

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Passion Sunday

March 13, 2016

Fr. José M. Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

### Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 13th	Passion Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Catherine V. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 14th	Feria of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mitchell</i>
Tues. Mar. 15th	Feria of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Irene and Jerry Shekletski
Wed. Mar. 16th	Feria of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Helen Rushin
Thu. Mar. 17th	Feria of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sr. Mary Damiana, PCC - <i>Tim &amp; Mary Morris</i>
Fri. Mar. 18th	Seven Sorrows of Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	E.S.S.P. - <i>Jean Ignatovich</i>
Sat. Mar. 19th	St. Joseph, <i>Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Robert McHale - <i>Alice Toman</i>
Sun. Mar. 20th	Palm Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Dr. Joseph T. Guzek - <i>His Daughter</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

### DEVOTIONS

#### Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

### DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

# Passion Sunday

## INTROIT ANTIPHON

*Ps. 42: 1-2*

Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man: for Thou art my God and my strength. (Ps. 42:3) Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me, and brought me unto Thy holy hill and into Thy tabernacles. Judge me, O God.

## COLLECT

We beseech Thee, almighty God, mercifully look upon Thy family: that by Thy great goodness it may be governed in body and by Thy protection be preserved in mind. Through the same.

## EPISTLE

*Heb. 9: 11-15*

Brethren: Christ being come, a High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation: neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own Blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen and the ashes of a heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: how much more shall the Blood of Christ, Who by the Holy Ghost offered Himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore He is the Mediator of the New Testament: that by means of His death, for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 142: 9-10*

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies: teach me to do Thy will. *V.* My deliverer, O Lord, from the angry nations: Thou wilt lift me up above them that rise up against me: from the unjust man Thou wilt deliver me.

## TRACT

*Ps. 128: 1-4*

Often have they fought against me from my youth. Let Israel now say: often have they fought against me from my youth. But they could not prevail over me: the wicked have wrought upon my back. They have lengthened their iniquities: the Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners.

## GOSPEL

*John 8: 46-59*

At that time Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Which of you shall convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered, and said to Him: Do not we say well, that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered: I have not a devil: but I honor My Father, and you

have dishonored Me. But I seek not My own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you: If any man keep My word, he shall not see death for ever. The Jews therefore said: Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets: and Thou sayest: If any man keep My word, he shall not taste death for ever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead. Whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered: If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing: it is My Father that glorifieth Me, of whom you say that He is your God, and you have not known Him: but I know Him: and if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see My day: he saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him: Thou art not yet fifty years old: and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 118: 17,107*

I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: render to Thy servant: I shall live and keep Thy words: enliven me according to Thy word, O Lord.

## SECRET

May these offerings, we beseech Thee, O Lord, loosen the bonds of our wickedness, and procure for us the gifts, of Thy mercy. Through our Lord.

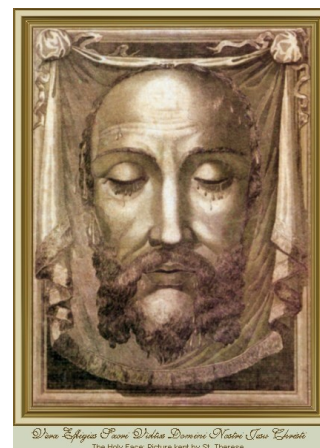
## COMMUNION

*1 Cor. 11:24-25*

This is My Body which shall be delivered for you: this Chalice is the New Testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: do this, as often as you receive it, in commemoration of Me.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Draw near to us, O Lord, our God, and by Thy unailing help defend those whom Thy mysteries have refreshed. Through our Lord.



*Domus Sphaerica Fano. Notae Divinae Nostre. Sicut Christus*  
The Holy Face. Picture kept by St. Therese

## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

O Jesus, help me to enter into the mystery of Your Passion; deign to associate me with it, so that I may participate in Your Resurrection.

Today Passiontide begins, a time especially consecrated to the remembrance and loving contemplation of the sorrows of Jesus. The veiled crucifix and statues, the absence of the *Gloria* in the Mass and the *Gloria Patri* in the responsories of the Divine Office, are all signs of mourning by which the Church commemorates Our Lord's Passion. Pope St. Leo exhorts us to participate "in the Cross of Christ, in order that we also may do something which will unite us to what He has done for us, for as the Apostle says, 'if we suffer with Him, we shall be glorified with Him.'" Therefore, we must not only meditate on Jesus' sufferings, but also take part in them; only by bearing His Passion in our heart and in our body shall we be able to share in its fruits. So it is that in the liturgy of this season the Church repeats more insistently than ever: "If you hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your hearts." The voice of the Lord makes itself heard these days, not by words, but by the eloquent testimony of deeds, by the great events of the Passion—a mystery which gives us the most convincing proof of His infinite love for us. Let us, therefore, open our heart to the sublime lessons of the Passion: let us see how much Jesus has loved us and how much we ought to love Him in return; let us learn that, if we wish to follow Him, we, too, must suffer and bear the Cross with Him and after Him. At the same time, let us open our heart to a lively hope; for our salvation is in the Passion of Jesus. In today's Epistle St. Paul presents to us the majestic figure of Christ, the Eternal High Priest, who "by His Blood, entered once into the holies, [that is, heaven] having obtained eternal redemption." The Passion of Jesus has redeemed us; it has opened once again our Father's house to us; it is then the motive for our hope.

The Gospel narrates an instance of the pressing hostility of the Jews, an evident prelude to the Passion of Jesus. In their

hardened hearts they had absolutely refused to acknowledge the mission of the Savior; as a result, they schemed in a thousand ways to oppose His teachings and to belittle Him before the people by declaring Him a liar and one possessed by the devil. Their animosity had increased to the point where they decided to stone Him: "They took up stones therefore to cast at Him." Jesus' death was already decreed by the Jews, but the hour, fixed by His Father had not yet come, so "Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the Temple."

This passage in the Gospel allows us to consider the conduct of Jesus in the presence of His persecutors: we see zeal for their souls, meekness, personal disinterestedness, and total abandonment to God. St. Gregory the Great wrote: "Consider, beloved brethren, the meekness of the Lord. He, who had come to remit sins, said, 'Which of you will convince Me of sin?' He, who by virtue of His divinity, could justify sinners, does not disdain to prove by reasoning that He is not a sinner."

The calumnies continued: "Thou art a Samaritan and hast a devil." The divine Master answered, always with meekness, only what was necessary to testify to the truth: "I have not a devil, but I honor My Father, and you have dishonored Me." Then He placed His reputation and His cause in the hands of God. "I seek not My own glory; there is One that seeketh and judgeth." In the meantime, throughout all the discussions, He did not cease to instruct and to enlighten minds, attempting to draw them away from error. Always forgetful of Himself, He thought only of the good of souls. It was precisely in these painful circumstances that Jesus gave us precious instruction: "He that is of God, heareth the words of God... If any man keep My word, he shall not see death forever." Let us gather these lessons from the lips of our persecuted Master, and keep them in our heart with a jealous care. In our day, too, the world is filled with His enemies, those who oppose His doctrine and despise His Passion. Let us, at least, believe in Him and be His faithful friends.

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish** extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

**Fr. Zepeda** will return tomorrow, March 14th. St. Michael's wishes to thank Fr. Peter Bauknecht, FFSP, for covering in his absence.

**FR. SAGUTO** will give his next class on Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into the month of May. Everyone is welcome!

**PLENARY INDULGENCE:** On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix." Copies of the prayer may be found in the Church vestibule.

**APPRECIATION:** The baby drive in support of St. Joseph's Center in Scranton ends today. St. Michael's parish thanks all those for their generosity toward those in need. May God reward your charity in this year of mercy.

**PALMS** will be blessed at the High Mass on Palm Sunday. Extra palms will be kept in the vestibule of the church. You may pick them up during Holy Week.

**Mr. Graham Latimer**, FSSP Seminarian will be with assisting us through Holy Week. Please welcome him.

**EASTER BASKETS** will be blessed after the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** - Low Mass 8:00 a.m.  
- Solemn High Mass 10:15 p.m.

**Holy Thursday** - Solemn High Mass 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross 2:15 p.m.  
- Solemn Liturgy 3:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil** - Solemn Liturgy 10:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday** - Sung Mass 10:15 a.m.

**COLLECTION:** March 6th - \$3,102.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### PASSION SUNDAY

**Mar. 13th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Collin Chidester

#### **TEAM C**

**MC** Dominic Gardner  
**TH** Robert Seeley  
**AC1** Timothy Emig  
**AC2** Patrick Seeley  
**C** Jack Gardner  
**S1** Michael Gardner  
**S2** Sean Michelin

### WEEK ONE

**Monday** Patrick Schneider  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** Collin Chidester  
**7:45 a.m.** Ian McGuirk

**Wednesday** Andrew Pheasant  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Thursday** John Skuba  
**7:45 a.m.** Joseph Skuba

#### Stations of the Cross

**Friday Mar. 18th**  
Patrick Seeley  
Joseph Seeley  
Collin Chidester  
Andrew Chidester

### PALM SUNDAY

**Mar. 20th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Stephen LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata

#### **TEAM D**

**MC** Joshua Sica  
**TH** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Timothy Sica  
**C** John Skuba  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica