

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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Syriac-Rite Catholic Community: Our Lady of Mesopotamia

March 29th, 2015 in the Year of Grace
Palm Sunday and Holy Week

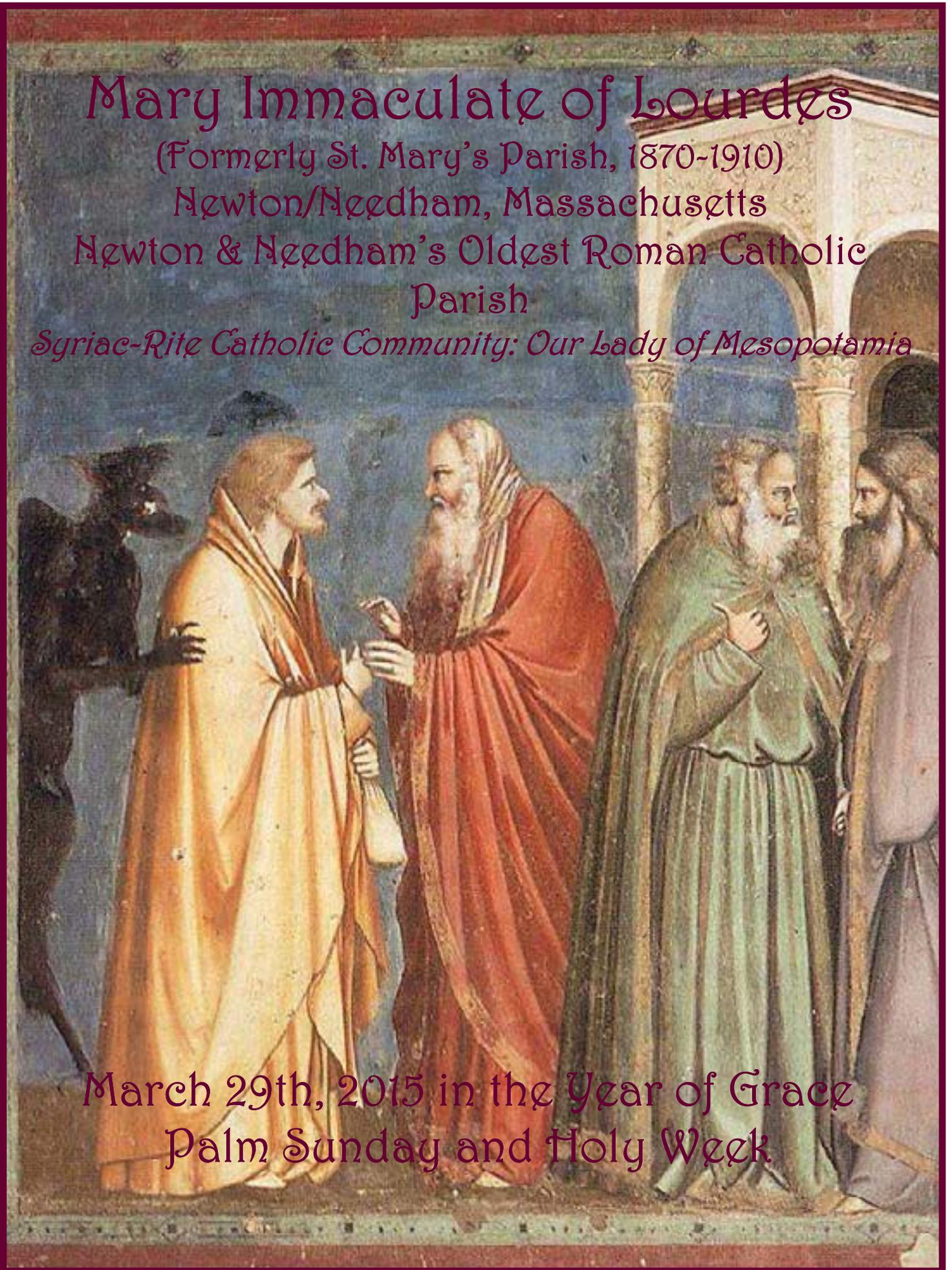


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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
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Telephone: 781-235-1841

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Thurs., 5:30 PM,
Sat. 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM

Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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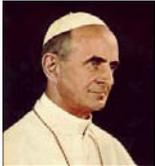
ABOUT OUR PARISH



Welcome,
New Parishioners
and Sunday
Visitors:

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish is a canonically open parish of the Archdiocese of Boston, which has a Traditional Latin Mass apostolate. Both the ordinary form of the Roman Rite (1970 Missal) and the extraordinary form (1962 Missal) are celebrated here with the blessing of His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. We encourage new parishioners to please register in the parish and to introduce yourselves to the Pastor. We are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

**PLEASE TAKE THE
TIME TO FILL OUT A
PARISH REGISTRATION**



Parish Mission Statement

“What then is a parish? It is the smallest section of the one universal flock which has been entrusted to Peter by the Lord.

Under the authority of a responsible priest who has received the care of souls from his bishop, the parish is, within the Church of Jesus Christ, the first community of Christian life; it is a community cut to human dimensions, in which the shepherd can know his flock and the flock can know their shepherd ... At the heart of this area, we find the parish church with its bell-tower, its baptistery, its confessional, its altar and tabernacle, a symbol of unity and the centre of community life.”

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)

SACRED TRIDUUM

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR TRIDUUM

SPY WEDNESDAY (April 1st)
TENEBRAE SERVICE, 7:30 PM
(Vigil Office for Holy Thursday)

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2nd)
Sung Mass (Ordinary Form) at 5:30 PM
Missa Cantata (Extraordinary Form) at 7:30 PM
with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. Night Watch of Eucharistic Adoration will continue until 12 Midnight.



GOOD FRIDAY (April 3rd)
Service of the Lord's Passion (Ordinary Form) at 3:00 PM
Service of the Lord's Passion (Extraordinary Form) at 7:30 PM
EASTER EVE on HOLY



SATURDAY (April 4th)
Vigil and the First Mass of Easter (Extraordinary Form) at 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY: (April 5th)
Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Evening Mass at 5:30 PM
Syriac-rite Easter Mass at 7:00 PM

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH



FRONT COVER: Giotto's (1267-1337) "The Pact of Judas":
"Then one of the Twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said to them, 'What are you willing to give me for delivering Him to you?' But they assigned him thirty pieces of silver. And from then on he sought an opportunity to betray Him." (Matthew 26:14-16)

Pastor's Note

PILGRIMAGES TO JERUSALEM: CHRISTIAN JERUSALEM

(This is a summary of my Fifth Conference for our Lenten Mission series held during the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights.)

As we concluded our Conference last week, the Christian Jerusalem of the Eastern Roman Empire was violently destroyed by the Persian armies in A.D. 614. Scarcely had the Romans

recovered Jerusalem and begun to rebuild, when the Arab armies of the new religion of Islam took possession of the city in A.D. 638, after a four month siege. Through the mediation of the Christian Patriarch Sophronius with Caliph Omar, Jerusalem capitulated on fair and generous terms.

Although the first period of Muslim rule over Christian Palestine was tolerant, by the time of the Christian Millennium, A.D. 1000, the situation had changed to one of violent oppression and religious intolerance. The Christians of Jerusalem were sore-oppressed. Christians pilgrims from the west seeking to visit the Holy Places were frequently attacked, plundered, held hostage, or even murdered. Christian shrines were no longer respected and some were destroyed. This state of affairs was the chief contributing factor to Pope Urban II's call in 1095 for an armed pilgrimage, a "crusade", to free Jerusalem.

The Age of the Crusades is much out of favor now, but in its day the Crusade was a hugely popular movement in Western Europe. It has permanently marked Catholic Christianity and shaped it in ways which still affect us although we may not be aware of its influence. How easily, for example, do we speak of zealous dedication to a good cause in terms of a holy war, a crusade. People are identified as "crusaders" for civil rights or "crusaders" for the unborn.

Between 1098-1250 A.D. there were seven Crusades directed towards wresting the Holy Land from Muslim control. The First Crusade was the most successful. Jerusalem was taken in 1099 and a new Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem was established there which lasted 88 years until the resurgent Muslims under Saladdin overcame them.

The Third Crusade (1188-1192), the one associated with King Richard the Lionhearted of England, recaptured the coastal towns of Palestine for the Crusader Kingdom and made it

possible for Christian pilgrims to resume their visits to the Holy City under Muslim control. The Sixth Crusade (1228-1229) of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II was successful enough on the battlefield to gain concessions from the Muslims on who controlled Jerusalem. The Christians once again were to possess the city, but they could not put up defensive walls and the Muslims in the city remained without restriction. In 1244, the Muslims attacked defenseless Jerusalem, massacred large numbers of Christians, and burned many churches, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Seventh Crusade (1248-1250) was the best organized and the best-equipped, led by King St. Louis IX of France. It met with defeat, however, on account of the misfortunes of war. The last crusader fortress of St. Jean d'Acre fell in 1291. The Western Crusader presence in the Holy Land had lasted 192 years, 1099-1291. Considered from its principle objective of recovering the Holy Land for Christendom and then holding on to it, we have to say that the crusading mission failed.

But even in failure the Cross had its exultation. In 1219, during the Fifth Crusade (1218-1221), St. Francis of Assisi appeared in the Crusader camp in Egypt. After gaining permission to pass beyond the Christian lines with another friar, Brother Francis made his way towards the Saracen lines calling out "Sultan! Sultan!". In short order the two friars were seized, maltreated, and held captive. Eventually, his captors gave in to his request and brought him into the presence of the Sultan.

There Francis preached the Gospel to him and called upon him to repent. To prove his earnestness, Francis offered to step into fire and if the fire did not harm him then that would be a proof to the Sultan that the God of the Christians was the one true God. The Sultan would not let Francis carry out such a test, but something about him held the Sultan's sympathy. He offered Francis precious gifts, which the Saint refused, not even as alms for the poor. What was it that moved the Sultan's heart

towards Francis, in spite of the bitter religious war that was raging between the Muslims and the Christians? We may wonder. Was it perhaps that Francis of Assisi, so filled with the charity of Christ, radiated in his face the Face of Christ, and that was what the Sultan saw that compelled him to listen, to want Francis to stay with him, and ultimately to give him safe-conduct back to the Christian camp.

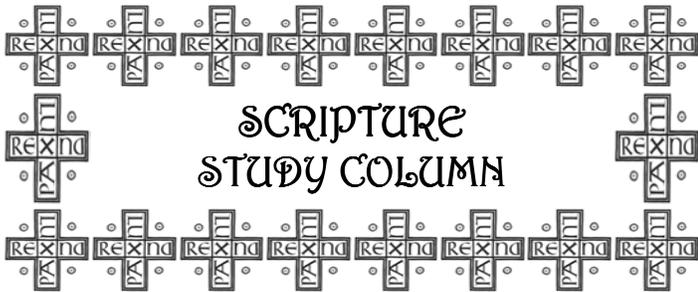


Fra Angelico: The Trial by Fire of St. Francis before the Sultan. (1429 A.D.)

We do know that it is St. Francis's legacy which has left the most permanent mark of the Crusader-era on the Holy Land until this very day. Each year, at the Good Friday Liturgy, a collection is taken up for the Holy Land Shrines which are under the care of the Franciscans. After the destruction of Christian Jerusalem in 1244 the Muslim ruler invited the friars of St. Francis to become the custodians of many of the Christian shrines. From the 13th century on, they would be the guardians who would receive Christian pilgrims who, in spite of all the dangers and illuminated by the thought of Heaven, still made their way to Jerusalem to greet the Holy City as Christ Himself once had.

(Fr. Higgins)

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



SCRIPTURE STUDY COLUMN



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY (Luke 18:15-17)

In an age in which children suffer a great deal of violence and abuse, the passage recounting Jesus' blessing of the children is an important element of the Gospel message today. We have likely seen artistic renderings of this tender moment that St. Luke records in 18:15-17:

"People were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them, and when the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. Jesus, however, called the children to Himself and said, 'Let the children come to Me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.'"

This episode follows perfectly upon the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, because in that passage, Jesus commends the virtue of humility, and here, we see infants, the smallest and humblest of persons, being blessed by him. The disciples, however, having just heard Christ's parable, begin acting like the self-important Pharisee, and seek to turn the children away. Nevertheless, Christ bids the children come to Him, manifesting His tender care for "the least of [his] brethren" (cf. Mt. 25:40).

He then declares that the kingdom of God

belongs to children, in particular. Just as the tax collector admitted his need for God's mercy and grace, children are generally quick to recognize their need for their parents' forgiveness and help. Moments of childish misbehavior aside, children generally entrust themselves to their parents with complete abandonment. To enter God's kingdom, then, one must abandon oneself to Him like a child abandons himself to his parents. One cannot enter the kingdom of God swollen with pride and self-righteousness, like the Pharisee.

My column on this passage falls fittingly on Palm Sunday, when we commemorate the Hebrew children who, recognizing Christ their King, praised Him during his triumphal entry. This feast gives us the opportunity to reflect on the religious education of our children. The best thing we can give them is the Catholic faith, by which they can know and love God. Of all the other aspects of the patrimony we hand onto them, Christ Himself is the most valuable, for He alone will outlast and outweigh every other good and beautiful thing they receive from us. Consequently, this truth calls us to make Christ more and more the center of our families and home life.

What a tremendous blessing for our children to be living the life of grace already through their baptism. What an even greater blessing to bring them into immediate contact with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. What a blessing for them to know Our Lord, and to adore Him, while millions of self-reliant adults go about their lives miserably with no sense of a loving God.

We know how important it is to introduce children to Christ and His Church at a young age, given their natural openness to grace. They can begin to develop habits of prayer and virtue, so that the faith will be a constant source of renewal in their lives, especially in hard times (cf. Ps. 84:6-8). As we renew our commitment to Christ this Holy Week and Eastertide, may we and our children "know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that [we all] may be filled with all the fullness of God" (cf. Eph. 3:19).

(David Allen)

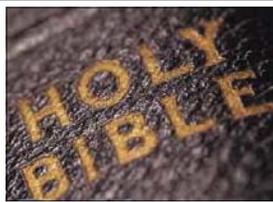


Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015

Grades K-5, 8:30-10:00 AM
Classes are held in the Lower Church Hall.

Director: Jean Johnson
Latin Mass Children's Catechism:
Patti Strom



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF EXODUS

NO BIBLE STUDY CLASS THIS WEEK ON GOOD FRIDAY.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

THANK YOU!

HEARTFELT THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO MARGIE BIBBO, ROSE DELGROSSO, JEAN JOHNSON, BETTY WHITNEY & PATTI STROM FOR PREPARING AND SERVING OUR LENTEN FELLOWSHIP SUPPER LAST FRIDAY NIGHT FOLLOWING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.



HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice."—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for:

Betsy Eldridge, Gabriella Zunino (*Alice Drew's baby great granddaughter*), Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Harry Gonzalez, Kay Mullen, Marie Geraci, Dave Welch, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Rob Quagan, Christina Kwash, Janet Pino, Ed Donovan, Marie Schroter, Marie Danca, Jane Dippo...

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



Please continue your prayers for Alice Drew's baby great-granddaughter Gabriella Zunino. She is up to 9 lbs. and is home from the hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners Nick & Laura Keough on their first-born child WINIFRED LUCILLE. The child is doing well

but is still being monitored in the Nursery Intensive Care Unit. Please pray for her intention.



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially for ...
Joseph Fresolo, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), brother of parishioner Dottie Fresolo.
(Please let us know if you would like someone deployed overseas prayed for by name.)



LATIN MASS PROPERS: PALM SUNDAY

INTROIT: Psalm 21: 20, 22 O Lord, keep not Thy help far from me: look to my defense: deliver me from the lion's mouth, and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. Psalm 21: 2 O God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. Lord, keep not...

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, who didst will that our Saviour should take upon Him our flesh and suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

EPISTLE: Philippians 2: 5-II Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above all names: (*Here all genuflect*) that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL: Psalm 72: 24, 1-3 Thou hast held me by my right hand; and by Thy will Thou hast conducted me, and with Thy glory Thou hast received me. V. How good is God to Israel, to those of an upright heart! but my feet were almost moved, my steps had well-nigh slipped: because I was jealous of sinners, seeing the prosperity of sinners. **TRACT:** Psalm 21:2-9, 18, 19, 22, 24, 32 O God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me? V. Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. V. O my God, I shall cry by day, and Thou wilt not hear; and by night, and it shall not be reputed as folly in me. V. But Thou dwellest in the holy place, the praise of Israel. V. In Thee have our fathers hoped: they have hoped, and Thou hast delivered them. V. They cried to Thee, and they were saved: they trusted in Thee, and were not He delighteth in Him. V. But they have looked and stared confounded. V. But I am a worm, and no man: the reproach of men and the outcast of the people. V. All they that saw me have laughed me to scorn: they have spoken with the lips and wagged the head. V. He hoped in the Lord, let Him deliver Him: let Him save Him, seeing upon me: they parted my garments amongst them, and upon my vesture they cast lots. V. Deliver me from the lion's mouth: and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. V. Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him. V. There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come; and the heavens shall show forth His justice. V. To a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.

THE PASSION: Matthew 26: 1-75; 27: 1-66 **At** that time Jesus said to His disciples: You know that after two days shall be the Pasch, and the Son of man shall be delivered up to be crucified . . . And the next day, which followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees came together to Pilate, saying: Sir, we have remembered that that seducer said, while He was yet alive: After three days I will rise again. Command therefore the sepulcher to be guarded until the third day, lest perhaps His disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people: He is risen from the dead; and the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate saith to them: You have a guard; go, guard it as you know. And they departing, made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone and setting guards.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 68: 21-22 My heart hath expected reproach and misery; and I looked for one that would grieve together with Me, but there was none: I sought for one that would comfort Me, and I found none; and they gave Me gall for My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

SECRET Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the offering made in the presence of Thy majesty may procure us the grace of devotion, and effectually obtain for us a blessed eternity. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Cross

COMMUNION: Matthew 26: 42 Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done.

POSTCOMMUNION By the operation of this mystery, O Lord, may our vices be destroyed and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00p.m.

Sunday 7:30 and 9:00a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Opening Antiphon Matthew 21,9

"Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

Processional Hymn: Pueri Hebraeorum
(Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Credo I

Offertory: Psalm 69:21,22

"My heart awaited reproach and misery: and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none: I looked for one who would comfort me, and found no one. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

Mass Setting

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias."

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Matthew 26:42

"Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it. Thy will be done."

Post Communion Hymn

Ave Regina Caelorum
(Solemn Tone)

Recessional Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

Palm Sunday

The Blessing of the Palms

Antiphon: Matthew 21,9

"Hosanna Filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. O Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis."

(Distribution of Palms at the altar rail)

Pueri Hebraeorum (Gospel Lesson)

Procession with the Blessed Palms

Introit: Psalm 21:20,22,2

"Dómine, ne longe fácias auxiliium tuum a me: ad defensionem meam aspice: libera me de ore leónis, et a cornibus unicornium humilitatem meam. V.Deus, Deus meus, respice in me: quare me dereliquisti? longe a salute mea verba delictorum meorum.

Dómine, ne longe fácias auxiliium tuum a me: ad defensionem meam aspice: libera me de ore leónis, et a cornibus unicornuorum humilitatem meam."

Ordinary Prayers: Missa cum QuatuorVocibus

Ludovico Fogliano, d. 1538

(Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Psalm 72:24,1-3

"Tenuisti manum dexteram meam : et in voluntate tua deduxisti me : et cum gloria assumpsisti me. Quam bonus Israël Deus rectis corde! mei autem pæne moti sunt pedes, pæne effúsi sunt gressus mei : quia zelavi in peccatoribus, pacem peccatorum videns."

Tract: Psalm 21:2-9,18,19,22,24,32

"Deus, Deus meus, respice in me: quare me dereliquisti? Longe a salute mea verba delictorum meorum. Deus meus, clamabo per diem, nec exaudies."

Offertory Verse: Psalm 68:21,22

"Impropérium expectavit cor meum, et miseriam: et sustinui qui simul mecum contristarétur, et non fuit: consolantem me quaesivi, et non invéni: et dedérunt in escam meam fel, et in siti mea potaverunt me aceto."

Offertory Hymn:O Bone Jesu

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina d.1594)

Communion Verse: Psalm 26:42

"Pater, si non potest hic calix transire nisi bibam illum, fiat voluntas tua."

Communion Hymn: **Miserere mei, Deus

(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

Recessional Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

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