



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Rev. Stephen McKenna • EMERGENCY LINE: (513) 509-0424

April 10, 2022
PALM SUNDAY



¶ **PALM SUNDAY:** Blessed palms are available at every Mass today. Feel free to take extra palms to bring home or to a shut-in. Remember to return your Easter Memorial Flower offering envelopes by **tomorrow**, so your memorials may 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.

¶ **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 Blessing of the Holy Oils; 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 **Thursday at 1 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 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 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.** The Easter Sunrise Office of Matins & Lauds is at **5:45 AM**. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will take place on Low Sunday, April 24.) 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.

¶ 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.

Lumen Christi

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

In atonement for my sins
(Patrick Curry)

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

- **FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 23rd.**
- **CHILDREN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, June 2nd.**
- **CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 4th.**
- **FIRST COMMUNION: Pentecost, June 5th.**

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Ordination to the Priesthood:** Wednesday, May 4. *(Please contact the office if you will be attending the reception afterwards.)*
- **Young Ladies’ Vocation Weekend:** June 24-26
- **YAG:** July 8-10
- **Girls Camp:** July 12-14
- **Boys Camp:** July 26-28



Collection Report

Sunday, April 3 rd	\$7,855.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,802.00
Alter Christus Confraternity.....	\$122.00

Easter Sunday Ushers

- 7:30:** S. Pepiot, P&D McConnell, P. Brueggemann
- 9:00:** P. Arlinghaus, J. Seyfried, S. Weigand, M. Lotarski
- 11:30:** B. Uhlenbrock, P. Puglielli

THE PALM SUNDAY EPISTLE

Christ as the preexistent Word took freely on Himself the humiliation of human existence. In that existence He chose for Himself what was most difficult, and to men most unattractive: at His birth, poverty; in His upbringing, privation and obscurity; in His public life, the arduous and thankless work of a missionary in an unfriendly world; in the close of His earthly career, betrayal, torture, bitter and ignominious death, apparent defeat.

– Dom Eugene Boylan



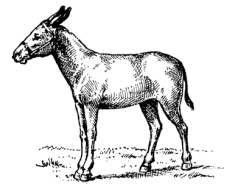
A HOLY WEEK PRAYER

O my powerful God and merciful Father of my soul, Creator of all the things of the earth! Since Thou art my only good, I firmly believe without the possibility of doubt that I am to be saved through the infinite merits of the Passion and death of my Lord Jesus Christ, no matter how very great may be the sins of my youth and all that I have committed since then. Thou, Lord, hast created me and hast given me my body and soul and all that I have; and Thou, my God, hast made me to Thy likeness, and not the false gods of the gentiles. O Christians, let us give thanks and praise to God, Three and One, Who hast given us to know the faith and true law of His Son Jesus Christ!

Weigh, Lord, my sins against the merits of the Passion and death of my Lord Jesus Christ, and not against my few deserts; and I shall thus be delivered from the power of the enemy and shall go to enjoy forever the glory of paradise. Amen.

– St. Francis Xavier

THE DONKEY



When fishes flew
and forests walked
And figs grew upon
thorn,

Some moment when the moon was
blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil’s walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

– G.K. Chesterton



FOR THE BIRDS

This morning cold
and wet in West
Chester,
Castrum Occi-
dentale in Latin

But that’s for the birds anymore

A lone Cardinal ponders over the
Crucifix,
Perplexed. Where’s the Consistory?
He’s heard the Conclave chatter
And what about the form and the
matter?

Will they mate this time
Or does it matter?

Mourning Doves come, called by
April’s cruelty.
A pair has sublet the Robins’ nest
Perched above my office door

Sede vacante all year
Now again in demand
But the full nesters didn’t count
On traffic beneath
And flee with a cry of the deepest
surprise.

– Bishop Dolan
April 6, 2022

Curious Spring. Glorious days are few; it's mostly cloudy and cold, wet. You'd only know the season by the beautiful flowers, the false pear trees all in white. The chill seems to suit them, and they're sticking around. It feels like a long Spring this year, a blessedly long Lent, too, with two First Fridays and *three* All Night Adorations. This is a first for us, and a sure source of countless blessings. One of these days Summer will burn its way into Spring, and it will be over. We cannot say, though, that it went quickly, much less "Where did it go?"



But if it seems too quickly done, this annual retreat, Springtime for the soul, you're good still. That is, there's *still* time to be good, to make good for eternity. Make use of this holiest of times, make (yes, you!) this week to be holy. Haunt the church, follow services, see what you can do for others for love of God. Be a bit of a Magdalene soul, too, not just all Martha busyness. Sit at His feet. Rest your soul and refresh Our Lord, Who yearns for you.

The deacons are learning with **Fr. McGuire** how to say Mass, and are at the practicing stage. Four more priests, four more Masses come May! Thank you again for so much work, so many sacrifices, for our ordinands. Be sure to attend this historic event in the history of our church, *and* for Holy Mother Church.

Our Massachusetts missionary, **Fr. McKenna**, has quite the fortnight planned. He will conduct Holy Week at St. Hugh, relieving **Fr. Lehtoranta** who has done this happy duty for a number of years. Easter Week Fr. McKenna will visit all of his missions, north and south, to bring them true Easter, Holy Mass. He will return here for Monday, the 24th, Greater Litanies. Then we will all be concentrating on Ordination rehearsals.

At St. Gertrude the Great we are looking forward to a particularly glorious Holy Week, with a bishop, two priests and four deacons, and with all of you, servers and Schola and choir and congregation. We are privileged this year as well to bless the Holy Oils. The only thing missing would be you, but I'm sure you'll be here. Our Holy Week will be *holy*, our Easter perfect!

This is my prayer and my wish for us all this Palm Sunday.



– Bishop Dolan

THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS

The narrative of the solemn entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, placed as it is in the Liturgy at the beginning of Holy Week, reminds us, like the Transfiguration, that glory and suffering are ever near together, and that those who hope to share in the final triumph of Christ must be willing to share in His sufferings and humiliations. The waving palms should remind us of the symbols of martyrdom. – *Dom Eugene Boylan*

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

Holy Thursday 2022

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, *Volunteer needed*

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, Nick 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: David Marko, Keith Elflein

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, Zachary Doyle

5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

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

✠ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to
relieve you, please call Rev. Mr. Brueggemann (859-443-
9745) or Rev. Mr. Simpson (513-478-7906) to substitute.*

✠ *Please make your hour in the sanctuary if possible. You
may sit for your hour if necessary.*



Your Excellency,

Here are a few words about the Bucha massacre.

Yes, Russian troops killed many civilians. The bodies did stay almost unchanged because of quite cold days and frosty nights, they were as in a refrigerator.

Until March 11, the day when we were evacuated, we saw many dead bodies of civilians on the streets. Russians killed those civilians who did try to escape by their own cars. Families were killed, parents and children.

When we were evacuated on March 11 we also saw many burned cars and dead bodies of civilians inside the cars and close to them. Also dead bodies of civilians were on roads controlled by Russians, literally on the roads we were evacuated by bus.

Personally, we saw Russian soldiers in Bucha about 4 times at a distance of 10-15 meters, and they saw us too. I believe they did not kill us because of God and the Mother of God's protection, and our and your prayers.

Also, I believe that our home and the homes of all our neighbors were not destroyed by bombs because of God and the Mother of God's protection and our and your prayers as well. Although some homes were looted.

Your Excellency, that's all I can say briefly about what I saw personally.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Fr. Valerii

FROM SOUND OF MUSIC TO TENEBRAE!

According to an old tradition, the first three days of Holy Week—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday—are dedicated to spring cleaning. ...By Wednesday night, the house looks spick and span. And now the great *Feierabend* begins. *Feierabend* is an untranslatable word. It really means vigil—evening before a feast, the evening before Sunday, when work ceases earlier than on any other weekday to allow time to get into the mood to celebrate. *Feier* means “to celebrate”; *Abend* means “evening.” From now on until the Tuesday after Easter, no unnecessary work will be done on our place. These days are set aside for Our Lord.

On Wednesday, with all the satisfaction of having set our house at peace, and after the dishes of a simple early supper are finished, we go down to the village church in Stowe for the first Tenebrae service. In the sanctuary, a large wrought-iron triangular candlestick is put up, with fifteen dark candles. We take our places in the choir, and the solemn chanting of Matins and Lauds begins. This is the first part of the Divine Office, which has been recited daily around the world by all priests and many religious since the early times of the Church. In the cathedrals and in many monasteries, it is chanted in common. For the last days of Holy Week, it is performed in public, so to speak—not only in cathedral churches, but in any church, so that the faithful may take part in it.

We always consider this the greatest honor for us, the singing family, the greatest reward for all the trouble that goes along with life in public, that we can sing for all the Divine Offices in church. Matins has three nocturnes, each one consisting of three psalms with their antiphons and three lessons. The first nocturne is always the most solemn one. We sing all the psalms on their respective *tonus*. We sing the antiphons, some in Gregorian chant, some from compositions of the old masters, such as Palestrina, Lassus, and Vittorio. ...In the second and third nocturnes, we recite the psalms *in recto tono* in order not to make it too long. Some of the Responsories and all the lessons, however, are sung. After each psalm, the altar boy extinguishes a candle, reminding us of how one Apostle after the other left Our Lord. Matins is followed by Lauds, consisting of five psalms and antiphons, which we recite. At



the end of Lauds, there is only one candle left—the symbol of Our Lord all by Himself crying out, “Where are you, O My people!” And we, in the name of all the people, recite now the Miserere, the famous penitential psalm, while the altar boy is carrying the last candle behind the altar and the church is now in complete darkness.

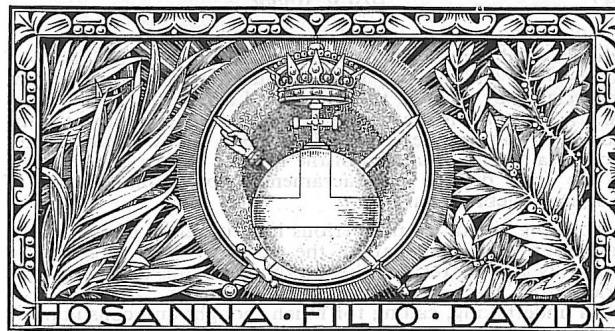
At the end of the Miserere, we all make a banging noise with the breviary books. This custom is quite ancient. It is supposed to indicate the earthquake at the moment of the Resurrection. After this noise, the altar boy emerges from behind the altar with the burning Christ candle and puts it back on the candlestick. This is a ray of hope anticipating the glorious Easter Vigil. (In Austria, the Tenebrae service is called *Pumpernetze*, or “Noisy Matins.”) The congregation is following closely with booklets in which the whole service, which we sing in Latin, is given in English. This is the most moving evening service of the whole year. When we sing “Tenebrae factae sunt,” an awesome silence falls upon the whole church... Is there anything more heartrending than to listen to the outcry of the anxious Redeemer?

— Maria Von Trapp



Seven Timely Resolves

1. To love God with all your strength.
2. To avoid the smallest sin.
3. To make several acts of mortification at meals both in lessening the amount of food, and restraint in the manner of eating.
4. To accept every act of unkindness and ingratitude in the spirit of penance.
5. To be cheerful and generous in the fulfilling of every duty.
6. To spend one’s days in continual gratitude to God.
7. To lovingly meditate before the crucifix, morning and evening.



DEATH AND RESURRECTION

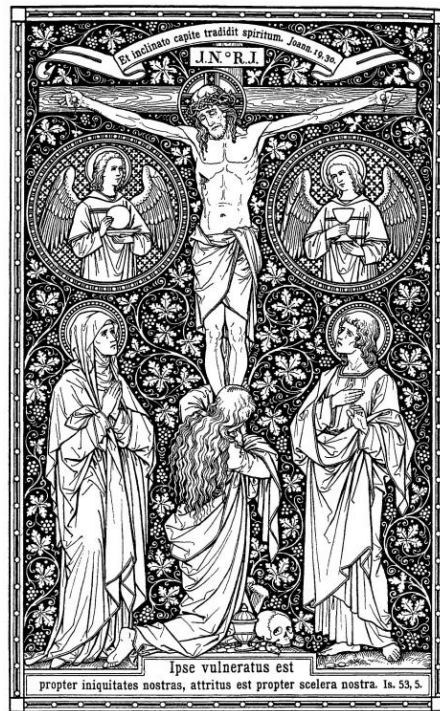
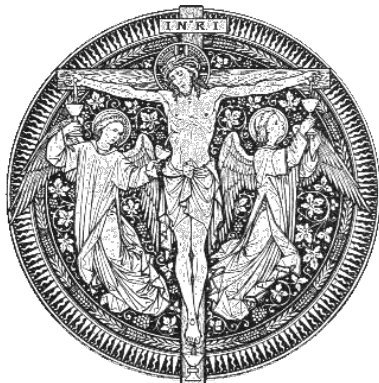
In a treatise on Christian perfection, St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote, “Gloriously God has slain enmity, in order to save us; may we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges. We must never awaken that enmity or call it back to life by our wickedness, for it is better left dead.”

On Good Friday, the Apostle John arranged for Peter to stay close to Jesus. John was known to the high priest and he convinced his gatekeeper to let Peter into the courtyard. John was helping Peter keep the promise he made at the Last Supper, that he would be faithful to Jesus even if it meant going to prison and dying with Him.

John stayed with Jesus all the way to the cross, and so he knew that Peter broke his promise. How many of us might justify John holding a grudge against Peter? Yet John did not. After the Resurrection he allowed Peter to enter the tomb before him. When John recognized the risen Christ on the shore at Tiberias, he immediately told Peter, who then swam ashore and met Jesus first. In the Acts of the Apostles, John is seemingly always at Peter’s side.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, let us seek out the Sacrament of Penance. Let us leave all of our sins, our resentments, and our grudges to die at the foot of the cross, that we may rise with Christ—and may rejoice to see those who have sinned against us rising with Him as well.

— Rev. Richard Veras



THE PASSION

Today’s Passion brings home to us how ephemeral must be that service of Christ which is not based on understanding of His gospel, and how quickly the lip-service of a merely external worship may pass into indifference and even hostility towards Christ. The terrifying suddenness of the change from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the “Crucify Him!” of Good Friday should make us tremble for our own perseverance, and send us in tearful humility to the feet of the gentle King of Peace, Who, even as He rode in triumph towards Jerusalem, wept over the ruin that was so soon to overwhelm the city for its rejection of Himself.

— Dom Eugene Boylan

Offering of the Precious Blood

O my God, I offer this action of mine and every action of my whole life, in union with the Precious Blood in all the Masses now being offered all over the world, as well as in all those which have been offered or will be offered until the end of time, to Thy everlasting praise and glory, to Thy infinite rejoicing and delight.

TAKE UP THY CROSS

Every genuine disciple of Christ must be ready and willing to follow Him on the path of self-renunciation, must gratefully accept that portion of what St. Paul calls “Christ-suffering” which God has allotted to him, must be ready gladly to surrender comfort and advantage when the interests of the brethren and the Catholic cause demand it. Such conformity to the example of Christ will surely bring it to reward, even here below, and the fuller realization of our unity with Christ and our deeper participation in His spirit.

— Dom Eugene Boylan



PRAYER FOR A GOOD DEATH

O my Lady, Saint Mary, Hope of Christians, Queen of Angels and of all the saints who are with God our Lord in heaven! I now recommend myself to thee, my Lady, and to all the saints at the hour of my death, so that thou mayest protect me from the devil at the hour of my death, when I shall have to render an account to God of all my past life.

— St. Francis Xavier



✠ THE HOLY WEEK CALENDAR ✠

MON 4/11/22 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom (*Anna Brueggemann*)
11:25 AM High Mass Rose Kuebler – Happy Birthday (*MV*)
12:25 PM Vespers

TUE 4/12/22 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK *FAST*
7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Dad & Mom (*Theresa*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*H.Y.*)
11:25 AM High Mass Repose of the souls of †Kyle McGuire & †Raymond Arthur (*TRCS*)
12:25 PM Vespers

WED 4/13/22 SPY WEDNESDAY *FAST*
7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Francis & Elaine (*Diane Puglielli*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Collin Smith (*Collin Smith*)
9:15 AM High Mass Christopher Eric, Jr. (*Rev. Mr. Brueggemann*)
followed by Vespers
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae
8:30 PM Church Decorating for Holy Thursday

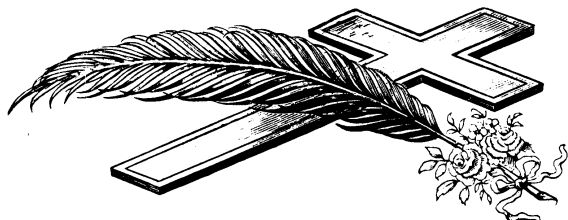
THU 4/14/22 MAUNDY THURSDAY *FAST*
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass For our priests, living and deceased, and our seminarians (*Alter Christus*)
Blessing of the Holy Oils, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altar
Adoration continues at the Sepulchre until 12:00 PM on Good Friday
12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon
(bring a dish to share if you would like)
1:00 PM The Maundy (Washing of the Feet)
6:30 PM The Office of Tenebrae

Holy Thursday—April 14, 2022—1:00 PM

THE MANDATUM

ALBERT D. KINNETT, JOHN SEYFRIED, LEVI GIESE, BOB UHLENBROCK, HUNTER LUMBATIS, MIKE VOLZ, NOAH KUEBLER, RAPHAEL KUEBLER, DOBY CURRAN, COLLIN SMITH, BILLY YOUNG, ALEX BALL, *VOLUNTEER*

The above listed men should arrive no later than 12:45 PM and report to the sacristy to prepare and receive instructions.



FRI 4/15/22 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
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 4/16/22 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 4/17/22 EASTER SUNDAY
5:45 AM Easter Matins & Lauds
7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Low Mass Happy Anniversary, Joseph & Sarah (*Theresa*)
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: SEE SACRISTY BULLETIN BOARD FOR SERVING SCHEDULE

SUN 4/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 11:30 AM LOW: B. & T. Capetillo
 BENEDICTION: MC: Deacon TH: Deacon TORCH: Capetillos

Mass said privately by Bishop Dolan:

†Fr. Roy Randolph (*Joyce Disher*)

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



MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

The work of grace is accomplished. At about the ninth hour, Our Lord cried out, with a loud voice, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" The Father had demanded the death of the Son. He must be exterminated with the most cruel torments; nothing less than

death will satisfy the Father. He turns to the Father for one look of kindness, but He receives none, until that poor human flesh has been punished.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

O my dear Jesus, Thou art altogether forsaken; there is nothing from which Thou canst gather consolation and support. Even in the hour of death Thou dost enter the portals of the other world without one friendly face before Thine eyes. Yes, Thou art forsaken; Thy strength, the assistance of Thy Father, the light of Thine eyes, Thy holy Mother, hath no consolation for Thee. The people that stood around the cross did not know what that great cry meant. Only Jesus knew it. He felt it. How few people understand the language of divine love!

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Who could think that the Father would desert His Son, and would not be satisfied but with the most extreme punishment! We should sympathize with Our Lord in His cruel abandonment, we who have been the cause of this agony. Our Lord suffers a similar feeling of desertion when we do not visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Let it be our joy, our pastime, our recreation, to go to Him, and to thank Him for His great love for us.

HOLY THURSDAY

The last words which Our Lord uttered were, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." Again Jesus calls God His Father. God has accepted the sacrifice, and has taken His

divine Son to His bosom, hence the Lord calls Him Father. The sacred countenance of Jesus takes on the pallor of death, the lips are parted, and the last breath is gone. His soul has flown to the Father; the adorable spirit of Jesus has descended into Hell. But soon, on the Third Day, He will rise again. Jesus is dead, but by His death we have become children of God. Jesus is dead, but we acknowledge Him to be our good Lord, our Master and our King. The death of Christ is our life, but we must exterminate sin, and let the love of Jesus flame up in our hearts.



GOOD FRIDAY

“It is consummated.” All the sufferings of Our Lord are now over. The depth of humiliation has been reached, the bitter chalice has been drained, the soul of Jesus has left the body, and the body is dead. How often, dear Jesus, have I tried to shake off the cross which God has imposed on me! I, too, ought to remain fixed to the cross, until all is over and the soul leaves the body. The fact is that I have not the virtue of perseverance, that sister virtue of patience, which protects our sanctity. I ought to be able to say with Our Lord, “The work which I was to do is completed.” The day will come when I, and the whole world, will see the mystery of my crosses: when I shall see clearly the purpose for which I had to bear them. Give me the grace, gracious Jesus, that I may welcome that day, because I am conscious that I have done my duty. With the consummation of the work will also come my reward.



HOLY SATURDAY

When Our Lord had given up the ghost great events took place, that struck terror to the hearts of those who witnessed them, and which were told from mouth to mouth. The

great veil of the Temple, behind which stood the holy of holies, was rent. A terrible earthquake shook the earth, so that the rocks were burst asunder. The graves opened and men buried for years came forth and stalked about the streets of the city.



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the centurion, who stood beneath the cross and witnessed these supernatural manifestations, exclaimed to those who stood by him that truly this must have been the Son of God. The soldier saw that all was over, and he had but one duty more to perform before he could go away: that of piercing the Heart of Jesus with the lance. Then they took the Body of the Lord from the cross, and laid it for a moment in the arms of Mary. Preparations were made by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus for the burial; hurried preparations, for it was the eve of the Pasch. They laid the Body in the tomb, whence, on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose triumphantly.

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The Passion of Our Lord



2022 Lenten

Daily Thoughts and Prayers

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