

LENT III
MARCH 12, 2023
LOW MASS

Priest & People: HAIL HOLY QUEEN, / Mother of Mercy, / hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. / To Thee do we cry, / poor banished children of Eve. / To Thee do we send up our sighs, / mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. / Turn then, most gracious advocate, / Thine eyes of mercy towards us. / And after this our exile, / show unto us the blessed Fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. / O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, Our Lady, Queen of Peace,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Priest & People: To thee, O blessed Joseph,/ we have recourse in our affliction,/ and, having implored the help/ of thy thrice-holy spouse,/ we now with hearts filled with confidence/ earnestly beg thee also/ to take us under thy protection./

Priest: By that charity wherewith thou wert united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou wilt look down with gracious eye upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and wilt succor us in our need by thy power and strength. Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption.

Priest & People: Aid us from on high,/ most valiant defender,/ in this conflict/ with the powers of darkness;/ and even as of old/ thou didst rescue/ the Child Jesus/ from the peril to His life,/ so now defend /God's holy Church/ from the snares of the enemy/ and from all adversity./ Shield us ever under thy patronage,/ that, following thy example/ and strengthened by thy help,/ we may live a holy life,/ die a happy death,/ and attain to everlasting bliss in heaven./ Amen./

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Priest & People: **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,** / defend us
in battle; / be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. / May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray, / and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, / by the
power of God, / cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, / who wander about the
world, / seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Our Mother of Good Counsel, **R. Pray for us.**

V. Our Lady of Consolation, **R. Pray for us.**

V. Immaculate Heart of Mary,

R. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

V. Pure Heart of St. Joseph, **R. Pray for us.**

V. St. Gregory the Great, **R. Pray for us.**

V. St. Francis de Sales, **R. Pray for us.**

V. May the Divine assistance remain always with us.

**R. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

**Forty days and forty nights,
Thou wast fasting in the wild.
Forty days and forty nights,
Tempted and yet undefiled.**

**Shall not we thy sorrows share,
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with Thee to suffer pain?**