faith and confidence does her answer express! What profound humility and perfect obedience!

From the example of the Blessed Virgin how ardent a love ought we to have for purity and humility. Every time we say the Angelus and the Hail Mary we are reminded of the Annunciation. Let us always say these prayers fervently, asking Mary to increase in us the love for purity and humility.

– *The St. Anthony Messenger*

## THE ANNUNCIATION

Creation stilled its breath in ecstasy;  
Sad darkness caught a ray of hope restored:  
An Angel flew with Eden's flaming sword,  
Long lifted for the Maid of Prophecy.  
"The Holy Spirit shall o'ershadow thee!"—  
The heavens' wheeling jewels, in one accord,  
Grew dim; the racing dawn beheld its Lord  
And glowed to wine—God knelt to make His plea.

A dewdrop, born of barren night, she heard,  
And thrilled to mesh the Light in golden art;  
Then melodied a song for ages to extol—  
"Let it be done according to Thy word."  
A burning sword was buried in her heart  
And wrote a crimson cross upon her soul.

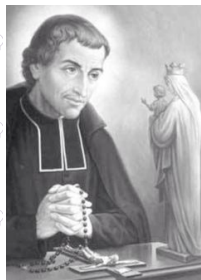
– *Leonard Foley O.F.M.*

## Servers

<b>THU 3/25</b>	<b>11:25 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> C. Richesson, P. Omlor <b>TH:</b> Na. McClorey <b>ACs:</b> A. McConnell, A. McClorey <b>CROSS:</b> D. McConnell <b>TORCH:</b> S. Richesson, D. McConnell
<b>SUN 3/28</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> P. Omlor, J. Lacy, M. Simpson <b>TH:</b> C. Richesson <b>ACs:</b> T. Lawrence, N. McClorey <b>CROSS:</b> C. Arlinghaus <b>BELLS:</b> J. Stewart <b>BANNER:</b> D. Simpson <b>TORCH:</b> M. Kolenich, J. & B. McGinnis, S. Richesson, C. VanderPutten, T. England, J. Stewart, C. McGinnis <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> J. & N. Kolenich <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> P. Omlor <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. Omlor

**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**

**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



**JESUS LIVING IN  
MARY: THE  
SPIRITUALITY OF ST. LOU-  
IS DE MONFORT**

**REPARATION**

**MONDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

Reparation is an ambiguous term. Even in profane use it may be employed in the sense of repair of a damaged object or an act of justice whereby payment of some sort of made for damage done. In religious use it has a variety of meanings. It means principally the work of redemption accomplished by Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sense of “repairing the damage done” by Adam’s revolt and the sin of his progeny; Christ restores us to God’s friendship. The term is also used in a generic way to restitution for injuries, usually when moral theology cannot measure precisely what such payment would entail.

Reparation is the making of amends for insults given to God though sin, either one’s own or another’s. Through St. Margaret Mary’s devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a devotion stemming through St. John Eudes back through Ss. Gertrude and Mechtilde and St. Francis’ devotion to the Five Wounds and Passion of Christ, “reparation” took on a more distinctive meaning. St. Margaret Mary saw Christ’s heart and His love ignored and ridiculed; the response of man is to be reparation through adoration, prayer, and sacrifice.

*Heart of God, adorable Heart,  
Heart, the goal of all my love,  
O infinitely lovable Heart,  
Who loves me, loves me always.*

*Although so poor and wretched,  
Although the greatest sinner,  
I now make an act of reparation  
To Thy Heart so full of grandeur.*

**TUESDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

The root “repair” is found in St. Louis Marie’s writings about forty times in such terms as reparation, reparatrice, repairer, to repair. The object of this “reparation” may be creation, humanity, Heaven, the Honor of God, and of course scandals and injustices. In most cases Montfort does not use the word as contemporary spirituality defines it, as compensation for an outrage against love. Occasionally he refers to repair of church buildings, or for honoring the devil.

*Pardon for all the unfaithful,  
Who, though created for Thee,  
Attack Thee, and damn themselves,  
Despite Thy paternal goodness.*

*Pardon for the schismatics  
Estranged from Thy unity,  
Pardon for the heretics  
Who contradict Thy truth.*

**WEDNESDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, in unity with her Son, atones for the fallen world. Through her piety, Our Lady had “succeeded most worthily in atoning for the fallen universe.” “Reparation” means restoring the universe and, in particular, healing the wounds of mankind caused by sin. When Adam became a slave of the demon and the object of God’s anger, “nothing could restore his privileges.” Wisdom, by whose word “everything was made and everything was restored,” chose “to become man in order to restore that fallen humanity.” In Mary, Jesus “has perfectly restored the glory” that sin had taken away from the Father. Mary, the “restorer of the human race,” is completely united with the Son; as she gains the fidelity and perseverance of those who commit themselves to her, she “makes good the losses caused by Eve’s unfaithfulness.” According to Bl. Alan de la Roche, “who restored the devotion of the Rosary,” “by this prayer [the Angelic Salutation] the whole world was restored.” Through

the Angelic Salutation, the ruins of heaven have been repaired and “the empty thrones in heaven have been filled.”

*Ah! pardon for their malice,  
Pardon for their scandal,  
Pardon for all their fury,  
Pardon for their cruelty.*

*Pardon, pardon, divine Heart,  
We forget Thee in the Tabernacle;  
Pardon for the ungodly Christian  
Who constantly profanes Thee.*

**THURSDAY IN PASSION WEEK**

St. Louis de Montfort cites the example of the preacher who at one time had preached against the Rosary and then “publicly acknowledged his former error,” and that of the women who had given herself to the devil and felt “an intense desire to make amends for this terrible deed.” He called on the Daughters of Wisdom to make public reparation for their faults and invited them to atone for “the scandals of all of your brothers.” We know that Montfort founded confraternities for the reparation of such public wrongs.

*Ah! pardon for these insults,  
For these criminal rendezvous;  
Pardon for our irreverence  
Which stains Thy holy altars!*

*They pierce Thy very Heart,  
Which even the devil dare not do.  
For this perjury and blasphemy,  
Thy pardon, Lord, I pray.*

**FRIDAY IN PASSION WEEK  
SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

The spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort led him down many different paths. He affirmed the goodness of Our Lord, Who is touched by the misery of fallen humanity. Divine Wisdom brought together the members of the Trinity, so

to speak, “for the purpose of rehabilitating man in the state He formerly created him.” He also writes of the love that is ridiculed by all, even by Christians, and he discusses the satisfactory value of atonement for sins committed. Like St. Margaret Mary, he affirms the response of love to the gift of love—but St. Louis de Montfort sees this as a total, all-inclusive response. It refers not to specific practices of atonement, such as on the First Friday, but to making a complete gift of oneself, a consecration. To make such a gift is in St. Louis de Montfort’s view the ideal in any Christian life; and although he never explicitly mentions it, reparation would certainly be encompassed by this gift.

*Pardon for the wayward priests  
And all Thy hidden foes;  
Pardon for a thousand traitors  
Who receive Thee, though in sin.*

*Alas! Thy life is shattered  
In many hearts, despite Thy love;  
Alas! They crucify Thee there.  
O weep my eyes; O flow my tears.*

## SATURDAY IN PASSION WEEK

He does not discuss reparation specifically when he speaks of the works undertaken by the friends of Wisdom “for the glory of God and the salvation of souls,” nor when he explains why the Cross is “precious” and why we should consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, nor even when he explains how consecration gives greater glory to Jesus Christ. But this act of consecration does indeed contain an element of reparation. In this act we in effect acknowledge how much Wisdom has done for us through love, and, simultaneously, we acknowledge our own unfaithfulness. By offering ourselves through the mediation of Mary, we are truly honoring Jesus Christ, because “we are showing that, because of our sins, we are unworthy to approach His infinite holiness directly on our own.”

*Pardon for the cowardly souls  
Who sleep next to Thine altars;  
Who, by their hearts so sullied,  
Incite Thy Heart to vomit.*

*Mercy, mercy, for myself,  
Frequently approaching Thee  
With so much indifference,  
And with a heart so filled with sin.*

## PALM SUNDAY

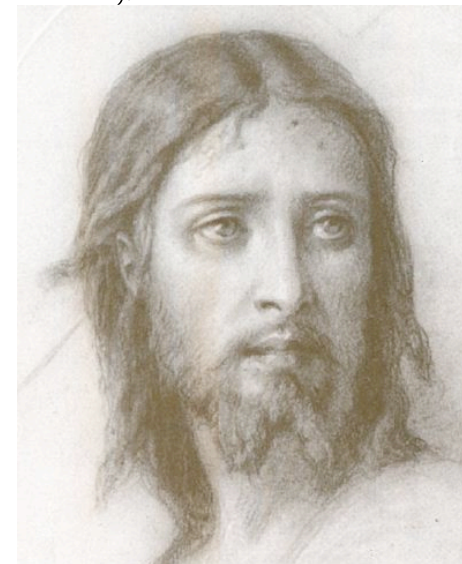
### A Prayer of Reparation for Insults and Blasphemies

O Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer, Son of the living God, behold, we kneel before Thee and offer Thee our reparation; we would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy Name, for all the injuries done to Thee in the Blessed Sacrament, for all the irreverence shown toward Thine immaculate Virgin Mother, for all the calumnies and slanders spoken against Thy spouse, the holy Catholic and Roman Church. O Jesus, who has said: “If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you,” we pray and beseech Thee for all our brethren who are in danger of sin; shield them from every temptation to fall away from the true faith; save those who are even now standing on the brink of the abyss; to all of them give light and knowledge of the truth, courage, and strength for the conflict with evil, perseverance in faith and active charity! For this do we pray, most merciful Jesus, in Thy Name, unto God the Father, with whom Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.



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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.