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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 7, 2021
LENT III

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD



Prayer for the Gift of Prayer
By St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) Doctor of the Church
 O Incarnate Word, You have given Your Blood and Your Life to confer on our prayers that power by which, according to Your promise, they obtain for us all that we ask. And we, O God, are so careless of our salvation, that we will not even ask You for the graces that we must have, if we should be saved! In prayer You have given us the key of all Your Divine treasures and we, rather than pray, choose to remain in our misery. Alas! O Lord, enlighten us, and make us know the value of prayers, offered in Your name and by Your merits, in the eyes of Your Eternal Father. Amen

¶ OCULI SUNDAY
 The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail today. The second collection for our seminary will be taken up. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT IV
 Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, marking the halfway point of Lent. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM, ending early for Short Stations at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Lent IV, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third for the Living & the Dead. Preface of Lent.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of †Eldon Neukam, who died last Wednesday.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Be sure to put your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.



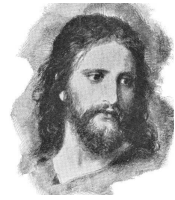
Calling All Altar Boys
ALTAR BOY DAY
 Saturday, March 13
 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Servers
come attend a fun and informative day specially dedicated to the privilege of serving God's altar.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

CONVERTS PREPARING for Baptism in ancient times were examined on this day. Like them, realize that *when you were christened you became "other Christs."* At Baptism, "by the finger of God" (GOSPEL) Jesus replaces the "devil" and enables the "dumb" to speak. The "house" may well be our modern world, where Baptism is so universally ignored; so that modern youth, exposed to the evil of sin so early in life, is turned over thereby to the devil, who today is pulling the strings, controlling human ideas, and walking with ever increasing fury. *As for you, do not compromise, do not try to be on all sides. "He who is not with Me is against Me."* God is generous when you are loyal. "Followers of God" must renounce the world of "darkness"; the "flesh of uncleanness"; the devil who "deceives" you (EPISTLE); only then are you privileged to walk "in goodness, justice and truth." Such are the negative and positive duties of Baptism — death to sin, life unto God.

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.

THE HOLY FACE DEVOTION



Our Lord's revelations were followed by 30 years of miracles attesting to the truth and power of this devotion. In 1885 Pope Leo XIII, by papal brief, established this devotion as an archconfraternity; and contrary to custom, immediately established it **for the entire world**. It was universally practiced until a few years before World War I. **The neglect of this devotion and of Our Lady's requests at Fatima in 1917, especially the daily Rosary, was followed by two world wars, the murder and enslavement of billions of people by Communism, and an unprecedented increase in sin and loss of the faith.** Our Lent this year is an attempt to revive this extremely important devotion, which Christ wants to last until the end of time.

This was also the favorite devotion of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. She has said that the suffering wounded Face of her dear Jesus was the foundation of all her piety. At the age of twelve, St. Therese and her whole family registered as members of the Archconfraternity of Reparation to the Holy Face in Tours, France. Pope St. Pius X called St. Therese "the greatest Saint of modern times."

... "The treasure of My Holy Face in itself possesses such a tremendous value that through It *all* the affairs of My household can readily be settled."

... "If you knew how pleasing the sight of My Face is to My Father."

... This was an early revelation from heaven concerning Communism. (1847) Our Lord said that this devotion would defeat it. It is, therefore, the sister-devotion to the Fatima devotion—necessary to save the world. Current events prove the "collapse" of Communism is a deception, and that these devotions are needed now more than ever before.

... Our Lord told Sr. Mary of St. Peter, "Woe to those cities that will not make this Reparation!"

¶ **MID-LENT WEEK**

This week allows us quietly to pursue our Lenten goals, with the help of the saints. **St. John of God** is for the Gift Shop (he sold religious articles) but most of all charity to the sick. **St. Frances of Rome** is such a great saint that she always saw her Guardian Angel. "**Forty**" is the operative number of our Lent, as we see on **Wednesday. Thursday** Lent is half over! The **Five Holy Wounds**, another powerful devotion, comes **Friday** with **St. Gregory the Great**. On **Saturday**, Our Lady's day, the **altar boys** come for their day.

**Lenten Friday Evening of
Recollection—March 12th**

5:45 PM: Low Mass
6:45 PM: Lenten Supper: Veggie chili, cornbread, deviled eggs or egg salad, cheese & crackers, fruit.
7:30 PM: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction

¶ **YOUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for Mary McGuire, Helen Kalian, Debi Ellis, Ana Prell, and all of our sick and shut in.

LITTLE FLOWER LIBRARY

The Library has been lending books to vivacious readers for two years! Thanks to generous donors, there is a wide selection of books to choose from. And what better time to check out the church library than during Lent? It's not too late to find a book on the life of a saint, Christ's Passion, or meditations on prayers for this year's Lent. On exiting church through the doors leading into the vestibule, continue straight ahead past the brown double doors to the end of the hall. An array of Catholic reading material awaits you all year long!

*"With deadly hatred banded,
Schism walks forth today,
The holiest laws defying,
Impatient of their sway;
And My Face, that highest rapture
In the vision of the blest,
With constant memory cruel
Of their outrage is impressed."*

SIXTH STATION

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

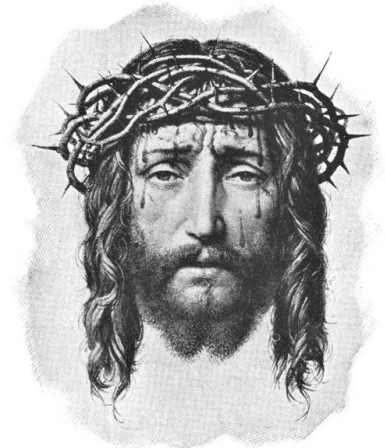
Oh, Jesus, when Your holy Face
Was on the white cloth drawn
How happy was Veronica
As she looked sadly on

The picture of her suffering Lord,
Painted clear and true.
She dared the angry passing crowd
To show her love for You.

Your picture, Lord, should also be
Pressed deep in my poor soul.
To grow more like You every day
Will be my only goal.

Forgive me, Jesus, all my sins
And let me see Your Face
Wiped clean of all its suffering
When I have grown in grace.

— Sr. Mary Josita, O.S.F.



"Let nothing obscure the Face of Christ!" must be my formula of life toward God, neighbor and myself; giving praise to God, being glad for His presence within me, and relating His wonders to my neighbor.

The theme-hymn of Catholic Action: Seek God, only He can fill our needs. However, He will hide His Face if we become too absorbed in the face of created things.

Christ hides His Face from the proud who exalt themselves, who lay oppressive burdens on their neighbor and ignore God in all their works.

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Early Spring arrived Wednesday, only a month after the Groundhog was wrong. Well, we did have a rough February, but all is forgiven in the sunny warmth which banished Winter.

The weather surely was favorable for the exactly fifty children of all ages who attended our annual Recollection. The appealing outdoors didn't even distract our youth from the task at hand. All participated energetically and devoutly. The Fathers took turns with their presentations. Consciences were examined, sins confessed. High Mass was sung, and of course there was a sermon. After a nice lunch we did more of the same, and I read to the little ones about the St. Veronica to whom Our Lady taught all the alphabet she ever needed. Children's Stations around here always feature the charming set I remember growing up with. We closed with Benediction. Every participant got a charming Holy Face tote bag, two holy cards and the Holy Face medal. I don't think the children went outside but they didn't need to. Our true Sun, the Holy Face, was shining within.

After Benediction, Doby drove me over to see Eldon Neukam, dying at Blue Ash Hospice, a slow and surely a painful death. The McFathers had already been but I wanted to pray with Eldon too. The death rattle had already begun. He was alone. I talked to him a bit, and then prayed aloud. Very loudly you must speak, so the dying may hear. Finally I sat down next to him, and recited some decades of the Rosary the same way. I had to get back for the 5:15. But I noticed staff members, singly and in groups, passing by the open door, and then again. It occurred to me only the next morning that they must never have seen a priest in his cassock assisting the dying. And they work at a hospice for the dying! Sad.... Well, let us pray on. Loudly.

Eldon was our volunteer janitor, maintenance man and gardener. For over ten years he worked quietly, devotedly, all year round. He also managed the church's modest stock portfolio. This shows the wide range of talents he exercised in the Lord's service. He was good friends with Fr. Cekada. In Father's illness he would call him to give the stock report and linger to visit awhile on the phone, as friends do. I think they both were lonely at times. Another parishioner, so much a part of our church for so long, has been called into eternity. Pray for his soul. Remember him gratefully.

Spring allergies started awhile back already. But we're so happily engaged in this great Lent, that we barely notice. But God notices, notes, and hears even the slightest prayer. Do *something*, something extra.

Pray for our country!

May the Holy Face shine on you, and give you no peace until you do...

– Bishop Dolan



P.S. Word on the supper circuit is that the Bishop is making Friday Night Soup.



WE GET LETTERS

“God bless the St. Gertrude the Great parish and apostolate, for providing the proper sacraments and weekly online Latin Mass and Sunday High Mass services.

“I want to thank you also for forwarding me your spiritually moving weekly parish bulletin, which is quite comforting amidst the days of darkness under the dark clouds of Vatican II. I appreciate the 2021 daily thoughts and prayers Reparation Notes and Lenten Calendar included in the Ash Wednesday/Lenten bulletin edition.

“The prayers and spiritual reflections are very inspiring and will serve as an aid in keeping our minds, hearts and souls focused upon our suffering Savior and Sorrowful Mother.

“...I have become weary of the Indult services, which are just a clever vehicle to dissuade Traditional Catholics from rejecting the errors of Vatican II.” – A.B.

Our Beloved Dead – February

Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Richard Smith	2-04-2019
Carol Jean Mincey	2-07-2009
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Patrick Kurtz	2-12-2021
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Estrella I. Simpson	2-14-2012
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Bernard Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Frank Beckerich	2-23-2021
Sharon Patton	2-24-2018
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994

Our Beloved Dead – March

Lucy G. Meyer	3-03-1988
Eldon Neukam	3-03-2021
Catherine J. Bischak	3-05-2005
Claude E. Charles	3-10-1990
John J. Kolb	3-10-2004
Robert Duff	3-13-2013
Richard VandeRyt	3-16-2020
Margaret Sandmayr	3-17-2006
Dorothy B. Spicer	3-18-1986
Marilyn L. Ryan	3-21-1997
Howard Elmlinger	3-22-1990
Williams J. Smith	3-25-2003
Mary Rose Peter	3-26-2017
Margaret Soli	3-30-2017



✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/8/21	ST. JOHN OF GOD, C	FAST
	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 Repose of the soul of †Harry Karian (<i>Joan Karian</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
TUE	3/9/21	ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W • <i>ST. DOMINIC SAVIO</i>	
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Kent & Linda Maki (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mr. Ronald Lotarski (<i>J. Hille</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)	
WED	3/10/21	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Rita Ann Prell (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & Family</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass †John Kolb (<i>Patricia Kolb & family</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion	
	5:15 PM	Low Mass Our 7 children & their spouses (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)	
THU	3/11/21	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Thomas Young (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>)	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Peter J. Gebel, Jr. (<i>Willa Gebel</i>)	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Repose of the soul of †Eldon Neukam	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
FRI	3/12/21	ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD	FAST
		<i>THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS</i>	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our children (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Prell</i>)	
	11:06 AM	Confessions	
	11:25 AM	High Mass Repose of the soul of †Kent Maki (<i>Kolenich Family</i>)	
	12:25 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Mr. & †Mrs. James Lawrence (<i>Simpson family</i>) Sacred Heart Novena	
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena VII, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction	
SAT	3/13/21	FERIAL DAY • ALTAR BOY DAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Monica Condit (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)	
	8:15 AM	Alma	
	8:30 AM	High Mass & Sermon †Mr. Richard VandeRyt (<i>SGG Servers</i>)	
SUN	3/14/21	LENT IV • LAETARE SUNDAY	
		<i>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</i>	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Regina Gilliam (<i>Regina Schneider</i>)	
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Andrew Richesson</i>)	
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes	
	11:15 AM	Short Stations	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Mrs. Leslie Matatics (<i>Joe Druecker</i>)	
	4:45 PM	Lenten Vespers & Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great	

CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe that, by the full concession of Christ, there ever resides in the Church the active power of forgiving sin, and of granting Indulgences for the remission of the temporal punishments of sin; which may be applied to the souls both of the living and of the dead who have died friends of God and in the peace of Christ.

STEADFASTNESS IN SUFFERING



When we feel depressed or when we are tempted to strike out angrily against human injustice and misunderstanding, there are two considerations which should help us to be patient.

1. The first is the reflection that everything comes to us from God, or is at least permitted by Him. Why should we rebel against the will of God? Jesus was innocence itself yet He willed to suffer for love of us. Are we unwilling to suffer for love of Him?

2. The second is the realization that we are sinners who have offended God many times and deserve to be punished. It is necessary to accept patiently all the sufferings which God sends us in expiation of our sins. "We are receiving what our deeds deserved" (Lk 23:41).

Above all, we ought to resolve never to give way to anger in word or deed when we are offended. On these occasions, we should wait until we have calmed down and have asked God for peace of mind. Before we do anything, we need time for reflection and prayer. If we act in this way, we shall not have to be sorry afterwards.

Patience can help us to achieve anything and will eventually help us to gain Heaven.

— Antonio Cardinal Bacci

Masses sent to the Missions:

In honor of St. Anthony for the Poor Souls (*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Briggs*)
 2x Our Children, Godchildren & Grandchildren (*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Briggs*)
 †Steven Briggs (1 year anniversary) (*Mike Briggs Family*)
 The Steven Kustra Family (*Mark & Annie Fischer*)
 Elizabeth Young (*Mark & Annie Fischer*)
 Jordan Ringel & Matthew Morehead – Conversion (*Hunter Lumbatis*)
 2x Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Cora Arlinghaus*)
 Special Intention †H. Delawder (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
 Special Intention (*Patsy McConnell*)
 Paul & Bernadette Wesner (*Hunter Lumbatis*)
 Thanksgiving to Our Lady for answered prayer (*Rebecca Stump*)
 Gerry Keaveney (Happy Birthday 2-21) (*The Wilker family*)

Servers

SUN 3/14 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: M. Simpson CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, C. Richesson
 TH: D. Simpson ACS: T. Lawrence, T. England TORCH: S., B. & C. McGinnis, M. Kolenich
 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: P. Omlor
 5:45 PM LOW: P. Omlor

CONCLUSION OF OUR
NOVENA OF REPARATION
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF
MARY



MONDAY IN LENT III
Eighth Day's Intention:
Conversion of Russia

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of the human race, thou hast given unto us the means of destroying the menace of atheism and godless communism. Thy Promise of conversion for those unfortunate victims of those false beliefs, has instilled joy and home into the nations of the earth. We grieve for those war-torn, homeless and persecuted people of such mundane ideology. Grant, we beseech thee, O Mother, that peace may come to those separated from thy Son by error and discord. We fail, if we heed not thy Message of Fatima. We know thy wishes, and therefore we promise to make Reparation to thy Immaculate Heart through the Rosary and the Five First Saturdays, that Russia again may hear the word of God, and keep it.

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

TUESDAY IN LENT III

Ninth Day's Intention: The Spiritual Welfare of our Children

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Infant Babe of Bethlehem, and Our Mother, enkindle in our hearts the spark of youthful innocence. We know of thy great love for little children. It was to innocent children that thou didst deign to appear, revealing the Message of Fatima, and charging them with its propagation. We know no better way to show our regard for them, dear Mother, than to offer our prayers for all children everywhere.

Therefore, O Mother dear, we ask thee to watch over all children in all parts of the world, to guard and protect their homes, to preserve the schools wherein they learn, and to keep them from being tainted with godless education. Direct them in their play and in all their works, that they may grow in age, wisdom, and the love of God. Grant too, Blessed Mother, that the prayers of our children may hasten the end of all wars of carnage and devastation, and grant unto this world an era of just and lasting peace. We pray that the world may return to Jesus, thy Son, through Reparation to thy Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady of Fatima, we beseech thee to inflame our hearts with the love of Reparation.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT III
Act of Reparation

I adore Thee, and I praise Thee, O my Divine Jesus, Son of the living God, for all the outrages Thou hast endured for me, who am the

most miserable of Thy creatures, in all the sacred members of Thy Body, but especially in the most noble part of Thyself, that is to say, in Thy Face. I salute Thee, amiable Face, wounded with blows and scourges, soiled with spittle and disfigured by the evil treatment which impious sinners caused Thee to suffer. I salute thee, O lovely eyes, all bathed in the tears thou hast shed for our salvation. I salute thee, sacred ears, tormented by an infinity of blasphemies, injuries and shameful mockings. I salute thee, O holy mouth, filled with grace and sweetness toward sinners, and made to drink vinegar and gall by the monstrous ingratitude of those whom Thou, O Lord, hadst chosen to be Thy people. In reparation for all these ignominies, I offer Thee all the homage which has been rendered Thee in the holy places where Thou hast willed to be honored by the special devotion to which I unite myself with my whole heart. Amen.



THURSDAY IN LENT III
First Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.

“They will receive in their souls a bright and constant irradiation of My divinity; that by their likeness to My face they will shine with particular splendor in heaven.”

Practice of Reparation

To wear an image of the Holy Face, kiss it devoutly in the morning on awakening, and at night before going to sleep; to

consecrate the actions of the day to the Holy Face of our Divine Lord, and endeavor to accomplish them in His presence and under His eyes.

FRIDAY IN LENT III THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS

Second Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.

“Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My face shall in heaven behold it radiant with glory.”

Practice of Reparation

Before the Blessed Sacrament to recall that which is true, that the adorable Face of our Savior is present in the sacred Host; that He sees, hears and blesses us, and speaks to us interiorly.

SATURDAY IN LENT III

Third Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.

“All those who honor My face in a spirit of reparation, will, by so doing, perform the office of the pious Veronica. According to the care they take in making reparation to My face, disfigured by blasphemers, so will I take care of their souls which have been disfigured by sin. My face is the seal of the Divinity which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.”

Practice of Reparation

In trials, sickness, accidents and temptations, to prostrate before the picture of the Holy Face, be it in our private oratory or in a church where the Veil of St. Veronica is

publicly venerated, and there to ask the grace of resignation and conformity.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Fourth Promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in favor of those who honor His Holy Face.

“Those who by words, prayers or writings, defend My causes in this work of reparation, I will defend them before My Father, and give them My kingdom.”

Practice of Reparation

To have in our home an authentic facsimile of St. Veronica’s Veil, and before it recite family prayers morning and evening.

Prayer

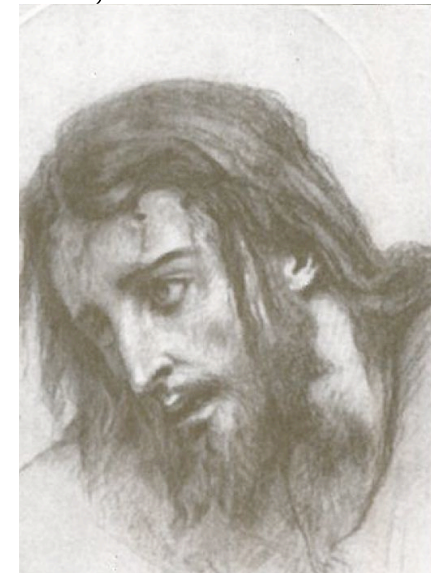
O adorable Face of my Jesus, so mercifully bowed down upon the tree of the cross on the day of Thy Passion, for the salvation of men, now again, incline Thy pity towards us poor sinners; cast upon us a look of compassion, and receive us to the kiss of peace: Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen.



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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.