

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

PALM SUNDAY

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Father Burke has treated with great power a subject of deep and singular interest. Delivered in the Church of Augustine and John, in Dublin.

"There stood by the cross of Jesus, Mary, His mother, and the other Mary" words taken from the Gospel of St. John.

You know, dearly beloved, that all we have worth estimating in this world, and absolutely all that we hope for in eternity, is derived by us from our Lord Jesus Christ. You know, moreover, that by His sufferings and death He not only took away the sin of man, washing it out in His own Precious Blood, He not only cancelled the handwriting of the awful decree which consigned us all to eternal banishment from God, but He opened up, on the other hand, to us all the treasury of His Father's kingdom and His Father's love, and He obtained for us, through the merits of His suffering and passion, every good and every perfect gift that cometh down from the Father in heaven.

Now, there are two sets of Christians in this world. There are those who love to contemplate all the results of the passion and sufferings of our Lord, who love to think that He has taken their sins upon Himself, as in fact He has done, who love to think that He has delivered them from the slavery of that old law which He accomplished and abolished in His own Divine Person, but who in their joyous recollection of all that they have received from Him turn away deliberately from the contemplation of the sufferings and the death and the humiliation and the sorrows by which they obtain from the Almighty God so many good and glorious gifts. They are those who, calling themselves Christians,

and professing a belief in Christ, do not belong to the Catholic Church. To those the feast of Christmas and Good Friday is all the same, an equal rejoicing. They rejoice on Christmas day that a child is born Who is to redeem them, but they will not enter the stable nor contemplate the Child's sufferings and humiliations; they call that superstitious. On Good Friday they stand indeed under the shadow of the rood, but they will not lift up their eyes to Him that suffers there, but, like the soldiers who were casting their dice at His feet and rejoicing that he had left them a few garments, so they cast and shuffle their dice of mutual congratulation under the cross, whilst they are rejoicing at what they have obtained by those sufferings. They refuse to contemplate them, much less to sympathize with them.

But, dearly beloved, there is another class of Christians in this world, and they are the children of the Catholic Church, founded by the Son of God, dowered with His eternal dower of truth and of divine grace, sanctified by the Blood that fell upon her head as she stood at the foot of the cross, looking on fearlessly, though with agonizing eyes... And for these, the children of the Church, the passion and the sufferings of the Son of God are a daily theme proposed to them by their holy mother to be the subject of their daily thoughts...

Is it not strange, dearly beloved, that wherever we turn in a Catholic church something or other reminds us of the sufferings of Christ? Over all her altars we see the crucifix. It would be a mortal sin for one of her priests to celebrate the Mass unless the image of the Crucified were there, raised up before him, that whilst he commemorated the sorrows he

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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 a.m. 9:15—9:55 a.m.

Weekdays

7:40—7:55 a.m.

and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: After 7:00 a.m. Mass
and 9:40 a.m.

First Saturdays: after 7:00 a.m.
Mass

**“Won’t you please spend
one hour with Me?”**

Please be sure to sign up
for an hour of reparation in
our Chapel on Holy
Thursday into Good Friday.
Do not leave Our Lord
alone in His agony.

MASS

INTENTIONS:

I have Mass intentions until MAY 22, 2018. And I have prepared the list for Bp. Morello.

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Q. What do we mean when we say in the Apostles' Creed that Christ descended into hell?

A. We mean that after He died, the soul of Christ descended into a place or state of rest, called limbo, where the souls of the just were waiting for him.

Heaven had been closed by the sin of Adam. The just among the dead could not enter heaven until Christ satisfied for man's sin and repaired its injuries. They awaited their redemption in limbo.

Q. Why did Christ go to limbo?

A. Christ went to limbo to announce to the souls waiting there the joyful news that He had reopened heaven to mankind.

Q. Where was Christ's body while His soul was in limbo?

A. While His soul was in limbo, Christ's body was in the holy sepulchre.

Man dies when soul is separated from body. When Jesus died, His soul and His body were separated from each other, but His divine Person remained united both to His body in the tomb and to His separated soul in limbo.

may look upon that which will remind him of the original.

Now when the day of days comes which brings back the hour that beheld Him raised up on Calvary, all is grief and sorrow and desolation in the Church; no light must glimmer upon her altars, the very lamp of her sanctuary is extinguished, as if put out by the tears of sorrow that have fallen upon the perennial flame; all is draped in the deepest black, all speaks of sorrow, of the broken heart, of the empty house, of joy departed—all brings as powerfully as the senses can, before the minds of the faithful the sufferings and the desolation of the Son of God.

Now, it may be asked, why does the Church put this sorrowful view before us, rather than the joyful? I answer, dearly beloved, that the Church of God, in this as in every other spirit that animates her devotions as well as judges her dogmata—the Church of God, I say, in this is moved by the mind of God on the one hand, and the nature of man on the other.

The mind of God is clearly put before us. He will not have us be forgetful of what He has suffered for our sakes. Christ our Lord never dreamed of such forgetfulness. He will not permit it. When He instituted the greatest of all His mysteries and performed the greatest of all His miracles—namely, the mystery and the miracle of **His own Divine Presence in the Blessed Eucharist—He expressly tells us that He did this in order that the memory of His sufferings and of His passion should never pass away nor be forgotten.**

When He had changed the bread into His own most sacred body He declared: "This body is about to be broken and given up for you"; and when he took the chalice and changed the wine into His own most Precious Blood He declared to them: "This is the blood that is about to be shed for many unto the remission of sins." This is not a feast of joy, but a commemoration of sufferings. The mind of the Son of God Himself was perpetually engaged in the contemplation of His own sufferings, of His own pas-

sion.

The word of the prophet is: "My grief and my sorrow are always before me." As the Child of Nazareth grew from childhood into boyhood, from boyhood into manhood, He grew only to the fulness of His age for the purpose of suffering and of agony and of sorrow, and the thing was always before His eyes. So did this suffering occupy, not only the mind of the Father in heaven, who saw in them not only satisfaction to His justice, but they also occupied the mind of God made man upon the earth, who dwelt constantly upon the contemplation of them; and so also it was with Mary His Mother.

In the first days of the fulness of her joy, when we may well imagine that no shadow of sorrow could fall upon the brightness of her delight, when she brought her child into the temple that she might give Him to God, and then purchase Him back again, by paying for Him the little tribute of two turtle doves, Simeon, the high-priest, said to her: "Thou art the mother rejoicing in a Son of whom David spoke of old, but I say unto thee that this Child is raised up for a sign, that shall be contradicted; that thy soul the sword of sorrow shall pierce through and through, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And the Evangelist tells us that Mary, having received her prophetic message of sorrow, laid it up in her heart. And from that hour until she saw the mystery fulfilled the passion and the suffering of her Divine Son were ever present to her mind. But it is not only, that the Church interprets the Word of God, but she also interprets the deepest feelings of the heart of man.

And now I must appeal to you not so much in the language of Scripture, nor of authority, but in the language of plain, common reason and experience. Suffering is the test of love. Take the mother that loves her only-begotten child with all those depths of love which only a mother's heart can know. As long as the child is well, in rude health, no matter how deeply she loves him, she never can test or know the depth of her own love. But a day comes when the fair blooming child is smitten with disease, and

MASS SCHEDULE

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| SUNDAY March 25 | PASSION SUNDAY | V | 7:00 am 10:00 am | Marie Slader, R.I.P. Missa pro Populo |
| MONDAY March 26 | Monday of Holy Week | V | 8:00 am 7:00 pm | Andrew Kingsbury Requiem Mass, followed by Rosary and St. Joseph's Litany. |
| TUESDAY March 27 | Tuesday of Holy Week | V | 8:00 am | Special Intention |
| WEDNESDAY March 28 | Wednesday of Holy Week | V | 8:00 am | Charles Mendes, R.I.P. |
| THURSDAY March 29 | MAUNDY THURSDAY | W | 10:00 am | Special Intention |
| FRIDAY March 30 | GOOD FRIDAY | B | 10:00am 3:00 pm | NO INTENTION STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| SATURDAY March 31 | HOLY SATURDAY | W | 10:00 am | Rosemary McGuire Berry |
| SUNDAY April 1 | EASTER SUNDAY | W | 7:00 am 10:00 am | EASTER NOVENA Missa pro Populo |

For those wishing to have Masses said, an expected stipend of at least \$20.00 must be paid at the time of the request. (more may be offered) If this is to be paid by check, make the check payable to Fr. Rodriguez



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| March 25th | 9:30 am | Fr. Bachtiger |
| April 1st | 9:30 am | Fr. Bachtiger |
| April 8th | NO MASS | |
| April 15th | 5:00 pm | Bp. Morello |

MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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*The faithful who, between three o'clock on the afternoon of Good Friday and noon of the following day, spend some time in devout meditation or offer some prayers, either in public or in private, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sorrowing, may gain:
A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions.*

The Raccolta

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: GOOD FRIDAY at 3:00 P.M.

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE: First and second Sunday of the month we will begin at 9:30 A.M. (before the Holy Rosary), and the other Sundays will be immediately after 10:00 o'clock Mass.

REQUIEM EVENING MASS: We will continue our regular Requiem Mass on Mondays at 7:00 P.M.

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: We are continuing the catechism classes for adults every Sunday after 10:00 A.M. Mass.

now his mother sees him under the doctor's knife, or writhing in agony which cannot be explained, much less relieved; then, for the first time do the hidden and deeper depths of her love well up, and only then, she knows in the agony of her anxiety how great is her love for the little suffering babe before her.

Why is it said: *mortuis nil nisi bonum*—let nothing be said about the dead except what is good? Why, because as a rule love asserts itself in sorrow, and the failings and the faults of the deceased one are forgotten in the love which remembers only his virtues and his perfections; and this is the nature of man, and God Himself recognizes this, for He makes suffering in the Scripture the test of love and death; it is the climax of sufferings, and is precisely what He has taken by the mouth of His prophet to compare with love to say: "Love is as strong as death."

When, therefore, brethren, we recollect that we are the children of the kingdom and the children of the new law, when we consider that love or charity is the perfecter of the law, when we consider that Jesus Christ our Lord,

in return for all that He has done and suffered, only demands the reward of our love, saying to us in the language of Scripture: "O my son ! give me thy heart," what wonder, then, that the Church should put ever before our eyes these deep and terrible sufferings of the Son of God in His passion and His death, in order to stir up the deeper love which is in our hearts, in order that grace may be helped by nature, and in order that every one may find not only a test of his love but also his affection in his sympathy with the sufferings of Jesus Christ? For, dearly beloved, sympathy with our Divine Lord in His sufferings—or, in plainer language, devotion to the passion of Jesus Christ—is at once the countersign of the children and the elect of God, and their pious privilege. Ask yourselves now, my dearly beloved, let each one ask himself: "Have I devotion to the passion and sufferings of Jesus Christ? Do I often think of them?"

Lectures and Sermons.

By Very Rev. Thomas N. Burke, O.P. (1878)

Far away in the west of Ireland, where her ancient language and holy traditions are most jealously and faithfully preserved, there was a

mother who went every Friday in the year, her growing son by her side, to perform the Stations of the Holy Way of the Cross, and it was during the first year of the famine in Ireland, when great misery was upon the land, and when the angel of death stalked abroad and struck terror into every heart. And this mother and the child were going around the Stations of the Cross when two strangers entered the Franciscan church.

One of these, a Protestant, said to the other, for the woman was weeping freely—she not only wept freely but she sobbed aloud—and this stranger said "Why is this mother weeping?" The other answered: "She is weeping over our Lord Jesus Christ, over His sufferings, over His death." "What!" said the strange man, not a Catholic, "why, it is nearly two thousand years ago since He suffered and died." "No" said the other, who was a Catholic, "No, He dies every Friday in the year before that mother's eyes, and she is weeping over Him as if she were amongst those Marys who stood upon Calvary. He is a living presence and a living reality to her, and she is teaching her boy to weep."

Same reference

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