



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



☘ **March 17, 2024** ☘  
**PASSION SUNDAY**  
**ST. PATRICK, BPC • ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA**

## ¶ PASSION SUNDAY

Happy St. Patrick's Day! The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, and *final* Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45.

## ¶ ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

**Tuesday** on the feast of great St. Joseph. **St. Joseph's Bread** will be blessed and distributed after the 11:25 AM High Mass. Bring some **food for the poor** to "St. Joseph's Table" in the social hall.

## Final Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—March 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: *Shrimp scampi, ziti, broccoli & tortellini, salad, fruit.*

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

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

## ¶ EASTER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available in the pews and vestibule for the Easter Novena of Masses and the Lily Memorials. Please fill them out and return them in the collection basket, bookstore, or the office by **Palm Sunday, March 24.**

¶ **LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS?** The cloister garden needs some care before Holy Week. If you can help, please contact the office. 513-645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY

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.

## ¶ HELP WHERE YOU CAN!

The **Holy Thursday luncheon** is coming soon. The church will supplement the meal with mac & cheese, tuna salad, fruit tray, and

rolls, but **please bring something meatless to share** to the traditional potluck.

The **Holy Saturday dinner** follows all the ceremonies in church. Easter starts at noon traditionally and a full dinner is provided for the parish. **Please help with cleanup**; we would be most grateful. An **egg hunt** follows the dinner for ages 12 and under. The cloister garden area is for tots under 4 years. The area for the older children will be designated.

## Collection Report

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> .....\$7,914.00

☘ **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** ☘

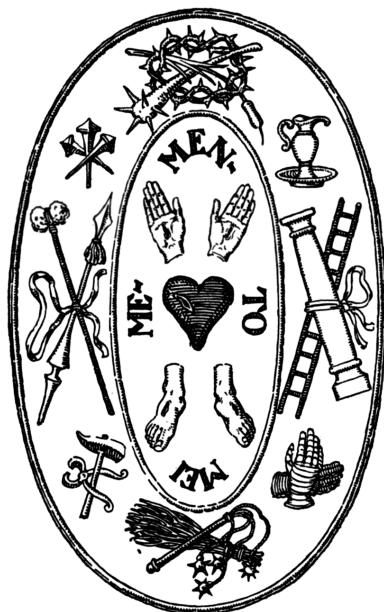


## PASSIONTIDE

Today, in Passiontide, we pause to reflect in an especial manner upon the sufferings and death of the God-Man. We rededicate our lives as Christians to follow Him along the Way of the Cross.

In an age where speed is the predominant note of our lives and where daily distraction steals away many precious moments, it is important for us to pause, to reflect and to pray over the true values of life. The speed of our day is not just a note intrinsically bound up with the machine age in which we are living. It is rather a note and characteristic of men's souls and dispositions. It is a personality factor. In such an environment there is danger lest we place false emphasis on action only and entirely overlook prayer.

Passiontide beckons us to do a few things significant for our souls' welfare. We can read this week at least once the gospel story of the Passion of our Lord. We can meditate on the sufferings of Christ as we make the Way of the Cross. We can reflect on the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary as we recite our Lady's beads, and we can join our wills with Christ's will by a patient acceptance of the will of God in our behalf.



**Wedding Banns**  
*Second time: John Brueggemann  
 & Julie Hudson*

### Note of Thanks

"Thank you to my SGG family for the Mass, birthday cards, flowers, delicious cookies and especially your prayers and kind wishes. It's such a blessing to know some of you and to get to meet more of you. God bless you and you are all in my Mass prayers."  
 — Judy Metz



*St. Joseph of Arimathea, pray for us.*

"It was thou, Virgin Mary, who gavest us this Body and Blood which raiseth our status so high that it is beyond the reach of the angels. Mayest thou be blessed throughout the world for giving us such a great gift."

— St. Louis de Montfort

## IN LENT

I'm just a boy, and mother says  
 I do not have to fast,  
 But I must try to keep this Lent  
 More strictly than the last.

There's many things a boy can do  
 For God in time of Lent,  
 So that he'll be much better when  
 The forty days are spent.

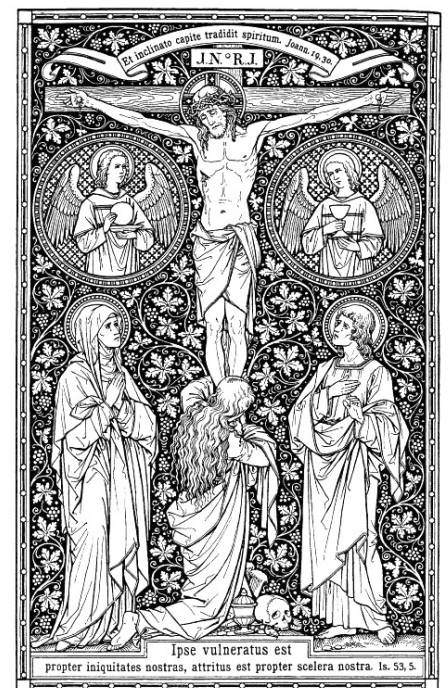
For one thing, he can go to Mass  
 Before it's time for school,  
 And he can try his very best  
 To keep each little rule.

Or, if he wants to, he may fast  
 From candy every day,  
 And spend some time at study when  
 He'd like to be at play.

No matter what he says he'll do,  
 He should be true to it;  
 And, though he thinks it mighty hard,  
 He shouldn't yield a bit.

So that when Easter comes along  
 'Twill bring him greater joy,  
 Because he pleased God very much  
 And proved a faithful boy.

— Edmund G. Lamb



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## ✠ HOLY WEEK 2024 ✠

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### PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 24, 2024

- 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 27, 2024

*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: MARCH 28, 2024

*DAY OF FAST*

- 9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass, Blessing of Holy Oils,  
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 12:00 PM on Good Friday.**

- 1:00 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, John Seyfried, Joseph Bayer, Levi Giese, Timothy Giese, Bob Uhlenbrock, Ben Capetillo, Tim Capetillo, Mike Volz, Brendan Lotarski, Daniel Stanislawski, Dominic Caggese, Daniel Wright.**

**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 12:45 noon on Holy Thursday, March 28.**

**Thank you, Bishop McGuire**

### GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 29, 2024

*FAST & 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: MARCH 30, 2024

*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: MARCH 31, 2024

- 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

The Sacristy crew welcomes 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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# Lorica of St. Patrick

**I** arise today through a mighty strength,

Through the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

**I** arise today

through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,

Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,

Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,

Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

**I** arise today

through the strength of the love of cherubim,

In the obedience of angels, in the service of archangels,

In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,

in the prayers of patriarchs,

in the predictions of prophets, In the preaching of apostles,

in the faith of confessors, in the innocence of holy virgins,

In the deeds of righteous men.

**I** arise today,

through the strength of heaven, the light of the sun,

The radiance of the moon, the splendor of fire,

The speed of lightning, the swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea,

The stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.

**I** arise today,

through God's strength to pilot me,

God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,

God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me

From snares of devils, from temptation of vices,

From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.



summon today all these powers between me and these evils,

Against every cruel and merciless power

That may oppose my body and soul, against incantations of false prophets,

Against black laws of pagandom, Against false laws of heretics,

Against craft of idolatry,

Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,

Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;

Christ to shield me today against poison,

Against burning, Against drowning,

Against wounding, So that there may come

To me an abundance of reward.



Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ in me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.



I arise today through a mighty strength,

the invocation of the Trinity,

Through belief in the Threeness,

Through confession of the Oneness

of the Creator of creation.





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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Spring has arrived! The cherry blossom trees have begun blooming and the different critters of God's creation have returned from warmer climates. In recent days, I've noticed a variety of birds in the garden. Which reminds me! the Killdeer should be back soon. They are some of the most interesting birds we have on the property. They lay their eggs in the rocks (the eggs actually blend in quite well there), and if a person gets too close then the mother or father comes swooping down and acts injured, dragging its wing on the ground walking away from the nest in the hopes that the intruder will follow it. I have seen this many times. They also dive-bomb the cats and have chased them under the cars.



The Young children found a small garter snake in their yard on Wednesday and brought it to Miss Mikesell's class for the day. William got bit when he picked it up in his yard, but said it didn't really hurt. The Youngs gave it a name which I cannot remember at the moment, but Miss Mikesell changed its name to Jimothy for the day. Hands-on science lessons are always fun!

Many of our servers are moving up in the ranks now. **Fr. Lehtoranta** has been overseeing the school children's training while Michael Simpson oversees that of the homeschool children. Our newest torchbearers include Christian and Isaac Wright, Thomas Young, and Charlie McClorey. We will have a couple of new trainbearers during Holy Week—Jude Smith and Marcel Caggese. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm in our youngsters!

Speaking of altar servers, the Altar Server Day was a hit, as usual. **Fr. Brueggemann** gave a nice sermon on the similarities between the duties of the angels and those of the servers at Mass, and even how St. Dominic Savio, once an altar boy himself, was an example to other bad boys in his school. There will always be some mischief even in good Catholic schools, as can be seen from the life of this saint. If children are taught Catholic discipline and virtue at home they will know how to deal with the bad example of companions in school, with the help of teachers and clergy of the school. While Catholic educators limit bad influences as much as they can, it cannot be prevented a hundred percent of the time. Just take a look at St.

John Bosco's Oratory for examples. However, the good example of one good child can go a long way!



Holy Week is fast approaching! We have included a detailed schedule of ceremonies so that you can begin your own planning. May the angels inspire you to come, first of all, and then to attend well these beautiful and ancient ceremonies of the Church!

– Bishop McGuire



Good Lord, give me the grace so to spend my life, that when the day of my death shall come, though I feel pain I my body, I may feel comfort in soul; and with the faithful hope of Thy mercy, in due love towards Thee and charity towards the world, I may, through Thy grace, part hence into Thy glory. Amen. – *St. Thomas More*



### A s h e r s

#### PALM SUNDAY 3/24

**7:30 AM (PLEASE BE HERE BY 7:00 AM):** Scott Pepiot, Paul McConnell, Alexander McConnell, Mark Lotarski

**8:50 AM (PLEASE BE HERE BY 8:30 AM):** Paul Arlinghaus, Sam Arlinghaus, Philip Brueggemann, Christopher Brueggemann, Mark Lotarski

**11:30 AM (PLEASE BE HERE BY 11:15 AM):** Bob Uhlenbrock, Paul Puglielli

**5:45 PM:** *Volunteer*

#### EASTER SUNDAY 3/31

**7:30 AM:** Scott Pepiot, Paul McConnell, Alexander McConnell, Christopher Brueggemann

**9:00 AM:** Paul Arlinghaus, Sam Arlinghaus, Philip Brueggemann, Christopher Brueggemann, Mark Lotarski

**11:30 AM:** Bob Uhlenbrock, Paul Puglielli

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MON	3/18/24	ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention ( <i>Joe Druecker</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mrs. Therese Lamb ( <i>Clare Lotarski</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers
		<i>Private Mass</i> Repose of the soul of †Ken Martin ( <i>Ken Busalacchi</i> )
TUE	3/19/24	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Katherine Kunkel ( <i>K/V</i> )
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Klabenes ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Matthew Giese</i> )
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass Thank you St. Anthony & Poor Souls ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>Blessing of Hot Cross Buns</b>
	5:00 PM	Low Mass For all our family & friends ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Matthew Giese</i> )
WED	3/20/24	FERIAL DAY <i>Ss. PHOTINA &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Tristan VandeRyt ( <i>K/V</i> )
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls ( <i>Kolenich family</i> )
	11:25 AM	High Mass Intentions of the St. Monica Club <b>St. Monica Club Meeting</b>
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Special Intentions ( <i>Abigail Lawrence</i> )
THU	3/21/24	ST. BENEDICT, AB
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention CV ( <i>K/V</i> )
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intentions
	11:25 AM	High Mass My mother, †Shiv Jen Cheng – rest in peace ( <i>H.Y.</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special intentions
FRI	3/22/24	THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Mr. Hagle – thank you! ( <i>Michael Simpson</i> )
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass My son, Jay Tseng – special intentions ( <i>H.Y.</i> )
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:15 PM	Confessions, Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Jude Smith & Isaac Wright ( <i>Michael Simpson</i> ) <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b>
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermonette, Closing of the Sorrowful Mother Novena with Blessing of the Sick, Benediction
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	3/23/24	FERIAL DAY
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Thank you St. Anthony & Poor Souls ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
	8:10 AM	Ave Regina, Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass The clergy at St. Gertrude's ( <i>The Hudson Family</i> )

## PRAYER FOR CONVERSION



O Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, who merited to be called “just” by the Holy Ghost, I urgently recommend to thee the soul of (*Name*), which Jesus redeemed at the price of His Precious Blood.

Thou knowest how deplorable is the state and how unhappy the life of those who have banished this loving Savior from their hearts, and how greatly they are exposed to the danger of losing Him eternally. Permit not, I beseech thee, that a soul so dear to me should continue any longer in its evil ways; preserve it from the danger that threatens it; touch the heart of this prodigal child and conduct him back to the bosom of the fondest of fathers. Abandon him not, I implore thee, till thou hast opened to him the gates of the heavenly city, where he will praise and bless thee throughout eternity for the happiness which he will owe to thy powerful intercession. Amen.

## Servers

FRI 3/22	5:45 PM LOW:	T. Lawrence
SAT 3/23	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemanns
	8:20 AM HIGH:	M. Simpson, J. & L. Rabjohns
SUN 3/24	7:30 AM LOW:	M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	8:50 AM PROCESSION & SOL. HIGH:	SEE SACRISTY
	11:30 AM LOW:	C. & J. Plucker
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:	D. Simpson, I. Smith
	5:45 PM LOW:	P. McClorey

**SERVERS:** For the Palm Sunday and Holy Week schedules, please consult the list posted in the Servers' Sacristy. If you are unable to serve for any of the times for which you are scheduled, and you have not found a suitable substitute, you *MUST* contact Bishop McGuire or Michael Simpson far enough in advance so they are able to find a replacement.

SUN	3/24/24	PALM SUNDAY
		ST. GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL
	7:15 AM	Blessing of Palms
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom ( <i>Love, Cecilia Brueggemann</i> )
	8:50 AM	Blessing of Palms, Procession, Solemn High Mass †Loren K. McGuire ( <i>Bishop McGuire</i> )
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Loren K. McGuire ( <i>Erika McKnight</i> )
	4:45 PM	Vespers, Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## MONDAY IN PASSION WEEK

**Meditation:** “My child, remember that the soul that loves Jesus speaks little and suffers much. I order you, in the name of Jesus, never to give your opinion unless asked, and never to hold onto your opinion, but to yield.” And he further added: “When you have committed any fault, acknowledge it immediately, without waiting to be questioned. Remember to guard your eyes, for eyes that are mortified will look upon the beauty of Heaven.”

— Advice given to St. Gemma from her Guardian Angel

**Practice:** Refrain from criticizing the faults of another. This will please your Angel very much and will be written down in the Book of Life.

## TUESDAY IN PASSION WEEK

**Meditation:** Now devotion to the angels contributes marvelously to the perfection of divine love, and consequently to the increase of the glory of Heaven. These spirits are living flames of pure love; it is not possible to approach them often without taking fire and sharing their ardor. With the saints we become sanctified, with the angels we become all-angelic, that is to say, all-heavenly. It is the property of love to assimilate those persons who love each other. Now they cannot become like to us; their purity is incorruptible. It is necessary, then, that we should become like to them.

— Devotion to the  
Nine Choirs of Holy  
Angels

**Practice:** Say the *Angelus* morning, noon, and night in honor of St. Gabriel the Archangel. Ask him to help you to imitate him in his tender devotion to Our Lady.



## WEDNESDAY IN PASSION WEEK

**Meditation:** When a person thinks seriously that on the moment of death depends a happy or miserable eternity, his heart must be obdurate, indeed, if he be not struck with fear: for if the just be scarcely saved, where will the sinner appear? O, Lord! enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for no one living is justified in Thy sight! The holy abbot Agatho, being seized with trembling at his last hour, and his religious having asked him the cause—he replied that though, by the great mercy of God, his conscience did not reproach him with anything, yet that the divine judgment being very different from those of men he was in great alarm. No wonder he should have felt so—all our good works are imperfect in the sight of the Divine Majesty. If the Angels succor us in this dread moment, do they not prove themselves our true friends? It is in the time of affliction a person knows a sincere friend; and behold in the hour of death, when all abandon us to our fate, when our bodies are consigned to the solitary tomb, and our soul “goes to the house of its eternity,” the Angels, faithful to their charge, never depart from us.

— Devotion to the Holy Angels

**Practice:** Say a prayer to the Guardian Angel of one who is soon to die. The angels are very ready to assist the dying.

## THURSDAY IN PASSION WEEK

**Meditation:** Heretics and Infidels have angels who guard them, though their sin be so incomprehensible, that we can never in this world attain anything like a notion of it. The Turks, the professed enemies of the Christian name, have their angels—nay, Antichrist himself will have an Angel Guardian, says St. Thomas, who will hinder him from committing several evils. — *Devotion to the Holy Angels*

**Practice:** Admire the wonderful mercies of God in acting in this manner towards even the worst of sinners. Pray to the Guardian Angels of heretics, and even to the Guardian Angel who has the very difficult duty of being with the Antichrist. Ask these angels to preserve us from the harm of evildoers.

## FRIDAY IN PASSION WEEK THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

### Meditation:

Where is the friend who would continue to demonstrate his friendship, after repeated insults and affronts? Yet all the injuries, revolts, contempt and ingratitude of Men diminish not in the least degree the charity of these blessed Spirits. They go to seek

them in the forests of Canada, in the remotest deserts, in the most gloomy caverns, at the extremities of the earth. You would say that they are beside themselves with love for Men, who have nothing of Man but the shape and appearance, their lives be-





ing wholly earthly and sensual. These celestial beauties give their affections to deformity itself, and yet meet with no other return than ingratitude and contempt. – *Devotion to the Holy Angels*

**Practice:** Invoke the Guardian Angels on behalf of those souls who ignore their wonderful companion whom God has given them.



*Habakkuk and the Angel*

## SATURDAY IN LENT IV

**Meditation:** “A man’s soul,” says St Bernard, “is sometimes thrown into such great disorder, his mind is overcome with such distressing weariness, his heart is oppressed with such excruciating anguish, his body is so grievously afflicted, and the besetting temptation is so urgent, that without a powerful help he would succumb. At such a time,” continues this Father, “it needs the assistance of the angels: it needs the consolation of these spirits of Heaven; in its present languid state it would be unable to walk; it is needful, then, that the angels should carry it in their arms. I hold as most certain that when the soul is in this condition, they support it, so to say, with both hands, bearing it so gently through all those perils which inspired it with most dread, that in some sort it feels them without perceiving them. We have to walk upon asps and basilisks; we have to tread under foot lions

and dragons; how necessary, then, is it that we should have the angels for our masters and guides! how needful it is that they should even carry us—us especially, who are like weak children! But how easily do we traverse these dangerous roads when borne in their arms! What do we fear? They are faithful, they are wise, they are powerful: let us but follow them, and never separate ourselves from them. Whenever, therefore, you are suffering from some great temptation or affliction, have recourse to your good angel; say to him, ‘My lord, save me, save me! for I am on the point of being lost.’”

– *Devotion to the Nine Choirs of Angels*

**Practice:** Dear Guardian Angel, help me to bear my cross in union with Our Lord.

## PALM SUNDAY

A great multitude that was met together at the festival cried out to the Lord: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! – *Antiphon of Palm Sunday*

**Meditation:** The Procession is now on its return to the church: but it cannot enter, for the doors are shut. We have already explained the meaning of this part of the ceremony. Immediately, there are heard voices within the holy place; they are singing the praises of Christ, our King and Savior. These chanters represent the holy Angels in heaven, who are greeting the Entry of Jesus into the eternal Jerusalem. Outside the church, there stands the choir, re-echoing the hymn of triumph; but it is man celebrating the Entry of the Son of David into the earthly Jerusalem. The two Choirs are thus kept separated from each other, until, at length, the victorious Cross throws open the door, which represents the gate of heaven, and unites the Church Militant with the Church Triumphant.

– *The Liturgical Year*

**Practice:** Ask the Church Triumphant to assist the Church Militant to fight for God’s glory on earth and to attain the glories of heaven.

## Tent with the Angels



## Daily Thoughts and Prayers Tent 2024

### DAILY PRAYER

Angel of God and well-beloved brother, I trust myself to your beneficence and implore thee humbly to intercede for me with my Savior so that He may forgive me my sins, strengthen me in well-doing, help me by His grace to correct my faults, and lead me to Paradise, there to taste the fruition of His presence and to possess eternal life. Amen. – *St. Lydwine of Schiedam*