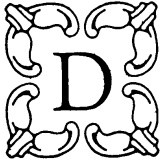


Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

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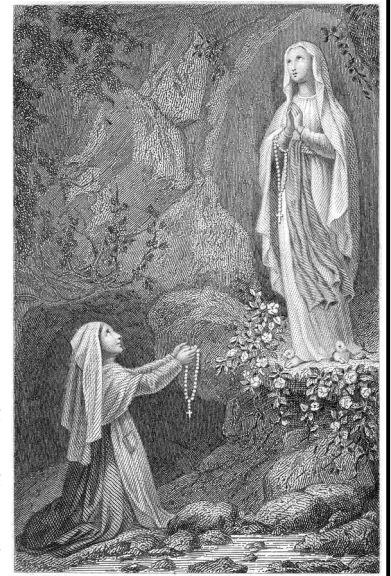
"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"



DEAR PARISHIONERS, PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST! This week is Holy Week, the most solemn week of the year. It is the week our Lord pours out His heart upon the whole world. What is our response? May we strive day after day to give all to Him! I have made the difficult decision to forego Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil for you this year. As much as I would like to have these most sacred holy days for you, I think it is best, given all that is going on, to pass on these sacred liturgies this year as a parish. I have never had them, and it would be quite involved to learn them at this point while I still have duties at All Saints. If you would like to still go to the Easter Triduum in the Extraordinary Form, Old St. Mary's is having them.

So, while making the difficult decision to foregoing those holy days, here is some news we have been waiting for. It is planned that we will return to Our Lady of Lourdes in Park Hills starting Easter Sunday! How appropriate! The parish returns home on the Resurrection! So, Easter Sunday (3/31), we will have Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 7:00 am and 9:00 am. There will not be Mass at Holy Family Oratory on Easter. If anything changes in this schedule, I will get the message out to you quickly. It is the plan to return home for Easter!

As you know, the Bishop and the MSJB have a meeting Saturday (3/23). Please keep the meeting in your prayers, intentions and sacrifices. While some of you may be reading this after the meeting has taken place, you can still offer up your prayers, intentions, and sacrifices for it. That is what St. Padre Pio teaches. He was asked one time about why he was praying for the happy death of someone who already died, and he said that the Good Lord is outside of time, so our prayers would still have an effect. So, never stop praying! As St. Alphonsus said, "Those who pray will be saved. Those who do not will be damned". Never cease praying! May God bless you in this most holy of weeks. – Fr. Matt Cushing



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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	March 24: Palm Sunday
(Union) 7:00 AM	Fr. Cushing's intentions
9:00 AM	The parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes
MONDAY	March 25: Monday of Holy Week
TUESDAY	March 26: Tuesday of Holy Week
WEDNESDAY	March 27: Wednesday of Holy Week
THURSDAY	March 28: Holy Thursday
FRIDAY	March 29: Good Friday
SATURDAY	March 30: Easter Vigil



Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024

Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday March 17, 2024

Sunday Collection:		
Checks		\$2790.00
Cash & Coin		\$404.50
Online & Other Donations		\$1025.00
Candles		\$55.30
TOTAL		\$4274.80

Approved prayer of Sr. Mary of St. Peter, OCD:

“Eternal Father, to oppose Thy enemies, I offer Thee the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the instruments of His holy Passion, that Thou mayst counteract them by divisions and discord; for thy well-beloved Son hath said: *Every kingdom divided against itself shall perish.*”

The essence of perfection is to embrace the Will of God in all things, prosperous or adverse. In prosperity, even sinners find it easy to unite themselves to the divine Will; but it takes saints to unite themselves to God’s Will when things go wrong or are painful to self-love. Our conduct in such instances is the measure of our love for God. “I would rather be the vilest worm on earth by God’s Will than be a seraph by my own.” – Bl Henry Suso

“Why must we suffer? Because here below pure Love cannot exist without suffering. O Jesus, Jesus, I no longer feel my cross when I think of Yours.” – St. Bernadette

“The Blessed Virgin was not separated from her beloved Lord and dear Son [in His Passion], not even for a single moment, because she was bound to Him in soul and body. Thus, from the beginning of the arrest until the end of the Passion she remained near Him” – St. Maximus the Confessor.

MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. “Who is like unto God?” O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. *Amen.*

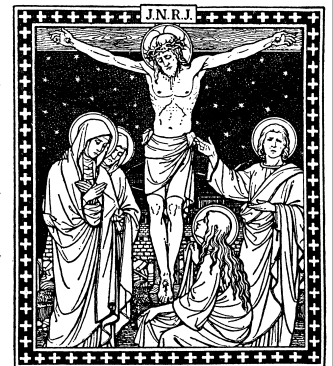
To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.

JESUS IS ASSISTED TO BEAR THE CROSS

The high priests, fearing that Jesus should expire from fatigue & suffering in ascending the mountain, take the Cross from His shoulders, and force one Simon of Cyrene, who is by chance passing that way, to carry it for Him. Consider:



HEREFORE JESUS consents to be assisted in carrying the Cross. Our Redeemer might, by a miracle, infuse strength into His frame sufficient to enable Him to carry His welcome, long-desired Cross, even to the summit of Mount Calvary. He has already worked other miracles to support sinking nature, and to prevent Himself from expiring at the time of the scouring and during His agony and bloody sweat. He might add this one more to the number. But such is not His Will. It is His Will to have companions to bear the Cross with Him. It is His Will that others should feel the weight of His Cross, and this is why He sinks down and requires assistance, and not because He is weary of bearing His Cross, or that He finds its weight insupportable. His consent that another should relieve Him of His Cross arises from no desire of unburdening His sacred shoulders, but is a mystery intended to teach us that He is pleased to share His sufferings with all His elect. On the other Hand, Jesus is, at the same time, ready to bear His Cross so long as to fall several times beneath its weight, and even finally to expire upon it. And with what degree of constancy do you bear your Cross. Do you persevere in virtue? Are you firm and constant in your resolution to follow Jesus Christ, and to suffer with Him and for Him? Remember that whoever does not take up his cross and follow Jesus, is not worthy of Him. Whoever has not partaken of His sufferings will not partake of His glory. Jesus desires to associate us with Himself in His eternal happiness, and for that reason it is His Will that we, in the person of Simon of Cyrene, should assist Him to carry His Cross. Therefore, if it is cruelty on the part of the Jews to relieve Jesus of His burden, only because they desire to see Him die the death of the Cross, on His part it is love for you, zeal for your salvation, and a burning desire to make your partake of those sufferings by which He is meriting eternal glory.



Act of Resignation



ORD, I know not what to ask; I merely present myself to Thee. Thou seest my miseries. Thou lovest me. Supply my needs according to Thy Mercy. I adore, without seeking to understand, Thy Holy Will. I resign myself to Thee, entirely and absolutely. I have no other desire but to do what Thou dost wish me to do. Teach me to pray, O Jesus! Pray within me Thyself. *Amen.*