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CHARACTERISTICS FROM FATHER FABER

REPARATION

Who does not see for how much we children of the Blessed Sacrament have to make reparation; and how fervent as well as abundant must our reparation be! Have we any work in life which presses so much as this? Is there any better use of time, any fitter preparation for eternity?

Are we doing anything else? Surely day after day we are rejoicing in the Mass, or setting aside our other occupations to go to Benediction. Day after day we are gathering round the tabernacle, and telling Jesus how we love Him, and how with bleeding hearts we mourn over the daily dishonour of His real presence and residence amongst us. We should feel a day incomplete, even our busiest day, if we had not made some act of tender reparation to our sacramental God. How beautiful must the sight of Catholic believing hearts be to that dear Inmate of the Sanctuary, overflowing with faith and love, like so many Magdalens devouring His Feet with kisses, washing the very dust away with tears, each one of which has a whole heart in it, and wiping them with the hair of our head, as if what our vanity had most prized was only to be reinstated in its honour by some menial use for Him! How the incense of unbroken prayer is ever rising from us to His sacramental throne; and the perpetual flames of ardent reparation light up His altars as on the night of some exulting feast! But is all this true? It seems unavoidable, the contrary is inconceivable yet is it true!

No matter whether we look on those who do not love because they do not believe, or on those who because they believe cannot help but love, it is a sad and wintry

scene on which we are called to look. If the sins of unbelievers are materially more startling and repulsive, there is a greater formal want of love in the coldness of believers. We wound the Heart of Jesus more keenly and acutely than they who do not believe. We can look on them with the forbearance of pity, as we look on one beside himself. But we, His own familiar friends, how deep are the wounds which we have the power to inflict upon Him! At Mass how weary, distracted, and irreverent we often are, though our faith tells us it is the same thing as if we had stood with Our Lady and St. John beneath the Cross on Calvary! At Benediction, how little are we filled with a spirit of interior devotion, and how often are little domestic arrangements allowed to interfere with our going there! Are our communions at all what we could desire in the way of preparation, or of thanksgiving, or of fervour in the receiving? Are our visits to the Blessed Sacrament as numerous as our facilities and our leisure would allow, to say nothing of the necessities of our own soul, and those of others, to drive us there?

Nay, are we not sometimes ashamed of our faith in the Blessed Sacrament, when in the presence of unbelievers and called upon for some outward recognition of our worship? On the whole, do not we ourselves, as much as anyone else, compel Him to lead the life of poverty and abandonment which so touchingly characterizes the Blessed Sacrament? So it is that with those who believe and those who do not believe, our Blessed Lord in His Sacrament is surrounded, not with choirs of angels or rings of various saints, so much as by groups of every variety of evil character, as He vouchsafed to be in His blessed Passion. They who do not believe



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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 am

Weekdays: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 am

9:15—9:55 am

Weekdays

7:40—7:55 am

and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: After 7:00 am Mass
and at 9:40 am

First Saturdays: after 8:00 am
Mass

Next Sunday is

Laetare Sunday and the choir is allowed to play the organ, which has been forbidden for Lent, up to now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM

Fr. Rodriguez:

I have Mass intentions until April 16th, and I am preparing a second list for Bp. Morello.

HOLY WEEK

The servers have to check the schedule and attend practices with the MC.

THIS EASTER

Remember to fulfill your Easter duty of Confession and Communion once a year at this time.
Fr. Rodriguez.

represent, one class of them the Jews, another Herod, another Pilate, another the Roman soldiers, and so on; while alas! we who believe are either Judas who betrayed Him, or Peter who denied Him, and Peter unfortunately without Peter's tears, or the rest who ran away and fled, or at best the curious and indevout spectators of the Crucifixion, some indifferent without dislike, and others sentimental without compassion.

What remains then for us but reparation? There is no true child of the Church of whom it must not be true to say that devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is his special devotion. It cannot be otherwise. Without it there are no other devotions; and of its supremacy over all the rest Catholics cannot lawfully have two opinions. For it is the only devotion which is a divine worship at the same time that it is a devotion also. This is its peculiarity and its pre-eminence. But whether we look at it as a devotion or as a worship, in both points of view reparation occupies a most prominent position: and it belongs to all. For all souls who have a right to love are bound to reparation. . .

How beautiful is reparation, and what a mystery that God allows so high a work to creatures so poor as we! As if we could build up His ruined glory, and raise temples out of ruins, we who are what we know ourselves to be, something so much worse than those who know us best could for a moment suspect! Reparation! the very thing for which He Himself exists in the Blessed Sacrament; for if it had not been necessary He should come in humiliation to redeem us, it had not perhaps been necessary He should have hidden Himself in this lowest depth of secret silent love. What is so full of heart as reparation, or more full of joy even while we mourn? What is redemption but reparation? What else was Mary's compassion? What else was the earthly occupation of the Sacred Heart? Is it not its occupation in heavenly glory, as well as in the mysterious Host, this very hour? O my poor country! how much she needs, and how beauti-

ful she is. How rich in all else, but in God's gifts, in God's graces, how sadly poor! Not because His Hand is less munificent, but because her heart is closed against Him. O my countrymen! who have seen days almost of persecution, at least of deadness and obscurity, who have seen the dry bones of heresy come to life and give out punctual harvests every year of numerous and manifold conversions, how dear to you and to the strength of that faith which has been in you pure and firm and bright from reason's earliest dawn, how dear to you should this deep and quiet devotion be of reparatory love. You also whom God has called so marvellously and so sweetly into the inheritance of Catholic truth, which was not yours by birth, do you not feel as the people in the Gospel must have felt on whom Jesus had worked a miracle, almost ready out of love to disobey Him, and to proclaim His love even when He bids you nourish your humility in silence? How dear, how doubly dear, must the task of reparation be to you, who love much because you have been forgiven much, and have a whole life's work for God to do in half a life or less!

The Blessed Sacrament,

pgs. 533-535,537,538.

THE SPIRIT OF OBLATION

GOD magnifies our own poor actions, and gives them an immense value by uniting them to His, and enabling us to do them from supernatural motives, and in union with Him. It is this last method of putting it in our power to love Him more worthily that we are to consider now. We are to meditate on the treasure of our common actions and on the Catholic devotion of perpetually offering them up to God united with the actions of Jesus. This is the second manner in which God mercifully rescues us from the littleness and worthlessness of our own selves. There is not a single thing we do all the day long, which may not be made to advance the glory of God, the interests of Jesus, and the salvation of souls. No matter how completely

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY February 28	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	P	7:00 am 10:00am	Superior's Intentions Missa pro Populo
MONDAY February 29	FERIAL DAY Requiem Mass and Holy Rosary	P	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Special Intention Holy Mass and Rosary for the Poor Souls
TUESDAY March 1	FERIAL DAY	P	8:00 am	Michael Dolan R.I.P.
WEDNESDAY March 2	FERIAL DAY	P	8:00 am	Wilferd McNeal
THURSDAY March 3	FERIAL DAY	P	8:00am	Wilferd McNeal
FRIDAY March 4	FERIAL DAY St. Casimir, C & St. Lucius I, PM	P	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Catholic Family Salvation the Way of the Cross
SATURDAY March 5	FIRST SATURDAY FERIAL DAY	W	7:00am 5:00 pm	Catholic Family Salvation Sorrowful Mother devotion
SUNDAY March 6	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	P	7:00 am 10:00 am	Superior's Intentions Missa pro Populo



MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

1520 Delaware St, Paulsboro, New Jersey 08066

February 28	9:30 am.	Fr. Bachtiger
March 6	9:30 am.	Fr. Bachtiger
March 13	5:00 pm.	Fr. Rodriguez
March 20	9:30 am.	Fr. Bachtiger

*Mass may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Call Mrs. Mary Bocchino for any information: 856 228 4450 or Mrs. Windfeld 856 4564232

Devotions: Monday February 29, at 7:00 p.m.
Requiem Mass, Holy Rosary and St. Joseph
Litanies for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.



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.

the world may have set its seal upon it, nor how utterly it seems to be an affair of temporal business, or how a trivial concern belonging only to the misery of human life. The heavenly motive enters into it; that moment it is all filled with God, and becomes a jewel of almost infinite price, with which the Divine Majesty condescends to be well pleased. The hours pass, one following the other; each one is filled with actions belonging to our state. We write, or read, or keep accounts, or buy, or sell, or speak, or think, or suffer; and all the while, if we choose it, we are minting money, heavenly money, which can merit eternal life. There needs but the act or intention of oblation, by which our actions touch those of God made Man, to confer this value upon every single thing we do.

This devotion of saying Mass, as it were, with our actions all day long is peculiarly Catholic. I suppose it strikes converts as much as anything else in the devotional system of the Church; and it is surely another most touching instance of the way, in which God contrives everything for love. Pious people sometimes complain of the distractions of worldly occupations; they think it will be the peculiar business of heaven to worship God with an unintermitting worship; in fact, they complain that earth is not heaven. Yet surely, in this respect at least, it need not be so very unlike it. If ours is a service of love, every one of these so-called distractions is in truth a precious oblation. Every action is Host and Incense and Song and Sacrifice all the day long, if we choose that it should be so ourselves. Now, if we have really at heart God's glory, the in-

terests of Jesus, and the saving of souls, if we would fain be occupied in these things at all hours, we must not neglect to profit by this treasure of our common actions.

The spirit of oblation, I have said, is essentially Catholic. It springs from the doctrine of the Mass, which is the center and fountain of all true devotion. It belongs to a religion of sacrifice, such as the Gospel is in every way. Our dear Lord redeemed us by the oblation and sacrifice of Himself; and hence oblation and sacrifice enter into every minutest detail of our religion. No wonder, then, that they should give a shape and form, a genius and spirit, to Catholic devotion. This is so obvious, it need not be dwelt upon. But what I want you to observe is, that here also is the same contrivance for love, the same sweet paternal spirit, which God vouchsafes to show us everywhere. It would seem as if prayer was a privilege which could not possibly be exceeded even by infinite compassion; and that a creature could look for nothing more than making his wants known to his merciful Creator. Yet oblation is something beyond prayer. In prayer we receive from God; in oblation it is He who vouchsafes to receive, and we are allowed to give. To make presents is not only a sign of love, but of some sort of equality; and thus from oblation there springs a more familiar, tender, and affectionate familiarity with God than could arise from petition only. The childlike freedom of the saints comes in great measure from this spirit of oblation.

—All for Jesus. pgs. 165-167

Lenten Devotions:

FRIDAYS: Stations of the Cross and Rosary, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS: Novena to the Sorrowful Mother, at 5:00 p.m., followed by homemade soup for all.

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For up-to-date information, such as last-minute changes to the Mass schedule, special prayer requests, and other breaking news, refer to our website at:

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