

# Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

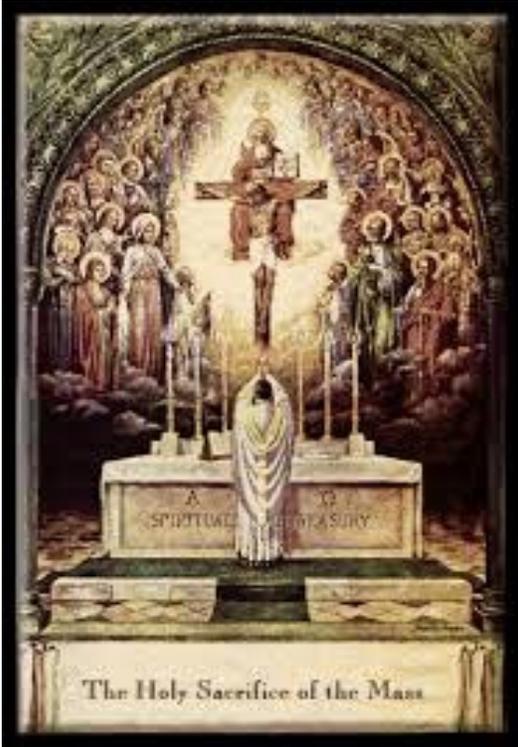
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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



### **THE PRINCIPAL PRIEST OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

“Christ...always living to make intercession for us” Heb. 7:25

After His Resurrection and Ascension, our Saviour, who is a priest forever, did not cease to exercise the principal act of His priesthood, and He does this especially through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass is a sacramental sacrifice substantially perpetuating in an unbloody manner the sacrifice of the Cross, of which it is a memorial; and it applies to us the fruits of the sacrifice of the Cross. Such is the doctrine of faith clearly formulated by the Council of Trent.

As the Council explains, the Sacrifice of the Mass is in substance the same as that of the Cross, because it is the same victim, really present on our altars, that is offered up and because it is offered up by the

same principal priest. This victim, nailed to the cross, is now offered under the appearances of bread and wine, and it is sacramentally immolated by the separate consecration of the body and blood of our Saviour, who is present on the altar in the state of death, as it were. Of course, His Precious Blood is no longer physically separated from His Body, but we can say that it is sacramentally shed. For, by virtue of the words of the first consecration, only the body of the Saviour is present under the species of bread, and formally by the words of the second consecration it is only the precious blood that is under the species of wine.

The Mass is therefore a real sacrifice, but an unbloody one. It is not merely a symbolic sacrifice or the simple re-enactment of a past sacrifice, for the victim is really present and not merely the image of this victim. There is also the real oblation of the victim and not merely a symbol of this oblation. But in this unbloody sacrifice, the real and bloody immolation of Calvary is merely symbolized and commemorated, and its fruits are applied to us. As the theologians say: the Mass is a true, unbloody sacrifice which represents the bloody immolation of the sacrifice of the Cross. Hence the Mass is far superior to the sacrifices of the Old Testament, for even the sacramental immolation of the Word of God made flesh is a far more eloquent expression of reparative adoration due to God than was the bloody immolation of the paschal lamb and of all the victims of



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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:** The Litanies of all Saints Saturday before Mass.

Requiem Mass for the Poor Souls in Purgatory at 7:00 p.m.  
followed by the Rosary, this Monday April 20,

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FROM FATHER:** Today is the third Sunday of the Month and we have the building collection after holy communion in both Masses.

For this week we have the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Wednesday and St. Mark Evangelist on Saturday, preceded by the Litanies of all Saints.

### MASS INTENTIONS

For next week I will receive Mass intentions, because I only have two Mass intentions.

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. We need to have an idea of how many will be attending.

**MAY PROCESSION** on May 3, all the Girls who would like to participate see Elizabeth Bouton after Mass today, please.

the Old Law. Moreover, this sacramental immolation is far more efficacious than all the ancient sacrifices.

The Mass is the great memorial of the Passion. Without it, the sacrifice of the Cross would be forgotten and would be lost in the night of passing time. The Holy Eucharist makes it possible for each succeeding generation to preserve a living, daily, and fruitful memory of the sacrifice of Calvary. It makes each of us participate in this sacrifice, if we so desire, through Holy Communion. Thus the source of all graces remains open until the end of the world, and everyone can come to it to quench his thirst.



### **IN WHAT SENSE JESUS IS THE PRINCIPAL PRIEST OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

The Council of Trent says: “Una eademque est hostia, idem nunc offerens sacerdotum ministerio, qui seipsum tunc in cruce obtulit, sola offerendi ratione diversa.” It is the same victim as on Calvary, it is the same priest who offered Himself on the cross and who now offers Himself through His ministers. The only difference lies in the exterior mode of the oblation: on Calvary it was bloody, and here it is sacramental and unbloody.

Is it enough to say with certain theologians that Christ offers up the Mass virtually and not actually, inasmuch as He originally instituted it by commanding that this sacrifice be offered up until the end of the world? Let us not underrate the actual influence of Christ, our Redeemer.

In fact, if during the Mass we pay attention to the words of the double consecra-

tion, we see that the priest pronounces them not in the name of the Church but in the name of Christ Himself, whose minister, instrument and mouthpiece the priest is. When the priest consecrates the bread he does not say “This is the body of Christ,” but “This is MY BODY.” It is Christ who speaks through the mouth of His minister. Moreover, it is our Lord Himself who now, just as He did originally, gives the words of the consecration their transubstantiative value, capable of converting hic et nunc the substance of the bread into that of His Body, and the substance of the wine into His Blood. The Saviour’s sacred humanity, St. Thomas tells us, remains the conscious instrument, perpetually united to God, to produce the transubstantiation, the real presence, and all the graces that derive from the Eucharist.

At the same time ---and this is the point to stress here---Christ, priest for all eternity, continues to offer Himself up sacramentally in order to apply to us the satisfaction and the merits of His passion. In His human capacity, He is the principal cause of this continuing oblation, which is the chief act of His priesthood, the act to which His ministers ought to unite themselves as instruments, becoming each day more conscious of the grandeur of this sacrifice. The teaching that Christ continues even now to wish to offer Himself up in each Mass is held by theologians in general, What is more, in his encyclical on Christ the King, His Holiness Pope Pius XI has written: “Christus sacerdos se pro peccatis hostium obtulit, perpetuoque se offert.” The words of the council of Trent, quoted above, as thereby clarified: “Idem nunc offerens sacerdotum ministerio, qui seipsum nunc in cruce obtulit....” Having once offered Himself up in a bloody manner on the cross, Christ continues to offer Himself up in a sacramental and unbloody manner through the ministry of His priests.

It follows that even if the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated by a bad priest, the consecration is still pronounced in the name of Christ who thereby converts the substance of the bread into that of His

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun April 19,	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EAST- ER OR GOOD SHEPHERD	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Intentions of the Superior Missa pro Populo
Mon April 20,	Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity		8:00 am 7:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory. Requiem Mass followed by the Ro- sary for the Poor Souls .
Tue April 21,	St. Anselm, Bp C D	W	8:00 am	Mr. Leggett.
Wed April 22,	Solemnity of St. Joseph	W	8:00 am	Michael Dolan (R.I.P.)
Thurs April 23,	St. George, M	R	8:00 am	Hugh Dolan.
Fri April 24,	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,	M	8:00 am	Denis McGuire.
Sat April 25,	St. Mark Evangelist. Greater Litanies before Mass	W	7:00 am	Marcos Villegas.
Sun April 26,	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Intention of the Superior 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.**

Body, and the sacrifice thus retains its infinite value. Even if the minister were in the state of mortal sin, he would still be the instrument of Christ, provided he intended to perform the act instituted by Our Lord.

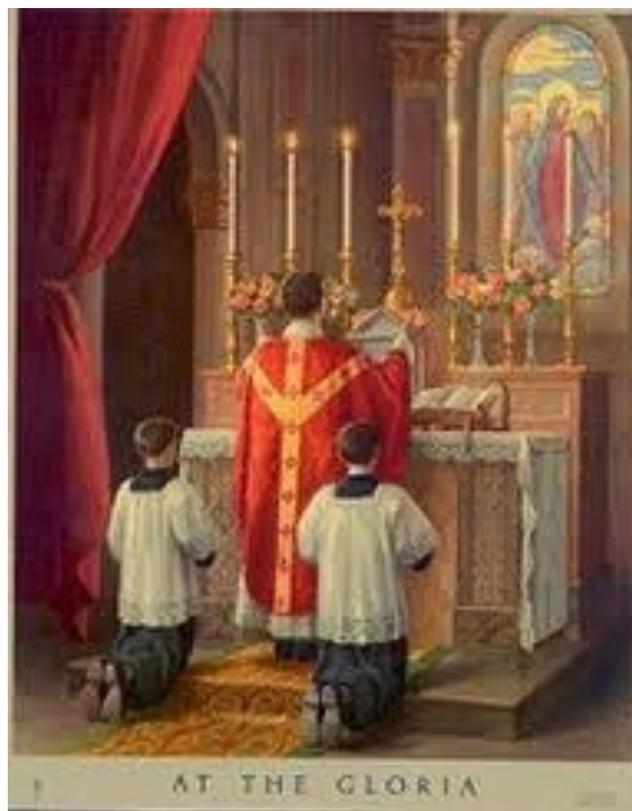
Our Saviour is therefore the principal priest at the Sacrifice of the Mass, not only because he participates in it in a remote manner inasmuch as He instituted the Eucharist both as sacrament and as sacrifice; not merely inasmuch as He once commanded that this sacrifice be offered up in His name until the end of the world. He is the principal priest because He actually participates in it at the present time in two ways. He continues actually to wish to offer Himself up through the ministry of His priests, as the Council of Trent says. In the second place, in His human capacity He is the conscious and intentional instrument, always united to God, that truly produces the transubstantiation and the graces that derive from the Sacrifice of the Mass.

There is no doubt whatever that when the priest at the altar pronounces in the name of the Saviour the words of the double consecration, Jesus actually intends them to be pronounced hic et nunc, and He Himself gives them their transubstantiative power. If an act of will on the part of the minister is necessary, this is far truer of the principal priest. Moreover, though the minister may at times be a little distracted at the moment of the consecration, our Saviour never is. Our Lord continues to intend to offer Himself up in this manner in order to apply to each passing human generation and to the souls in purgatory the merits of His passion and of His death.

There have been saints who have been privileged to see our Saviour Himself, and not merely the celebrant, perform the Holy Sacrifice. This is a special grace that reminded them of something that we must all believe: that Jesus is the principal

priest of the sacrifice offered up on the altar. In thus continuing to offer Himself up, Christ does not cease to intercede for us, as we read in the Epistle to the Hebrews, which is entirely devoted to the grandeur of His priesthood. We cannot insist too much on this point.

OUR SAVIOUR AND HIS LOVE FOR US Chapter XXVI. 1951  
Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.



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