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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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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

February 11, 2024

QUINQUAGESIMA

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • HOLY FACE SUNDAY



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Today is Holy Face Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Don't miss the **St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale** in Helfta Hall! Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Monday we continue our Holy Face Triduum. **Tuesday** we close our Triduum with the Feast of the Holy Face. Don't forget to feast a little for Mardi Gras. You will find the full **Ash Wednesday** schedule elsewhere in the bulletin. **Friday** is the first of our Lenten Evenings of Recollection, with Mass at 5:45, followed by a supper, Stations at 7:30, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, and Benediction. **Call or email the office with the names of those who are sick, to be remembered in the Novena.**



Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—February 16th

- 5:45 PM** Low Mass
- 6:45 PM** Lenten Supper: Black beans & rice, tuna salad, cheesy potatoes, salad, and bread.
- 7:30 PM** Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction
- 8:30 PM** (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT I

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Lent I, commemoration of St. Simeon. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Becky Uhlenbrock, a priest who is ill, and the repose of the soul of †Frank Hirsch.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, February 24:** Sodality Field Trip
- Wednesday, February 28:** Children's Lenten Day of Recollection
- Tuesday, March 19:** St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor

Collection Report

Sunday, February 4 th	\$7,756.00
Second Collection.....	\$3,011.00
Alter Christus.....	\$205.00

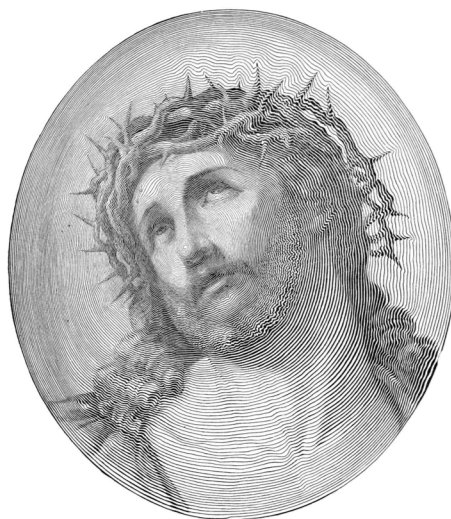


Why is this Gospel read on this Sunday?



The Church wishes to remind us of the painful passion and death of Jesus, and to move us by the contemplation of those mysteries to avoid and despise the wicked, heathenish amusements of carnival, sinful pleasures which she has always condemned, because they come from dark paganism, and, to avert the people from them...exhorted

them to have recourse at this time to the Sacraments and Penance and the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. A true Catholic will conform to the desire of his holy Church, considering the words which St. Augustine spoke to the faithful, "The heathens (as also the worldly people of our days) shout songs of love and merriment, but you should delight in the preaching of the word of God; they rush to the dramatic plays, but you should hasten to church; they are intoxicated, but you should fast and be sober."



LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS

Volunteer cooks needed for Lenten Friday night suppers! March 1, 8, 15, & 22



are available. Team up and take your pick. Please let us know your date and menu so we can keep everything in order. Sign up on the Lotsa Helping Hands website, or contact the office with your date and menu.

- Volunteers will be cooking meatless for about 50 people.
- Your meal cost can be reimbursed; just turn in your receipts to the office.
- No dessert, but fruit may be provided.
- Drinks are usually water, tea, coffee, or maybe fruit juice.
- Each party signing up provides the set up, meal, and clean up.
- Paper products are supplied and located in the movable counter.
- Have a friend to help? A partner really lightens the load. It is suggested that one person make the main dish, the other partner provides drinks, bread, sides, and fruit.

Lumen Christi

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

For my Children & God Children for perseverance in their Faith
(Annette Hosie)

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2024
Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 13 (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 16

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 18

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2

THE OFFERTORY

"Quid retribuam, Domine?"

I dreamed the stars were mine to have and hold,
That all the seas were my endowed estate.

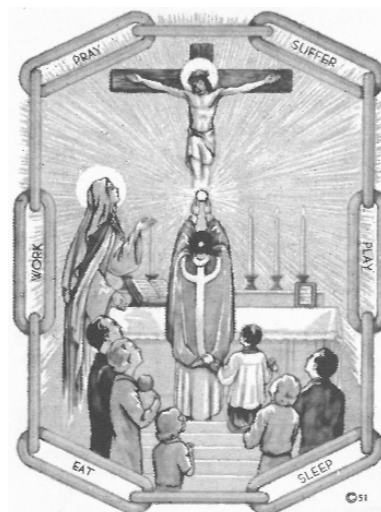
The wealth of earth in silver, gems, and gold
Was life's bequest, and happy was my fate.

The lily and the rose acknowledged me
Their master when I walked abroad by day.
The lion and the lamb paid fealty
To me who held their destiny in sway.

My dream was troubled when I would return
An offering to Him Who gave me all.
In helplessness my heart was sad to learn
That nothing worthy dwelt within my thrall.

I woke from slumber's quandary to find
Me empty as the bodies 'neath the sod.
But lo! at Mass I knew the joy I pined
When faith revealed me giving God to God!

- John B. Kelly



We surely have had some magnificently beautiful weather lately, haven't we!? Lots of sunshine, the prettiest blue skies, even warmer temperatures...the trees are even blooming. What a turnaround from the gloomy, overcast and rainy days we've been having—I honestly cannot remember ever having such a long streak of that kind of weather. The pleasant change in weather cheers the heart and is a subtle reminder of how joy always follows sorrow. God uses His own creation to remind of this fact: Spring follows winter, and the tree sprouts only after the seed has died. He uses the sacred liturgy to remind us of this as well: think of the ceremonies of Candlemas, and the fact that Easter comes after Lent. In Lent, we mortify the “old Adam of sin” that we might live the life of grace. Our Lady of Lourdes told St. Bernadette, “Penance, penance, penance.” She also said those consoling words, “I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but only in the next.” So, if we are faithful unto the end of our life, we will leave this vale of tears and enter into eternal life, where God will wipe away all tears. What lessons we can learn from God if we only keep open the eyes of faith.

Today is **Fr. McKenna's** twelfth priestly anniversary. I am very glad that Our Lord has sent Father to us. He has always been a good friend, but even more importantly, a good priest who is zealous for the missions and who does much good for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. I do not know what I would do without him. (I should be safe in writing that since he probably will not read this note! So please don't tell him I said it or I'll never hear the end of it. Just kidding!)

Fr. Lehtoranta took the high schoolers on a field trip last week and, judging by the pictures, it looks like everyone had a fun time. Father plans to take the Sodality of Charity on a field trip sometime later this month. These extra-curricular activities are very important since they keep up everyone's enthusiasm for the Faith and for Catholic education.



I am in Mexico today, but will be back home again tomorrow, God willing. This trip to Mexico is a somewhat unpleasant one as everyone seems to be in disagreement about one thing or another, even accusing each other of witchcraft. I do love Mexico and I certainly have a great fondness for our clergy south of border, but right now the problems there (and in France, for that matter) make our problems here in the US pale in comparison. Say a little prayer for a successful pastoral visit. May Our Lady, Help of Christians, bring peace to us all.

Lent begins this Wednesday and there are many graces on offer and many merits to be earned. Ask the Holy Angels to help you during this penitential season. Like the good St. Michael let your “*Quis sicut Deus*” (Who is like unto God) cast Lucifer and the rebel angels with their “*Non Serviam*” (I will not serve) back into the pit of hell. Be as faithful to your Lenten resolutions as the good angels were to God.

– Bishop McGuire

Ash Wednesday: February 14

Begin your Lent well by receiving Ashes at one of the many services we will offer on that day. Ashes are distributed before AND after all Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 7:00 (*Special Workers' Mass, no sermon!*), **8:00 & 11:25 AM; 5:45 PM.**

ASHES: Before and after all Masses, beginning at **6:50 AM**, with the final distribution at **6:45 PM.**

STATIONS: Children's Stations of the Cross at **3:00 PM**, followed by distribution of ashes.

Come to Stations



Stations are available on Wednesdays at 3 PM, Fridays at 7:30 PM, and Short Stations on Sunday at 11:15 AM. Daily Mass, or as often as possible, is an excellent Lenten observance.

Maybe this Lent you could finally start the family Rosary? And what about spiritual reading—10 minutes? Your Lent will only be as good as the effort you put into it.

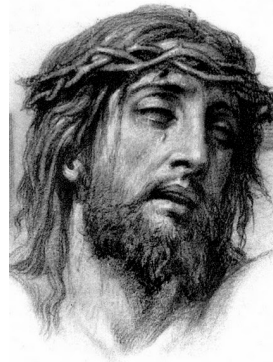
✠ CALENDAR

☞ *Most Masses are webcast. Please check www.sgg.org*

MON	2/12/24	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS 8:00 AM Low Mass Annie Fischer – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Pop</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †Loretta Mikesell (<i>Mikesell Family</i>)
TUE	2/13/24	FERIAL DAY • THE HOLY FACE 7:00 AM Low Mass Souls entrusted to my care (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy birthday, Liam (<i>The Rabjohns family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass The Hudson Family & their intentions (<i>Rose Wright</i>)
WED	2/14/24	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>FAST & ABSTINENCE</i> ST. VALENTINE, PRM 6:50 AM Blessing & Distribution of Ashes 7:00 AM Low Mass (for workers—no sermon!) Billy Young – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Pop</i>) Distribution of Ashes 8:00 AM Low Mass My mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng – rest in peace (<i>H.Y.</i>) Distribution of Ashes 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Blessing & Distribution of Ashes, Solemn High Mass †Estrella I. Simpson – 12 th anniversary 2/14 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 12:25 PM Distribution of Ashes 3:00 PM Children’s Stations of the Cross, followed by Distribution of Ashes & Holy Communion 5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:20 PM Penitential Litany 5:40 PM Distribution of Ashes 5:45 PM Low Mass †Stella Simpson – 12 th Anniversary (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 6:45 PM Final Distribution of Ashes
THU	2/15/24	FERIAL DAY • SS. FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Joseph Andreotta – birthday (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Loretta Mikesell (<i>Mikesell Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Parents & Godparents, Children & Godchildren (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
FRI	2/16/24	FERIAL DAY • THE CROWN OF THORNS 8:00 AM Low Mass †Ina Harpen (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Joseph Young—Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Pop</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VIII 5:45 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>) Sacred Heart Novena 6:45 PM Lenten Supper 7:30 PM Holy Face Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena IV, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	2/17/24	FERIAL DAY • THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass “Thou Knowest, Oh Lord!” (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>) 8:10 AM Ave Regina Cœlorum, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Dana Kustra – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Pop</i>)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FACE

(Composed by St. Therese)



O Jesus, Who in Thy cruel Passion didst become a “reproach of men and the Man of Sorrows,” I worship Thy divine Face. Once It shone with the beauty and sweetness of the Divinity; now for my sake It is become as the face of a “leper!” Yet in that disfigured Countenance I recognize Thy Infinite Love, and I am

consumed with the desire of loving Thee and of making Thee loved by all mankind.

The Tears that streamed in such abundance from Thy Eyes, are to me as precious pearls which I delight to gather, that with their infinite worth I may ransom the souls of poor sinners.

O Jesus, Whose Face is the sole beauty that ravishes my heart, I may not behold here upon earth the sweetness of Thy Glance, nor feel the ineffable tenderness of Thy Kiss.

I bow to Thy Will—but I pray Thee to imprint in me Thy divine Likeness, and I implore Thee to so inflame me with Thy Love, that it may quickly consume me, and that I may soon reach the Vision of Thy glorious Face in Heaven! Amen.

(*Indulgence 300 days each time – Pius X, 1906*)

SERVERS

WED 2/14	11:25 AM SOL.HIGH: <i>Posted in Sacristy</i>
FRI 2/16	5:45 PM LOW: I. Smith, F. Caggese
SAT 2/17	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, N. & M. Kolenich
SUN 2/18	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: N. McClorey, C. Richesson TH: N. Kolenich ACs: C. VanderPutten, S. Richesson TB: N. & J. Hudson, Ma., P. & F. Caggese, A. Constantino 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: C. & J. Plucker

SUN 2/18/24	LENT I • ST. SIMEON, BpM • ST. BERNADETTE, V
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass The Poor Souls on behalf of St. Anthony (<i>Paul & Lisa McConnell</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass †Tom Peter – 13 th Anniversary (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:15 AM	Short Stations
11:30 AM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
4:45 PM	Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass Bill & Terri Young – Happy Anniversary to each other