

# Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

### CARE OF THE SICK AND DYING

For this, the Fourth Sunday after Easter, the Gospel appointed to be read is taken from St. John xvi. 5-14: At that time Jesus said to His disciples: *"I go to Him that sent Me, and none of you asketh Me: Whither goest Thou? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go: for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment. Of sin, because they believed not in Me: and of justice, because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now; but when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but what things soever He shall hear, He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me because He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it to you."*

These words were spoken by Our Lord on the eve of His death. He had made known to the apostles that He was soon to return to His Father, and this announcement had filled their hearts with sorrow.

As the separation was soon to be realized, He comforts them by the promise that the Holy Ghost was soon to come upon and assist them amidst trials and persecutions, and impart to them light to know and to preach all truths to the world. It seems as if Our Saviour, being Himself extremely sad at the thought of leaving His apostles, desired to comfort Himself by opening His heart to them.

We also are liable, when we least expect it, to be separated by death or otherwise from

those who are dear to us. What should we do when our houses are visited by sickness? How should we act towards those who are afflicted? Let us consider the actions of Him Who is our life and our light, and meditate upon His words.

We read in the tenth chapter of St. Luke: *"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who also stripped him: and having wounded him, went away, leaving him half dead. And it chanced that a certain priest went down the same way, and seeing him, passed by. In like manner also a Levite, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan being on his journey, came near him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And going up to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine: and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two pence, and gave to the host, and said: Take care of him and whatsoever thou shalt spend over and above, I at my return will repay thee. Which of these three, in thy opinion, was neighbor to him that fell among the robbers? But he said: He that showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him: Go, and do thou in like manner."*

The man who had been robbed, wounded, left half dead, on the desert road from Jerusalem to Jericho, was a Jew, living in Judea, probably in Jerusalem itself. The compassionate man lived in the distant province of Samaria, the inhabitants of which were despised and hated by the people of Jerusalem. The Samaritan was well aware of this fact: he knew, as well, that by stopping to dress the wounds of the distressed man he exposed himself to be attacked by robbers. Again, being a poor traveler, time and money were precious to him; but he overlooks all this and does not hesitate to put himself to inconvenience in order to help the wounded man. He tenderly binds up his wounds, pours over

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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

The faithful, who during the month of May, take part in public exercises in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may gain: An indulgence of 7 years on any day of the month.

**MASS**  
**INTENTIONS:**

*I have Mass intentions until JUNE 28, 2018.*

*You may write your stipend checks to the "Company of Jesus and Mary" also.*

A Prayer

O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I beseech Thee, by the agony of Thy Most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Thine Immaculate Mother, wash clean in thy Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and who are to die this day. Amen.

V. Heart of Jesus, who didst suffer death's agony.  
R. Have Mercy on the dying.

*An indulgence of 300 days. A plenary indulgence once a month on the usual conditions, if this prayer is said with devotion thrice daily at the three distinct times.*

them the wine and oil which he carries for his own use on the journey, places him carefully on his own beast, takes him to an inn, passes a whole day with him, and spends his own money in paying the innkeeper.

The action of the Good Samaritan was known and admired by our fathers in the faith. They saw in his heroic conduct an image of Him Who came down from heaven to heal our infirmities, and Who saved us by His Blood; and years ago they built on the spot of the occurrence here described, on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, an inn or hotel, which was called *The Inn of the Good Samaritan*. God grant that we, too, remember the Good Samaritan, and imitate his charity! We also should act the part of the Good Samaritan when friends, neighbors, or relatives are visited by sickness or accident. In cases of this kind we should be ready to spend our time and money, to sacrifice our rest and our convenience. For charity is known by works, not by words only. A great part of the life of Our Lord was spent in visiting the sick and healing them.

For instance, at the beginning of His public life we find Him performing the following cures. (Matt. viii): *"And when He was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him: and behold a leper came and adored Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus stretching forth His hand, touched him, saying: I will. Be thou made clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed..."*

*"And when He had entered into Capharnaum, there came to Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying: Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, and is grievously tormented. And Jesus saith to him: I will come and heal him... And Jesus said to the centurion, Go, thou hast believed, so be it done to thee. And the servant was healed at the same hour."*

*"And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying, sick of a fever: and He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she arose and ministered to them. And when evening was come, they brought to Him many that were possessed with devils, and He cast out the spirits with His word. And all that were sick He healed; that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by Isaias the prophet,*

*saying: He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."* Not only did Our Lord visit the sick and heal them: we have often seen Him represented attending St. Joseph on his deathbed, and who knows how many others He encouraged in their agony?

He came to comfort Mary and Martha, and wept with them over the death of Lazarus. He comforted the women who wept and lamented on Calvary when they saw Him carrying His cross. He made haste to appear to His mother, to Mary Magdalen, to Peter and the other disciples, after His resurrection, that He might dry their tears and bring them joy. The teachings of Our Lord regarding charity concern not only the priests, and other persons consecrated to God, but all men; and unless we practice it in given circumstances, we shall at the last day hear the dreadful sentence: *"Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire... I was hungry: and you gave Me not to eat... I was sick, and in prison: and you did not visit Me."*

Whilst attending the sick we need not be disturbed if we cannot perform our ordinary devotions. The exercise of charity should have precedence in devotional exercises, but we should never forget that it is still more important to help sick persons to prepare for death than it is to alleviate their bodily ailments.

As to the manner of helping the souls of sick persons we would beg that they always have some holy water at hand, for this water possesses much efficacy in consequence of the blessing it has received. Let the sick persons use it themselves, if they can; but if they cannot, let their friends sprinkle it, and make the sign of the cross on them with it. Let them have a crucifix, which they may sometimes kiss with devotion; and let there be an image of the Blessed Virgin so placed that they can see it conveniently.

They alone who have been a long time and dangerously sick can tell how much comfort is to be found in hearing devout prayers recited, or in listening to some pious reading. It is in fact the only real comfort that sick persons can enjoy at a time when the world is nothing to them. Let us therefore resolve to visit the sick, to nurse them, to pray with and

# MASS SCHEDULE

<b>SUNDAY</b> April 29	<b>4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b> <b>St. Peter of Verona, M</b>	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Charles Mendes (R.I.P.) Missa pro Populo
<b>MONDAY</b> April 30	St. Catherine of Siena, V Within the Octave of St. Joseph	W	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Special intention, Requiem Mass, followed by Rosary and St. Joseph's Litany.
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 1	Ss. PHILIP & JAMES App.	R	8:00 am	Michael Dolan, (R.I.P.)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 2	St. Athanasius, BCD	W	8:00 am	Sean & Jessica McGuire
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 3	FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS St. Alexander PM & Companions, Mm, Juvenal, PC	R	8:00 am	Special Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 4	St. Monica, W <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	W	8:00 am	Andrew & Michele Kingbury
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 5	St. Pius V, PC <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	W	7:00 am	Faithful in Colima
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 6	<b>5th SUNDAY</b> <b>AFTER EASTER</b>	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Charles Mendes, (R.I.P.) 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*



April 29th	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez
May 6th	NO MASS	
May 10th	7:00 pm	Fr. Bachtiger
May 13th	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger

## MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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

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*The faithful who lovingly commend to Almighty God those who are in their last agony throughout the whole world, in order to obtain for them the grace of a happy death, may gain:*

*An indulgence of 300 days*

*(Pius X, Rescript in his own hand, Oct. 26, 1907)*

### 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

**PLEASE SIGN UP** for May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady on May 6th.

**REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE:** First and second Sundays 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:** Mondays at 7:00 P.M.

**CATECHISM FOR ADULTS:** Begins a few minutes after 10:00 A.M. Mass.

for them.

The pastor ought to be informed whenever a member of his parish is dangerously ill. A special benediction is attached to the pastor's visit, but especially to the blessing of him whose hands have been consecrated; and to him belongs the duty of purifying the soul of the patient by absolution and Extreme Unction. When the priest who represents Our Lord Jesus Christ anoints the eyes, the ears, the nostrils, the lips, the hands, and the feet of a dying man, and signs them with the sign of the cross, he does it to stamp them with a pledge of glory and immortality.

As everything in the church converges towards the altar; it is in the church that we receive our instructions, and receive the sacraments, in the church also that we are helped during our sickness. Let not the friends of the sick man forget to have him recommended to the prayers of the congregation. *"The continual prayers of the just man availeth much."*

Requests for prayers for the sick are made by the pastor during the time of the parochial Mass. The persons for whom prayers are offered were perhaps baptized in

that church; received their first Communion; been joined in marriage; and assisted at Mass. The sick person may have relations and acquaintances amongst the congregation, who will offer fervent prayers for their sick friend. Those prayers will be offered directly to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who at the consecration will become really present on the altar, ready to receive supplications and to pray with those who pray.

The Missal contains a Mass known as the *Mass for the sick*, because the prayers proper to it consist of supplications for sick persons.

Although the chief virtue of Mass consists in the sacrifice, the special prayers of this Mass for the sick have also great power to obtain grace because they are prayers of the Church, presented to Almighty God by a lawful minister in his official capacity. It is therefore a wholesome, a useful, practice to have Mass offered for the sick, to hear Mass for the sick and agonizing.

A greater solicitude ought to be shown towards those who are in their agony. They should be visited in their dwellings, fervent prayers offered for them, and if the priest is not present, someone else should recite

those admirable prayers for departing souls which are in all prayerbooks. For those in their agony there is also a Mass in the Missal, and it would be a great charity to have it offered for them. The sick and the dying cannot do much for their souls; and yet their eternal happiness or misery will depend on the state of their conscience at the moment of death. Of the moment of the agony it may be said that *"the devil comes down with a great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time."*

Let us resolve to visit the Blessed Sacrament, and to attend Holy Mass when Almighty God is pleased to visit us with sickness and trials. The parish church is really the house of God and the gate of heaven. When you kneel down before the altar praying for the sick or the agonizing, remember the prayer of Him Who said: *"Father, I will that where I am, they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me: that they may see My glory which Thou hast given Me, because Thou hast loved Me before the creation of the world"* (John xvii. 24).

*Taken from: Christ on the Altar  
By Rt. Rev Louis de Goesbriand, DD, 1889*

### VISIT US ON THE WEB

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