

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

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Continued from last week:

Doubtless man is mortal by nature, as the animals are. Yet, through grace the first man had received for himself and his descendants the privilege of immortality, provided he should remain faithful to God. As Genesis records it, when the Lord placed him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and preserve it, He said: "Of every tree of paradise thou shalt eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat. For in what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death."

This was but a gentle testing of man's submission, as Boussuet says, a light brake on the exercise of his free will, to make him realize that he had a master, though a most merciful one.

The devil, on the other hand, told him: "No, you shall not die the death. For God doth know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened: and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." That is to say: you will be able to rule yourselves, with no need to obey. The devil himself had said: "I will

not obey."

What happened immediately after the sin of disobedience and pride? As Scripture records it, "the eyes of them both were opened." They acquired the knowledge of good and evil: not the knowledge that enables one to conduct oneself wisely, but the knowledge that is nothing but the bitter experience of evil committed and of its profound difference from goodness and from the holiness they had just lost for themselves and for their descendants. They realized how true had been the Lord's warning to them and how the devil had lied.

Their souls seemed dead within them. For in tasting evil through their pride, they had lost divine life and God's friendship. Their souls had withdrawn from God who gave them life, and God had withdrawn from them. In consequence, they lost mastery over their passions. The emotions, until then subject to right reason and to the will, revolted, just as the will had revolted against God. Finally, in as much as the soul had ceased to be under God's dominion, the body ceased to be under the soul's governance. Once the soul had withdrawn from God who vivified it, the body separated from the soul, the source of its life. The soul had been untrue to its divine friendship, and God withdrew from the body its wholly gratuitous privileges of impassibility and immortality. Man had preferred nature to grace, and nature's threadbareness was apparent. The human body, thenceforth subject to natural laws,



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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 am

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Saturdays: 7:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 am

9:15—9:55 am

Weekdays

7:30—7:45 am

and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: 9:40 am

First Saturdays: 8:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHOOL DAYS start this Monday.

HOLY ROSARY: April 13, at 7:30 pm for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**FROM FATHER:**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL: Easter Vacation ends. We are in the fourth marking period from April 13 to June 12, but we have to make the exams for the third period in this week. Welcome again to school Mass and be on time.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book is filled up until April 26, 2015. If a Mass is needed during this time, it will be put on a list for Bishop Morello. He will appreciate these because the monks live on our extra stipends. Also do not forget that every day I'm able to add a second intention in the Holy Mass and second intention costs nothing.

JULY RETREAT

We are planning another retreat with Fr. Noel Ramirez for:

July 13—July 17

Please let Father Rodriguez know if you think you will be attending.

EASTER NOVENA:

From Easter Sunday to April 13, nine Masses will be offered for the intentions requested on the Easter Card list.

sins. For mortal sin is, as it were, the death of was exposed to winds and inclement weather, to pain, sickness, and death. Until then man had dominated death. The Lord now said to Adam: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the earth, out of which thou was taken: for dust thou art and into dust thou shalt return. The Church reminds us of this every Ash Wednesday. Death of the body, the consequence and punishment of sin, was also the symbol of the soul. Loss of the life of grace was followed by the loss of physical life. Horror of death should inspire in us a horror of sin, through which death came into the world.

Immediately after the fall of man the Lord promised a redeemer, when He said to the serpent: "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head." As all the prophecies specify, Jesus eminently represents the posterity of the woman. On Good Friday He conquered both sin and the devil. But this hidden victory, won by the One who might have seemed to be vanquished but who was really a victim for us, was to be manifested by an overwhelming sign. Here we can see the supernatural logic of these mysteries according to the plan of Providence. It was highly fitting that this great sign should be the resurrection of the Saviour. If death is the consequence of sin, it was altogether fitting that Christ's victory over death should be the sign of His victory over sin. In other words, Christ's victory over death should be the sign of His victory over sin. In other words, Christ's victory over death, proved by His resurrection, means that He was victorious over sin on the cross.

That is why St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "And if Christ be not risen again, your faith is vain: for you are yet in your sins." That is to say: we have no guaranty that God has accepted His death as redemption. And St. Paul added that the Saviour's resurrection is the guaranty of our own future resurrection: "For by a man came death: and by a man the resurrection of the dead. And as in Adam all die, so also

in Christ all shall be made alive." Jesus had said at Lazarus' tomb: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live." He had also said three times when He promised the Eucharist: "Now this is the will of the Father who sent Me: that of all that He hath given Me, I should lose nothing; but should raise it up again in the last day." This formula recurs several times in this discourse by Our Lord, who was called to save both our bodies and our souls and to make us participate in His glorious life. That is why St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "And the enemy, death, shall be destroyed last." "And when this mortal hath put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written {Osee13:14}: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? Now the sting of death is sin.. But Thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Likewise the Apocalypse (1:17) tells us that Jesus appeared to St. John and said to him: "Fear not. I am the First and the Last, and alive, and was dead. And behold I am living forever and ever and have the keys of death and of hell. Write : These things saith the Holy One...He that openeth and no man, shutteth, shutteth and no man openeth" This is the triumph that the liturgy proclaims on Easter Day in the Sequence *Victimae Paschali laudes*:

The Lamb redeems the sheep:
And Christ the sinless one,
Hath to the Father sinners reconciled.
In a strange conflict strove,
The Prince of Life, who died,
Now lives and reigns.
We know that Christ indeed
Has risen from the grave:
Hail, thou King of Victory,
Have mercy, Lord, and save. Amen.

Let each of us consider how different the history of humanity would be and how different our own lives would be if there had been no Redemption and no Resurrection.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun April 12,	LOW SUNDAY	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Easter Novena Missa pro Populo
Mon April 13,	St. Hermenegild, M	W	8:00 am 7:30pm	Easter Novena. Holy Rosary for the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue April 14,	St. Justin M, St. Tiburtius and Companions, Mm	R	8:00 am	Maria & George Schmitt. (R.I.P.)
Wed April 15,	Votive Mass of St. Joseph	W	8:00 am	James.
Thurs April 16,	St. Benedict Joseph Labre	W	8:00 am	Charles Mendes (R.I.P.)
Fri April 17,	St. Anicetus.	PM	8:00 am	Charles Mendes (R.I.P.)
Sat April 18,	St. Mary in Saturday.	W	7:00 am	Dennis Duesman (R.I.P.)
Sun April 19,	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Intention for James Missa pro Populo



MARCH MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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April 5,	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez
April 12,	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger
April 19,	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger
April 26,	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez

Mass may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
Call Mrs. Miriam Windfeld for any information: (856) 456 4232



NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments.

We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary.

We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.

There is every evidence that the victory of Christ over sin is far superior to His victory over death. The former is the very essence of the mystery of the Redemption. The latter is but a sensible sign of the inward and invisible supernatural mystery. The symbol derives its value from the grandeur of the thing symbolized. The moment of the "Consummatum est" was the greatest and most glorious in the whole history of mankind. But this victory was so mysterious, so hidden, that it escaped even the majority of the apostles themselves, and so it needed to be made manifest by an incontestable sensible sign. This was provided by Christ's triumph over death, the consequence of sin. And that is why we celebrate Easter with great magnificence, to honor the great victory won by our Saviour on Good Friday. The act of love of Good Friday, which is commemorated at every Mass, far surpasses the corporeal resurrection which is its manifestation.

The apostles were made to see the light. The Saviour's death had left them broken, crushed. They were going to return to their earthly occupations and forget the kingdom of God. From the day they knew of the Resurrection, their faith faltered no more. Given still new light through the grace of Pentecost, they scattered over the earth to preach the good tidings; and following their Master's example, they preached His gospel until they were martyred. In the midst of their torments they put all their trust in the glorious Christ, as St. Stephen had done before them, and they trod the same path as he to eternal happiness.

This mystery of resurrection continues in the Church in a certain sense. Jesus made the Church in His own image, and if He allows Her to pass through terrible tribulations, He enables her to rise up again and to be more glorious after the mortal blows of Her enemies have been struck. This is what happened during the persecutions of Nero, Diocletian, and Julian the Apostate. From the blood of thousands of martyrs sprang up thousands of Christian (Catholic) Churches.

The Church likewise triumphed over the great Arian and Pelagian

heresies, which were the occasion of immortal works by the Greek Fathers and by St. Augustine.

During the early Middle Ages the barbarians spread desolation everywhere, but the Church was able to conquer and convert them. In the 13th century the Albigensians tried to revive Manichaeism, but great new religious orders arose, and the 13th century became the golden age of theology.

In the 15th and 16th centuries, it might have seemed to some people that the Church would perish under the blows of the pagan Renaissance and of Protestantism. Large areas of Germany and England were lost to Catholicism. However, at that very moment there arose in Europe a galaxy of saintly founders or reformers. The Church was established in India, where St. Francis Xavier renewed the prodigies of the apostolic era. In America, Louis Bertrand and Las Casas proclaimed the charity of Christ, and the true reform was being organized at the Council of Trent.

The French Revolution set out to destroy the Church once more. Priests were massacred, religious orders were suppressed, altars were profaned, and the foundations of a new life and a new religion were laid down. But in 1801 the Concordat was signed, the Catholic worship reappeared in the churches. Little by little the dispersed religious orders were re-established, saints like the Cure of Ars called back into being all the vitality of Christianity, and the missions of the Orient, Asia, Africa, and America made astonishing progress. Thus will it be until the end of time. The mystery of the Saviour's resurrection is in a sense reproduced in the Church.This is the truth of the Master's words, manifested: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. If any man thirst, let him come to Me and drink....Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water, and I will raise him up in the last day."

OUR SAVIOUR AND HIS LOVE FOR US Chapter XXV Fr. Reginald Garrigou-La Grange, OP 1951

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