

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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April 7, 2019 PASSION SUNDAY



¶ PASSION SUNDAY

Today is the opening of Passiontide. The second collection is taken up for our seminary. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Final short Stations will be at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.



Hail, venerable Hands and Arms, stretched out for us upon the Cross.



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The little church is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for Masses to be said for priests. Please be generous.



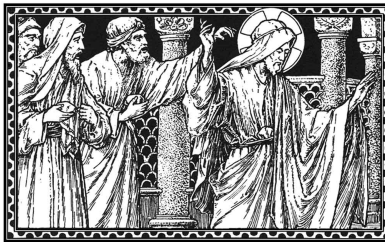
Hail, Divine Breast, disquieted for us, and mangled in the Passion.



¶ 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**. Our beloved tradition of processing with a real, live donkey continues: 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.



Final Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection – April 12th Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Tuna Casserole, Pizza, Vegetarian Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit, Coffee, Water, and Fruit Drinks.

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

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

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Thomas, one of our Nigerian seminarians, who has glaucoma; Fr. Collins, Sean McGinnis, Phil Schmelzer, Mr. Robbins, and the repose of the soul of †Jeanne O'Hare.

In obedience to a Divine inspiration, St. Gertrude was wont to salute each member of Our Lord which had suffered in His Passion; whenever she did so, a Divine splendor appeared to emanate from the sacred members thus saluted, and to irradiate her soul. In this splendor she was clothed with that innocence which Our Lord acquired for us by the sufferings of that particular member.

🙏 *Hail, tender Limbs of my Lord Jesus Christ, tormented in Thy Passion with manifold pain for our salvation.* 🙏

¶ VISIT THE BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOP!

New in the Bookstore: *Combat Rosaries* like the original WWI military Service Rosary. They come in a Spiritual Ammo Tin. What a great gift for the *Soldier of Christ* receiving Confirmation this year.

Wonderful new supply of religious greeting cards. We now have Feast Day cards and beautiful birthday, baptism, graduation, ordination cards; the Mother's Day & Father's Day cards are exceptional. New designs for Confirmation and First Communion also.

Many *new* First Communion gift ideas. We have a nice selection of sterling silver rings and necklaces for a reasonable price. Rosaries will be arriving soon.

Come browse and shop for all the spring gifts on your list.



¶ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Final Children's Stations are Wednesday at 3 PM, followed by Holy Communion.

🙏 *Hail, Adorable Knees, bent in prayer for us, now crushed and out of joint.* 🙏

¶ EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES & LILY MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Envelopes are available in the pews for the Easter Novena of Masses and the Lily Memorials. Please fill them out and return them to the office by Tuesday, April 16th.

Collection Report

Sunday, March 31st.....\$4,534.00
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PETER AND THE PASSION

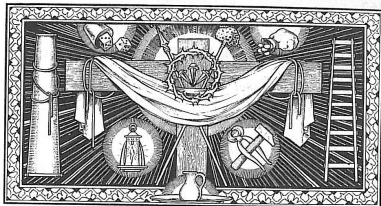
Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus (Jn 18:10).

As we meditate on Christ's Passion, we cannot help but notice Peter's role, for it mirrors our own. Front and center is, of course, his threefold denial. But there is another difficult moment for Peter that we often miss: his ham-handed attempt to save his Master, the attack on the slave Malchus. In the face of the high priest's guard, Peter acts before he thinks. And, if he thinks at all, he is confused, still hung up on worldly categories. Thus Our Lord must correct him: *all who take the sword will perish by the sword* (Mt 26:52).

Who cannot relate to Peter? Who among us has not suffered from confusion, weakness, and rash judgment? Yet, there, too, the mercy of God is manifest: *Then He touched the servant's ear and healed him* (Lk 22:51). Christ's simple gesture shows how fully He has embraced the poverty of our condition. He knows how fragile we are, how distracted. He knows our limitations and sees our dumb mistakes. And still He loves us. Still He desires to make us whole.

Some saints seem to have fumbled in some way. They know better than anyone the depths of Christ's compassion. They teach us to depend on it.

Father of all, look with kindness on me in my confusion. Embrace me in my weakness. Let me know the fullness of Thy merciful love.



Hail, most gentle Eyes of our Savior, for us suffused with tears.

SISTER SUNDAY WINNERS

Online Raffle:

Sterling Silver Rosary:
Thomas Gardener

Cedar-lined Chest:
Alexander Krawczyk

Meyers Realistic Crucifix:
Collin Smith

Split-the-Pot Raffle:

Jane Brockman - \$365

\$20 Gift Certificate to Mt. Washington Florist (Cincinnati, OH):
Regina Gilliam

Hail, Thou Adorable Head, crowned for us with thorns, and stricken with the reed.

SINS OF A CIVILIZED AGE

Next I observe that a civilized age is more exposed to subtle sins than a rude age. Why? For this simple reason—because it is more fertile in excuses and evasions. It can defend error and hence, can blind the eyes of those who have not very careful consciences. It can make error plausible, it can make vice look like virtue. It dignifies sin by fine names; it calls avarice proper care of one's family, or industry, it calls pride independence, it calls ambition greatness of mind; resentment it calls proper spirit and sense of honor and so on.

...What all of us want more than anything else, what this age wants, is that its intellect and its will should be under a law. At present it is lawless, its will is its own law, its own reason is the standard of all truth. It does not bow to authority, it does not submit to the law of faith. It is wise in its own eyes and it relies on its own resources. And you, as living in the world, are in danger of being seduced by it and being a partner in its sin and so coming in, at the end, for its punishment.

— Cardinal Newman



PROTAGONIST

We're still trying to stone Him
With rocks to be thrown
At His tattered coat
And bloodshot eyes.

He cries; we disown Him,
Clutching our stones.
We've too much to lose
Taking His side.

We gather more stones.
He'll never pierce through
With words we can't hear,
Unflinching eyes.

Blaspheming and bold,
Defeated, He dares—
With stones in the air,
Still nowhere to hide.

— Rita Simmonds

Hail, most worshipful Face, for us spit upon and smitten.

POLITICAL SENSE

Every year there is less and less of the old society for the Republicans to conserve, and the domination of public discussion by their opponents would make it difficult for them to articulate a coherent position even if their leaders wanted such a thing. The result is that the Republicans lack definite principles and offer no real opposition to the direction of events.

Trump represents a reaction against this situation. He is apparently immune to intellectual culture, which today is mostly misdirected, and therefore he acts on intuitions that often reflect normal habits of thought. That's why he won, it's why he's been the target of nonstop defamation, and it's why he retains a great deal of support. It's also one reason, apart from his isolation in ruling circles, that he's unlikely to achieve anything solid. The sporadic gut feelings of one man aren't enough for statesmanship.

— James Kalb

Passion Sunday, with its stark purple, focuses our attention this Lent even more on the Mass, the Passion and Death of our Savior, made present on our altars. It also reminds us that Lent, with its extraordinary graces is quickly fleeting by. Time to get serious, and to prepare ourselves for a sober, spiritual Holy Week, which may lead—we pray—to a glorious Resurrection.

Life is full of surprises. Last Saturday's St. Thérèse Day of Recollection certainly was one of them. Who would have thought that in the midst of an already well attended and fervent Lent that over 40 (the Lenten number) souls would have turned out on a Saturday to hear about the Little Way. But you did. It was a fine day. I feared we would have run out of Hot Cross Buns, but they must have been miraculously multiplied. Someone suggested another recollection for Advent, on Saturday December 14. It's a little early, but are there any takers? There's always a lot to say about St. Thérèse. And it *is* life changing.

The next day, Laetare, was one of rejoicing both in church, all in shades of rose over the purple, and Helfta, packed with people and lots of stuff, generously given and quite a bit of it sold for the Sisters. Your Lenten charity is truly appreciated. These events are also and always good for "Church spirit" in which we Gertrudians never seem to be lacking.

Have you seen or heard about the movie, "Unplanned"? It came into town pretty much under the radar. The masters of media planned it that way, of course. Total embargo. But still word got out about this seemingly excellent prolife film. I hope to see it myself, and I think it is not entertainment, indeed they say it is rather difficult in parts. So it would perhaps be an excellent Lenten activity, as was the Passion of the Christ, years ago. But it is not for children.

We priests have all been busy with the apostolate this Lent, despite the crosses of the Church's, and Nature's, Spring, which is Lent. "Come, labor on." Enquiries come in daily, questions to be answered, spiritual solace and doctrinal enlightenment to be given. St. Gertrude's is a great center of Catholic Faith, worship and life, but like the monasteries of old in the Dark Ages we must, and do, radiate out, spread the Faith and Catholic civilization. Thanks for being a part of it these intensive weeks of Lent especially. Do pray for your clergy. How grateful we are for help around the church and grounds, for the faithful meals, for the sacrificial financial support. This all assists us, and Catholics *throughout the world*. An

awesome thought.

The *last* of Lent is on offer this week. The last Stations, the last Evening of Recollection, the close of the Sorrowful Mother Novena. All of this leads us into the *start* of something great, the Great Week, as the Church calls Holy Week. Plan for it now, plan to be with us. Join us and the donkey (okay, maybe a mule) next Sunday to process for Christ the King. As much as possible, center your life around church for the Holy Three Days, the greatest of the year. Live your Mass.

God bless you!

– Bishop Dolan



WHY DO WE SAY "HOLY GHOST"?

We say "Holy Ghost" rather than "Holy Spirit" because it is a treasure of the heritage of our English language, as well as a specific or proper term, rather than a generic one. It comes to us from the German, the origin of many of our common English words.

We say "Ghost" fearlessly, without worry, because there are no ghosts. There *are*, however, evil spirits. See the problem? Spirit is a general term for any living being which has no body, such as God Himself, angels, devils, or the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, whom some call the Holy Spirit. But an angel is a holy spirit as well! Don't we have a more specific title JUST for the Third Person of the Trinity?

Oh, I'm glad you asked. It's the Holy Ghost. Ghost means spirit or life in German, and we inherited it in English, meaning only and specifically *one* holy spirit, God the Holy Ghost. There was no need to change it, but the modernists did, years ago. We don't follow the changes, because we're Catholics. Some do, of course, but it's a shame to give up so rich and proper a part of our English language. Besides, it sounds funny and out of place in our prayers, once you understand it.



Hail, glorious Side, riven for us with the soldier's lance.

✠ HOLY WEEK 2019 ✠

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 14, 2019

- 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: APRIL 17, 2019

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: APRIL 18, 2019

DAY OF FAST

- 9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass, 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 11:00 AM on Good Friday.**

- 12:15 PM The Maundy (Washing of the feet) **
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
All Night Adoration continues

** The following men participated in the Maundy last year; let us know if you can't make it this year: A.D. Kinnett, J. Seyfried, C. Browne, J. Gunsher, D. Marko, J. Bayer, J. Soeder, K. Bischel, B. Lotarski, L. Giese, T. Lawrence, B. Uhlenbrock, *altar server*.

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 12:00 noon on Holy Thursday, April 13.

Thank you, Bishop Dolan

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 19, 2019

FAST AND 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.

HOLY SATURDAY: APRIL 20, 2019

FAST AND 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: APRIL 21, 2019

- 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)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Good Friday 3:00 to 4:00 PM
Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM



PASSIONTIDE / HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Janet and her Sacristy crew welcome all helpers the next two weeks to assist with decorating, cleaning & 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.

IT APPEARS THAT the devout recollection of the Passion of the Savior while the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered up is in accordance with the intentions of the Church, because by the principal ceremonies of the Mass she endeavors to recall to our mind the various incidents in the death of Jesus Christ. Thus, when the priest ascends the steps of the altar, we ought to remember the entrance of the Savior into the Garden of Olives: when the priest bows down at the Confiteor, it is Our Lord prostrated face downward upon the ground and entering into the agony where He sweat great drops of blood. When the priest moves from one side of the altar to the other, we may represent to ourselves the Savior brought before the tribunals of Annas, Caiphas, Herod, and Pilate. The Secret may cause us to think of the manner in which the scribes and Pharisees plotted against the life of Jesus. We omit, for the sake of brevity, a number of considerations which we might make, and we enter upon the principal part of the Mass, which extends from the Elevation to the Communion of the priest, inclusively.

When the priest bows down in order to pronounce the words of consecration, let us behold with the eyes of faith Jesus Christ really present under the species of bread and wine, renewing in the sight of His Father, the supreme oblation which He made of Himself on Calvary. The elevation of the Host is the emblem of Jesus Christ lifted up upon the cross, and that of the chalice represents the blood He shed for our salvation. The fraction of the Host indicates the death of the Savior; the particle of the Host which is placed in the chalice, the descent of the soul of Jesus Christ into Limbo. Finally, the Communion of the priest symbolizes the burial of Our Lord. This method is, as may be seen, very simple, and at the same time very natural, since holy Mass is the memorial of the passion.



LIVE THE MASS

I wish to “celebrate my Mass” and unceasingly to “give God to God” in union with Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. For this purpose, I place myself in the Chalice of the Precious Blood—in every Mass—at every moment—in every part of the world—even *to the last Mass*. There are still hundreds of valid and licit Masses said every twenty-four hours.

I shall think of the Chalice as the Sacred Heart of the Crucified, because the heart is the principal blood vessel. The Chalice is drained before the “*Ite missa est*” (“*Consumatum est*” of Calvary) just as the Heart of Jesus was emptied that Redemption might be finished.

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*Hail, sacred Mouth, filled for us with vinegar
and gall.*



- *St. Francis de Sales*

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*Hail, thou kingly
Neck, buffeted for us;
and most holy Back,
for us torn with the
scourge.*



THE INVITATION OF CALVARY

He mounted the cross through obedience and died on it through obedience. All those who are willing to be saved through the cross will find salvation there. But those who desire to be saved without it will perish miserably. There is no salvation except in this cross. “Ah, miserable ones,” says our Savior, “you are asking Me to descend from this wood that you may believe in Me; you want a means of redemption other than the one My Father has ordained from all eternity, one foretold by so many prophets and announced by so many figures. You intend then to be saved according to your will and not as God wills. That is not right, and for it you will die obstinate in your sins (cf. Jn 8:21, 24), and you will not find any pardon; even though the pool is prepared for you, you refuse to cast yourself into it. Redemption is open and so abundant that it overflows on all sides, yet you do not wish to wash yourself in it!” (cf. Zec 13:1).

Listen to this dear Savior, who cries out that He is thirsting for our salvation, Who awaits and invites us to it. “Come,” He says to us, “if you wish; for if you do not come, you will not find salvation anywhere else.” Why do some ask for a redemption other than that of the cross? Is the cross not sufficient? It is more than sufficient. A single tear, a single loving sigh from this Sacred Heart could have redeemed millions of thousands of sinful human and angelic natures. Nevertheless, He did but with many, many, labors and pains, with all His precious Blood outpoured.

MON	4/8/19	FERIAL DAY • <i>BL. JULIANA, V</i>	<i>FAST</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Mike Briggs</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	4/9/19	FERIAL DAY	<i>FAST</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday Aunt Patti (<i>Philip Brueggemann</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For the Poor Souls (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Charles & †Elinor Richardson (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & family</i>)	
WED	4/10/19	FERIAL DAY	<i>FAST</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Emmaline Haught (<i>Matthew Giese</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls – Thank You (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Dennis & Jeanne Hille & family (<i>Joe & Mary Kunkel</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Final Children's Stations, Holy Communion	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Rosemary Dolan – Birthday	
THU	4/11/19	ST. LEO I, PCD	<i>FAST</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass My Godchildren (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †David MacDonald, Jr. – 9 th Anniversary 4/6 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>MEG</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	4/12/19	THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY	<i>FAST</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)	
	10:50 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Sharon Patton	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Annie Young</i>)	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena IX, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
SAT	4/13/19	ST. HERMENEGILD, M	<i>FAST</i>
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Cheryl Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>)	
	8:10 AM	Ave & Sermon	
	8:20 AM	(approx.) High Mass †Guy Macchia – 41 st Anniversary 4/13 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)	
SUN	4/14/19	PALM SUNDAY	
	7:15 AM	Blessing & Distribution of Palms	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>)	
	8:50 AM	Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Elaine & Francis – Happy Birthday (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>)	
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>MEG</i>)	

Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum: I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. The word *Confiteor* signifies here *I acknowledge*. But why does Holy Church oblige us to confess so expressly one only Baptism: *Confiteor unum baptismum*? Because she is bent on proclaiming that there is but one mode of spiritual birth, and, according to the words of the Apostle to the Ephesians, that there is but one only Baptism, as there is but one only God, and one only Faith: *Unus Dominus, una fides, unum baptismum* (Ephes. iv. 5).

Baptism makes us become children of God, at the same time giving us sanctifying grace, by which the Holy Ghost comes to dwell within us. And when, by mortal sin, man has the misfortune to lose this grace, Absolution, reconciling him to God, gives back to him this grace of Baptism, this primordial sanctification, and not another; so strong is this first grace. Baptism derives all its power from the Water which flowed from Our Lord's side, and which hence became for us the very Principle of Life; therefore Our Lord did truly bring us forth; and this is the one only Baptism which we must confess and acknowledge.

– Dom Gueranger



Hail, most noble Ears, pierced for us with reproach and contumely.



OUR MOTHER

As mother of her Savior and her Lord
In Bethlehem the Virgin takes her place;
On Calvary transfixed with sorrow's sword
She is the mother of the human race.

– T.E.B.



Hail, most worshipful Feet, pierced for us with the nails.



"The suffering of adversity does not degrade you but exalts you. Human tribulation teaches you, it does not destroy you. The more we are afflicted in this world, the greater is our assurance for the next. The more we sorrow in the present, ... the greater will be our joy in the future."

– St. Isidore of Seville

Servers

SUN 4/14	7:30 AM	LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM	HIGH: MC: R. VandeRyt CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, P. Omlor
		TH: M. Simpson ACS: C. Richesson, T. Lawrence CROSS: P. McClorey BELLS: A. McClorey BANNER: N. McClorey MITRE: D. Simpson CROZIER: C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. Stewart, N. McClorey, T. England, D. Simpson, B. Kamphaus, C. Arlinghaus
	11:30 AM	LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
	4:45 PM	VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM	LOW: G. Miller

MONDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

At the Memento for the Dead.



Reflect on the infinite mercy of God towards those who fear Him, and pray for those holy souls who have departed this life according to His justice, and in the one true faith. "O Jesus, enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death." – Luke i. 79.

At the Memento for the Dead.

Jesus prays for all men. Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst pray on the Cross for all men, even for Thine executioners, grant me the spirit of meekness and patience, that, according to Thy precepts and example, I may love my enemies and cordially return good for evil.

Resolve. Often make a spiritual communion during the day, and at meals perform some little mortification.

Pray. O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof.

TUESDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

Commemoration of the Dead.

O Father of mercies, in the name of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, in memory of His bitter Passion and cruel death, in virtue of the wound of His Sacred Heart, and in consideration also of the sorrows of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, of the heroic deeds of all the saints, and of the torments of all the martyrs, I implore Thee to have pity on the souls of the faithful departed now suffering in purgatory.



To Thy mercy I recommend especially the souls of my relatives, friends, and benefactors, and of all those for whom I have promised to pray.

Versicles in Aid of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord;

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen. May they rest in peace. Amen. (300 days)

Almighty and everlasting God, Who by the five wounds of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast redeemed the human race, grant to Thy suppliants that we who daily venerate those wounds may, by the shedding of His precious Blood, be freed from sudden and everlasting death. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

By the precious Blood of Jesus I beseech Thee, Father in heaven, have mercy on the poor souls in purgatory. *Requiem æternam dona eis Domine; Et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.*

Jesu Dulcis Amor Meus

Jesu! As though Thyself wert here,
I draw in trembling sorrow near;
And hanging o'er Thy form divine,
Kneel down to kiss these wounds of Thine.
Ah me, how naked art Thou laid!
Bloodstain'd, distended, cold, and dead!
Joy of my soul—my Savior sweet,
Upon this sacred winding-sheet!
Hail, awful brow! hail thorny wreath!
Hail, countenance now pale in death!
Whose glance but late so brightly blazed,
That angels trembled as they gazed.

Resolve. Not to speak unnecessarily during the day, and be so much the more attentive to the divine inspirations.

Pray. Speak, O Lord, for Thy servant heareth.



WEDNESDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

At the Nobis Quoque Peccatoribus.

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Jesus is dying; His hands and feet are pierced with nails. Yet, He finds in His Heart something more than a prayer—He finds an excuse for those who shed His Blood: "They know not what they do." O charity of Jesus Christ! O heart made entirely of love! What an example

doest Thou give us of the forgiveness of cruel wrongs and inhuman treatment!

At the Nobis Quoque Peccatoribus.

The conversion of the thief. Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst promise the joys of heaven to the penitent thief, look on me with eyes of compassion, and say to my soul at the last moment of my life: "This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise."

Prayer for Those in Their Agony

O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I pray Thee by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, wash in Thy Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony, and are to die this day. Amen.
Heart of Jesus, once in agony, pity the dying. (100 days)

Resolve. Fervently hasten to the prescribed exercises of devotion.

Pray. Lord, not my will but Thine be done!

THURSDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

At the Little Elevation.

The Prayer. Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst endure such thirst for my sake; grant me grace to bear patiently for Thy sake all earthly privations, and to hunger and thirst for Thy heavenly kingdom, and here below for Thy Word and Thy precious Body and Blood. Amen.



Hail, saving victim offered upon the scaffold of the cross for me and for the whole human race! Hail, precious Blood flowing from the wounds of our crucified Lord Jesus Christ and washing away the sins of the whole world! Remember, O Lord, Thy servant, the work of Thy hands, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious Blood. (His Holiness, Leo XIII granted to the faithful who shall recite the above prayer at the Elevation during Holy Mass, an indulgence of 60 days once a day.)

Eternal Father! I offer Thee the precious Blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of

holy Church. (100 days)

My God, grant that I may love Thee, and be the only reward of my love to love Thee always more and more. (100 days)

Resolve. Offer up our thirst today.

Pray. My God and my all. (50 days)

FRIDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY



At the Pater Noster.

“Woman behold thy Son.—Behold thy Mother.” Say the *Pater Noster* with the priest, then add:

O Jesus, Thou hadst revealed to us Our Father Who is in heaven, and now, before dying, Thou showest us the Mother whom Thou leavest to us on earth. O Mary, thou hadst given thy blood to the Word; thus the Word was made flesh and became thy Son... Today thy Son gives His Blood for us and thus thou art also our Mother. O Mother, who art in heaven, may thy name be hallowed, known, and blessed and magnified; may thy kingdom come with that of the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.

At the Pater Noster.

The seven words of Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ! Who from the cross didst recommend Thy blessed Mother to the beloved disciple, and the disciple to Thy Mother, receive me, I beseech Thee, under Thy protection, and grant that amidst the snares and perils of this world I may never lose the treasure of Thy friendship.

Resolve. Not to complain to anyone about one’s sufferings, and not to seek human consolation.

Pray. I wish for nothing besides Thee, O my Lord and God.

SATURDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

At the Pater Noster.

Meditate upon the seven words of Christ uttered by Him upon the cross: 1, Christ prayed for His enemies; what dost thou do? 2, The thief, repenting, obtained

heaven; learn seriously to repent and do penance, but delay it not to the last. 3, Christ commends His Mother to St. John, and St. John to His Mother; to whom canst thou better commend thyself? 4, Christ complains that He is forsaken; and dost thou expect consolations as thy right? 5, Christ thirsted for thy salvation; and dost thou turn away from it with loathing? 6, Christ announced that all His torments were finished; thus shall all thy good and evil in this world be brought to a close. 7, Lastly, after the example of Christ, commend thy spirit into the hands of thy heavenly Father. — Luke xxiii. 46.

“And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.” — Matt. vi. 12.

Make me also to hear, “This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.” — Luke xiii. 43.

O Mary, “behold thy Son!” — John xix. 26.

“Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not Thou depart from me.” — Ps. xxxvii. 22.

“For Thee my soul hath thirsted.” — Ps. lxii. 2.

Happy is he who hath finished his course, who hath kept the faith. — 2. Tim. iv. 7.

Resolve. Act in a friendly manner toward those who are disagreeable and opposed to us.

Pray. Who will grant, O Life of my soul, that I may die for Thee?

PALM SUNDAY

The Breaking of the Host.

The Prayer. Lord Jesus Christ, Who, for my sake, dying on the cross, didst commend Thy soul unto Thy Father; grant that in this life I may spiritually die with Thee, and at the hour of my death confide my soul unto Thee, who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.



Resolve. To deny your own will.

Pray. O my Jesus, like a lamb Thou didst not open Thy mouth.

HOLY MASS

IN UNION WITH OUR LORD’S PASSION



OPENING MEDITATION

“Why do you not run to the churches, there to hear with holy hearts all the Masses in your power? Why not imitate the holy angels, who, according to the saying of St. Chrysostom, when holy Mass is being celebrated, descend in squadrons from the empyrean, and stand before our altars, covered with the wings of reverential awe, waiting the whole of that blessed time, in order that they may intercede for us the more effectively, well knowing this to be the time most opportune, the conjuncture, above every other, propitious for obtaining favors from Heaven. Sink down, then, in confusion, for having in time past so little appreciated holy Mass, for perhaps having even so many times profaned an act so dread and holy; much more so, if you are of the number of those who have recklessly dared to utter: ‘A Mass more or less is of little importance.’ Yes; let us heed it as the voice of Heaven calling us to Mass, when the solemn sound of church bells reverberating through the fresh and fragrant morning air falls upon our ear.”