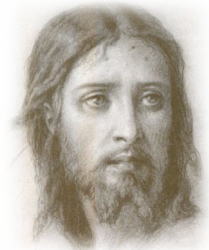


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna



February 28, 2021 LENT II

¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail today. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45.

¶ THIS WEEK


Open St. Joseph's month with us on **Monday**, with devotions in his honor after the 8 AM Mass, and the charity of a funeral at 11:25. **First Thursday** honors a devout layman, a patron of Poland and Lithuania, St. Casimir. Don't forget **First Friday** and **Saturday**, so very important in Lent!

¶ **THANK YOU** for your generosity at the Bake Sale, which made \$920.00.

¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Children's Day of Recollection is on **Wednesday, March 3rd**, from 9:00 AM to 3:20 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 1st, to let us know if you plan to attend. A lunch will be provided. No charge! The day closes with Stations and Benediction at 2:45.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45.  **Set Your Missal:** Lent III, second collect of St. Thomas Aquinas. Preface of Lent.



A LENTEN THOUGHT

"Some people think that they are good Christians because they avoid committing grave sin, and more or less fulfill their duties. They do not entirely omit their prayers, but they are content to recite them listlessly. They go to Mass on days of obligation, but they are afraid of arriving too early and so, they are usually a little late. Once Mass is over, they leave the Church as if they had been set on fire. During Mass, they are cold and distracted. They are like candlesticks without candles—their minds are absent, their hearts are mute. ... Anyone who is negligent not only disgusts men, but he is an object of loathing to God also and he is running the risk of being abandoned by Him."

— Antonio Cardinal Bacci

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary and Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass
8:15 AM Devotions & Benediction
8:35 AM (approx.) Sermon & Low Mass
First Saturday Intention: Reparation for "the blasphemies of those who publicly seek to place in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother."

PRAYER TO THE ETERNAL FATHER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy well-beloved Son, for the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name and for the salvation of the United States.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Frank

Beckerich, who died last Tuesday. His funeral will be on Monday.



¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass and Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Devotions
6:45 PM: Nice Italian Supper
7:30 PM: Stations, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick
All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: All of our needs, and our neediest souls, through the Five Wounds and the Holy Face of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A MEDITATION

“This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him.” This order emanates from the Eternal Father, Who, from the summit of the mountain, as from an awe inspiring tribune, desires to render, in the face of heaven and earth, a solemn homage to the Face of His Son. It is in fact the splendor of His glory, the figure of His substance, the most pure splendor of His eternal light, the spotless mirror of His justice and of His infinite perfections. He there enhances Its glory, by surrounding It as in a splendid frame, with a luminous cloud, which comes down from heaven, as the symbol of the Holy Ghost, from out the bosom of which issues a voice full of power and majesty: “This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him.” Such is the command which God gives to every creature. He glorifies the Face of His Word, He makes a solemn exposition of It on the highest mountain of the Holy Land, in order to show in It, to all people and to all centuries, the sign of salvation and the organ of truth. Look at It then, “and act according to the model which is presented to you on the mountain.”



From out the sanctuary’s silence
 What sighs are those I hear?
 What bitter cry is breaking
 From Thy soul, Savior dear?
 “Alas! the whole world wounds Me
 With blasphemy’s swift dart;
 My love hath lost its power
 O’er man’s forgetful heart.”

Lumen Christi

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

For health of body, mind and soul for my sister, Liliana Guzman Vital
 (Florisel Guzman)

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for John Riggs, Lindsey McKenna, Gary Hubbard, Terrance Short, and Sean Murray.



HOLY FACE DEVOTIONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Act of Hope. Yes, I know it; my Redeemer is living. I shall see Him one day with my eyes in His glory, myself and not another; this is the hope which is laid up in my bosom.

Virtue to be practiced. Fidelity in obeying the Divine commandments. “Speak, Lord, Thy servant harkens.”

Spiritual bouquet. “It is good for us to be here.” Say these words in the presence of the tabernacle, at the foot of the altar; there is your Tabor, for the immortal and glorious Face of Jesus is, through the Eucharist, present to the eyes of your faith; make It the object of your delights and your joys.

Aspirations. I have called upon Thy Face with my whole heart; have pity on me according to Thy promises. Let the light of Thy Face shine upon me. Save me in Thy mercy; Lord, I shall not be confounded because I have called upon Thee.

Prayer. God all powerful and merciful, grant we entreat Thee, that venerating the Face of Thy Christ, disfigured in His Passion because of our sins, we may deserve to contemplate It eternally in the splendor of the glory of heaven. Through the same Jesus Christ. Amen.

Read about the Holy Face:
<https://www.sodalityofcharity.net/post/saint-there-se-of-the-child-jesus-and-the-holy-face>

VI STATION

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus with Her Veil

No man upon the Holy City’s mart
 Bears pit for the bleeding Savior’s sake;
 Only a woman dares those ranks to
 break,
 Whose veil Jesus receives with silent art,
 As when the sky His Face deigns to
 impart
 To the clear mantle of a crystal lake—
 But sweeter far she finds it is to take,
 The Image that He prints upon her
 heart.

Dear Lord, my heart I now return to
 Thee.
 Make Thou my spirit as it should have
 been,
 The peaceful surface of a peaceful sea;
 Reflect Thy Holy Face so deep therein,
 That blurred by ripples it may never be,
 Much less effaced by any waves of sin.
 – Fray Angelico Chavez



DUM VIVIMUS, VIVAMUS

Live while you live, the Epicure would
 say,
 And seize the pleasures of the present
 day.
 Live while you live, the sacred Preacher
 cries,
 And give to God each moment as it
 flies.
 Lord, in my view, let both united be,
 I live in pleasure if I live to Thee.
 – Philip Doddridge

Aside from the steady, stealthy advance of the revolution, like a tightening noose, the big news around here has been the weather. Most of the other stuff has been suppressed, anyway. Thank God for weather.

Last Sunday was wintry. Monday was a March day, raw but on the melt. Tuesday it turned, and Spring was in the air. One of the good things about slave masks is that it really does make you appreciate the air. Wednesday seemed like one of those premature but still welcome Spring days. Thursday morning we were back to mild and sunny transition.

How was your transition to Lent? The snow slowed things down a bit (only a bit!) here at church, but attendance picked up nicely for Sunday. Our first Lenten dinner was actually well attended, and the offerings tasty and abundant.

Fr. Lehtoranta's Sodality of Charity had its meeting Saturday. Everyone was most impressed with his sermon on Communism earlier this month. He grew up so close to it, and knows it well. We're not talking "politics as normal," folks. The serpent first lies, then bites and paralyzes with its poison. Finally, immobilized, we die. A fervent Lent, devotion to the Holy Face, a well informed and an unashamed understanding of the Communist Conspiracy...these are things *you* can do. Life must go on, and we must resist "the new normal," but we must not live as though the crisis was not real and threatening. Do your part!

One good bit of news is a change in hospital policy. Prisoners, er, patients, may now receive a clergy visit without it counting as your one visitor a day. Spain had strong anti-lockdown demonstrations, and the North Dakota legislature is trying to de-mask the state.

By the way, the West Chester Tea Party has its meeting Tuesday. You are welcome.

But it is Lent. Tomorrow good St. Joseph's month opens. He's a powerful patron for our day. Add him to the list. Don't forget St. David of Wales, invoked for skin problems.

Bring the children Wednesday for the day of recollection. It would be nice to see the "other children," the public school ones, getting in on these spiritual riches, learning how to survive in their world. But this is true of all children today.

The weekend affords us double graces, as we both offer reparation to the Holy Face, and Communions of Reparation to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Plus...there's dinner! See you Friday. Are you remembering Stations?

Fr. McGuire went down to recently frozen Texas last Sunday. It was a smaller attendance, with brave tales of suffering from the faithful, who did manage to survive. But it was cold.

Lent is the soul's springtime. Cold and hot, lovely

and barren, tiring yet hopeful, moving at times and otherwise boring. This is how God sows the seed in the soul, and things start up again. Stay with it. Be generous!

God bless you and yours, home and family.

– Bishop Dolan



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor – March 2021

- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, *Volunteer needed*
- 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
- 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
- 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
- 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
- 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: DB & children
- 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
- 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
- 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, David Marko
- 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, *Volunteer needed*

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.



In a little out of the way chapel in the teeming city of Paris, every day, there turned up at 4 o'clock in the evening a soldier—who for a half-hour stood rigid on guard at the back of the church—hidden and unnoticed except by one equally faithful watcher. One day this watcher asked the soldier as he left the church, why he acted so each day. He replied: "Actually I am one of the Guard of Honor of the President of France. For many hours a day I stand on duty before the President's door. Why should I not do duty for a short time before the door of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords?" That young officer afterwards became Marshal Foch of France, and led France to victory in the 1914 War.

We, too, this evening are mounted on guard here before Our Eucharistic King. We are here to do honor to Him—to make reparation for those who do not honor Him—to adore Him—to praise Him—to thank Him.

"Dear Lord! It is just when I am in the world that I have most need of You, because You know it is full of snares that the devil has set for me. You must hold my hand, dear Lord, if You will not abandon me. A little of the world is not bad for me; it is even good, for it teaches me how small it is, and I feel the greater happiness when I come back to You. But that I may surely do so, You must only loose Your hold a little, that it may not try me too far. You must not entirely leave hold. Do You see, dear Lord? I wish to clasp Your hand—do not refuse me!"

*I Wish to Clasp Your Hand – Do Not Refuse Me!
– Prayer of Eugene de Ferronnays*

✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/1/21	FERIAL DAY • ST. DAVID, BPC FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass SGG Clergy – In thanksgiving (<i>T. Bayer</i>) (rescheduled from 2/24)
	11:00 AM	Rosary
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass †Frank Beckerich
TUE	3/2/21	FERIAL DAY FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass St. Joseph & St. Anthony – thanksgiving for prayers answered (<i>Richard & Gloria Zbilicki</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Purgatorial Society
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass 6 Godchildren (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
	7:15 PM	West Chester Tea Party Meeting
WED	3/3/21	FERIAL DAY • FIRST WEDNESDAY FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Brueggemann Family Intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ed Strauss
	9:00 AM	Children’s Day of Recollection Opening Talk
	11:25 AM	High Mass Sodality of Charity Members (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) followed by lunch
	2:45 PM	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
	5:15 PM	Low Mass Dr. Dallis Auvil (<i>M. Sutton</i>)
THU	3/4/21	ST. CASIMIR, C • FIRST THURSDAY • ST. LUCIUS I, PM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Relief of the Poor Souls (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Marlene Helwig (<i>JCS</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
FRI	3/5/21	FIRST FRIDAY • FERIAL DAY • THE HOLY SHROUD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For our country (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass & Benediction Doby Curran’s intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Our Family & Friends (<i>Simpson family</i>) Sacred Heart Novena
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI, Blessing of the Sick <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	3/6/21	FIRST SATURDAY • SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY MM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	High Mass †Irene Ulanowski & †Jan Groen (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
	8:15 AM	Ave Regina, First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
	8:35 AM	(approx.) Low Mass Doris Ritze & her intentions
SUN	3/7/21	LENT III • ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Kent Maki (<i>Dominic McConnell</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Father Cekada (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes

CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe that there is, in the Catholic or Universal Church of God, a Communion of Saints, by means of which we communicate with all holy persons and in all holy things. We communicate with the Saints in heaven, as our fellow members under the same Head, Christ Jesus; we give thanks to God for His gifts to them, and we beg a share in their prayers. We communicate with all the saints upon earth in the same Sacraments and Sacrifice, and in a holy union of faith and charity. And we also communicate with the faithful who have departed this life in a more imperfect state—and who by the law of God’s justice are for a while in a state of suffering—by offering prayers and alms and sacrifice to God for them.

Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—March 5th

5:45 PM: Low Mass

6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Cheese Ravioli Bake, salad, bread, fruit

7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick
All Night Adoration

THE USHER’S CORNER

“Don’t Embarrass the Ushers!”

“When collection time comes during Mass, always have at least something to drop into the basket. As for the children, if only a few coins. It is one of the precepts of our Faith and our duty as Catholics to support our church. This is not a difficult thing to do. In this action our children will learn the importance of this offering as well. Don’t embarrass the ushers!” – *Fr. Cekada*

As an usher, the collection can be an awkward part of our duties, being painfully aware that some folks are hard pressed in these strange times. By God’s grace, however, ushers do share some delight from those little hands of bright-eyed Cherubs, perhaps making their first ever offering. I find some humor imagining the heated debates among the siblings, on the way to Mass that morning... “Who’s turn to drop our family offering into the basket?”... – *An Usher*

SERVERS

SUN 3/7	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lacy CHAPLAINS: M. Simpson, N. McClorey
	TH: T. Lawrence ACS: S. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: Jesse Stewart, C. VanderPutten, J. Kolenich, C. McGinnis
	11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: P. Omlor
	5:45 PM LOW: P. Omlor

11:15 AM Short Stations

11:30 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls on behalf of Bishop Dolan & his intentions (*L. Faith & Family*)

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

NOVENA OF REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



MONDAY IN LENT II

First Day's Intention: Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus, Our Lady of Fatima, inspire me to grieve sincerely for the sins that weigh heavily upon the souls of men. Sorrowfully I recall the bitter and harsh punishments heaped upon thy Divine Son, when He was cruelly scourged at the pillar, unmercifully crowned with thorns. I recall His sad journey to Calvary, His Crucifixion, and ignominious death on the cross. Yet, they were but the instruments of pain. It was my sins that really caused His Precious Blood to be shed. His excessive love willed that He should suffer for my salvation. Thus, I will give my little love to make amends and atone for a thoughtless and unappreciative world.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, thou who didst suffer and share with Him each pain caused and inflicted by our sins, intercede for us that we may be privileged to unite our hearts with thine in an effort to make reparation for our sins, and the sins of ungrateful mankind. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

TUESDAY IN LENT II

Second Day's Intention: Greater Love and Appreciation for the Rosary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, teach us to love those little beads. In every trial, tribulation and sorrow they have been a source of comfort to all who trust in thee. We are happy in the possession of our Rosaries. May thy Rosary, O Immaculate Heart of Mary, ever strengthen us in all our weaknesses, be our peace in time of affliction, comfort in all matters of doubt, courage in time of temptation, and a source of consolation throughout all our days on this earth. May it be a strong influence on us in success or in failure. In all things, may we live in peaceful union with thee through the medium of thy Rosary. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Rosary, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

Third Day's Intention: The True Peace of Christ

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, we pray that the hope and promise made by thee at Fatima will soon be realized. Our kith and kin make the supreme sacrifice, and our loved ones languish in the horrors and hardships that have come upon this world at war. We know it is thy ardent wish and desire that there be peace in the world, and it is only through Reparation to thy Immaculate Heart that such can be accomplished. Thou hast told us thy wish in the Message of Fatima: Reparation through

the Rosary and the practice of the First Saturdays. We beg of thee, O Mary Immaculate, that we may heed thy pleadings, and through our prayer and example show the world the road to true peace, which the world itself cannot give. Bless, we beseech thee, our country, and inspire us and our leaders to receive, understand, and promote that glorious Message delivered by thee at Fatima.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of Peace, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

THURSDAY IN LENT II

Fourth Day's Intention: Relief for the Souls in Purgatory

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother most merciful, to thee do we plead the cause of the poor suffering souls in Purgatory, especially those most abandoned. In obedience to thy request at Fatima, we beg for their relief. O Mother most merciful, we ask thee to lessen their toll of expiation. Deign to accept our humble prayers and sacrifices in reparation and payment for the punishment that is due from them. We pray that through the treasures of thy Divine Son, thine own special merits, and those of the saints, that God may be mindful of our prayers on behalf of the suffering souls in Purgatory, and bring them into His Kingdom to love and serve Him forever. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Mother most merciful, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

FRIDAY IN LENT II THE HOLY SHROUD
Fifth Day's Intention: Salvation of Souls

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Virgin most powerful, we know that the vision of the terrible fires of hell which thou didst show the three little shepherd children at Fatima, was really meant for us. We beseech thee, O Mother Mary, to spare us the fate of a judgment that will ordain such a punishment. Grant unto us a faith so strong that we may ever realize that the evil of sin will be justly repaid with eternal punishment. I believe in the Infinite Justice of the one true God and the Infinite Love of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We pray and beseech thee that through thy intercession we may be given the grace to live so worthy a life on earth, as to enjoy the reward of eternal happiness in the kingdom of thy Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Virgin most powerful, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

SATURDAY IN LENT II
Sixth Day's Intention:
Purity of Body and Soul

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Virgin most pure, have compassion on those who are prone to the allurements of impurity. Give us, we beseech thee, strength to overcome our weaknesses, and courage in the struggle against sin. We know it is thy ardent wish that we renew our pledge of holy purity. O, Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consecrate to thee here and now, without reserve, our eyes, ears, tongues, hearts—

our whole beings. We promise that with thy help, we shall be steady in our purpose to serve thee with undefiled chastity. Give us the courage to resist all temptations, and to avoid all things that may be the occasion of sin.

Our Lady of Fatima, Virgin most pure, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Seventh Day's Intention:
Forgiveness of Sin

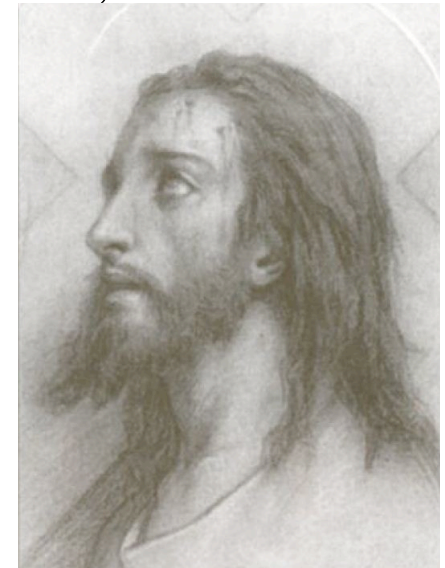
O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, to whom else will we turn in our sorrow for sin, if not to thee? From whom shall we find comfort and consolation, in the shame of our sins, except from thee? Lead us back, dear Mother of Love, to the path of righteousness that leads to the Sacred Heart of thy Divine Son.

We have sinned often, O dear Mother, and the remembrances of the error of our ways trouble us. It shall be no more. We know that thy protecting care will find peace and hope for us, and the remission of our sins. We know too that as with Mary Magdalene of old, thy Son shall welcome us with a loving smile, because thou hast always pleaded for us. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Refuge of sinners, inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

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Reparation Notes



2021 Lenten

Daily Thoughts and Prayers

For the restoration of the Church and the salvation of our country.

An Offering for Lent – St. Therese

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this Lent for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and *I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.*

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all eternity. Amen.