

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"*

*"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"*

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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 16, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

## ¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. **Short Stations** are at 11:15 AM. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Tomorrow** is the feast of St. Patrick. The Lenten fast is traditionally dispensed on this day. Come to Mass to celebrate his feast: 8 AM Low Mass, and Solemn Mass at 11:25 AM.



## ¶ GREAT ST. JOSEPH

Join us **Wednesday** for the great feast of St. Joseph! Low Masses are at 7 & 8 AM and 5:10 PM. Solemn High Mass is at 11:25 AM, followed by the Blessing of Hot Cross Buns. (Those who attend the High Mass may consider themselves dispensed from the Lenten fast.) Bring some food for the poor to "St. Joseph's Table" in the social hall.



## Lenten Friday Evening of Reflection

**5:45 PM** Low Mass,  
Sacred Heart Novena  
**6:45 PM** Lenten Supper: *Eggplant  
Parmesan, salad, fruit.*  
**7:30 PM** Stations of the Cross,  
Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother  
Novena, Blessing of the Sick,  
Benediction  
**8:30 PM (approx.)** Holy  
Communion



## ¶ LADIES' RETREAT



The Ladies' Lenten Retreat is this weekend, Friday evening through Saturday evening. Those who have registered should arrive for Mass and devotions at 5:15 on Friday, and return Saturday morning at 8:10 AM.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT III

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and **Short Stations** at 11:15. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Lent III, second collect of Our Lady & the Saints, third for the Church. Preface of Lent.

## ¶ VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Almost all the Lenten Friday suppers have been taken. Thank you for your help! **Volunteers are still needed for April 4 & 11.** Sign up on the Lotsa Helping Hands website, or contact the office.

### Collection Report

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,460.00  
Alter Christus.....\$317.00

**Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day**

HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON A FATHER

It is the same hand that forms the hearts of men one by one who placed a father's heart in Joseph and a son's heart in Jesus. This is why Jesus obeyed, and why Joseph did not fear to command Him. Whence the boldness to command his Creator? The true Father of Jesus Christ, the God who begot Him in eternity, chose holy Joseph to serve as the father for His Only Begotten Son in time and caused his veins to flow with a certain ray or spark of His infinite love for His Son. He changed his heart; He gave him a father's love. And Joseph, who sensed in himself a paternal heart, formed by the very hand of God, also sensed that God had ordained him to employ paternal authority; and thus, he dared to command the one whom he recognized as his master.

And after all of this, need I explain Joseph's fidelity in guarding this sacred trust? Could he have been wanting in fidelity toward the one whom he recognized as his only Son?...

For here we learn, by the continual journeys that were required of St. Joseph once Jesus Christ was placed under his protection, that this trust cannot be preserved without effort, and that, to be faithful to grace, one must be prepared to suffer. Yes, certainly, when Jesus came into a place, He brought His cross, He carried with Him all of His sorrows, and He shared them with those He loved. Joseph and Mary were poor, but they did not yet lack a home. They had a roof over their heads. As soon as this Child came into the world, there was no more home for them, and their shelter was a stable....

They lived together in their home, in poverty but with sweetness, overcoming their poverty by their patience and hard work.... Picture for yourselves a poor artisan. His

hands are his only inheritance. He has no wealth beyond his workshop, no income beyond what his labor provides. He is forced to go to Egypt and to suffer a troublesome exile, and why? Because he has Jesus Christ with him. Does he complain about this difficult Child, who tears him away from his homeland and brings torment to him? On the contrary, he counts himself happy to suffer in His company; all that troubles him is the peril of the Divine Infant, more dear to him than his own life.

— Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet



¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Children's Lenten Day of Recollection:** Tuesday, March 25. Contact the school at 513-645-4216 or [sgg-school@sgg.org](mailto:sgg-school@sgg.org) if your children will be attending.

¶ PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2025

- **First Confessions & Testing:** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. (*Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed before the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.*)
- **Children's Day of Recollection (for Confirmands):** Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Confirmations:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>
- **First Communion:** Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

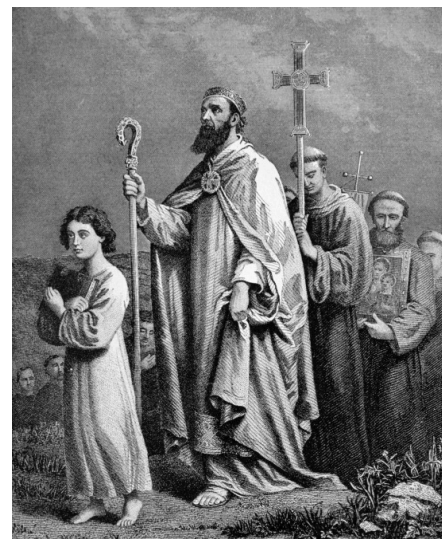
AN IRISH BLESSING

When you met, upon the way,  
In the land of "Holy Ireland,"  
A neighbor, friend, or kindred,  
'Twas the custom oft to say,  
"God save all here!"  
"God save you kindly."

Perchance you crossed the threshold  
For a brewing cup of tea,  
Just to join them in the decades  
Of Our Mother's Rosary.  
'Twas sweet music in the ear,  
With a greeting most sincere,  
"God save all here!"  
"God save you kindly."

Today when I am wearing  
Near my heart a bit of green,  
And communing with Saint Patrick  
On Heaven's joys unseen,  
I'll ask him for a largess  
Of this blessing, far and near,  
Which we'll merit if we do our part  
Through life's ensuing year.  
"God save all here!"  
"God save you kindly."

— Rose Margaret Coughlin



ST. JOSEPH

Greatest of saints, we kneel to thee,  
Thine aid beseeching  
In life and death; lest, haply, we  
Should fail of reaching—  
Our pilgrimage from Egypt past—  
The home of Nazareth at last!

— E. Merryweather

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Spring officially begins this week, but the Good God doesn't need to wait for official dates to send us whatever kind of weather He chooses. It has been a most beautiful week of sunshine and warm days. **Fr. McKenna** even has a pretty little purple flower growing outside his office window. Bishop Dolan would have told you what the flower is called and said something very poetic about it. Being from a long line of German descendants who were gardeners and farmers I should probably know what the thing is called, but for the life of me I have no idea. I just know that it is beautiful, a little remnant of the original paradise and a reminder of God's goodness.

Last week's Catholic Mothers' Consortium was perhaps the most well attended yet. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Consortium is the Latin word for "fellowship, union, community." Our Catholic mothers have a very busy life in the home. It is a behind-the-scenes sort of life which comes with many a joy and many a cross which only God and the angels and saints will know about. It is good for these ladies to have other mothers to go to for friendship, to discuss ideas over a nice meal. The Mothers' Consortium began only a few months ago. The ladies begin the evening with a Mass offered for them, then sit down for a nice potluck supper and friendly chat with one another. It is really encouraging to see them having such a good time! A spiritual talk is given towards the end of the meal, and sometimes one of the other ladies will also give a talk on some topic useful to mothers and the family, while at other times they work together on an edifying project.

Altar Server Day was just yesterday. **Fathers Simpson** and **Brueggemann** came up with a few good talking points for the servers. Somehow we overlooked something in the schedule and sent Fr. Simpson on the missions instead of keeping him here for the Servers' Day as we meant to do. Even Fr. Brueggemann had to leave early to go to missions. Richie started this event many years ago and it became very popular with the young men. Each of the MCs give a talk on certain rubrics that need to be corrected, then they run a practice on certain ceremonies, the priests give a talk and then there are some fun games that they play...all somehow are connected with serving and the liturgy. Oh! and of course pizza is had for lunch. We are all very proud of our young serving crew.

This week we have several feast days worth a special mention. St. Patrick's Day is on Monday and St. Joseph's on Wednesday, both of them celebrated with a Solemn High Mass. Don't forget St. Isidore the Farmer on Saturday. He got left out of the calendar this year, but we mustn't forget him! St. Isidore's feast day is not on the

Universal Calendar, but is honored on March 22nd in the United States. The National Catholic Rural Life Conference, established in the 1920s by Archbp. Edwin O'Hara, requested that St. Isidore be made their patron. Pope Pius XII allowed this and then gave permission for a more solemn celebration of the saint's feast day here in America. Interesting history!

May St. Alphonsus grant you the grace of perseverance this Lent!

– Bishop McGuire

### SILENCE AND THE CROSS



Endurance depends much on silence. Power escapes with words. It is only by the help of the grace of silence that the saints carry such heavy crosses. A cross for which we have received sympathy is far heavier than it was before, or it may be that the sympathy has unnerved ourselves, so that the weight seems greater, and the wound in our shoulder sorer. Silence is the proper atmosphere of the cross, and secrecy its native climate. The best crosses are secret ones, and we may be silent under those that are not secret. Indeed, silence creates a sort of secrecy even in public. For at least we can hide how much we suffer, if we cannot hide altogether the fact that we are suffering. We can conceal how often we are almost at the point of sinking beneath our burden. We can keep to ourselves those individual peculiarities of sufferings which are far its sharpest points, and which feed the sympathy of others more than greater things can do. In some way or other human sympathy desecrates the operations of grace. It mingles a debasing element with that which is divine. The Holy Ghost withdraws from its company, because it is "of the earth, earthy." The Comforter gives His best consolations only to the inconsolable of earth.

– "The Foot of the Cross," Fr. Faber

*No man would sin if he thought that in doing so he would woo bitterness and pain. That he would, through his sins, purge the love of God from his heart. These facts the devil forever is camouflaging—he is the arch-deceiver of the human race. The divine Master says: "The devil was a liar from the beginning." He told his companion angels that they would, since he was Lucifer, the bright morning star, enjoy more peace in following him than in worshipping God, and when they fell and were damned they could not repent. He was confirmed in his lies. And he is practicing his art of lying ever since. He tells millions today, and many believe him, that there is more peace in loving self, in loving sin, in loving the world than there is in loving God. — "The Spirit of Love," Stephen Sweeney, C.P.*

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<b>MON</b>	<b>3/17/25</b>	<b>ST. PATRICK, BPCD</b> <i>ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Whitney Ball – Happy Birthday! <i>(Your family)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass</b> †Richard VandeRyt – 5 yrs <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze)</i> (from 3/16)
<b>TUE</b>	<b>3/18/25</b>	<b>ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Joseph Murphy – healing <i>(Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Prell)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Kirby Bischel <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special Intention DW <i>(Rebecca Hinton)</i>
	<b>12:25 AM</b>	<b>(approx.) Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Kirby Bischel <i>(AMB)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>3/19/25</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY</b> <i>FAST</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Our children & godchildren <i>(Levi Giese family)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Jeannie Russell – health <i>(Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Prell)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass</b> In honor of St. Joseph <i>(Michelle Mikesell)</i> <b>Blessing of Hot Cross Buns</b>
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Stations, Holy Communion</b>
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention <i>(Cora Arlinghaus)</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>3/20/25</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>FAST</i> <i>SS. PHOTINA &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</i>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Sr. Mary Perpetua <i>(C. Simpson family)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. Warren Hopkins <i>(Tom &amp; Karen Simpson)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Kirby Bischel <i>(Charles &amp; Barbara McClorey)</i>
	<b>12:25 AM</b>	<b>(approx.) Vespers</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Nancy Seyfried <i>(Christopher Browne)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/21/25</b>	<b>ST. BENEDICT, AB</b> <i>FAST</i> <i>THE HOLY SHROUD</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special intention – health <i>(Marlene R. Corbin)</i>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Whitney Ball – Happy Birthday <i>(Your family)</i>
	<b>12:25 AM</b>	<b>(approx.) Vespers</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Chelle Melzer <i>(Stafford Family)</i> <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b>
	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Supper</b>
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI with Blessing of the Sick, Benediction</b>
	<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/22/25</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>FAST</i> <i>ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA, W • ST. ISIDORE</i>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Michael R <i>(KR)</i>
	<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>(approx.) Ave, Sermon</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>(approx.) High Mass</b> Conversion of my family <i>(Jason Murray)</i>



**THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY**

According to certain Fathers of the Church, the Transfiguration was not a miracle, but the cessation of a miracle. The splendor shining on Tabor was the lifting of a shroud, a momentary halt in the active dampening of Christ's glory. He who was in the form of God, in a miracle of mercy, took on the form of a slave that He might walk among us. The earthly body of Jesus was like the veil of Moses, which protected Israel from the prophet's radiant face. As St. Paul says, Our Lord's flesh was like the temple veil, screening off the Holy of Holies and the Shekinah of mortal glory. The temple image explains the cloud, which is not a weather update, but the biblical sign of the Lord's true presence. Today's mystery, then, is a moment's entrance into the holy place of God's dwelling. Peter's bumbling proposal to build tents intuitively makes the perennial mistake of seeking to hold Divine glory in houses made by human hands. The immaculate flesh of Christ, however, wherein the fullness of Deity abides, was not made by blood or carnal desire, as St. John says, but directly by God. In the flesh of the incarnation, God has pitched His tent in Jacob so that His glory now abides on the face of Jesus Christ. – *Rev. A.G.*

*O Lamb of God, sacrificed on the Cross, remember that I am one of those souls which Thou hast redeemed with so much labor and sorrow. Never let me lose Thee again. Thou hast given Thyself all to me; make me to be all Thine, let my only wish be to please Thee. I love Thee, O immense Good, in order to give Thee pleasure. I love Thee, because Thou art worthy of my love. I have no greater grief than that of thinking that I have been so long in the world without loving Thee. My beloved Redeemer, give me a portion of that grief which Thou didst feel for my sins in the garden of Gethsemani. – St. Alphonsus*

**Servers**

<b>FRI 3/21</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Capetillos
<b>SAT 3/22</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemanns <b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, A. Constantino, F. Caggese
<b>SUN 3/23</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. Schneider, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH:</b> MCS: T. Lawrence, S. Richesson <b>TH:</b> D. Hudson <b>ACs:</b> F. Caggese, I. Smith <b>TBS:</b> J. Smith, A. & B. Constantino, N. Hudson, M. Drevenak, P. Caggese <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, B. Constantino, I. & J. Smith <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Brueggemanns

<b>SUN 3/23/25</b>	<b>LENT III</b>
<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Edla Rozen – Happy Birthday <i>(Judy)</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Edla Rozen <i>(Bishop McGuire)</i>
<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Short Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls <i>(Florence Swimney)</i>
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## Monday in Lent II

**Reflection:** Full of tenderness are the words of St. Francis de Sales on this text of St. Paul: *The charity of Christ presseth us.* To what does it press us? To love Him. But let us hear what St. Francis de Sales says: “When we know that Jesus has loved us even to death, and that the death of the cross, is not this to feel our hearts constrained by a violence as great as it is full of delight?” And then he adds, “My Jesus gives Himself wholly to me, and I give myself wholly to Him; I will live and die upon His breast, and neither death nor life shall ever separate me from Him.”

– *The Passion & the Death of Jesus Christ*

**Prayer of St. Bonaventure:** O Jesus! Who, for my sake, hast not pardoned Thyself, do Thou so impress upon me Thy Passion that, wheresoever I turn, I may behold Thy wounds, and find no repose but in Thee and in the contemplation of Thy sufferings. Amen.

## Tuesday in Lent II

**Reflection:** Who, then, can ever complain that he suffers wrongfully, when he considers Jesus, who was *bruised for our sins*? Who can refuse to obey, on account of some inconvenience, when Jesus *became obedient unto death*? Who can refuse ignominies, when they behold Jesus treated as a tool, as a mock king, as a disorderly person; struck, spit upon His Face, and suspended upon an infamous gibbet? – *The Passion & the Death of Jesus Christ*

**Practice:** Memorize and say sincerely whenever you are tempted to complain: “I deserve to suffer these things, O Lord, for I have sinned.” *The faithful who devoutly make this act of humility in their*

*trials and tribulations, whether spiritual or temporal, are granted: An indulgence of 300 days. (Raccolta 721)*

## Wednesday in Lent II

**Reflection:** Whereupon St. Bonaventure exclaims, “O good Jesus, what has Thou done?” O my Savior, what indeed hast Thou done? How far hath Thy love carried Thee? What hast Thou seen in me which hath made Thee love me so much? “Wherefore hast Thou loved me so much? Why, Lord, why? What am I?” Wherefore didst Thou choose to suffer so much for me? Who am I that Thou wouldst win to Thyself my love at so dear a price? Oh, it was entirely the work of Thy infinite love! Be Thou eternally praised and blessed for it.

– *The Passion & the Death of Jesus Christ*

**Prayer:** My Jesus, by that horror which Thou hadst of my sins, which were then present to Thy sight, give me a true sorrow for all the offences I have committed against Thee.

– *The Passion & the Death of Jesus Christ*

## Thursday in Lent II

**Reflection:** Men, when they are grateful, and recompense any benefit done to them, recompense it only once; they, as it were, divest themselves of all the obligation, and then they think no more of it. Jesus Christ does not do thus with us; He not only recompenses a hundred-fold in this life every good action that we perform to please Him, but in the next life He recompenses it in an infinite number of times throughout eternity. And who will be so negligent as not to do as much as he can to please this most grateful Heart? – *The Holy Eucharist*

**Resolution:** To make at least one spiritual Communion today. *Raccolta 164: To the faithful who make an act of spiritual Communion, using any formula they may choose, there is granted: An indulgence of 3 years. A plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions when the act is performed every day of the month. The following form of prayer is given as an example of spiritual Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. – *St. Alphonsus*

## Friday in Lent II

### *The Holy Shroud*

**Reflection:** *Præbe, fili mi, cor tuum mihi*—“My son, give Me thy heart.”

O my soul, behold this is all that thy Lord asks of thee; when He comes to visit thee, He would have thy heart and thy will. He gives Himself to thee without reserve; it is but reasonable that thou shouldst also give Him all thyself without reserve, taking care to follow His will in all things: *For the Lord will return to rejoice over thee in all good things.* Act in such a manner as that Jesus, when He comes to thee again, may find that thou hast executed all His designs. My Jesus! I wish to please Thee; help Thou my desire. Give me strength, and do with me whatsoever Thou pleasest. – *The Holy Eucharist*

**Prayer:** O God of my soul! I love Thee, O sovereign good, worthy of love above every other good; and in loving Thee I unite my poor heart

to all the hearts with which the seraphim love Thee; I unite it to the heart of Mary, to the Heart of Jesus. I love Thee with my entire self; Thee alone will I love, and Thee alone will I always love. – *The Holy Eucharist*

## Saturday in Lent II

**Reflection:** Who can ever comprehend the solicitude with which Mary constantly stands before God in our behalf! “She is never weary of defending us,” says St. Germanus; and the remark is beautiful, meaning that so great is the compassion excited in Mary by our misery, and such is the love that she bears us, that she prays constantly, and relaxes not her efforts in our behalf; that by her prayers she may effectually defend us from evil, and obtain for us sufficient graces. “She has never done enough.”

– *The Glories of Mary*

**Practice:** Recite the Litany of Loretto in thanksgiving to Our Lady.

## Third Sunday of Lent

**Reflection:** If we wish to save our souls, we must resolve to suffer, and to do violence to ourselves. *How narrow is the gate and strait is the way that leadeth to life. The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent bear it away.* He who does not violence to himself, will not be saved. There is no remedy. If we wish to do good, we must act in opposition to our rebellious nature. In the beginning, it is particularly necessary to do violence to ourselves in order to root out bad habits, and to acquire habits of virtue. When good habits are once acquired, the observation of the divine law becomes easy, and

even sweet. Our Lord said to St. Bridget, that when in the practice of virtue a person suffers the first punctures of the thorns with patience and courage, these thorns afterwards become roses. Be attentive, then, dearly beloved Christian. Jesus Christ now says to you, what He said to the paralytic: *Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest some worse thing happen to thee.* Remember, says St. Bernard, that if you have the misfortune of relapsing into sin, your relapse will be more disastrous than all your falls. Woe, says the Lord, to them who begin to walk in the way of God, and afterward forsake it. *Woe to you apostate children.* Such sinners are punished as rebels against God’s light. *They have been rebellious to the light.* The chastisement of these rebels, who have been favored by God with a great light, and have been afterward unfaithful to Him, is, to remain in blindness and thus die in their sins. *But if the just man turn himself away from his justice...shall he live? All his justices which he hath done shall not be remembered; in the prevarication by which he hath prevaricated, and in his sin which he hath committed, in them he shall die.* – *Preparation for Death*

**Prayer:** O Infinite Goodness, I love Thee above all things; and I repent with all my heart of all my offences against Thee. I hope Thou hast already pardoned me; but I am continually in danger of again offending Thee. For the love of Jesus Christ, I beg of Thee holy perseverance till death. Thou knowest my weakness; help me, then, and permit me never again to separate myself from Thee. Rather let me die a thousand times, than ever again to lose Thy grace. O Mary, my Mother, obtain for me holy perseverance! – *Preparation for Death*

## Lent with St. Alphonsus Liguori



## Daily Thoughts and Prayers Lent 2025

### DAILY PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS:

My God, I adore, I love Thee with my whole heart, and I thank Thee for all Thy benefits, especially for having preserved me this night past. I offer Thee all my actions and sufferings of this day, in union with the actions and sufferings of Jesus and Mary; and I make the intention of gaining all the indulgences in my power during the present day. I purpose, O Lord, to avoid offending Thee this day; but be Thou pleased to support me constantly in Thy hands, that I may not betray Thee. O Mary most holy, shelter me under thy mantle! My angel guardian and all my holy patrons, assist me!