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Passion Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 2nd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Passion Sunday, <i>I Class</i> Charles Lessel - <i>Emig Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 3rd 7:45 a.m.	Monday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Christa Malinowski-Fumanti - <i>Elaine Malinowski</i>
Tues. Apr. 4th 7:45 a.m.	Tuesday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Christopher Craig - <i>F.O.S.S.</i>
Wed. Apr. 5th 7:45 a.m.	Wednesday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> † John Henry Lammers - <i>Jack Lammers</i>
Thu. Apr. 6th 7:45 a.m.	Thursday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Fri. Apr. 7th 6:00 p.m.	Friday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> In Honor of Our Lady - <i>Mary Seeley</i>
Sat. Apr. 8th 9:00 a.m.	Saturday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Sun. Apr. 9th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday, <i>I Class</i> Anthony Bogorowski - <i>David & Karen Scatena</i> <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 am
& 9:15-10:05 am

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.

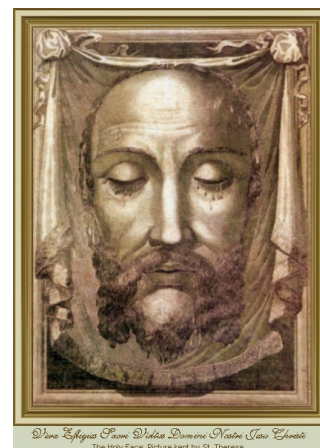
COMMUNION

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 unfailing help defend those whom Thy mysteries have refreshed. Through our Lord.



Visum Effigies Facie Nolite Divinone Nostre Sicut Servate
The Holy Face. Picture kept by St. Therese

Introduction to the Devout Life (Cont'd)

Aspirations, Ejaculatory Prayer, and Holy Thoughts

Part II, Chapter 13 (Cont'd from last week)

Constantine the Great wrote with great respect to Saint Anthony, at which his religious expressed their surprise. "Do you marvel," he said, "that a king should write to an ordinary man? Marvel rather that God should have written His Law for men, and yet more that He should have spoken with them Face to face through His Son." When Saint Francis saw a solitary sheep amid a flock of goats; "See," said he to his companion, "how gentle the poor sheep is among the goats, even as was Our Lord among the Pharisees;" and seeing a boar devour a little lamb, "Poor little one," he exclaimed, weeping, "how vividly is my Saviour's Death set forth in thee!"

A great man of our own day, Francis Borgia, then Duke of Candia, was wont to indulge in many devout imaginations as he was hunting. "I used to ponder," he said, "how the falcon returns to one's wrist, and lets one hood its eyes or chain it to the perch, and yet men are so perverse in refusing to turn at God's call." St. Basil the Great says that the rose amid its thorns preaches a lesson to men. "All that is pleasant in this life" (so it tells us mortals) "is mingled with sadness--no joy is altogether pure--all enjoyment is liable to be marred by regrets, marriage is saddened by widowhood, children bring anxiety, glory often turns to shame, neglect follows upon honour, weariness on pleasure, sickness on health. Truly the rose is a lovely flower," the Saint goes on to say, "but it moves me to sadness, reminding me as it does that for my sin the earth was condemned to bring forth thorns."

Another devout soul, gazing upon a brook wherein the starlit sky of a calm summer's night was reflected, exclaims, "O my God, when Thou callest me to dwell in Thy heavenly tabernacles, these stars will be beneath my feet; and even as those stars are now reflected here below, so are we Thy creatures reflected above in the

living waters of Thy Divine Love." So another cried out, beholding a rapid river as it flowed, "Even thus my soul will know no rest until it plunge into that Divine Sea whence it came forth!" Saint Frances, as she knelt to pray beside the banks of a pleasant streamlet, cried out in ecstasy, "The Grace of my Dear Lord flows softly and sweetly even as these refreshing waters" And another saintly soul, looking upon the blooming orchards, cried out, "Why am I alone barren in the Church's garden!" So Saint Francis of Assisi, beholding a hen gathering her chickens beneath her wings, exclaimed, "Keep me, O Lord, under the shadow of Thy Wings" And looking upon the sunflower, he ejaculated, "When, O Lord, will my soul follow the attractions of Thy Love?" And gathering pansies in a garden which are fair to see, but scentless, "Ah," he cried out, "even so are the thoughts of my heart, fair to behold, but without saviour or fruit!"

Thus it is, my child, that good thoughts and holy aspirations may be drawn from all that surrounds us in our ordinary life. Woe to them that turn aside the creature from the Creator, and thrice blessed are they who turn all creation to their Creator's Glory, and make human vanities subservient to the truth. "Verily," says Saint Gregory Nazianzen, "I am wont to turn all things to my spiritual profit."

Read the pious epitaph written for Saint Paula by Saint Jerome; it is marvelous therein to see how she conceived spiritual thoughts and aspirations at every turn.

Now, in the practice of this spiritual retreat and of these ejaculatory prayers the great work of devotion lies: it can supply all other deficiencies, but there is hardly any means of making up where this is lacking. Without it no one can lead a true contemplative life, and the active life will be but imperfect where it is omitted: without it rest is but indolence, labour but weariness,--therefore I beseech you to adopt it heartily, and never let it go.

St. Francis de Sales

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.

ARTWORK: Joan Bennett Artwork is set up and available for purchase in the church basement today, Sunday, April 2.

LENTEN MISSION: Fr. James Buckley, FSSP will preach a Lenten Mission from Monday, April 3rd through Friday, April 7th. He will hear confessions before and after each mission talk. His talks begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last one approximately hour.

Schedule of Talks

- Monday - 1. An Instruction on the Sacrament of Penance.
2. The Principal and Foundation of St. Ignatius of Loyola.
- Tuesday - 1. An Instruction on the Eucharist
2. On Sin
- Wednesday - 1. An Instruction on Marriage
2. The Last Things.
- Thursday - 1. The Mercy of God.
- Friday - 2. The Passion of Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held on every Friday at 5:30 p.m. during Lent. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with the Holy Rosary following the Mass. **Confessions will be heard from 5:00 - 5:25 p.m.**

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.

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 a.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.

PASSION SUNDAY

March 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Dominic Gardner
- AC2** Jack Gardner

TEAM B

- MC** Francis LaFata
- TH** Stephen LaFata
- AC1** John Skuba
- AC2** Patrick Schneider
- C** Brian LaFata
- S1** Sean Michelin
- S2** Joseph Skuba

WEEK THREE

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

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday Joseph Skuba
7:45 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

April 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Patrick Schneider
- AC2** William Schneider

SPECIAL TEAM

- MC** Matthew Gillenkirk
- TH** John Skuba
- AC1** Stephen LaFata
- AC2** Jack Gardner
- C** Brian LaFata
- S1** Michael Gardner
- S2** Mathias Morris
- S3** Joseph Skuba
- S4** Christian Tioli