

LENT II
MARCH 5, 2023
LOW MASS

Priest & People: Remember, / O most gracious Virgin Mary, / that never was it known / that anyone who fled to Thy protection, / implored Thy help / or sought Thine intercession / was left unaided. / Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto 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.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES' PRAYER TO ACCEPT THE CROSS

Priest: O my God, I thank Thee and I praise Thee for accomplishing Thy holy and all-lovable will without any regard for mine. With my whole heart, in spite of my heart, do I receive this cross I feared so much! It is the cross of Thy choice, the cross of Thy love. I venerate it; nor for anything in the world would I wish that it had not come, since Thou didst will it. I keep it with gratitude and with joy, as I do everything that comes from Thy hand; and I shall strive to carry it without letting it drag, with all the respect and all the affection which Thy works deserve. Amen. – *St. Francis de Sales*

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. 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:

PARCE DOMINE

Parce Domine, parce populo tuo:

Ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

(Three times)