

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ APRIL 11, 2010 • LOW SUNDAY •

ST. LEO THE GREAT

Catechism & Adult Education classes resume at 10:40 AM.

Sung Sunday Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

✠ THIS WEEK

The second week of Eastertide opens quietly with a Paschal ferial day on **Monday**, and an afternoon meeting of the **Knights of the Sacred Heart at 4:00 PM**. **St. Hermenegild** is honored on **Tuesday**, the young married prince with a family who gave it all up rather than receive Holy Communion from a heretic bishop. He comes each April to confound the "*Latin Mass Catholics*" who receive their traditional sacraments from those in communion with the heretical One World Church.

The "hobo Saint" Benedict Joseph Labre who so loved the Blessed Sacrament, is honored on **Friday**. Would the ladies enjoy a spiritual talk? I'll be giving one Friday evening at 7:00 PM.

Our Lady's **Saturday**, with sweet, quiet Holy Masses in her honor in the early morning end our week. Pray for the First Communicants being tested!

✠ PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

Saturday April 17th: First Holy Communion Testing and First Confession.

Fr. Cekada will be testing the First Communicants at 9:00 A.M. The children must be pre-registered with the office, and we must have their baptismal certificates in order to test. Fr. Cekada's traditional testing technique covers all of the St. Joseph Baltimore First Communion Catechism, including the Ten Commandments.

After the testing, Bishop Dolan will prepare the children for First Confession with a spiritual talk and an examination of conscience. Confessions are then heard and then Fr. Cekada appears on the scene with the candy bag, which concludes the morning's activities.

Remember the obligatory All Day Recollection on May 20th, and the Confirmations on May 29th. First Holy Communions are June 6th.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Catechism and Adult Education classes are at 10:40 A.M. The blessing of expectant mothers is available after all Masses. **Simple Sunday Vespers with Benediction** make an excellent and liturgical **Sunday Holy Hour** at 4:45 P.M. **Extra Confessions** are heard during all Masses.

✠ PLEASE PRAY

For all of our sick and shut in especially for Tom and Connie Kamphaus.

✠ MOTHERS UNION

Ladies of the Parish! Lent and winter are past, and it's past time to renew **your** spiritual batteries. Come to evening Mass (5:45 P.M.) and stay for a spiritual talk "just for you" after Benediction. Could anyone see about organizing refreshments?

—Bishop Dolan

When we are not understood, and are unfavorably judged, what good is there in defending ourselves? Let us leave it so and say nothing; it is so sweet to let ourselves be judged no matter how! It is not told in the Gospels that Saint Magdalen gave any explanation when blamed by her sister for sitting inactive at the feet of Jesus. . . No, she chose rather to be silent. . . O blessed silence which gives to the soul such peace!

—The Little Flower of Jesus



**In vain they smite me. Men but do
What God permits with different view.
To outward sight they hold the rod,
But faith proclaims it all of God.**

—Madame Guyon

Collection Report

Sunday April 4th\$6,299.00
Second Collection\$945.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ POETRY CORNER

Faith Is The Victory

Encamped along the hills of light,
Ye Christian soldiers, rise,
And press the battle ere the night
Shall veil the glowing skies;
Against the foe in vales below
Let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know,
That overcomes the world.

His banner over us is love,
Our sword the word of God;
We tread the road the saints above
With shouts of triumph trod;
By faith they, like a whirlwind's breath,
Swept on o'er every field;
The faith by which they conquered death
Is still our shining shield.

On every hand the foe we find
Drawn up in dread array;
Let tents of ease be left behind,
And—onward to the fray;
Salvation's helmet on each head,
With truth all girt about,
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread,
And echo with our shout.

To him that overcomes the foe
White raiment shall be given;
Before the angels he shall know
His name confessed in heaven;
Then onward from the hills of light,
Our hearts with love aflame,
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night
In Jesus' conquering name.

—John H. Yates

Servers
APRIL 16, 17 AND 18, 2010

- FRI 4/16 5:45 PM LOW: Simpsons
- SAT 4/17 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:00 AM LOW: Mike Briggs
- SUN 4/18 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, John Lotarski
TH: T. Simpson AC'Sr: A. Wanke, A. Richesson
TORCH: J. Lacy, J. Simpson, S. Arlinghaus, A. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: M & J Brugger
4:45 PM VESPER & BENEDICTION: Guy Miller, J Gunsher
5:45 PM LOW: A. Beaver

Ushers

APRIL 18, 2010

- 7:30 AM Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Puglielli
- 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
- 5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	4/12/10	FERIAL DAY 11:20 AM Low Mass †Ellen Amyx-5th Anniversary (<i>Gary Amyx</i>) 4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart 5:00 PM Low Mass Easter Novena IX
TUE	4/13/10	ST. HERMENEGILD, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>John & Rhonda Lynch</i>) 11:20 AM Holy Mass Poor Souls for our teachers & benefactors (<i>James & Hannah Lacy</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Cheryl Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>)
WED	4/14/10	ST. JUSTIN, Ss. TIBURTIUS & COMP 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Youngworth (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>) 11:20 AM Holy Mass †Brian Roczen (<i>Ernie Nellenbach</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass For the intentions of Steve Brueggemann and Ken Gilliam (<i>Dan, Mary & Family</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THUR	4/15/10	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-deceased relatives (<i>M/M Scott Richesson</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament †Joseph & Stella Zbilicki (<i>Richard Zbilicki</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Benedict - S.I
FRI	4/16/10	FERIAL DAY ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory - special intention (<i>G.J /Dr</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Low Mass †José Abella (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions/Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls - most forgotten (<i>Lynches</i>) 6:00 PM Novena & Benediction, Confessions
SAT	4/17/10	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY ST. ANICETUS, PM THE HOLY SEPULCHER 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>Linda Elswick</i>) 8:00 AM Sermon & Low Mass James Lacy-Happy Birthday (<i>Mom</i>) Confessions 9:00 AM First Communion testing / First Confessions
SUN	4/18/10	EASTER II Confessions before or during all Masses 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad (<i>Mary Lacy</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †José Abella (<i>A Friend</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes Resume 11:30 AM Low Mass †Anne Duff (<i>Robert Duff</i>) 4:45 PM Sunday Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude's

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Blessed Easter Octave Day to you, and blessings of our Easter all around. How blessed we were this Easter with beautiful ceremonies and music, devout attendance, appreciative guests and enthusiastic participation from our own faithful of all ages.



Ours was a "family Holy Week" this year. Our families fully participated, each according to their possibilities. All was done, if not with utter technical perfection, {when is it ever here below?} then with genuine devotion and humble love. I was genuinely pleased with each day and each ceremony, and I pray Our Lord was as well. How nice to see so many little children helping on Good Friday after Tre Ore services, and boys manfully doing the work of adults as they maneuvered through the long and complicated rites of the unchanged Catholic Holy Week.

The seminarians edified us and were edified in turn, I think. This is a wonderful training for our international (Catholic!) band of future priests. The newer Nigerian, Bede, had never so much as seen Holy Week before, yet he did a fine job, as did they all.

My favorite part of Holy Week is always the Tenebrae of Holy Saturday sung so peacefully on Good Friday evening, and the Matins of Easter before sunrise, with the birds and the beautiful chant of the Haec Dies – thanks to Fr. Desposito and Rev. Mr. Hecquard!

Speaking of a family spirit I must thank the busy mothers who cooked meals for our big family here, or arranged hours away from their own to do the so very beautiful Holy Week altars, or to sing and rehearse the many long services of these days. May God bless you and your families for your sacrifices!

I wish to thank our new party manager, Jim Soli, who certainly enjoyed the many meals and parties he managed and is just looking for an excuse to do another!

A final, and feline note to my Holy Week thoughts. Cats can be distracting. On a beautiful Holy Thursday morning Puccini was napping peacefully in the sun on my little porch, as I quickly stepped over him, hurrying to church. Later that morning one of our seminarians was shaking visibly during the ceremonies, and I thought to myself: "He's as nervous as a cat." Then, thinking of Puccini, I wondered: "Why do people say that? My cat is quite calmly sleeping." More distractions!

Today I am visiting St. Clare in Columbus. Take advantage of Easter's Octave Day to review your Lent and Holy Week, and resolve especially on certain regular devout practices for the Poor Souls, who are depending on you now. Chief among these should be extra Masses offered and attended for them. The peace, for them and us, which comes with these Masses is its own reward!

A Blessed Eastertide!

–Bishop Dolan

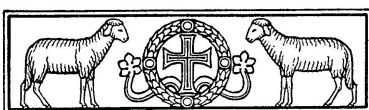
✠ HIGH THOUGHTS FOR LOW SUNDAY

ALLELUIA

At this time of the year nature begins to awaken from her slumber during the bleak and dreary days of winter. The flowers begin to bloom, the trees reassume their foliage, the earth puts on her carpet of verdant green. Yet all this was preceded by death and decay. The grass and the flowers withered away, and the leaves fell from the trees.

It is most significant that just at this period of the year we celebrate the joyful feast of Easter, commemorating the glorious resurrection of the Savior. However, we are reminded of the words of Christ, addressed to the disciples of Emmaus: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter His glory?" It was only after having spent thirty years in poverty and seclusion, after having been subject to misunderstanding, calumny and persecution, after having died the ignominious and excruciating death of the cross that the Godman could take possession of His glory.

He has stated most clearly: "The servant is not above the Master." "If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." "If any man will follow Me, let him take up his cross and come after Me." There is but one way that leads to a glorious resurrection, to an eternal Easter morn, and that is the way of self-denial, the way of the cross. We must all bear the consequences of original sin. But the thought of the glory, peace and happiness that await us if we persevere, bearing here on earth the cross of God's Commandments, and fulfilling faithfully the duties of our state of life, must supply us with the courage and determination needed. "Be glad and rejoice, for your reward shall be exceedingly great in heaven."



ST. THOMAS THE DOUBTER

Notice something like a protestantizing inclination and character in Thomas. He will believe, but only what he understands; and he will believe even that only after seeing and touching and feeling! Notice the haughty and overbearing superiority complex of an idealist, skeptic, or agnostic. who in his self-willed and self-inflicted blindness will not admit nor even see the sun shining in broad midday!

What a splendid sample Thomas is of an obstinately proud soul, observing companions of humble faith and religious obedience and charity under trying circumstances, and then on the ground of its own superior reason and intelligence rating their solid virtue as weakness or cowardice or foolishness!

Thomas holds out doggedly and culpably for a whole week, against all good sense and right reason. How like him is a Catholic who...



CANDIDATE

Low Sunday morn, the cherry now
Has doffed his Easter-white attire
And donned green hope that every bough
Will hang with Pentecostal fire.

This short Low Sunday offering from Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M. serves to remind us that yesterday was the 100th anniversary of his birth. Pray for the priestly soul of this great poet, painter, writer, researcher and historian. Pater Angelicus cum angelis requiescat!

—Bishop Dolan



A PASCHALTIDE POOR SOULS' PRAYER

Jesus, through the merits of Thy bitter passion and death and through Thy glorious Resurrection, I beseech Thee, have compassion on the poor souls and grant them a happy and glorious admission into heaven. Let them enter into that peace so long desired; let them contemplate the splendor of the beatific vision; let them bless eternally Thy mercy.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. Merciful Jesus,

R. Grant them eternal rest.



JESUS' ASTONISHING KINDNESS TOWARD THOMAS

O what an excess of compassion and condescension! Thomas' interior dispositions seem too have been much more guilty than those of Peter. Peter never offended in his innermost heart and soul against faith in Jesus' word; much less against Jesus Himself. But the unbelief of Thomas was deliberate and proud and stubbornly unreasonable. How this infidelity must have wounded the heart of the Master! And yet, see Jesus going to meet Thomas and to make up with him, going all the way by approaching him even as if He Himself rather than Thomas owed an explanation and apology.

Did your own Jesus never deal as kindly as this with an offensively stubborn attitude of yours? Did He...only once?