

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



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Charles McGuire

Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN, C



¶ PALM SUNDAY

Blessed palms are available at every Mass today. Feel free to take extra palms to bring home or to bring to a shut-in. Remember to return

your Easter memorial flower offering envelopes by **tomorrow**, in order for your memorials to be included in the Easter bulletin. Envelopes for the Easter Novena of Masses are also available. The Novena will be said daily beginning Easter Sunday.

Confessions will be heard before and during the morning Masses. Sunday Classes are on a brief vacation and resume on Low Sunday. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK: TENEBRAE

Tenebrae, Latin for "darkness," is the chanting of the Divine Office of Matins and Lauds of the following day. The mood is somber, quiet and reflective; its dramatic features are the gradual extinction of a 15-branch candelabra in the sanctuary, as the Church contemplates the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the world, and a loud noise at its conclusion, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. Tenebrae is at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday**.

Tenebrae is a popular service (but not good for very little ones, because the silence is important), especially for its dramatic ending when you finally get to make noise. Translations provided.



MAY I LOVE THEE MORE DEARLY

St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ

For all the benefits

Thou hast bestowed upon me,

For all the pains and insults

Thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,

May I know Thee more clearly,

Love Thee more dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly. Amen.

In Memoriam †Richard VandeRyt

June 26, 1970 - March 16, 2020

¶ MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy (Maundy) Thursday is *the day* of the year to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion. **Mass** begins at **9:00 AM**. Bring the whole family to experience the "Birthday of the Mass" with bells and clackers; the Pange Lingua as Our Lord leaves the church; the sorrowful stripping of the altars. **Parents, bring your children to walk in procession to the beautiful Altar of Repose, dropping rose petals along the way to show Him love and adoration.** A little luncheon follows the Mass. Please do come, and stay for the Maundy.

The **Maundy** is a rich Sacramental of the church, performed on Holy Thursday, in honor of Our Lord who washed the feet of His Apostles. This service is an ideal one for mothers with little ones, as it is short, and children can sit so as to see the ceremony. Come on **Thursday** at **12:15 PM**.

The Blessed Sacrament will be in the side chapel at the beautifully decorated Altar of Repose or Sepulchre, for 24

hours, and should not go unvisited, or be left unattended. The **Men of the Guard of Honor** are asked to keep their customary hours for All Night Adoration to guarantee that Our Lord is not left unprotected during the hours of the night.


¶ GOOD FRIDAY

You may make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament all morning long. **Stations** begin at **11:25 AM**, followed at **12:00 noon** by the traditional Tre Ore ("three hours"), with the chanting of the Passion, the solemn prayers and the unveiling and adoration of the Cross, and finally the mystic rites of the Mass of the Presanctified. A sermon and devotions take us to **3:00 PM**, when the relic of the True Cross is venerated. **Confessions** are heard starting at **3:00 PM**.

¶ HOLY SATURDAY

The **Easter Vigil** begins at **8:00 AM** on **Saturday** with the Blessing of the Fire and the Prophecies, with the **Mass** commencing closer to **10:30 AM**. The Blessing of Easter Baskets takes place at the Communion rail after the Mass. All are then invited to a luncheon, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Sunrise Office of Matins & Lauds is at **5:45 AM**. (The Second Collection for the Seminary, and the Blessing of Religious Articles, will both take place Low Sunday, April 11.) No Sunday Classes. Please note, there will be **no 5:45 PM Mass on Easter Sunday**. Easter Vespers are at 6:00 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Easter Sunday; Sequence, Preface of Easter with special Communicantes and Hanc Igitur.

THE MOST HOLY FACE OF JESUS

The visions of St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) provide us with an extraordinary account of the lives of Our Divine



Lord and His Blessed Mother. Among her celebrated visions is an account given by Our Lady to the saint of the appearance of her Son, the “most beautiful among the sons of men.”

“Such as my Son is in Heaven you cannot behold. But hear what He was in body in the world. He was so beautiful of countenance that no one looked Him in the face without being consoled by His aspect, even if heartbroken with grief. The just were consoled with spiritual consolation; and even the bad were relieved from worldly sadness as long as they gazed upon Him. Hence, those in grief were wont to say: ‘Let us go and see Mary’s Son; we shall be relieved for that time.’ In His twentieth year He was perfect in manly strength and stature. Amid those of modern times He would be large—not overmuch—but of considerable frame and build. His hair, eyebrows, and beard were of a light brown; His beard a hand’s width long; His forehead not prominent or retreating, but erect. His nose moderate, neither small nor large; His eyes were so pure that even His enemies delighted to look upon Him. His chin was not prominent or over long, but graceful in beautiful moderation; His cheeks modestly full, His complexion clear white and red. His bearing was erect, and His whole body spotless” (Lib. iv, c.70).

Yet the beauty of Our Divine Lord’s Holy Face was destined to be marred by the punishment due to our sins. The Four Evangelists and the Prophet Isaias give us a lengthy and detailed account of the sufferings inflicted on the Holy Face, and the Shroud of Turin not only confirms their account, but also reveals the awesome majesty of that Face, from which the Divinity was not separated even in death, in a way that no human artist will ever equal.

Wedding Banns

Third time:
Joseph Simpson & Sarah Burns

First time:
Daniel Hille & Michelle Billeaud

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Holy Week Missals are here! Be ready for the important week before Easter with a nice hardcover book that will last for years to come for just \$38. St. Jerome Library has a soft cover book for \$15. *Holy Week: The Complete Offices of Holy Week in Latin and English* will be a great way to read along with all the ceremonies in church. The bookstore is willing to ship this item if you live at a distance. You can email sggbookstore@gmail.com

We have some extra rich decoration statues from Peru in 20” and 24” available in the bookstore. They are of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. These are for local sale only.

We do have a whole wall of smaller statues from Italy that are available.

I am willing to help people in the missions with religious goods, but you have to be patient. Distance plays a role in how long it takes to get things from the store and get them shipped to you. Good things come to those who wait. We are volunteers and items are not listed online, so be patient.

Lumen Christi

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

Rose Kitchen (Rosalee Kitchen)

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Ronald Stout.



Our condolences and prayers go to Lisa & Joachim Zver on the death

of their infant son, Owen.

Easter Sunday Ushers

7:30: S. Pepiot, J. Andreotta, P. McConnell

9:00: P. Arlinghaus, M. Briggs, S. Weigand, J. Seyfried

11:30: B. Uhlenbrock, P. Puglielli

IN HOLY WEEK

All men must die: like Christ in this at least,
Each mortal breathing now the vital air
Is speeding on adown Time’s thoroughfare
To his Good Friday, when his soul, released
From fleshly bonds, shall learn that time has ceased.
Ah! woe betide us all whom unaware
That day shall find engrossed with worldly care,
Full loath to hail it as a welcome feast.

And all who die will surely rise again:
Ere yet the World’s Good Friday shall have passed—
That day of doom concealed from human ken—
The Easter of mankind will dawn at last.
Oh, grant, dear Christ, that we who bear Thy Name
May rise with Thee to glory, not to shame!

– Rev. Arthur B. O’Neill, C.S.C.

HIS HOUR OF NEED

The sadness, the weariness, the fear and utter loneliness of Christ
On the night before He was to die
Brought about by the knowledge of what lay ahead
’Tis enough to make the strongest of us cry
For the cup He was given by the Father to drink
Was far more than any mortal could bear
Causing Him to fall flat on His Face
And brought about the sweating of blood
For us, for whom He so tremendously cared
To whom an angel came to minister to Him
Because we fell asleep and left Him alone up there.

– John Seyfried

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Holy Week's golden gateway opens today. The fragrant palms, the victorious cries and even the donkey bid us all to enter in. But only the humble, like the donkey, persevere. Humiliation, betrayal, denial of course, await us on the way. "The week," Holy Week, leads us to Calvary. First, the Cenacle assures the Passion's prolongation until the end of time in the Mass. Then comes the Agony, the Holy Face assaulted with the Traitor's kiss, and each act of those terrible three days, lovingly recalled, and "repaired," and made present in the Sacred Liturgy. Later, He will rise again. For now, we must go and die with Him.

Nature here burst into bloom for Thursday, the Annunciation. (The Golden Forsythia bloomed twice this season.) Emmanuel, God, is with us ever since Gabriel's greeting and Mary's assent. Friday gave us the price paid, however: The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin. We adored, and prayed those days, again for our country.

Friday week was St. Joseph's Day, and the Fathers report a most successful feast. Like Our Lord during His earthly life, you "came up to the feast." The faithful enjoyed a wonderful Italian feast *twice* that week: For St. Patrick *and* St. Joseph. May St. Joseph inspire you to be with Jesus and Mary these days, these greatest days of the year.

Fr. Lehtoranta has departed for Milwaukee, and also on Friday our "Holy Week seminarian," **Mr. Thomas Ojeka**, arrived to assist us. On Wednesday we had the unusual and very touching "Mass of the Angels" for infant Owen Zver, who died so young, but first was reborn for Heaven in Baptism. The peal of bells reminds us that we have a new saint. His uncle **Fr. Timothy Geckle** came here from Arkansas to assist at the funeral. Like Holy Week itself, it was a sad but glorious affair.

I want to thank in advance those who will come to help these holy days. Some have already started. (Some never stop!) God bless and reward you all. Ian Ford's crew is fixing up the outdoors of the church, and others are working within, or at the altar. Each year we purchase and pour out over Christ's feet the perfume of many "man hours" of loving labor. All for the greater honor and glory of God!

An early and intense Spring, with every tree and plant suddenly in bloom, means a beautiful outdoors, but a fairly miserable time for the allergy afflicted. All the clergy have been hit with sneezing that leads to wheezing and a raspy cough. Spring Fever. You feel as though you *did* have a fever, as though one of the temperature guns the guards and the goons are always aiming at you would yield a high reading. But no. It took me a long time to figure out, on my own, that it's simply allergies which mimic a cold or a flu. Just allergies. Just like Covid is, just

a flu! Figure it out.

Well, they've abolished the flu, haven't they? But everybody is meant to stay masked and to feel guilty for even blowing a nose! What are you supposed to do? Get the death jab? I don't think so. Plenty of fluids, enough rest, and...sunshine and vitamins. Prayer and "offering up" complete the Rx.

In the meantime, let us enjoy a lovely Spring, and the best days of the year.

– Bishop Dolan



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor April / Holy Thursday 2021

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
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, John Riggs

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

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

Dear Members of the Guard of Honor,

Here at the altar men gain the courage and the strength to suffer their daily cares and difficulties. Here, through the reception of Holy Communion, during those moments of silent adoration at the steps of the altar, they gain the courage and the strength to endure the burdens of their state of life and the hardships imposed on them by the obligations of family life and fraternal charity. Here they feel the enlivening, consoling presence of the glorified Lord. "Behold, I am with you all days."

God bless you!

– Bishop Dolan



PRAYER OF VEN. MARIA-PIERINA

O Blessed Face of my kind Savior, by the tender love and piercing sorrow of Our Lady as she beheld Thee in Thy cruel Passion, grant us to share in this intense sorrow and love so as to fulfill the holy will of God to the utmost of our ability. Amen.

✠ THE HOLY WEEK CALENDAR ✠

MON 3/29/21 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
8:00 AM Low Mass †Mr. Kent Maki (*Clare Lotarski*)
11:25 AM High Mass Mr. Bischel (*Dominic McConnell*)
12:25 PM Vespers

TUE 3/30/21 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
7:00 AM Low Mass Alyssa Smith (*Collin Smith*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Robert Brockman (*Patrick Omlor*)
12:25 PM Vespers
5:00 PM Low Mass †Frank Youngworth (*Francis Puglielli*)

WED 3/31/21 SPY WEDNESDAY *FAST*
7:00 AM Low Mass John Kustra – Happy Baptism (*Bill & Terri Young*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Conversion: Andrea P. Bayer (*David Bayer*)
9:00 AM High Mass Special Intention (*Kolenich Family*)
followed by Vespers
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Thursday

THU 4/1/21 MAUNDY THURSDAY *FAST*
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass For our priests, living and deceased, and our seminarians (*Alter Christus*)
Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar
Adoration continues at the Sepulchre until 12:00 PM on Good Friday
11:15 AM Lenten Luncheon (*bring a dish to share if you would like*)
12:15 PM The Maundy (Washing of the Feet)
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae

Holy Thursday—April 1, 2021—12:15 PM

THE MANDATUM

ALBERT D. KINNETT, DAVID MARKO, JOHN SEYFRIED, BRENDAN LOTARSKI, LEVI GIESE, BOB UHLENBROCK, HUNTER LUMBATIS, MIKE VOLZ, NOAH KUEBLER, RAPHAEL KUEBLER, ROBERT MILLER, DOBY CURRAN, VOLUNTEER

The above listed men should arrive no later than 12:00 PM and report to the sacristy to prepare and receive instructions.

HOLY THURSDAY

 All silently, and still, and sweet,
 With Easter lilies at His feet,
 Our Lord rests in His tomb today.
 We keep His vigil—watch and pray.

I keep the world-thoughts from my breast,
 Lest one disturb His holy rest.
I keep them far; and in their room,
 My heart lifts lilies by His tomb.

—Alice Pauline Clark



FRI 4/2/21 GOOD FRIDAY *FAST*
11:25 AM Stations of the Cross
12:00 PM Tre Ore
It is a fine tradition to keep silent from Noon to 3:00 PM today
12:15 PM Mass of the Presanctified, Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross
2:15 PM Tre Ore Devotions and Sermon
3:00 PM Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross
3:00 PM Confessions (till 4 PM)
3:15 PM Vespers
6:25 PM Sacred Heart Novena
6:35 PM The Office of Tenebrae
8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Saturday
Come when you can, leave when you must.

SAT 4/3/21 HOLY SATURDAY *FAST TILL NOON*
8:00 AM Easter Vigil: Blessing of the Fire, Prophecies, Blessing of the Font, First Mass of Easter For our choir and servers, sacristans and workers (*Bishop Dolan*)
Vespers, Blessing of Easter Food
A complimentary Easter Luncheon follows Mass—all are invited
4:00 PM Confessions (till 5 PM)

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Holy Saturday is right around the corner. We would love for you to come out and be a part of the parish with all the ceremonies and festivities later in the day. Find the full schedule in the bulletin. The egg hunt is open to children and will take place after the Easter luncheon. The cloister area is for little ones up to age 4. There will be a larger area for the older children. This is a popular activity after the quiet ceremonies in church. Pray for good weather so the kids can run. See you then.



SUN 4/4/21 EASTER SUNDAY
5:45 AM Easter Matins & Lauds
7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass For all of our loved ones who died since March 2020
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass Easter Novena I
11:30 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
Benediction
6:00 PM Vespers

No 5:45 PM Mass

Servers

SUN 4/4 11:30 AM LOW: AC1: A.D. Kinnett AC2: N. McClorey BENEDECTION: MC: N. McClorey TH: P. McClorey TORCH: A.D. Kinnett, A. McClorey

Collection Report

Sunday, March 21st.....\$6,816.00



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF REPARATION

Immaculate Virgin, the refuge of sinners, thou who, to repair the outrages committed against God, and the evil inflicted on man by sin, didst resign thyself to the death of thy divine Son, be ever propitious to us, and carry on thy work of zeal and love for us in heaven, where thou reignest so gloriously. We wish to be thy children, do thou show thyself a Mother to us; obtain from the Divine Restorer, Jesus, that by applying to our souls the fruits of His passion and death He may free us from the bonds of our iniquities. May He be our light in the darkness, our strength in weakness, our help in danger, so that after He has consoled us by His grace and love in time, He may permit us to see, possess, and love Him in eternity. Amen.

200 days, once a day

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

*Forgive me my negligence
My lack of preparation
And my cruel indifference,
At the time of Holy Communion.*

*Pardon my ingratitude
For receiving many graces,
Yet hardly even caring
To follow in Thy virtues.*

Practice of Reparation

To kiss the ground three times in a spirit of reparation, saying: "O Mary, conceived without sin," etc.; that at least there will be three blasphemies less uttered in the next twenty-four hours.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

*My Jesus, mercy, mercy!
For all the sins I have committed;
If Thy Heart does not grant it,
I will be forever lost.*

*My heart, are you insensitive
To Jesus' Heart so despised?
No, no, it is not possible!
His self-surrender was for you.*

Practice of Reparation

To say often during the day: Sit nomen Domini benedictum—May the name of the Lord be blessed! Praised be the holy name of Jesus.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

*If an infidel Turk's heart
Had loved you as much, you would
Return the love, O rebellious heart;
But this Heart, you do not love!*

*Loving Heart, I now embrace Thee,
I give myself entirely to Thee;
How right that I should do so,
For Thou hast first loved me.*

Practice of Reparation

To procure a picture of the sorrowful face of Jesus Christ, and keep a lamp burning before it, at least on Sundays and Fridays.

HOLY THURSDAY

*Alas! Would that I had as many tears
As drops of water in the ocean!
I see so many who attack,
This Heart so worthy of our love.*

*Would that I could run throughout the earth
To cry out far and wide:
Sinners, stop all your attacks
On Jesus' loving Heart!*

Practice of Reparation

Sacrifice some luxury item and contribute the price toward an ornament for the sanctuaries of reparation.

THE PASSION TIMETABLE

- 5 P.M.** Jesus leaves his Mother to begin his Public Life
- 6 P.M.** Jesus Goes to the Upper Room
- 7 P.M.** Supper with the Twelve
- 8 P.M.** The Eucharistic Supper
- 9 P.M.** The First Hour of the Agony in the Garden
- 10 P.M.** The Second Hour of the Agony in the Garden
- 11 P.M.** The Third Hour of the Agony in the Garden



GOOD FRIDAY

- 12 A.M.** Jesus is taken Prisoner
- 1 A.M.** Jesus enters Jerusalem
- 2 A.M.** Jesus is brought before Annas
- 3 A.M.** Jesus is taken before Caiaphas

- 4 A.M. Jesus is Surrounded by the Soldiers
- 5 A.M. Jesus is Imprisoned
- 6 A.M. Jesus is taken back to Caiaphas
- 7 A.M. Jesus is brought before Pilate and Herod
- 8 A.M. Jesus before Pilate: Barabbas is preferred to Jesus
- 9 A.M. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns
- 10 A.M. Jesus is led out to face the crowd: "Behold the Man"
- 11 A.M. Jesus takes up the Cross and ascends to Calvary
- 12 P.M. The Crucifixion—The First Hour of Agony on the Cross
- 1 P.M. The Second Hour of Agony on the Cross
- 2 P.M. The Third Hour of Agony on the Cross
- 3 P.M. Jesus' side is Pierced with a Lance
- 4 P.M. Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Practice of Reparation

To recite the beads for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in revealing the work of the reparation, and to make atonement for those who deride the Immaculate Conception and the Divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



HOLY SATURDAY

*Would that I by a thousand praises,
As I crawl along in a hangman's noose,
Make amends for these awful scandals,
Even though I'd be treated like a fool!
Heart, why can I not enthrone Thee
In every mind and heart on earth!
Why can I not bring to Thy feet
The hearts of kings and emperors!*

Practice of Reparation

To perform all our daily labors in a spirit of reparation, offering them up to the Eternal Father in union with the merits of Jesus Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY

*O Reparation Maiden
Thou art the balm of God
The healing of that Heart
On which we often trod*

*The Ave was His healing
Thy Fiat was His life
Thy sacrifice His sweetness
Thy sadness was His strife*

*The foundation of His pleasure
Was living all for Thee
Oh let us all live with Him
In blessed unity
-A Sister of Our Lady of Reparation*

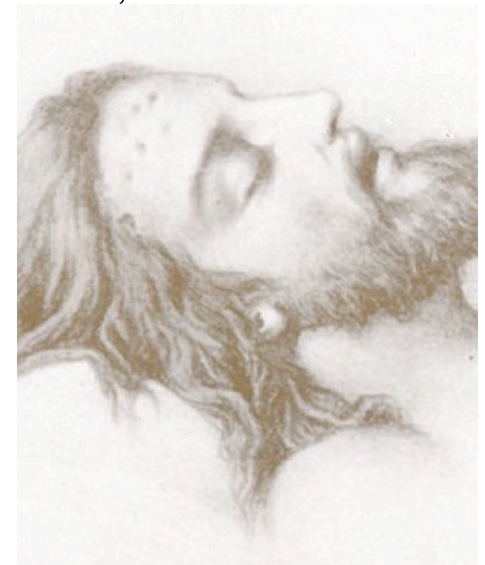
Practice of Reparation

Resolve to avoid buying and selling on Sundays.



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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.