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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 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



¶ LENT I

Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. Don't miss the short **Sunday Stations** at 11:15! Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ 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.

¶ FIRST THURSDAY HOLY HOUR

One of the things that St. Therese, the secondary patroness of the Missions and “Sister of Priests,” noticed during a pilgrimage to Rome was that priests too were “weak and imperfect men;” that they were not “pure as crystal” like she had always imagined them to be. From then on she rejoiced to think that her vocation, her mission, would be to “preserve the salt of the Earth” in the soul of every priest by means of her prayers and sacrifices. It is with this in mind that I wish to hold a Holy Hour consisting of Mass and Simple Benediction with prayers for Clergy and Religious each First Thursday of the month—a day traditionally dedicated to praying for priests. Please plan to attend the first of these this Thursday at 5:00 PM. We priests and bishops count on your prayers!



St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass and Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Devotions
6:45 PM: Lenten Supper
7:30 PM: Stations, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Holy Communion

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: *All of our needs, and our neediest souls, through the Five Wounds and the Holy Face of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass
8:15 AM Devotions & Benediction
8:40 AM Sermon, Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: *Reparation for “the blasphemies of those who publicly seek to place in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother.”*

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT II

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses next Sunday. The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Don't miss the Lenten **Short Sunday Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

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

¶ NEWSLETTER

We will be restarting the SGG monthly newsletter beginning in March. If you would like to be added to this mailing list, please contact the office. (If you have received this newsletter in the past, you are still on the list.)

Collection Report

Sunday, February 19th.....\$6,581.00

SEEKING THE LORD

Mindful of the words of the Beloved, "Seek and you shall find" (Lk 11: 9), the soul decides to go out searching for Him, to seek Him through works that she may not be left without finding Him. Many desire that God cost them no more than words, and even these they say badly. They scarcely desire to do anything for Him that might cost them something. Some would not even rise from a place of their liking, if they were not to receive thereby some delight from God in their mouth and heart. They will not even take one step to mortify themselves and lose some of their satisfactions, comforts, and useless desires.

Yet, unless they go in search for God, they will not find Him, no matter how much they cry for Him. The bride of the Canticle cried after Him, but did not find Him until she went out looking for Him. She affirms: "In my bed by night I sought Him whom my soul loves; I sought Him and did not find Him. I will rise up and go about the city; in the suburbs, and the squares I will look for Him whom my soul loves." (Cant. 3: 1-2). And she says that she found Him after undergoing some trials (Cant. 3: 4).

He who seeks God and yet wants His own satisfaction and rest, seeks Him at night and thus will not find Him. He who looks for Him through the practice and works of the virtues and gets up from the bed of his own satisfaction and delight, seeks Him by day and thus will find Him.

— St. John of the Cross



**Lenten Friday Evening of
Recollection—March 3rd**

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: Meatless
Nacho Bar, Shrimp Ceviché w/
Tortilla Chips, Mixed Fruit, Honey
Cornbread Muffins

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

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

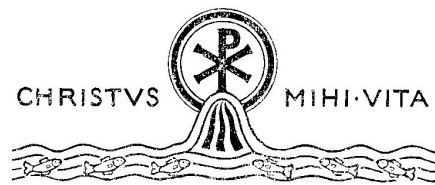
TO BOW OR NOT TO BOW?

Q: When the Bishop is processing through church giving his blessing, should one bow or genuflect?

A: One should *bow*. Since he is not the bishop of the diocese, he would receive only a bow, not a genuflection.

Q: For the Asperges on Sundays, should one bow or genuflect as the celebrant passes, blessing the congregants with holy water?

A: Here also, one should *bow*, and make the Sign of the Cross.



THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2023

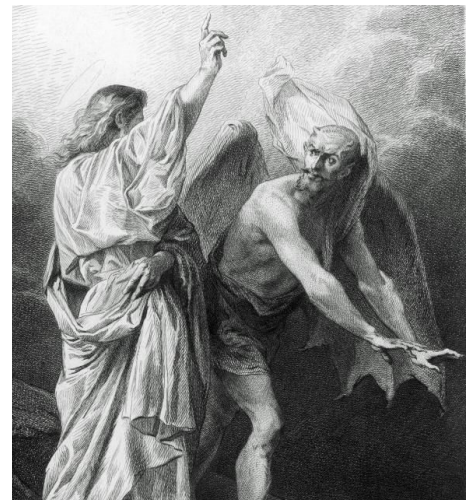
First Confessions & Testing:
Saturday, April 22. ****Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed before the test. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NECESSARY FORM.****

**Confirmands' Day of
Recollection:** Thursday, May 25
Confirmations: Vigil of
Pentecost, Saturday, May 27
First Communion:
Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11

IN THE WILDERNESS

Christ of His gentleness
Thirsting and hungering,
Walked in the wilderness;
Soft words of grace He spoke
Unto lost desert-folk
That listened wondering.
He heard the bitterns call
From ruined palace-wall,
Answered them brotherly.
He held communion
With the she-pelican
Of lonely piety.
Basilisk, cockatrice,
Flocked to His homilies,
With mail of dread device,
With monstrous barbèd slings,
With eager dragon-eyes;
Great bats on leathern wings
And poor blind broken things
Foul in their miseries.
And ever with Him went,
Of all His wanderings
Comrade, with ragged coat,
Gaunt ribs—poor innocent—
Bleeding foot, burning throat,
The guileless old scapegoat;
For forty nights and days
Followed in Jesus' ways,
Sure guard behind Him kept,
Tears like a lover wept.

— Robert Graves
"Chapters into Verse"



Offered by Bishop McGuire on 2/21/23:
Rest of the soul of †Duke England (*Andrea England*) * Privileged Altar *

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

We are now in our first full week of Lent. Ash Wednesday, which is always very well attended, saw an even bigger crowd of people this year to receive the blessed ashes and to recall that we are dust and unto dust shall we return. Our Lord blessed us here in West Chester with good weather this year, but **Fathers McKenna** and **Simpson**, who were in North Dakota and Milwaukee, weren't quite as lucky. A huge snowstorm hit both places and made travel impossible. In fact, the roads were closed in North Dakota so that no one was even allowed to travel due to heavy snowfall and blizzard conditions. They rearranged their travel plans to make sure to get blessed ashes to as many of the people as possible. God bless them both for their zealous efforts.

This week we have much on offer. There is an extra Mass almost every day, Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Wednesday, a special Holy Hour for priests on Thursday, a busy day of prayer on First Friday and again on First Saturday. Of course, don't forget the First Wednesday this week. Attend a Mass in honor of St. Joseph to whose honor the first Wednesday of every month is especially dedicated. If you're looking for things to do or sacrifices to make, one has to simply turn to the bulletin to see the many opportunities on offer to him!

St. Francis de Sales, too, has much to offer us during this Lenten season. Have you ever read about him? Have you ever read any of the many books he wrote? Sometimes, when we read books or hear preachers speak on the spiritual life and matters of salvation we leave feeling more discouraged than anything. St. Francis has a very simple method of explaining how we are to become holy and gives very practical advice on the matter. His approach is always from the positive angle and always serves to uplift and to make us realize that it is indeed possible for us to become holy. Read about him, pray to him, imitate his example and follow his counsels this Lent. Remember, Lent is about change! That is, changing or reforming our spiritual lives. May St. Francis guide us all in this matter! St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!

– Bishop McGuire



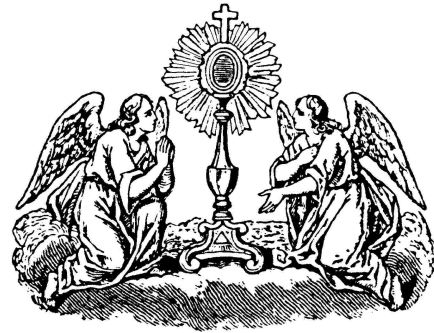
All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

March 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Nick McClorey, Alfonso Capetillo
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

✠ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

✠ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✠ **Children's Lenten Day of Recollection:** March 8
- ✠ **Sodality of Charity Meeting:** Saturday, March 18
- ✠ **St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the Poor:** Monday, March 20
- ✠ **Feast of the Annunciation:** Saturday, March 25
- ✠ **Girls Camp:** June 27-29
- ✠ **Boys Camp:** July 25-27
- ✠ **YAG 2023:** July 7-9

Lumen Christi

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

Trust in God & perseverance in faith
(Megan Guardiano)



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 the Last Gospel.



✠ CALENDAR

MON 2/27/23 ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN, C
8:00 AM Low Mass Our beloved departed family & friends
(Dan & Rose Wright)
11:25 AM High Mass †Bishop Dolan *(Mary Beth Grumblatt)*
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass For those who prayed for my mother and family during her final illness *(Alexander Krawczyk)*

TUE 2/28/23 FERIAL DAY
7:00 AM Low Mass For those who prayed for my mother and family during her final illness *(Alexander Krawczyk)*
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased – 3rd anniversary *(Tom & Karen Simpson)*
11:25 AM High Mass †Fr. Cekada *(Mary Beth Grumblatt)*
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls through St. Anthony *(The Arlinghaus Family)*

WED 3/1/23 EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE
ST. DAVID, BPC
 FIRST WEDNESDAY • **Pray to St. Joseph**
7:00 AM Low Mass Thou knowest, O Lord *(Arlinghaus Family)*
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers *(The Fathers)*
11:25 AM High Mass Poor Souls *(M.E.G.)*
12:20 PM Vespers
3:00 PM Stations, Benediction, Holy Communion
5:10 PM Low Mass Thou knowest, O Lord *(Arlinghaus Family)*

THU 3/2/23 FIRST THURSDAY • Pray for Priests
 FERIAL DAY
7:00 AM Low Mass For the sanctification of priests *(Alter Christus Confraternity)*
8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Larrabee *(Alter Christus Confraternity)*
11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Zapp *(Alter Christus Confraternity)*
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass Bishop Selway *(Alter Christus Confraternity)*
Simple Benediction

FRI 3/3/23 EMBER FRIDAY • FIRST FRIDAY
THE LANCE AND NAILS
8:00 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt *(M.E.G.)*
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Thou knowest, O Lord *(Arlinghaus Family)*
Benediction
12:20 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass For the new Mr. & Mrs. Colucci *(Levi Giese Family)*
Sacred Heart Novena
6:45 PM Lenten Supper
7:30 PM Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena V, Blessing of the Sick
8:30 PM (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
All Night Adoration

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cincinnati Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is offering scholarships to cover organ lessons for the 2023-2024 academic year for those 6th grade or above with previous keyboard study. Many who apply receive some level of scholarship. This is a wonderful opportunity for free lessons from a professional organ teacher in Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky. Check the website cincinnatiago.org/scholarship or contact Jennifer Richesson (richesson.j@gmail.com) who has had piano students who were scholarship recipients. Deadline is March 31.



Servers

FRI 3/3 5:45 PM LOW: T. Lawrence, D. Hudson
SAT 3/4 7:30 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, Seminarian
8:40 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
SUN 3/5 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, D. Simpson **TH:** N. McClorey **ACS:** A. McClorey, J. Stewart **TORCH:** I. Smith, A. Constantino, N. & D. Hudson, F. & M. Caggese
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

SAT 3/4/23 EMBER SATURDAY • FIRST SATURDAY
ST. CASIMIR, C • ST. LUCIUS I, PM
7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass Maria Kunkel – Birthday 10/22 *(Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze)*
8:15 AM Ave, First Saturday Devotions, Benediction
8:30 AM First Saturday Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory *(Chip McClorey)*

SUN 3/5/23 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass For Family & Friends – Merry Christmas *(Leanne Arlinghaus)*
9:00 AM High Mass Thou knowest, O Lord *(Arlinghaus Family)*
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:15 AM Short Stations of the Cross
11:30 AM Low Mass The Poor Souls in Purgatory *(Paige McClorey)*
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

MONDAY IN LENT I

“Make haste slowly”

Be very careful and diligent in all such business as falls to your share, for God Who has allotted it to you, would have you do it well. But if possible...do not undertake your affairs with disquietude, anxiety, and worry, and do not hurry and excite yourself about them, for all excitement hinders reason and judgment, and prevents us from doing well that very thing about which we are excited.

When Our Lord rebuked St. Martha, He said, “Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things.” If she had simply been diligent, she would not have been troubled, but because she was full of care and disquiet, she was hurried and troubled, and for this our Savior rebuked her.

...King Solomon says that “he that is hasty with his feet shall stumble” (*Prov. xix. 2*). We always do that quickly enough which we do well. The drone makes more noise and is much more eager than the honey bee, but it produces wax only and no honey; and so those who worry themselves with gnawing care, and noisy solicitude, never do much, nor anything well.

...In all your undertakings rely wholly on God’s Providence, through which alone they can succeed; but seek steadily on your part to cooperate with it, and then rest satisfied that if you are trusting all to God, whatever happens will be best for you. – *Introduction to the Devout Life*

TUESDAY IN LENT I

“Courage, Dear One!”

As you gaze upon the steep mountain of Christian perfection: “Alas!” you exclaim, “how shall I ever ascend it?” Be of good cheer; when the young bees begin to take their form they are called nymphs, and are unable to fly to the neighboring flowers or hills and valleys in search of honey, but by degrees, being fed with the honey provided for them, these

little nymphs acquire wings and grow strong enough to fly everywhere in quest of honey. We are as yet but nymphs in devotion, and cannot mount up as we would, for we would fain attain to the summit of Christian perfection; but we are gradually being formed by our desires and resolutions. Our wings are beginning to grow, and so one day we may hope to be perfected and mount upwards. Meanwhile let us feed upon the honey of those pious instructions left to us by holy men of old, and let us beseech God to give us the wings of the dove, so that we may not only fly in this present life, but also find our rest in the eternity of that which is to come. – *Introduction to the Devout Life*

Resolution: Ten minutes of prayerful spiritual reading, done without hurry.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT I

“The temptation of our day”

Anxiety, or disquietude, is not merely a temptation itself, but it is a source from which and by which several other temptations arise. ...Anxiety is the soul’s greatest enemy, sin only excepted. ...Anxiety proceeds from an ill-regulated desire to be delivered from the evil we experience, or to acquire the good to which we aspire; nevertheless, nothing aggravates evil and hinders good so much as anxiety and worry. When birds are taken in a snare or net they cannot escape, because they flutter and make all kinds of disorderly exertions to get free, by means of which they do but entangle themselves the more. Therefore, if you earnestly desire to be delivered from some evil, or to attain to some good, above all things calm and tranquilize your mind, and compose your judgment and will; then quietly and gently pursue your aim, adopting suitable means with some method.

– *Introduction to the Devout Life*

Resolution: In times of worry and anxiety I will say gently yet trustingly: “Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Thy love for me; Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee.”

THURSDAY IN LENT I

“Why art thou sad, O my soul?”

“The sorrow that is according to God,” saith St. Paul, “worketh penance steadfast unto salvation: but the sorrow of the world worketh death” (*2 Cor. vii. 10*). Therefore sorrow may be either good or bad, according to its results upon us. Undoubtedly there are more bad than good results from it; for the good results are but two, namely, penitence and mercy; whilst there are six evil results—anguish, indolence, indignation, jealousy, envy, and impatience.... Satan delights in sadness and melancholy since he himself is sad and melancholy, and will be so to all eternity, a condition which he would have all to share with him.

...If you are ever assailed by this hurtful sadness adopt the following remedies: “Is any among you sad?” asks St. James, “let him pray” (*St. James v. 13*). Prayer is a sovereign remedy, for it raises the soul to God, Who is our only joy and consolation; but in prayer let your emotions and words, whether inward or outward, conduce to trust and love of God; such as, O God of pity, Merciful and Good God, Loving Savior, God of my heart, my Joy, my Hope, my Beloved Spouse, Beloved of my soul, and such as these.

– *Introduction to the Devout Life*

FRIDAY IN LENT I: THE LANCE AND NAILS

Sadness, Part II

Vigorously check the inclination to sadness, and although you seem to do everything coldly, sadly, and without fervor, go on all the same; for the enemy would fain enfeeble our good works by sadness, and when he finds that we will not discontinue them, and that they are but the more meritorious through resistance, he will cease to annoy us.

Refresh yourself with spiritual songs, which have often caused the tempter to cease his wiles.... Also make use of outward acts of fervor, even

though you have no delight in them; such as embracing the crucifix, pressing it to your heart, kissing the hands and feet hanging thereon, raising your eyes and your hands to heaven, and calling upon God with words of love and reliance, such as, “My beloved is mine, and I am His.” “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” ...Frequent communion is an excellent remedy, for that heavenly food strengthens the heart and gladdens the spirit. – *Introduction to the Devout Life*

Resolution: When I am sad or depressed, I will not isolate myself. I will turn to God, even singing spiritual hymns to help me turn outside myself.

SATURDAY IN LENT I

When St. Francis de Sales was about seventeen, he was pursuing his studies in Paris. At the same time he devoted himself to spiritual exercises and to the holy love of God, in which he found the joys of paradise. Our Lord, in order to try him, and to strengthen the bands that united him to Himself, allowed the Devil to persuade him that all he did was in vain, as he was already condemned in the eternal decrees of God. The darkness and spiritual dryness in which God was pleased at the same time to leave him caused the temptation to have greater power over the heart of the holy youth. Indeed, it reached such a pitch that his fears and interior desolation took away his appetite, deprived him of sleep, and made him pale and melancholy.

One evening Francis entered a church and saw a plaque hanging on the wall with the well-known prayer called the Memorare: “Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary, that never has it been heard of in any age, that anyone having recourse to your protection was abandoned.” Falling on his knees before the altar of the Mother of God, he recited the prayer with tender fervor, renewed his vow of chastity, promised to say the Rosary every day, and then added: “My Mother, if I am so unfortunate as not to be able to love my Lord in the next world, Whom I know to be so worthy of love, at least

obtain that I may love Him in this world as much as possible.” – *St. Alphonsus*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Resolution: To say this prayer in times of discouragement.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“Keep thy goal in mind”

In the heavenly Jerusalem...we will enjoy a very pleasing conversation with the blessed spirits, the angels, the cherubim and seraphim, the saints, with Our Lady and glorious Mistress, with Our Lord and with the thrice holy and adorable Trinity—a conversation which will last forever and will be perpetually cheerful and joyous. Now if in this life we have so much pleasure in hearing that which we love spoken of that we cannot be silent about it, what joy, what jubilation will we receive in hearing chanted eternally the praises of the Divine Majesty, Whom we should love, and Whom we will love, more than we can comprehend in this life! If we take so much delight in the simple imagination of this unending felicity, how much more will we have in the actual possession of it! An endless felicity and glory, one that will last eternally and one which we can never lose! Oh, how greatly will this assurance increase our consolation! Let us walk gayly and joyously, dear souls, among the difficulties of this passing life; *let us embrace with open arms all the mortifications and afflictions that we will meet on our way, since we are sure that these pains will have an end when our life ends, after which there will be only joy, only contentment, only eternal consolation. Amen.*

– *From St. Francis de Sales’ sermons for Lent*

Lent with St. Francis de Sales



Daily Thoughts and Prayers Lent 2023

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Lord, I lay before Thee my weak heart, which Thou fillest with good desires. Thou knowest that I am unable to bring the same to good effect, unless Thou bless and prosper them, and therefore, O Loving Father, I entreat Thee to help me by the merits and Passion of Thy dear Son, to Whose honor I would devote this day and my whole life. – *St. Francis de Sales*