



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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March 29, 2020 PASSION SUNDAY



¶ PASSION SUNDAY

Today is the opening of Passiontide. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Final Short Stations are at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY

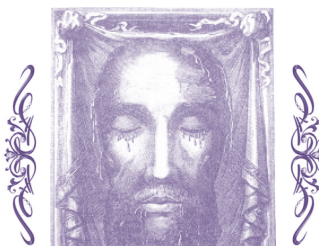
Palms will be blessed and distributed at **7:15 AM**, and again at the ancient and beautiful ceremony with procession, beginning in church at **8:50 AM**. We hope the beloved tradition of processing with a real, live donkey (or mule!) will continue: parents, bring your children to participate in the 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.

¶ 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 Monday, April 6th.

BLASPHEMY IS A 'POISONED ARROW' EVER WOUNDING HIS HEART



"Father, forgive them..."

Here is the formula that Our Lord dictated to me:

The Golden Arrow Prayer

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

After receiving this prayer, Sr. Mary of St. Peter was given a vision in which she saw the Sacred Heart of Jesus delightfully wounded by the "Golden Arrow" as torrents of graces streamed from It for the conversion of sinners.

*Sister Mary of St. Peter and of the Holy Family,
1816-1848, Carmelite Nun of Tours, France
To whom Our Lord imparted His revelations about
Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus*

We beseech Thee, O Lord, mercifully to drive away from Thy faithful, together with their own errors, the destructive fury of disease; that as Thou deservedly scourgest them when they go astray, Thou mayest cherish them with Thy pity when they are brought back; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:50 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Sermon & Low Mass
6:45 PM Lenten Supper
7:30 PM Stations, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction
8:30 PM (approx.) Holy Communion
NO All Night Adoration. Adoration for April will be on Holy Thursday.
Intention of First Friday: *In reparation to the Sacred Heart for all that the Heart of His Mother suffers today.*

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary, Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass
8:05 AM Devotions & Meditation
8:30 AM High Mass
First Saturday Intention: *In reparation blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

Healing & Conversion of my Family
(Dillon)

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

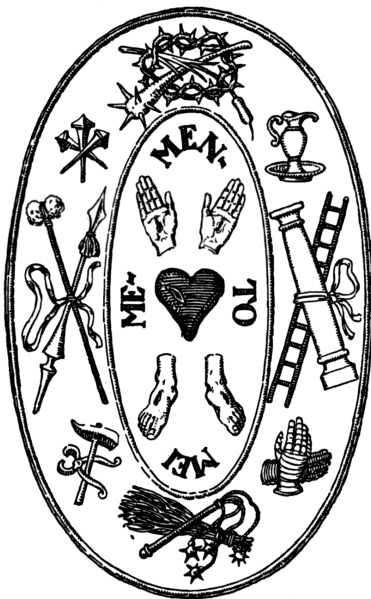
Sins Against the Holy Ghost:
Presumption of God's mercy, despair, impugning the known truth, envy at another's spiritual good, obstinacy in sin, final impenitence.

THE PASSION OF JESUS
is an eternal drama in which each
rational creature has a share

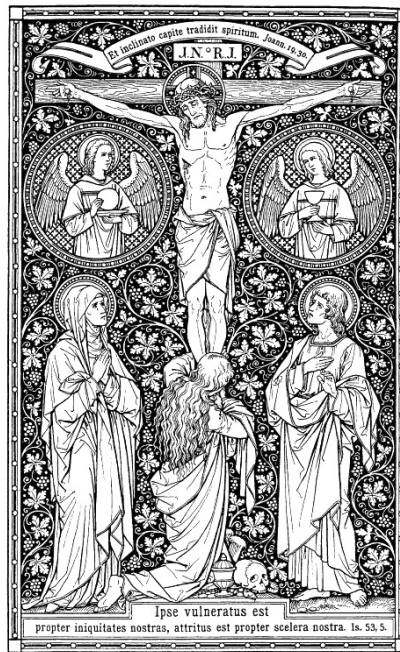
The Passion of Jesus is directly and intimately related to each of us. The Apostle says of Jesus, "He loved me and delivered Himself up for me." He does not merely say, He loved us. This would be true, but there can be no true love unless it is individualized. Jesus loved us. Jesus loved me. He loved me because I am one of the "us." He did not love the crowd first, He loved each individual in the crowd. A mother does not love the family first, she loves each child of the family first, and she loves the family because of each individual child. Our Blessed Lord does not love the human race as such, first, but He loves each member of the human race and loves the human race because of every member in it.

"The Cross received the living Jesus and gave Him back to us dead. The Shroud received the dead Jesus and restored Him to us alive."

— Bl. Sebastian Valfre



Look mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people; and let not our sins prevail to destroy us, but rather Thine abundant mercy to save us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**FROM DON DOLINDO'S
SURRENDER NOVENA**

Our Lord: How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need, turns to Me, looks at Me and says to Me, "You take care of it," then closes its eyes and rests. In pain you pray for Me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to Me, instead, you want Me to adapt your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to. So do not act this way, but pray as I taught you in the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy Name," that is, be glorified in my need. "Thy kingdom come," that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with Your kingdom. "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven," that is, in our need, decide as You see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to Me truly: "Thy will be done," which is the same as saying: "You take care of it," I will intervene with all My omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations.

"Consider all the past as nothing and say, like David, 'Now I begin to love my God.'" — St. Francis de Sales

ANNUNCIATION 2020

The sun sheltered in place
The dawn was on lockdown
But later the light burned
Through the cloud even
As the Word entered the Virgin's heart
A garden enclosed.
Spring was in the air everywhere
Not knowing about
Social distancing it caressed us
As Cardinals donned their scarlet
And courted merrily
Gamboling though still bare branches.

— Bishop Dolan



A LENTEN THOUGHT

All this for me—the thorns and nails,
The vinegar and gall?
No wonder that my spirit fails
To comprehend it all.

I pass within that darkened veil,
And there, O Lord, I see
Thy bleeding brow, Thy face so pale,
All wounded—and for *me!*

And tremblingly I ask: "O why—
Why dost Thou suffer so?"
How meekly comes the faint reply:
"That you My love may know;

"That you may take your daily cross
And bear it after Me,
And gladly suffer pain and loss
With Me on Calvary."

All this for *me?* Shall not I give
Myself—yea, all I own,—
My highest, purest joy to live
For Thee, and Thee alone?

— Isabel M. Melick

Since last I wrote to you, we had the sudden death and very solemn Requiem of Richard VandeRyt. He was a faithful server since sixth or seventh grade, and went on to serve as our MC and the head of our altar boys until the day of his death. It is an incomparable loss for us, which still leaves me almost speechless. Words come, but never could I adequately express all that Richard gave to our church and generations of altar boys, nor what St. Gertrude the Great gave to him his whole life long: the source of strength and meaning, the rock of stability in a crazy ever-changing world. Rest in peace, my dear altar boy, rest in peace.

On the Annunciation **Fr. Cekada** had another stroke, seemingly more serious than the previous ones. We had no choice (given the necessity of testing and treatment) but to deliver him to the hands of the hospital as to the maws of death. It was a sad farewell. Communication is intermittent or indirect at best. All visits are forbidden. He is left alone in his confusion to deal with everything. But of course, he is not alone. He is in God's loving hands with his angel (whom he has kept very busy these months) at his side. Our prayers surely solace and strengthen him.

With all of the pandemic panic Fr. Cekada piped up the other day (he's been mostly silent) to announce that we must tell the priests that if anyone goes to the hospital, he must first receive Last Rites. I realized he was speaking of himself. So, when our very kind doctor, James Lang, gently explained why Fr. Cekada should go to the hospital, Father and I both knew what to do first. "Well fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Church," we left him to the mercy of God at the Emergency Room entrance.

This crisis, have you noticed? tends to bring out the worst or the best in people, and some people it doesn't bring out at all, at least not to church. But His Excellency the Governor has specifically exempted churches from last Sunday's Health Diktat (per 12.e). Let us pray for Faith, for patience, and for vision. It is almost as though some have lost theirs.

But the Annunciation was a perfect day, the very respite we asked for in the "Prayer over the People" just the day before at Mass. We were heard. Magnificent Spring sunshine, a truly beautiful and fairly well-attended High Mass, and innocent children praying for our needs before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. After Vespers everyone left. But one couple did come to adore with **Fr. Lehtoranta** and eventually myself. A few more came for Benediction and the closing Mass. Fr. Cekada in the confusion of his stroke walked down the hill from the rectory

by himself that afternoon, using his new cane. But his angel did not abandon him, and Fr. Lehtoranta spotted him and led him safely the rest of the way to church.

Still and all, I will remember the dappled sunlight of Annunciation morning, Cardinals chirping and Robins nest building with the cats (there's a new one appeared) quietly watching the deer who came to forage for breakfast. I will also remember the story Donna Patton told me of Sharon, may she rest in peace, who liked to buy groceries and drop them off to those in need from time to time, as she was able. Oh, and our faithful cooks with delicious meals! These things I will remember, and His mercies.



– Bishop Dolan

THE WILL OF GOD

The infinite goodness of God never leaves us in ignorance as to what is best for us. The will of God is absolutely best for us. Wherever we are, or whatsoever we desire, there is nothing so important or so precious as God's holy will.

The will of God considers everything, in its relationship with us, and in our relationship to It and to Him; there are no lapses, no interstices, His will is complete.

His will means for us true spiritual progress. We may not see any progress and not know we are making any, but we cannot do the very best thing that can be done, without becoming better for doing it, and the best thing that can be done is the will of God.

Last Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection April 3rd – Feast of the Seven Sorrows

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Shrimp cocktail, Alfredo pasta, salad, rolls

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

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

Servers

SUN 4/5 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: MCs: J. Lacy, P. Omlor TH: M. Simpson ACs: T. Lawrence. D. Simpson CROSS: C. Arlinghaus BELLS: A. McClorey BANNER: N. McClorey TORCH: T. & D. England, C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart, A. & N. McClorey, J. & N. Kolenich
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, P. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

SERVERS, PLEASE HELP US COVER THE 11:25 AM MASSES:

MONDAY: M. & D. Simpson
TUESDAY: C. & S. Richesson
WEDNESDAY: P. & Na. McClorey
THURSDAY: P. Omlor
FRIDAY: School servers

✠ HOLY WEEK 2020 ✠

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 5, 2020

- 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 8, 2020

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 9, 2020

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 10, 2020

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 11, 2020

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 12, 2020

- 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.

Dear Faithful,

Last Saturday we had a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for our faithful Master of Ceremonies, Richard VandeRyt. Please keep him in your prayers. Richie grew up at St. Gertrude's and as a student in the 1980s he really took to trying to learn how to serve the various ceremonies, which we are so known for. He excelled and from then on, all the way to his unexpected death early Monday morning, Richie was the mentor to so many young servers and manned the MC position for our most complex liturgical ceremonies.

I remember when I was being ordained, we flew Richie out to Massachusetts to be the MC for the Ordination ceremony. Now, I had known him for a while, but it's easy to forget others do not know him at all. So I was highly entertained when I came down to the reception for my own ordination, only to find that the number one thing asked of me was, "Who was that guy serving the Mass? He was amazing!"

Richie was a wonderful man. But the most important thing was that, even though his death was completely unexpected (he was only 49 years old and seemingly in good health), he did not die unprovided for. How is this? Sunday he came to Mass, amidst all the coronavirus noise, and went to Confession and made a good Holy Communion...fortifying himself with the treasures of heaven, while not knowing it was only a few hours later that he would leave this earth to meet the same God, whom he received early that day.

Which brings me to the pastoral part of this letter. There have been many questions from many people all over the country which have been coming to me regarding Mass in our various missions and chapels lately. Are we still going to have Mass? Is it safe for me to attend? Should we attend? Where does prudence need to take over in our actions for us not to act presumptuously? And many others. So, I am sending this letter out to you all as a means of giving you my take on the current situation and my pastoral advice, in a general way.

This virus is out there...but it should not be causing this all-encompassing fear that is crippling our society. Wash your hands, sure. Take some basic precautions to stay healthy and prepared, that's prudent. However, when we allow ourselves to be so focused on eliminating risk of physical harm, that it controls our whole lives, we are no longer acting prudently and moreover, we have lost sight of the more important picture...our spiritual lives.

When people ask me if they should come to the Mass, some are surprised that I, unhesitatingly, tell them "Yes!" (Unless they are immunocompromised.) It's because, having assessed the risks from multiple angles as best I can, I realize that the good to be gained spiritually from attendance at Mass and devotions at church is far greater than the

risks. Do you still go to work? The store? The bank or post office? But you hesitate to attend Mass?

As traditional Catholics, we are apt to think of ourselves as "fighting the good fight." But is that only true until it gets hard? When you read the lives of the saints or stories of times in persecution, those who are lauded are those who took on risk to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass. In England, the faithful had priest holes installed in their houses in order to be able to hide a priest who came to bring the sacraments to the people. In Ireland, they set up Mass rocks...flat stones in the center of fields to be able to attend Mass under cover of darkness. In France, during the revolution, the faithful would offer barns or homes to have secret Masses for people to come to. In Mexico, when the Christeros were fighting for the Church in the 1920s, women would hide the necessary parts to Mass kits on their person, because they were less likely to be searched by soldiers than the men. And then they would set up for a secret Mass to be said. And all these people risked certain death if discovered. Death for themselves, their wives, their children, and all who were in attendance. All for the ability to be at Mass. Yet are we so afraid we won't trust God to keep us safe from a virus in our endeavor to honor Him? Especially when we know our children are most likely not to suffer any harm from this virus?

And if we want to compare it to contagions, and a far more dangerous one, we need not look further than Europe during the plague. Countless people braved death to render charity to those sick neighbors around them. Moreover, St. Gregory the Great, when realizing that the plague was wiping out Christendom, didn't tell people to shelter in place. No, he ordered every citizen of Rome to join together in prayer. They broke into seven groups, starting in seven parts of the city, and processed singing the solemn litanies. Eighty people processing died during the actual procession. But they continued on until the end, where St. Gregory saw a vision of St. Michael sheathing his sword, indicating God's sparing the people of Rome. And the plague, indeed, ended there. Because people prayed and trusted their prayers. And their prayers were done publicly, because, as Our Lord tells us, "For where there are two or three gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them."

So, when you wonder what to do in dealing with this current crisis, there are many different approaches to consider for your life. How hard do you clean or how deep do you quarantine? But unless you are sick or seriously at risk from health problems, you should not compromise on your Mass. If we only trust our prayers and the power of God when it's easy, do we actually trust Him?

I feel it my duty to raise these points in order to look after the good of your souls. I don't take this responsibility lightly. Nor do I discount your potential worries. But I urge you to follow me, as I promise that I lead you toward God.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/30/20	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For our country and those impacted due to virus (<i>Richesson Family</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the Poor Souls for Fr. Cekada (<i>The Faith Family</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/31/20	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Donna Akers (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mr. Richard VandeRyt (<i>TRCS</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>)	
WED	4/1/20	FIRST WEDNESDAY • FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph – my intentions (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Purgatorial Society	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	☞ 5:10 PM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Anthony and the Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)	
THU	4/2/20	FIRST THURSDAY • ST. FRANCIS OF PAULA, C	FAST
	☞ 7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (SV) (<i>Volz</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass William & Therese Young (<i>Annie Fischer</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	4/3/20	FIRST FRIDAY • FERIAL DAY	FAST
		THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday Mother (<i>Brueggemann family</i>)	
	10:50 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>Paul & Lisa McConnell & Family</i>)	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>TRCS</i>)	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Closing of the Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
	8:30 PM	(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion	
SAT	4/4/20	FIRST SATURDAY	FAST
		ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BPCD	
	7:10 AM	Confessions & Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Aunt Patti (<i>Philip Brueggemann</i>)	
	8:05 AM	First Saturday Devotions & Meditation	
	8:30 AM	High Mass †James D. Hanna Sr. 4/5/81 (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar</i>)	
SUN	4/5/20	PALM SUNDAY	
	7:15 AM	Blessing & Distribution of Palms	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)	
	8:50 AM	Blessing of Palms, Procession, High Mass	
		For the people of St. Gertrude the Great	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass For John Seyfried (<i>The Omlor Family</i>)	
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass In honor of St. Anthony of Padua, for Fr. Cekada (<i>Hunter Lumbatis</i>)	

THE MASS, THE PRIEST, THE CRISIS

Fr. Lehtoranta wrote an excellent Facebook posting last Sunday, designed for the Milwaukee faithful now deprived of Mass. I have excerpted these lines for you. – Bp. Dolan

But while we wait patiently and in peace and trust...we cannot let the important lessons we learn from this crisis escape us.

The first one is this: From now on, never take your Mass...[especially] the Sunday Mass, as something for granted. Sometimes we Catholics tend to think, that since we are obliged under the pain of mortal sin to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day, the Mass is something which will always be there for us or is our right. That is not true. The only thing which we are entitled to is the eternal punishment due to our sins. And if it has been your habit in the past to miss the Mass, you might suddenly find out that you don't have a Mass to miss anymore. Never overlook the Sunday Mass anymore, when and if God shows His mercy and restores it to you.

Secondly, never show ingratitude or lack of appreciation to your priests. A priest is the one who baptizes you, hears your confession, gives you the Body and Blood of Christ, says the Mass for you, gives you to your spouse, and finally buries you. No statesman, a family member, or a friend can do to you what a priest can. Who is there to hear your confession and to say Mass for you, should there be no priest who, without sparing his time, effort and exhaustion, comes to you week after week, and year after year? No man, and not even an angel, can do to you what a priest does. "Let man alone, in whose nostrils is but a breath; for what is he worth?" (Isaiah 2:22)

Finally, don't let this opportunity to sacrifice your loss to God go to waste. If you don't have a chance to receive God in Holy Communion, make now a Spiritual Communion every day, and put all your thoughts, efforts and hopes to the day when you can receive Him again. If you cannot now receive the absolution from your sins in the sacrament of Penance, say the Act of Contrition frequently, several times a day. And if you, like Our Lady, have to see your Christ taken away, at least for a while, greet Her every day with the recitation of Her Rosary. She better than anyone understands and supports you in the time of this sorrow, as a true Mother always does.

...A true and patient follower of Christ laments the loss of all the graces which sin and the world have deprived him of. But he never ceases to be happy and rejoice in the great mercy of God which He has stored for him. That mercy God is showing plentifully already in this world, and most abundantly in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Collection Report

Sunday, March 22nd\$4,120.00

MONDAY IN PASSIONTIDE



"Hallowed be Thy Name"
(Matt. vi. 9).
The first and most worthy object of our

desires and prayers is that God our Father should be glorified and His holy Name be hallowed. He has created everything for His glory, and we are in the world for this alone: the object of our special vocation is to procure His greater glory. For this we need His grace, and we beseech it at the outset of our prayer. Let us beware, however, lest instead of seeking the glory of God we seek merely our own.

TUESDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

The hallowing of the Name of God which we ask for is, first, that nothing may be done to dishonor it, such as the superstitions of the heathen, impiety, sacrilege, blasphemies and contempt of His worship and His laws; secondly,



that He should be known, revered, honored, loved and blessed on earth as He is in heaven, where saints and angels will proclaim for ever in song that He is holy in Himself, in all His purposes and in all His works: *"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty"* (Apoc. iv. 8). This is the only good we can wish Him.

In order to hallow His Name as we ought, we must, first, glorify Him in

ourselves by our loyalty, worship, praises; secondly, we must wish that all men should praise and serve Him; thirdly, must labor for His glory and rejoice when others promote it: *Utinam omnes prophetent!* What are we doing in this intent? What are we purposing to do?

WEDNESDAY IN PASSIONTIDE



"Hallowed be Thy Name." Recall how man's duty to God in praise, reverence, and service, begins

with praise. Because namely man, made in the image of God, is endowed with intelligence and free will; and because the right use of the will, which is rightly ordered love, demands as a prerequisite the right use of the intellect, the sincere seeking and acknowledging of truth; and because, also, knowing and acknowledging the truth about God is the highest praise we can bestow on Him, therefore it follows that this is our first duty. It derives from our innermost nature as creatures of God, and is made yet more imperative by the fact of which He has just reminded us—that we are called to be, and truly are His children.

THURSDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

But Jesus has just now also reminded us of our fraternal solidarity with all of God's children. It would, then, be a strange zeal for the praise due to God, for the hallowing of His Name, if we were content to chant our praise of the divine Majesty in isolated solitary behind



closed doors. Though circumstances may prevent us from shouting out our *Benedicite* and our *Gloria Patri* to the four ends of the earth, my *desire* can be content with nothing else. And if there be means available to me to do so, I must make use of them. Yes, *"Hallowed be Thy Name,"* must stir in our hearts desires whose horizons are the very ends of the earth. As long as there are God's children who do not yet praise Him, who have perhaps not even heard His Holy Name, I must be haunted by a holy unrest, working itself out in deeds.

And, thank God! my hands need never be tied. The Lord who provides so plentifully for the temporal needs of His children, even when in their greed they so shamefully misuse them, provides even more lavishly for this fundamental spiritual need—that we may praise Him as is meet and right.

FRIDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

First there is prayer. Of course, prayer alone, in its more restricted sense, would not even satisfy our private obligations in this regard; for our entire conduct must be the expression of our praise. But



even here prayer is one of the very effective means to discharge this grave duty. For by prayer, even though we be alone on the mountaintop, we can help fight and win the battles of the Lord in the plains below, near, and far. And to consider only one aspect of it: in spreading the true Faith, in bringing pagan peoples to know and praise the true, living

God, how essential is the part played by prayer. For ultimately it is the grace of God that must enlighten, must give courage and strength, must conquer the dull, earth-bound, sluggish, slothful, wayward, self-centered, greed-dominated hearts of men not yet dominated by the Life-giving Spirit. And whenever we speak of paganism, let us remember that though it may not parade in all its stark shame and ugliness before your doorstep, it probably is not a stranger to your home town.

SATURDAY IN PASSIONTIDE



What am I doing that God's Name may be praised near and far? What thought do I give to helping Christ's Cause

throughout the world by my prayer? By Holy Communion? By the devout offering of the Holy Mass?

But important as prayer is, perhaps I may not rest content with praying for Christ's Cause. God wills that we should prove our zeal for His praise and glory also by *sacrifice*. He may want us to share in the financial support of His work both at home and in distant lands. For He has very wisely provided that in this way we can truly lend unto the Lord. What a privileged, glorious investment! And happily the mite of the poor widow, given with equally generous love, will yield no less a return than the stately gift of the wealthy.

PALM SUNDAY

And possibly it is a *personal service*—whether in my own church, or Catholic Action—or possibly even as a volunteer for more signal service either at home or in fields afar.... “Hallowed be Thy Name” must not be mere lip service.

And possibly the Lord invites me to heroic service, to heroic zeal for the glory of His Name. Possibly it may be the glad acceptance of sufferings, persecutions, of the cross in any form; seeing in these welcome means to help Jesus who by His cross redeemed the world.

To one who has pondered in his heart, it is a meaningful world—“Hallowed be Thy Name.” But, lest we forget—it was only in His well-beloved Son that the Father was praised and glorified as He deserved. It is only by uniting ourselves, our prayers, our gifts, our personal service, our sufferings with Him that we can say, “Now is the Father truly glorified.”



How to Meditate:

Say a little prayer to the Holy Ghost to start. Read over the text slowly. Pause, reread it prayerfully. Sit quietly with it. Pray in your own words. Conclude with the Our Father.

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THE OUR FATHER



“HALLOWED BE THY NAME”

Act of Spiritual Communion

Hallowed be Thy Name: for this is my chief desire and all the longing of my heart, that all I think, or speak, or do, may tend to the greater glory of Thy holy Name; and now especially when I am about to draw near to the sacred Mysteries of the Body and Blood of Thy Son, I purpose this one thing only, this alone do I desire, that Thy supreme majesty, power, goodness, and wisdom may be truly and adequately praised and glorified; for to Thee alone doth every creature owe all honor and glory, praise and thanksgiving for evermore, for that Thou hast so loved us, that Thou hast given Thine only begotten Son to be our Food, and the price of our salvation.

And inasmuch as we cannot worthily praise Thee for this Thy great love, may the same Thy Son glorify Thee; for Thou hast exalted Him high over all, and hast given Him a Name which is above every name.