

Dayton Latin Mass Community Newsletter

Month of the Passion of Our Lord

February, 2008

Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass



Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Hart St. & Notre Dame Ave
Dayton, Oh 45404

Sundays: 8:45 am
Confessions before Mass: 8 to 8:40 AM

First Friday Devotions:
Confessions: 6:15 PM
Mass 7:00 PM, followed by
Benediction and Holy Hour:

For information call the church: 228-8802

Or: Fr. Mark Wojdelski:
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Brookville IN 47012
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Attendance

12-30-07	164
1-4-08... First Friday	84
1-6-08	215
1-13-08	181
1-20-08	173
127-08	192

Prayers for Vocations

All parishioners are invited to join the Mothers Group in praying for vocations after the last Sunday Mass of each month. Prayers booklets are provided. This takes only a few minutes as we pray for all religious vocations but especially to those of the priesthood. Please join them in the pews in front of the Marian altar.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Coffee and donuts are served in the church basement after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. All are invited to join us for refreshments and a bit of friendly chat.

We ask everyone who attends our coffee and donuts socials, to police your table before you leave. Please clean up any and all crumbs, throwaway your trash and push your chair back under the table. A little help from everyone, will make final cleanup much easier on those families who sponsor our donut socials. Thank you

First Friday Devotions

Friday, February 1 is the First Friday of the month. Mass and Devotions to make reparation to the Sacred Heart will begin at 7 pm.

Night Adoration in the Home

For those who can not attend the First Friday Devotions at church may we suggest making a Holy Hour of Reparation in your home sometime during the night.

Ash Wednesday

February 6, Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent a time of penance and recollection.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross before Mass on the Sundays of Lent.

Fr. Wodelski will have Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction on the Fridays of Lent at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. If final arrangements for the chaplaincy have been made before the end of Lent and Father moves to Dayton, which we hope will happen soon, there will be Mass followed by Stations of the Cross on Fridays for the remainder of Lent.

Traditional Lenten Fasting Rules

For those who voluntarily choose to follow the traditional Rules for Fasting and Abstaining during Lent, the key items are as follows:

1. Everyone over 7 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence.
2. Complete abstinence, which forbids the eating of meat, and soup or gravy made from meat, is required on: all Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Saturday.
3. Everyone ages 18 to 59 inclusive is also bound to observe the law of fast.
4. Weekdays of Lent (Monday -Saturday) are fast days.
5. On fast days only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals may be taken, but together should not equal another full meal.
6. Meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of fast, except on days of complete abstinence.
7. Eating between meals is not permitted;--but liquids, including milk-and fruit juices--are allowed;

Present Rules for Fasting and Abstaining Abstinence:

All those who have reached their fourteenth birthday are obliged to abstain from meat on the days stipulated. In the United States the days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting: One who fasts may eat three times a day. He may, however, eat only one full meal. The obligation to fast begins at 18 and ceases when one completes his 59th year. The days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Volunteers need

Ushers: There is still a need for additional ushers for Sunday Mass. See Chris Monnin in the back of church after Mass or call Chris at 937-339-8823

Host Families for Donut Sundays: additional families are needed to occasionally host the Sunday Coffee Hours. See Peggy Peyton at the donut table.

Money Counters: Once we take over financial responsibility for our Latin Mass Community we will need three teams of people to count the money after Mass. To offer your assistance see Steve Derby in the sacristy after Mass or call 937-291-2492.

Email List

Members of our email list receive reminders of upcoming events, prayer requests, and other pertinent information. If you like to join our email list contact Maria Hobbs at: maria.hobbs@earthlink.net

Talks on the Mass

ACCEPT THIS OBLATION

“Delivered from the hand of our enemies we should serve him without fear.” St. Luke, 1:74.

It might seem strange and unbelievable that Almighty God would command that two goats be brought into church. Yet, that is exactly what God commanded in the Old Law. The purpose was an expressive and impressive one.

You have all heard of the feast still kept by observing Jews, called Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement, which comes in October. In Chapter 16 of the Book of Leviticus we read what God ordained:

“He (Aaron) shall make the two buck-goats to stand before the Lord, in the door of the tabernacle of the testimony; and casting lots upon them both, one to be offered to the Lord, and the other one to be the emissary-goat; that whose lot fell to be offered to the Lord, he shall offer for sin: but that whose lot was to be the emissary-goat he shall present alive before the Lord, that he may pour out prayers upon him, and let him go into the wilderness and after he

hath cleansed the sanctuary, and the tabernacle, and the altar, let him offer the living goat: and putting both hands upon his head, let him confess all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their offenses and sins, and praying that they may light on his head, he shall turn him out by a man ready for it, into the desert. And when the goat hath carried all their iniquities into an uninhabited land, and shall be let go into the desert, Aaron shall return into the tabernacle of the testimony.” Lev., 16 :7-10, 20-23.

Imagination paints a picture of the high priest, clothed in the garments of the representative of God, solemnly placing his hands upon the poor beast. We then see the animal led forth into the desert or cast down from a cliff or precipice. By destroying that animal they were taking away the sins of the Jewish people.

Fittingly was this animal called the “scape-goat,” which has come to mean even in our own day any person or thing that bears the blame for others.

1. There is a ceremony in the Mass very much like that of the Old Testament. Shortly before the consecration the priest says a prayer asking God to accept the offering of our service. As he says this prayer the priest extends his two hands palm down over the chalice and the host. The tips of his fingers reach as far as the middle of the pall, the covering of the chalice. The right thumb is placed over the left one in the form of a cross. This simple gesture is like that of the high priest in the Old Law placing his hands upon the scape-goat and transferring all the sins of the people to the poor animal.

2. With all respect and reverence Christ has become our scape-goat. He has voluntarily and lovingly taken upon Himself all our sins. He came to take the place of all the goats and bulls and sheep offered in the Old Law. He died for us upon the cross, weighted down with our sins. In the Mass He dies again, a mystical death, still weighted down with our sins. On the altar of Calvary Christ offered Himself for us. On the Calvary of the altar He continues to offer Himself for us to this very day. This laying on of hands has another meaning, namely that we should offer ourselves along with the sacrifice of Christ.

3. Here is the prayer the priest says:

“We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy whole family; dispose our days in Thy peace, command us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the flock of Thy elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.” We might divide this prayer into four parts.

4. We ask God to accept the oblation of our service. The first duty of a creature, we cannot repeat this too often, is to adore, praise and thank the Creator. This service of adoration we can perform completely only in and through Christ. The only satisfactory worship, the only satisfactory praise and thanks is that which the Son of God as man offers to His heavenly Father. Mass is the noblest and highest worship, that

of God the Son to God the Father .

5. Our second petition is that God will dispose our days in peace. These words were put in this prayer by St. Gregory the Great, when Rome was in great danger from attacks by the Lombards. That is what is meant by our text:

“Delivered from the hands of our enemies, we should serve him without fear.” St. Luke, 1 :74.

There are enemies that destroy peace of soul; they are sin, temptation, vices and the world's seductions. There are enemies to the peace of the world: persecutors of the Church and her children, wicked rulers, wicked citizens, wicked neighbors.

6. We ask to be delivered from eternal damnation. How striking that just before the solemn moment when the Son of God comes upon our altar, Mother Church reminds us to beg to be saved from eternal damnation. That was the purpose for which Jesus died--to save us. That is the danger ever present as long as life lasts--the danger of damnation. That is the grace we want--to be delivered from eternal loss.

7. Finally we beg God to number us among the flock of His elect. What greater grace could we ask? What greater blessing could we receive? And what better time to ask for this boon than during those sacred seconds before the consecration?

In a few moments the priest will stand there at the altar and place my hands over the bread and wine which will become the Body and Blood of Christ. Like the priest of the Old Law and like many another in the New Law his hands laid over the offerings will show that it an offering made to God for the sins of men. It will show that Christ took upon Himself all our sins. It will remind us to return some love to Him for the love that prompted Him to die for us, the love that prompted Him to come down on our altar for us. Amen.

Fr. Arthur Tonne
September 1950



Getting Ready For Lent

Every Lent Holy Mother the Church advocates certain pious practices that her children should perform to satisfy their requirements to do penance, to pray, to perform good works, to make reparation for their sins. and to further me apostolic work of the Church.

Our Lord tells us, as recorded in Scripture. “Unless you shall do penance. you shall all likewise perish.” (*Luke*, 13:3). And St. John the Baptist announced the coming of the Savior with the ominous admonition. “Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (*Matt*. 3:2).

With regard to prayer, St. Paul tells us to “Pray without ceasing... (1 *John*. 5:17). And Our dear Lord advises, “Amen. amen I say to you: if you ask me Father anything in My Name. He will give it you.- (*John* 16:23). Also He said. “If you abide in me [i.e., “live in Me.” or “stay in me state of

grace”], and My words abide [“live”] in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you.” (*John* 15:7). Further, Our Lord has said. “Watch ye, therefore, praying at all times that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are to come, and to stand before me Son of man.” (*Luke*. 21 :36). And in me Book of Judith we read, “Know ye that the Lord will hear your prayers, if you continue with perseverance in fastings and prayers in the sight of the Lord.” (*Judith* 4:11).

Our obligation to do apostolic work, no matter who we are. is seen in the general admonition of St. John the Baptist. “...Make straight the way of the Lord...” (*John* 1:23; *Is*. 40:3). The Church has used this counsel in her Advent liturgy, so we know it applies to all--at least to the extent that all must pray and do penance for the success of the Church's missionary activity, help support it financially--and wherever possible take an active part in the conversion or reconversion of those we know.

The primary purpose of Lent. of course, is to help us become truly holy--and we should work toward this goal during Lent by extra prayers, penance, good works, almsgiving. attendance at Mass and reception of the Sacraments (the chief sources of grace).

Do Penance: Our Lord has made it perfectly clear that penance is necessary for salvation. To Sr. Lucy of Fatima, He revealed that, “The penance I now ask and require is that necessary for the fulfillment of My law and the performance of one's daily duties.”

Have You Given Any Thought to Your Lent This Year?

How About:

- Take someone to Mass with you.
- Take someone to Confession with you.
- Go to Lenten devotions
- Invite someone to become a Catholic--start talking to him about it. Or talk to a fallen away Catholic about returning to the church.
- Go to Confession often: Frequent Confession is generally said to be once a month. St. Alphonsus Ligouri says that anyone who is serious about saving his soul will go often. This is one of the best ways to make progress in the spiritual life because we regularly stay focused on what we are doing wrong.



The Cracked Pot

The water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was

proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure; it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

“I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you.”

“Why?” asked the bearer. “What are you ashamed of?”

“I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts,” the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said,

“As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path.”

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot,

“Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house.

We are all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table.

In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste.

So as we seek ways to minister together, and as God calls you to the tasks He has appointed for you, don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and allow Him to take advantage of them, and you, too, can be the cause of beauty in His pathways

Go out boldly, knowing that in our weakness we find His strength, and that “In Him every one of God's promises is a Yes.”

Stephanie Allen

“He died for me”

For many years after the Civil War an Illinois farmer used to visit a soldier's grave at Nashville, Tennessee, tending it and planting flowers with much devotion once a year. If some stranger asked him: “Is that your boy?” he would answer: “No, he just lived in our town. You see, when

the war came I had seven small children, and my wife was not strong. I was drafted for the army, there was nobody to carry on the farm, and they would have nearly starved without me. We were in terrible trouble about it, and the very day I was going to report at camp my neighbor's boy came and offered to go to the war for me. He said he had nobody depending on him, so he could go better than me. He went, and was wounded at Chickamanga, and died here in hospital. This is his grave.” Then he would point to a rough inscription which he had cut with his own hand on the tombstone: *He died for me.* Each of us can say of Our Lord” He loved me and delivered Himself for me.”



**Pray for Our Holy Mother Church.
Pray for the Holy Father.
Prayer our Beloved Bishop & Pastor.
Pray for Priests.
Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.
Pray for our Latin Mass Community**

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