

Passion Sunday

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 9 Violet

Passion Sunday, *I Class*

7:30 AM David and Michelle Deddens

10:30 AM Pro populo

Monday, March 10 Violet

Feria of Passiontide, *III Class*

Commemoration of the Forty Holy Martyrs

12:00 PM Roger and Rita Jansing & family

Tuesday, March 11 Violet

Feria of Passiontide, *III Class*

7:00 PM Alan Finck

Wednesday, March 12 Violet

Feria of Passiontide, *III Class*

Commemoration of St. Gregory the Great, Pope/Doctor

12:00 PM Jacob Weber

One of the greatest Popes the Church has ever known, England owes its conversion to him. At a period when the invasion of the barbarians created a new situation in Europe, he played a considerable part in the transitional stage, during which a great number of them converted. To him the liturgy owes several of its finest prayers, and the name "Gregorian chant" recalls his work in the development of the Church's sacred chants. His commentaries on Sacred Scripture exercised considerable influence on Christian thought, especially in the Middle Ages. He is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church. He died March 12, 604.

Thursday, March 13 Violet

Feria of Passiontide, *III Class*

7:00 AM Tom and Anna Konnersman

Friday, March 14 Violet

Feria of Passiontide, *III Class*

Commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

12:00 PM Kendra Walker

7:00 PM Walter and Blanche Hackett +

Stations of the Cross at 6:30.

Saturday, March 15 Violet

Feria of Passiontide, *III Class*

7:15 AM Virgil and Deene Nobbe

Sunday, March 16 Violet

Palm Sunday, *I Class*

7:30 AM Chris Walker

10:30 AM Pro Populo (*Procession and Solemn Mass*)

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 16

7:30 AM Low Mass

10:30 AM Blessing and Procession of Palms
Solemn High Mass with the chanting
of the Passion of St. Matthew

Monday of Holy Week, March 17

12:00 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Solemn High Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 18

12:00 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Solemn High Mass with the chanting of
the Passion of St. Mark

Wednesday, March 19

12:00 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Solemn High Mass with the chanting of
the Passion of St. Luke

Holy Thursday, March 20

8:00 PM Solemn High Mass of Our Lord's Supper
Translation of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, March 21

1:00 PM The Good Friday Sermons
Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Solemn Afternoon Liturgy with the
chanting of the Passion of St. John

Holy Saturday, March 22

10:00 PM Easter Vigil and Solemn High Mass

Easter Sunday, March 23

7:30 AM Low Mass with organ

10:30 AM Solemn High Mass

Confession will be available 30 minutes before all
Masses and from 12:30 until 2:45 on Good Friday.

We welcome back Fr. Jean-Pierre Pilon and welcome
anew fifth-year seminarian Mr. Marko Rehak, FSSP,
recently ordained to the subdiaconate, to assist with
the solemn liturgies.

Season of Passiontide

The final two weeks of Lent form the season of
Passiontide. From this Sunday until Easter, the
Church gives herself over entirely to meditation on
our Lord's Passion. Today all the crucifixes and
statuary are covered in remembrance that, from this
time until His entry into Jerusalem, our Lord no
longer walked openly amongst the Jews. The psalm
Judica me, on account of its joyful sentiments, is

omitted at the prayers at the beginning of Mass and the *Gloria Patri* is also omitted throughout the Mass to mark the dishonor rendered to the Holy Trinity through the suffering of our Lord.

Catechetical Series

Fr. Saguto will conclude the series *Eight Parables* tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the schoolhouse. This final week's selection: *The Wise and Foolish Virgins* and *The Prodigal Son*.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 in the church and followed by the usual 7:00 Mass.

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Archbishop Buechlein; Patricia Wycislo; Jane Doe; Ted Knight; Bridgette Schutzman; Neal Miller Family; Bischel Family; Tom Peter; Joseph Shake; Rosie Rolfes; Virginia Mendel; Brett Feller (Iraq); closure of Planned Parenthood in Bloomington; Don Farwick +; James Peter +; Ed Lachman +; Shirley Heppner +; Martha Deller +; Christine Rosfeld +

Contributions – Thank You!

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Calendar of Events

March 9	First Communion Class
March 10	Catechetical Series (4th of 4)
March 12	Children's Choir/Young Ladies' Group
March 12	Boys' Group (<i>meets at St. Joseph's gym</i>)
March 14	High School Classes/Stations
March 16	Palm Sunday (Holy Week)
March 23	Easter Sunday

A Final Thought...

Do you take priests for Pharisees, hard and pitiless? Undeceive yourselves; the priest should be the sinner's man, the friend, the father of poor sinners. He should despise no one; more initiated than others in the weakness of humanity, he knows how to compassionate it. Sent by Jesus, he should also be the good shepherd who will never repulse the poor lamb returning to the fold. And why should the confessor despise you? Is a person despicable when he repents of the evil he has committed? Sin is despicable! Yes, certainly; but repentance, holy, divine repentance, is it not called a second innocence?

There is nothing on earth greater, more estimable,

more worthy or respect that a poor sinner who comes courageously to humble himself before God, confesses his wrongs and sins, his grievous sins, loyally and ingenuously declaring to the minister of pardon that he wishes to sin no more. This spectacle is the consolation, the most intimate joy, of the Catholic priest. If your child falls in the dirt and comes to look for you, all muddy and ashamed and sorry for what has happened to him, eager only to be cleansed and set aright, will you despise him? Do you not see, even in his eagerness, the evident proof that he loves cleanliness? Thus it is with poor sinners who present themselves to the priest to be cleansed and purified. The plan they take is indisputable proof that they detest evil, that they love good, and are for that reason worthy of all esteem and affection. Great God! What false ideas people have with regard to the sentiments of the priest! How little they are known and how badly judged. Nothing affects a good priest like the humility and courage of a good confession, from which he estimates the state of the soul.

Like God Himself, the priest should set a higher value on the poor publican, the guilty one who humbles himself, than on the Pharisee, the honest man who prides himself on his virtue. One of these poor publicans came one day to St. Francis de Sales and did much violence to make a general confession of the numberless wanderings of his youth. After absolution, the good bishop, who had been very much touched by the humble repentance of the penitent, testified his contentment and joy: "Well do I love your heart, which now belongs entirely to God." The penitent went away so happy and satisfied that he could not find words to express his joy and gratitude. Woe to the priest who despises the poor sinner.

Msgr. Louis de Segur, *Confession* (1875)