

PASSION SUNDAY – ST. PATRICK’S DAY
MARCH 17, 2024
LOW MASS

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Priest: O Jesus, living cornerstone and Head of Thy Church, which Thou hast redeemed, purchased, and cleansed with Thy holy Blood, preserve her, Thy spouse, from sacrilege, heresy, and schism; unite all her members in faith, hope, and charity; let the daily Sacrifice of the altar, and prayer, never cease, but be forever presented to Thy heavenly Father to obtain us grace and blessing, pardon and salvation. **R. Amen.**

Priest: Hail Mary... **People:** Holy Mary...

Priest & People: Glorious patriarch St. Joseph, / patron and protector of the Catholic Church / and head of the Holy Family, / entreat for me today / tender, constant love / of Jesus in the Sacrament of the altar, / as well as all of my other needs and intentions, / especially God’s blessings on the Church / and on our church. / Could I but make adequate return/ for the plenitude of His love and mercy! / Could I but love Him as thou didst, / and press Him to my heart with Mary’s ardor! / “St. Joseph, /model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, / pray for us!”

Priest: Hail Mary... **People:** Holy Mary...

Priest: O God! who didst send Thy blessed servant, St. Patrick, to instruct and save us, and didst infuse into his heart so great a share of Thy own tenderness, charity and zeal, listen, we beseech Thee, to the prayers which we now offer up in union with the prayers of St. Patrick and grant us, through his intercession, our intentions (name them briefly), and the grace rather to die than offend Thee. **R. Amen.**

Priest: Hail Mary... **People:** Holy Mary...

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. Patrick, **R. Pray for us.**
V. All ye holy angels and archangels, **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:

O SACRED HEAD SURROUNDED

1. O Sacred Head surrounded,
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er Thee,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore Thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

2. I see Thy strength and vigor,
All fading in the strife.
And death with cruel rigor,
Bereaving Thee of life.
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus all grace supplying,
O turn Thy Face on me!