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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 6, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



¶ LENT I

The second collection for our seminarians is taken up at the Offertory today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, ending early for our Lenten **Short Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Monday is the feast of great St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelic Doctor. **Tuesday** is St. John of God. Don't forget your devotion to the Holy Face! St. Frances of Rome comes on **Ember Wednesday** (partial abstinence!). Stations of the Cross at 3 PM. On **Thursday** we honor the Forty Holy Martyrs, and on **Ember Friday** the Lance and Nails. Our second Lenten Evening of Recollection starts with Mass at 5:45, followed by supper, Stations at 7:30, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, and Benediction. **Saturday** is the feast of St. Gregory the Great, as well as **Ember Saturday**. Again, meat only once at the principal meal for all.

Lenten Friday Evening of Recollection—March 11th

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: Black beans & rice, cheesy potatoes, salad, bread and fruit.

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

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

PLANTING A LENTEN GARDEN

- Five Rows of Squash:
1. Squash gossip
 2. Squash indifference
 3. Squash unkindness
 4. Squash temper
 5. Squash the idols of greed and lust

Six Rows of Peas:

1. Prayer
2. Penance
3. Perseverance
4. Purity
5. Patience
6. Politeness

Seven Heads of Lettuce:

1. Let us be unselfish
2. Let us be charitable
3. Let us be obedient
4. Let us be truthful
5. Let us be gentle and kind
6. Let us be repentant
7. Let us be renewed

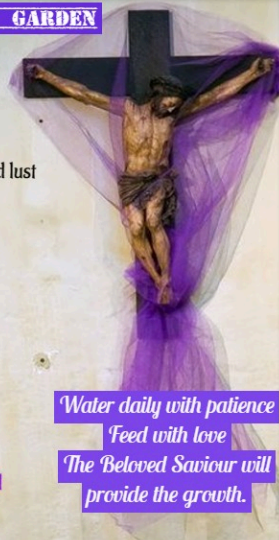
No garden is complete without Turnips:

1. Turn up for Daily Mass
 2. Turn up for Eucharistic Adoration
 3. Turn up for Daily Morning and Night Prayer
- Turn up for Spiritual reading on *Breathing Catholic*.
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Conclude with Thyme:

Thyme with God, thyme for fasting, thyme for generosity and care of the poor, the sick, the suffering.

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Water daily with patience

Feed with love

The Beloved Saviour will provide the growth.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sodality of Charity Meeting: St. Joseph's Day**, Saturday, March 19.
- **Children's Day of Recollection**: Wednesday, March 23.
- **The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**: Friday, March 25.
- **Seminarian Sunday**: March 27 after morning Masses.
- **YAG**: July 8-10
- **Girls Camp**: July 12-14

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Valerii, Ralph Otis, Marguerite Benedetto, and Joyce Yeager.

¶ LITTLE FLOWER LIBRARY

Have you exhausted your Catholic titles at home? The Little Flower Library is ready to loan books this Lent! It boasts of a wide variety of books on the Saints, Popes, holy men and women, and Catechisms as well. The kids can catch up on their religious reading too this Lent!

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT II

Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, ending early for our Lenten **Short Stations** at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal*: Second Sunday of Lent, second collect of the Saints, third for the Church. Preface of Lent.



Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

Jesus ate nothing for forty days in the desert, and then He was hungry. That must have been one fierce hunger!

But instead of food and rest, He immediately gets into a fierce battle of wits and will with the Enemy. Satan manipulatively tries to find any weak spot—Christ’s hunger or reverence for Scripture or desire to save the world. But Jesus is stronger and wiser, and emerges from battle as triumphant victor, winning for Himself and for us a victory over temptation in His human nature.

When I meet a difficulty on top of a difficulty, I tend to writhe internally at the unfairness. I haven’t yet fully learned that, as C.S. Lewis said, “if you do one good deed, your reward usually is to be set to do another and harder and better one.”

But Christ was always ready to do the next good deed, whether or not He was still dealing with the last! And His brave battle with the devil while He was hungry gives me courage to tackle the waves of “other and harder and better” challenges life sends me.

– W. Zepeda



*Mass said privately by Bishop Dolan:
Repose of the soul of †Michael Kurpil Jr.
(Mr. & Mrs. John Hanna)*

*Masses sent to the Missions:
(4x) For all the faithful departed
(Patrick Omlor)*

¶ LENTEN FRIDAY SUPPERS

If you’d like to help with a Lenten Dinner... **April 1st still needs volunteers.** In menu planning, please remember that this will be the main meal for many, so do be sure it’s generous and filling. Please let us know your menu so we can publish it in advance. You can email sgg-bookstore@gmail.com or the office parishoffice@sgg.org with questions and sign up.

SUNDAY SEVEN

Seven Charming Character Traits of St. Joseph

1. He listened with silent graciousness to the Voice of God, fervently and promptly obeying Him.
2. He was tenderly gentle to the most charming of women, his Spouse.
3. His affable tenderness to Jesus, as Guardian, Provider and Teacher.
4. The most courteous of gentlemen and most conscientious of workmen.
5. Unostentatious.
6. Lovingly grateful.
7. Peacefully resigned.



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Collection Report
Sunday, February 27th\$6,488.00

GIVE ME GRACE

Give me the grace to move with gentleness
Among my fellowmen, and meet the stress,
Which living daily brings,
With equanimity. To take the stings
Along with blessings and make no complaint.
To realize how fine is wise restraint,
How foolish angry words,
Which cut like two-edged swords.
Give me the grace to play my little part
In life’s great drama with a steadfast heart,
And shun things that degrade.
To be afraid
Only of cowardice and wrong,
And all the motley throng
Of evils which beset my path.
To check quick-rising wrath,
And be not hasty to condemn another,
Remembering always he is my brother,
Who should not seek in vain
My help and sympathy to gain.
Give me the grace to meet temptation’s snare
In gloom or glare;
The strength to win
My fight with sin.

– Edwin Carlile Litsey



PRAYER TO THE HOLY FACE

O Holy Face that smiled in lonely Nazareth!
O Holy Face, our Mother’s priceless joy!
O Holy Face, blood-swept in dark Gethsemane!
O Holy Face, our sins would fain destroy!
O Holy Face, defiled upon Mount Calvary!
O Holy Face, our hope in heaven on high!
O Holy Face, of Jesus Christ our Savior!
Turn, turn to us the hour that we must die!

I did some tweeting last week. Fat old robins, dispensed from the fast, are ruling the roost here, patrolling the still brown grass as we wait for winter to surrender to spring, ready in the wings to roll on in. On Wednesday March came in with ashes. Many of you came as well to receive the sacramental of ashes, and start your Lent well. Added bonus: First Wednesday. Along with ashes Our Lord's earthly father came in with the Lamb nestled in his arms. Ask the Carpenter to open his toolbox: prayer's there, plenty of quiet penance, and perseverance for those who work alongside of the Foster Father these forty days.

Three of the forty will be dedicated this year to one of the favorite devotions of Polish St. Casimir, patron of youth and single folk and Lithuania: Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When he found the church door shut he would pray on the porch, his pure heart at the foot of the altar. There he would meditate on the Passion.

St. Casimir's royal father sent him to invade Hungary and claim the proffered crown. "Not at the price of blood," this wise teenager replied. His father punished him, but would not give up, and sent him to rule Lithuania, but Casimir died en route, of "the disease of the blessed," TB.

As Covid suddenly disappears, war arrives, on schedule, to take its place, more or less according to plan for the Great Reset. These Communist propagandists all follow the same script: Again, an elaborate hoax. They love them. But the suffering is so real. The poor, the little people don't matter. They don't love them. They never did. Don't be whipped up by the media, don't join the crowd and fall for the ruse. The Holy Face is our weapon versus Communism, and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart our refuge.

Please remember our **Fr. Valerii**. As of Friday he was trapped in his apartment building, with constant bombing and a local sniper, surely out of food or almost, and quite cut off, save for his phone. Pray for him and his family, victims of the execution of the latest stage in the domination of mankind. Nobody sees it, but perhaps you will, if you see with the eyes of Christ, compassionate, all comprehending. Jesus Christ, and no one but Christ, must reign.

The last activity of the opening days of Lent was

Saturday's Altar Boy Day. We were expecting up to 35 knights of the altar. Our MCs were lined up to each give a talk, assisting "emcee" **Fr. McGuire**. The servers and deacons, by the way, did a fine job with the complicated ceremonies of Ash Wednesday. During Lent, the deacon and subdeacon wear chasubles folded up front, which they remove when they perform the functions of their office. The deacon has many, and dons a "Broad Stole" from the Gospel until after Communion. This curious vestment represents the rolled up bandeiro-like chasuble they wore over the left shoulder in the early centuries. The most ancient ceremonies are maintained for penitential days.

The deacons continue their studies and duties and Mass practice. They are doing well, even though "pushing it" one of them tells me. This Ember Week is one of our "quiet weeks" around here, to enable us to get into the Lenten groove. But many, like our future priests, are working steadily and quietly to prepare coming events. But let us all "prepare the Pasch."

Take advantage of the Stations and the Friday evening Recollection, and your own quiet meditation, each morning or evening, on the Passion of Our Lord.

Blessed Lent!

– Bishop Dolan



PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNISTS

Let us build a wall of Christlike charity, against which the Communists may hurl themselves, not to find their death, but to find at last in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, as in one Fountain of sweetness, that happiness for which they were created, and which they will never find elsewhere.

We fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God. Do thou receive us, O our Mother and our Queen. Beg of thy Son, the Lover and Redeemer of souls, through the merits of the sufferings He endured on His adorable Face, to accomplish His designs of mercy for all poor sinners, and in particular, for the Communists; that all peoples may praise Him, and all generations call thee blessed. Thou art the channel of pardon, thou art the Mother of Grace, thou art the hope of the world; hear us who cry to thee.

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the Holy Face of Jesus for the intentions of Mary Immaculate.

SEMINARIAN SUNDAY MARCH 27th, 2022

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THE OLD FAST

“And what kind of Christian is it who will not fast, at least until None (the mid-afternoon Breviary hour), during this season? Recall how the Ninevites required even of children at the breast that they too should fast and their flocks and herds likewise, that all might be delivered from the danger that threatened them. What kind of Christian is he who, although well and able refuses to fast with...the Lord?”

“They will say: We cannot both work and fast. They cannot because they WILL NOT. Then let them work less that they may fast more.

“I warn you and I exhort you in the Lord, that none among you, unless a sick person or a child, eat or drink before the hour of Nones (mid-afternoon), except on Sundays.”

– St. John Chrysostom

This is the original fast. Ours today is very mitigated. But they did this for centuries. Just so you know.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

When the young Thomas declared his intention to become a Dominican friar, his family kidnapped him and locked him in their castle in southern Italy. When this failed to dissuade him, they relented and set him free to pursue his vocation. Thomas’s initial studies gave no promise of his later eminence. While studying in Cologne he rarely spoke, thus earning the nickname “the Dumb Ox.” Only his teacher, Albert the Great, recognized his abilities and predicted that the lowing of this “dumb ox” would eventually be heard around the world.

By the time he received his doctorate in Paris, Thomas was recognized as an unrivaled genius, and his services were in wide demand, both by the Dominicans and the papal court. In 1266 he began his masterpiece, the *Summa Theologiae*, a vastly ambitious exposition of the Catholic faith in which he brilliantly adapted the philosophy of Aristotle in the service of Christian theology. The project was never completed. During Mass one day Thomas had a mysterious experience that caused him to hang up his writing instruments, never to resume. When asked about his silence, he replied, “All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.”

He died on March 7, 1274, at the age of forty-nine. He was canonized in 1323 and later declared a Doctor of the Church. In an encyclical of 1879 Pope Leo XIII declared him the “prince and master of all Scholastic doctors.”

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

– St. Thomas Aquinas

A QUIET WARFARE

Christ was led by the Holy Ghost, immediately after His baptism, into the desert, to prepare, by fasting and prayer, for His public ministry, and to merit for us by His victory over the enemy of our salvation, force to conquer him also ourselves. By this conduct, He teaches all that were to be in future times called to His ministry, how they are to retire into solitude, in order to converse with God in prayer, and draw down the blessing of heaven upon themselves and their undertaking.

What treasures of grace might we expect, if, as often as we receive any of the sacraments, we were to retire within ourselves, and shut out, for a time, the world and its cares. Then should we come prepared to withstand temptation, and should experience the divine assistance in every difficulty through life. The life of man is a warfare on earth. It was not given us, says St. Hilary, to spend it in indolence, but to wage a continual war against our spiritual enemies. In the greatest sanctity there are often the greatest and most incessant trials; for Satan wishes nothing so much as the fall of the saints. By these trials, we learn the strength we have received from above, we are preserved from self-complacency and pride in the gifts of heaven; we confirm the renunciation we made in baptism of the devil, and all his works and pomps; we become stronger, and better prepared for future attacks, and are feelingly convinced of the dignity to which we have been raised, and of which the enemy of souls endeavors all he can to deprive us. Both St. John the Baptist and our divine Master, by retiring into the wilderness for contemplation, prayer, fasting and suffering, have given a sanction and an example to those holy men called hermits, who have taken shelter in their sanctified retreats against the dangers of the world.

– Fr. George Leo Haydock (d. 1849)—English recusant priest, Douay scholar, and principle author and editor of the famous Bible commentary that bears his name.



“I counsel you also, that he who is near the Church and can come, should hear Mass each day. And that he who can, should come each evening to the recitation of Vespers. Let those who live far from the Church try to come to Vespers each Sunday at least...” – St. John Chrysostom

MON	3/7/22	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD <i>FAST</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Mr. Kyle McGuire (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas Happy Birthday Theresa! (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
TUE	3/8/22	ST. JOHN OF GOD, C <i>FAST</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass A thank you for all who prayed for my intentions & prayers answered (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Katherine Kunkel (<i>K/V</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Joseph Andreotta (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Swinney</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
WED	3/9/22	EMBER WEDNESDAY <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i>
		ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W • ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, John Brueggemann (<i>Dad & Mom</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ruth M. Hanna – 9 th anniversary 1/6 (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Dr. Innocent Okerulu (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations of the Cross, followed by Distribution of Holy Communion
	5:15 PM	Low Mass In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Anthony for the Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
THU	3/10/22	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS <i>FAST</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Rita Ann Prell – 12 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & Family</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Jude Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Conversion & perseverance for Treder Family (<i>Michael Treder</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
FRI	3/11/22	EMBER FRIDAY • THE LANCE & NAILS <i>FAST</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Peter J. Gebel, Jr. – Happy Birthday (<i>Willa</i>)
	11:06 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
	12:25 PM	Vespers
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass MHT Clergy (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Mother Novena V, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction (approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion
SAT	3/12/22	EMBER SATURDAY <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i>
		ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Solene (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
	8:15 AM	Ave, Sermon
	8:25 AM	High Mass Mass of thanksgiving for all of our deceased bishops & priests (<i>K. & M. Christensen</i>)
SUN	3/13/22	LENT II • DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Kristen Koziel

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MUST BELIEVE

We must believe that there is a Third Person in the Blessed Trinity, the “Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets;” that the Holy Ghost is the Author of our sanctification and spiritual perfection, and that He dwells in the just as in His own temple.



FINNISH PRAISE

From the London *Catholic Times* we learn that the Government of Finland has sent a special mission to the Holy See to thank the Pope for what he has done for that country. The Holy Father, it will be remembered, was among the first to congratulate Finland on its independence, and he has always provided ample opportunity for Finnish students to go to Rome for study in the Vatican Library. It was to thank the Pope personally for these marks of his benevolence toward their country that the mission was sent. At the head of it was the Minister of Finance. It would appear that the Finns are a grateful people. Like the one leper mentioned in the Gospel they return to give thanks for benefits received. Instead of railing against the greed and hard-heartedness of the Americans, who had loaned them money during a time of need, they recently paid their full debt in gold to this country. They were thankful for what had been done for them. There are precious few nations during these days, if we may judge them by their actions, of the caliber of Finland. It is difficult to understand how nations that will almost go upon their knees to procure money in time of dire distress, will forget their obligations afterwards, and will even consider their benefactors as impertinent fellows, for asking for what belongs to them. – *Ave Maria, 1934*

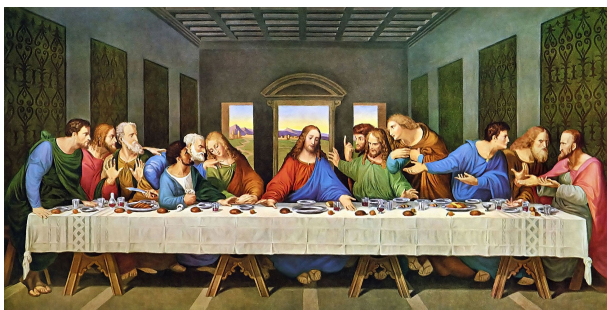
People are sometimes the same way as nations, I have observed.

Servers

FRI 3/11	5:45 PM LOW: Simpson Bros. STATIONS: Volunteers
SAT 3/12	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 8:25 AM HIGH: P. Omlor
SUN 3/13	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, D. Simpson CROSS: J. McGinnis TH: S. Richesson ACs: C. Richesson, J. Stewart TORCH: 4 Kolenich Bros.
	11:30 AM LOW: Capetillo Bros.
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: A Capetillo

9:00 AM	High Mass To our Valette Janitores – †Joe, †Mike, †Kent, & †Dennis (<i>Joe & Kathy Bayer</i>)
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:15 AM	Short Stations
11:30 AM	Low Mass Margaret Kinnett (<i>Joseph & Elizabeth Prell</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

CONSIDERATIONS ON THE PASSION OF OUR LORD FOR EACH DAY OF LENT



MONDAY IN LENT I

The Jews now began to consult among themselves how to catch Jesus by some intrigue or other. Our Lord could have avoided the Passion; He might have prolonged His life, but He wanted to die just then. The machinations of the Jews could only furnish an occasion for the death of Our Lord, but it was His own divine will that regulated time, place, and circumstance. Judas the disciple makes a contract with the high priests that on a certain night, when the Lord would go out to Gethsemane to pray according to His custom, the high priests would be ready with their guards to bind Him. For the miserable price of thirty pieces of silver was the Lord sold, by a man whom He had befriended so much in His career of public ministration.

TUESDAY IN LENT I

Let us consider the case of Judas in another reflection and apply it to ourselves. Judas

began as well, perhaps, as any of the other disciples; but now he is approaching the dreadful abyss of sin into which he fell as we know from the Gospel. How much the Lord did for that disciple! By kind words and patience, He made him understand that though He knew of his impending fall, still He did not cast him off, but tried to win him back. When Judas had eaten the morsel which Our Lord had presented to him, the devil seemed to have entered into him. It was only then that the Lord gave him up, and bade him go and do quickly what he had in his mind. Now His mercy is at an end, and with terrible severity Our Lord speaks of the scandal, and says it would have been better that Judas had never been born. All this shows that unless we cooperate with the grace which God Almighty offers us, we, too, shall fall into sin, notwithstanding all the good instruction and good example given us. It shows that if we follow our own bent of evil intentions, we will go from bad to worse in spite of all that God has done. There are times of grace that are all-important for us.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT I

When the Lord sat at the Last Supper, He made all the apostles aware of their future infidelity. Simon Peter spoke for himself rather than for all, when he said: "Although all should be scandalized in Thee, I will not: I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison and to death." Our Lord foresaw his frailty and corrected him for his presumption, though no doubt it was well meant at the time, and said to him, "Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you that he may

sift you as wheat." Peter followed the Lord from afar, to see what the end would be, and entering the courtyard of the prison, he was accosted by a maid-servant, and before her and the bystanders he cursed and blasphemed that he "did not know the man." As in the case of Peter, so Our Lord knows our frailty—that we cannot stand by ourselves. We ought to distrust ourselves, and remember how sinful we have been, and now that we stand be, careful lest we fall.

THURSDAY IN LENT I

The Lord called His disciples together in order to eat the Pasch with them for the last time on earth, and also take a long farewell of them. They would not meet again until after the Resurrection. St. John the Evangelist gives us much of the discourses which the Lord held with His disciples. "Let not your heart be disturbed," He says, "at what is going to happen to Me." The sorrow at parting, and the dreadful suffering which the Master was to undergo, acted in a most depressing manner on their spirits. No wonder they felt so downcast. He was their great friend, the joy of their heart, and now He was about to leave them. It is related that when Jesus was a boy, His companions felt such consolation in His presence that when any of them were distressed, they would say, "Let us go to the Son of Mary; He will console us." Even now Jesus is our great joy and consolation; now that He is to be found in the Blessed Sacrament, now that He is in heaven at the right hand of the Father, to Him we can always go, and find refuge in His kindness.

FRIDAY IN LENT I
THE LANCE AND NAILS

After the Last Supper, Our Lord continued His discourse, consoling and encouraging His disciples by telling them: "In My Father's house there are many mansions; if not, I would have told you: that I go to prepare a place for you." – John xiv 2. Lift up your eyes, My beloved disciples, from this vale of tears to heaven, where you are to dwell for all eternity. My separation from you will be but short. I will go to heaven, and where I am, My faithful servants shall be. This earth is a desert for the one that loves God; there is no hope of peace and perfect happiness. Eternal joys are reserved for us in heaven if we are faithful to Jesus, and confide in Him. Though our sins may be many and great, we will be washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb, and we may still hope to enter the realms prepared for us by Christ Himself. Resolve now to be noble-hearted in the service of God, and shrink not from work or suffering.

SATURDAY IN LENT I

After the discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus takes off His outer garments, girds Himself with a towel, pours water into a vessel, and approaches Peter to wash his feet. For this purpose the Lord kneels down and prepares to wash Peter's feet. Peter is really shocked at this self-abasement; he revolts at the thought that he should allow this to be done to him by his divine Master, Whom he had acknowledged, and Whom he knew to be God. Our Lord practiced this out of humility, at this solemn moment just before parting from His disciples, to show how important this humility

is, and to make a great impression on all of us. We, too, must be humble, and humiliate ourselves as did Our Lord. We cannot practice virtue without humility; we cannot enter heaven unless we possess this virtue. He washes the feet of the apostles just before the two great acts of His life: the institution of the Blessed Sacrament and the beginning of His sacred Passion.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Lord was determined to perform the ceremony of the washing of the feet of St. Peter and the apostles. He advised Peter to be obedient, and to allow the washing to take place, otherwise he would have no part with Him. When Peter heard this he became very much afraid, and with his usual ardor he cried out: "Lord, not only my feet, but my head, my whole body." Our Lord answered: "He that has his feet washed is entirely cleansed. You are washed clean, still not all." By this, reference was made to the condition of Judas. Why does the Lord make reference to the washing of the feet? Because it is the feet that are soiled when we come in contact with the world; but if our feet do not touch the world, if our hearts are above the things of this world, we may be sure that we have not contracted any filth on the soul.

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