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MARCH 27, 2011 • LENT III •

• ST JOHN DAMASCENE •

¶**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after all Masses, at communion rail.

¶**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Rosary Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churaching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶**Mass Intentions:** Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.



Jesus cast out an unclean spirit.

¶**Dress Code:** Ladies—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. Men & Boys—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

¶**Catholic Books & Religious Articles:** A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MARCH 20, 2011 • LENT III •

• ST JOHN DAMASCENE •

Sunday classes are offered as usual at 10:40 AM. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 11:30 AM Mass, and Rosary precedes it.

✠ THIS WEEK

St. John Capistran, the Captain of Jesus and Mary, comes victoriously on **Monday**, (Mass at 11:20 AM) and the boys meet at the park at 4:00 PM. Calling **all children** on **Wednesday** for a little Lenten recollection. **First Friday** and **Saturday** round out our week, and take us into April.

✠ CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This year our Children's Day of Recollection will take place on **Wednesday, March 30th**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for both Grade School and High School Students. Separate spiritual talks will be given for both groups. Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day. Please call the school (513-645-4216) by Monday, March 28th, to let us know if you plan to attend. A lunch will be provided. No charge!

✠ FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 1ST

The intention for the All Night Adoration: All of our needs, and our neediest souls, through the Five Wounds and the Holy Face of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

8:00 AM - Low Mass

10:55 AM - Confessions

11:20 AM - Low Mass and Benediction

12:30 PM - Vespers

5:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: All Night Adoration begins; Rosary and Litany.

5:45 PM - Low Mass and Sermon

ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT

6:45 PM - Lenten Supper: Hot Dish!

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Candlelight Meditation, Novenas, Blessing of the Sick, Holy Communion, Confessions, All Night Adoration continues.

✠ FIRST SATURDAY - APRIL 2ND

Reparation Intention: "The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to place in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother."

7:05 AM Rosary & First Saturday Devotions

7:30 AM Low Mass followed by Closing Benediction

8:20 AM (approx.) Final First Saturday **Low Mass**.

✠ YOUR PRAYERS...

...would be appreciated for Loraine Gates, Mike Hinton, Sherry Kamphaus, and Connie Kamphaus.

✠ POETRY CORNER

Memory of Brother Michael

It would never be morning, always evening,
Golden sunset, golden age—
When Shakespeare, Marlowe and Jonson were writing
The future of England page by page
A nettle-wild grave was Ireland's stage.



It would never be spring, always autumn
After a harvest always lost—
When Drake was winning seas for England
We sailed in puddles of the past
Chasing the ghost of Brendan's mast.

The seeds among the dust were less than dust,
Dust we sought, decay,
The young sprout rising smothered in it
Cursed for being in the way—
And the same is true to-day.

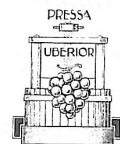


Culture is always something that was,
Something pedants can measure:
Skull of bard, thigh of chief,
Depth of dried-up river.
Shall we be thus forever?
Shall we be thus forever?

—Patrick Kavanagh

I found this poem on St. Patrick's Day, and it made me think, about the past and the present. We do tend to stress the past, but Christ — the Mass — is the everliving present on our altar.

—Bishop Dolan



✠ NEXT SUNDAY: LAETARE

Rejoice with us that Easter draws near. Sunday Vespers (4:45 PM) are back. Plan to attend if it's been awhile. Morning classes are as usual. It is also the First Sunday of the month; the **Blessing of Religious Articles** and our **Special Second Collection** for the Seminary take places at all Masses.

Set your missal: Lent IV, with the collects of Our Lady and All the Saints, and for the Living and the Dead, Lent Preface.

✠ FATIMA MEMORIAL

We are purchasing a full Fatima scene for the church grounds as a loving memorial to Ernie Nellenbach, so devoted to the Rosary. We are asking for contributions towards the cost of \$2000.00, which should cover installation and a memorial plaque. Please make a donation towards Ernie's memorial.



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	3/28/11	ST JOHN CAPISTRAN, C
	11:20 AM	Low Mass †Tommy Peter (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	4:00 PM	Knights of the Sacred Heart
TUES	3/29/11	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Michael Potter (<i>Charles Simpson Family</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass The soul of Anna's friend (<i>T. Simpson</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for Poor Souls (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
WED	3/30/11	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach (<i>Barb Steinmetz</i>)
	9:00 AM	Opening of the Children's Day of Recollection
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls for Our Children
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	2:45 PM	Closing Stations and Benediction
	4:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls - Gratitude - Lisa & Rich (<i>DJR</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THURS	3/31/11	FERIAL DAY
	11:20 AM	High Mass Thank you St. John Bosco prayers answered
	12:20 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In Honor of the Holy Ghost (<i>B. Mattingly</i>)
FRI	4/1/11	FIRST FRIDAY
		FERIAL DAY FIVE HOLY WOUNDS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls Gratitude- Jeanette (<i>DJR</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	Low Mass †Bernie Brueggemann (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>) Benediction
	12:30 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: All Night Adoration begins, Rosary and Litany
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Deceased Evans Children (<i>Simpson Family</i>) Sermon
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper-Hot Dish
	7:30 PM	Stations before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Meditation, Novenas, Blessing of the Sick
		Adoration Continues All Night
SAT	4/2/11	FIRST SATURDAY
		ST FRANCIS OF PAULA, C
	7:05 AM	Rosary and First Saturday Devotions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>) Closing Benediction
	8:20 AM	Low Mass †Melvin E. Prell (<i>B. Brueggemann</i>)
SUN	4/3/11	LENT IV
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Bernie Brueggemann (<i>Scott Pepiot</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to the Holy Souls (<i>M. Kinnett</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers and Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Amelie Gonzalez (<i>The Michiline Family</i>)

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

March is certainly the month for weather, isn't it? Heavy humidity and overcast skies bring us unhealthy, unwelcome warmth and rush the flowers out of the earth. Then the wet turns cold to threaten the blossoms with a wintry blast. Still, we do manage the odd few hours of some springtime, perfect, just perfect, in its sun and air. No wonder Lent falls mostly in March. May storms bypass your soul, and spiritual spring make its march gentle and steady towards Easter.

What a pleasant surprise was St. Joseph's morn. One minute (it seemed) there was only a handful of clients of good St. Joseph, hearing his Mass in the dark church. When I returned, it was flooded with sunlight, and filled with faithful, turned out of their Saturday sleep-ins to keep the feast. The Provider of the Holy Family was afterwards also honored by an elegant Breakfast Buffet. Everyone enjoyed it, and many lingered at the hospitable table. St. Joseph's poor even received a few offerings as well, gathered on his specially decorated altar in Helfta Hall.

At a certain point in Lent, it seems we do a lot of eating, but always for a good, liturgical purpose. Mostly now it is confined to our modest after Mass "Friday feed," to keep body and soul together for Stations and the evening service.

I must again thank those who are feeding our fast this Lent so handsomely. I mean not only food in due measure (Joseph-like) but also uplifting music for the ears and soul, and shrines and altars for the eyes and heart. Thanks to God's goodness and the generosity of many, we are always well fed at St. Gertrude the Great.

There's enough food here to go around, and we don't want to waste any. So, the Fathers fanned out last week to feed the hungry. **Fr. Larrabee** used Monday's school holiday to visit again an older Catholic couple in Albany, Kentucky, otherwise long without Mass. **Fr. McGuire** went to St. Isidore mission in Central Illinois for their feast day. **Fr. Cekada** has been teaching and doing more music work at the Seminary. He reports that **Fr. Selway** is recovering from knee surgery, and **Bishop Sanborn** had been a bit under the weather, but is better now. Keep them, and all of our clergy, in your prayers, won't you?

As March concludes, renew your intention to pray and sacrifice for vocations. Send a Lenten alms to our Seminary. It's your future! Signs of good American vocations are appearing, but they need our help to reach their goal of serving us.

Persevere in your Lent. Make the Stations. Pop into church (or make the long pilgrimage) for an extra, "just for love" Holy Mass. Thursday is Mid Lent day. Friday and Saturday we must consecrate the new month of April to the Heart of Jesus and Mary. It would be nice to see some new faces starting First Fridays. Pass it on to your children or grandchildren: your faith, your First Friday observance, the Lenten Children's day, and all the rest. Do you think you'll regret the efforts you made, come Judgement Day?

May St. Joseph's just and holy Heart lead you and yours to the Heart of Jesus and Mary this week. -Bishop Dolan



Prejudice

We are all well aware that the thick carapace of prejudices which has been formed by centuries of Protestant misrepresentations, over certain minds otherwise honest and kindly enough, is simply appalling. Arguments of sound reason, the best ascertained facts of history, even the plainest and most direct evidence of their own senses, are quietly turned aside, when it is a question of Catholic persons and Catholic practices. On the other hand, the most atrocious libels a thousand times refuted, the most absurd calumnies, are serenely swallowed by them, and like the preposterous baby trotted out in the advertisements of some patent medicines, they even cry for more. It evidently makes them feel uncommonly good to find us so perfectly wicked. They would be very sorry to find us otherwise. The ignorant and uneducated, especially if they also have some self-conceit, as is invariably the case with self-appointed preachers of the Word of God, are particularly susceptible of such impressions. As is to be expected, it vitiates their very nature. Nothing but a most powerful grace could possibly set them right. Thankless as the task may appear, I think it is our duty to nail instantly down every lie that is uttered against the Church in our presence.

I came across this in a priests' magazine from ninety years ago, but it is as fresh as today. It still applies to the prejudices of some against the Church, of course. However, it also reminds me of the reactions of the R&R crowd (Recognize pope and Resist him) to those Catholics who will not compromise (the sedevacantists). Finally, it also makes me think of all our dear Catholic enemies: "It makes them feel uncommonly good, to find us so perfectly wicked."

—Bishop Dolan

A Bit of History

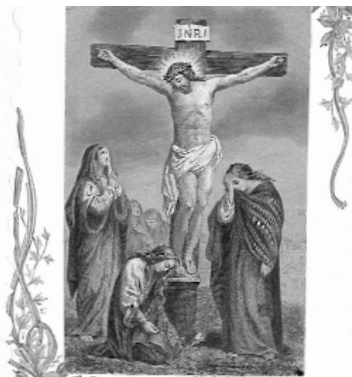
“Let them eat cake,” may be the most famous four words that were never spoken, at least not by Marie Antoinette. Far from despising Paris’ poor, the courageous queen devoted much of her energy and fortune to works of charity. But why let the truth get in the way of a chief myth of modern times? Didn’t the French Revolution overthrow a dark old order of corruption and oppression and usher in a bright new age of democracy and human rights?

That version is undoubtedly the one most of us received in high school or college. At best we heard that the Revolution was a well-intentioned enterprise that got a little out of hand—Dickens’ “best of times...worst of times.”

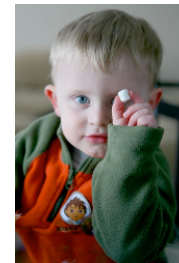
In fact, the Revolution began with a conspiracy of misfits whose minds were a tangle of Enlightenment and occult ideas. They declared war on the Church and the Monarchy and all the principles and traditions for which these institutions stood. “The country that was a flag-bearer of civilization,” writes Claude Polin, “turned raving mad and tore with uncontrollable fury at its own throat while embattling the whole of Europe...” He adds, “French history between 1789 and 1815 is a descent into national chaos and European hell.”

The French Revolution was the work of anti-God forces of Freemasonry, and even darker forces of Hell.

—Bishop Dolan



WAIT A LITTLE



Some groups are far better than others at inculcating functional norms and social skills. Children from disorganized, unstable communities have a much harder time acquiring the discipline to succeed in life. And a famous experiment conducted around 1970 demonstrated that the ability of 4-year-olds to postpone gratification by leaving a marshmallow uneaten for a time as a condition of receiving a second marshmallow was a very good predictor of success in life: “The kids who could wait a full 15 minutes had, 13 years later, SAT scores that were 210 points higher than the kids who could wait only 30 seconds....Twenty years later, they had much higher college-completion rates, and 30 years later, they had much higher incomes. The kids who could not wait at all had much higher incarceration rates. They were much more likely to suffer from drug and alcohol addiction problems.”

Servers
APRIL 1 - APRIL 3, 2011

- FRI 4/1 5:45 PM LOW: J. Soli, T.& J. Simpson
- SAT 4/2 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:20 AM LOW: M. Briggs
- SUN 4/3 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, R. Hill
TH: A. Lawrence ACS: S. Lawrence, B. Lotarski
TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor, P. Lawrence,
J. Simpson, L. & S. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: A>D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Simpsons,
G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers

APRIL 3, 2011

- 7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, 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

Collection Report

Sunday March 20th\$4,712.00

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

Confidence Building

There is a morbid tendency in persons disposed to melancholy, and but little filled with the love of God, to approach Jesus with fear and trembling, as though in the presence of an inexorable and pitiless judge—His Heart, on the contrary, contains such a wealth of compassion for our miseries, that no one will ever be able to exhaust it, for the more wretched we are rendered by sin, the more is He drawn to pity us. St. Paul says that the Pontiff of our faith is not of such a nature as not to be able to feel compassion for us, and is therefore in this far removed from the Pharisees in the Gospel, who laid insupportable and fantastic burdens on the people, which instead of assisting them to advance, crushed them in the way. Experience shows that the most faulty and imperfect souls are always those who expect the most of others, whilst those who are truly full of the love of God are ever loving and compassionate towards their neighbor.

—Cardinal Schuster

Come with Confidence

Let us draw near with confidence the “Cor Jesu,” the Sacred Heart, and ask for more confidence in Christ, and more compassion for our neighbor this Lent. Come to Communion for reparation, come to adoration for petition, this **First Friday**.

See the Crocus’ Golden Cup

See the crocus’ golden cup
Like a warrior leaping up
At the summons of the spring,
“Guard turn out!” for welcoming
Of the new elected year.
The blackbird now with psalter clear
Sings the ritual of the day
And the lark with bugle gay
Blows reveillé to the morn,
Earth and heaven’s latest born.

—Joseph Mary Plunkett

If the Christian goes through this sacred period of forty days, fasting, according as his strength and circumstances allow, watching in prayer and holy reading, Lent will not fail to renew “*the spirit of his mind,*” and enable him to “*put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth*” (Eph., iv. 23,24). And if the works of the purgative life, renouncement and penance, prove irksome to the flesh, as by their very nature they must, let the mind be strengthened by the lofty ideals put before it, day by day, in Mass and Breviary. This is hinted at by the Church in the Communion verse of Ash Wednesday, “*He who shall meditate upon the law of the Lord, day and night, shall bring forth his fruit in due season.*” Only thus shall we see in ourselves a realization of the words of the Preface of Lent, which appear so strange, not to say ironical, to the natural and animal man:
Who by the fasting of the body dost curb our vices, elevate our minds and bestow virtue and reward.

PRAYERS

*They stand and wait in countless rings,
With folded hands and folded wings,
A holy Throng of heavenly Things.
And when we pray, how sweet they nod,
They soar afar, the clouds they trod,
And bring our love and praise to God.*

—Fray Chavez

SEMINARIAN’S PRAYER

Dear Lord, I heard Thy loving Call,
“Come follow Me.”
I left my home, my loved ones, all,
To follow Thee.
My parents dear I left behind
And followed Thee.
Lord, give them life that they may find
A priest in me.
And when they both for Heaven yearn,
Take them to Thee.
That there they wait for my return
To live with Thee.

—Fray Chavez

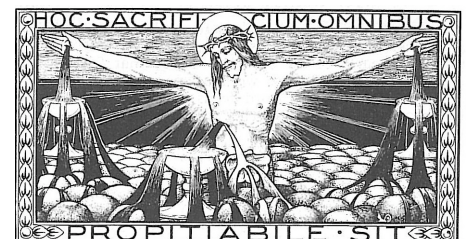
For Heretics and Schismatics

Almighty and eternal God, who savest all, and wilt have none to perish, have regard to those souls who are led astray by the deceits of the devil, that rejecting all errors, the hearts of those who err may be converted, and may return to the unity of Thy truth: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for all Wanderers from the Truth

O God, who hast given Thy only-begotten Son as a sacrifice of propitiation for the salvation of the world, that being exalted above the earth, He might draw to Himself the hearts of all men; and who dost not wish that any should perish, but dost earnestly desire that all should be saved; we humbly beseech Thee that, by the wounds and most precious blood of that beloved Son, Thou wouldst graciously look upon all men in all parts of the world, whom the subtilty of error has deceived, or the darkness of ignorance has blinded, and lead them back into the way of truth and salvation. Remember, O Lord, that they are Thy creatures: despise not therefore the work of Thy hands. Regard the tears of Thy Church, the spouse of Thy Son; hear the groans of Thy servants; and grant that all heresies and schisms being done away, we may enjoy perpetual peace and concord. Grant that all nations, joined in unity of faith, and perfect charity, under the government of Peter, may be brought to the pastures of eternal life; and let there be through the whole world, one fold and one shepherd. So be it, so be it. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Cardinal Wiseman



SGG School News

A Periodic Update on What's Happening at St. Gertrude the Great School

March 2011

SGG School Lives the Liturgical Seasons

Because it's a fully traditional Catholic school, SGG School builds its schedule around the feast days and holy days on the Church's liturgical calendar. This aligning of the school with the corporate prayer of the Church is one important reason why parents make the extra effort it takes to send their children to a Catholic school. They know that immersing young people in the liturgical life of the Church is a great aid in teaching them the Faith.

The extent to which SGG School centers its program around the liturgy was evident these last few weeks. The school highlighted the end of Septuagesima with a festive Mardi Gras party. The next day the students assisted at the High Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Teachers and students celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Mass that incorporated ancient antiphons and hymns from a medieval Office of St. Patrick that were provided by a liturgical music scholar. We know of no other church in Christendom that possesses this music—let alone sings it! In providing the texts and musical notations our "musical benefactor" said, "I am happy to help—especially in a case such as yours, which promotes education and is so sensitive to the spirit of the material. There is a lot of noisy commercialization of St. Patrick's Day around the world. So it is refreshing to hear about your school's activities."

On Saturday, March 19th the students participated in our church's celebration of the feast day of glorious St. Joseph. The school choir sang the Mass in beautiful fashion and afterwards all students took part in the traditional blessing of the bread at the St. Joseph's Table which some of them had helped set up in Helfta Hall. They, along with the parishioners who attended the Mass, were then rewarded for their devotion to St. Joseph with a sumptuous continental breakfast.

And on March 15th the school children provided the traditional Requiem Mass that Mr. Craig Byrne, a long-time parishioner at SGG, couldn't receive any other way.

Boxtops for Education Update

Miss Sharon Patton, our first grade teacher, tells us that the collection of boxtops and labels from Campbell soup cans is going very well. The school has already received the first check back from General Mills. She also said that her students have made it a part of their routine to help with the fundraising. Every Friday they make the rounds of the collection receptacles (placed in the Church vestibule and in Helfta Hall) to pick up whatever labels and boxtops have been left by parishioners. They take them back to the classroom, get out their scissors, and make sure the labels have been cut neatly along the dotted lines so they're perfect when they're sent it. Each of the labels is redeemable for \$0.10 and the children use them in math class to practice counting by tens and bundle them up to practice counting by fifty. Miss Patton says the boxtop collection trip and the activities the children do with them is the highlight of their day. So please keep those boxtops and labels coming in!

Young Wordsmiths at SGG School

A local newspaper, the *Hillsboro Times-Gazette*, recently held a writing contest for young readers as part of a science feature on caves the paper ran. The contest was called "Don't Cave in from Winter" and contestants were asked to finish this sentence: "I walked into a cave and saw _____!"

A group of students at SGG School took up the challenge and entered the contest. They wrote some very creative and imaginative sentences. One student wrote that she saw a fire-breathing dragon in the cave. Another saw a flying dinosaur who was spitting bullets from the ceiling. Others saw treasure, a bear, a wolf and fossils.

The winning sentence came from one of SGG School's own first graders who wrote she had seen a "troglobite eating dragonflies." (Troglobites are cave-dwelling animals.) The paper's editors were so impressed with this entry that they awarded her a goody bag full of fun stuff. Congratulations to our winner and to all the students for taking part in the contest!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, please pray for SGG School.

⌘ ALL NIGHT ADORATION SCHEDULE ⌘

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Doby Curran

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Ken Gilliam, Matt Schneider

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Mike Briggs

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: James Kolenich, Marty Alter

11:00 PM - Midnight: Paul Puglielli, A.D. Kinnett

12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: H.O. Hinton, Joe Soli, Tom Simpson

1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Dominic O'Donnell, Kevin O'Donnell

2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Joshua Gunsher, Dean McClorey

3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand

4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Bobby Uhlenbrock, Robert Uhlenbrock

5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: John Weisman, John Lynch

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Scott Richesson

(Official Act for Members of the Guard of Honor)

In the name of the Father, etc.

Most adorable Saviour; by the most wonderful prodigy of Thy love for us, Thou dost remain hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, in order to be the perpetual sacrifice of the New Law, the innocent victim for our sins, the celestial food of our souls, our kind physician, our good master, our powerful mediator, and our loving father. But, alas, with what ingratitude, on our part, Thine infinite kindness is repaid!

Prostrate before Thine altar, where Thou art as really present as in the highest heavens, we come to make reparation for all the injuries and for all the ingratitude inflicted on Thy loving Heart in this sacrament.

O divine Jesus, grant us to make a fitting reparation for all blasphemies, all profanations, and all sacrileges ever committed, for the want of devotion and neglect of preparation for Holy Communion, for the little fruit we have drawn from it.

Pardon, O Lord, pardon, for so many Christians, who know Thee not and who offend Thee; for so many heretics who insult Thee, for so many impious men and apostates who persecute Thee. By the fervor of our love we would wish to make amends to Thee for all their contempt and for all their sacrileges.

How happy should we be, O Jesus, could we but make reparation to Thy glory by our respect, by our zeal, aye even by the shedding of our blood. At least, most adorable Saviour, grant us the grace to love Thee in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, with the most tender, the most generous, the most perfect, the most constant love.

Virgin most holy, by thy holy and Immaculate Heart, make us enter into the adorable Heart of thy divine Son, Jesus Christ.