



Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

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The subject offered to our consideration on this second Sunday is one of the utmost importance the holy season. The Church applies to us the lesson which our Savior gave to three of His apostles. Let us endeavor to be more attentive to it than they were. Jesus was about to pass from Galilee into Judea, that He might go up to Jerusalem and be present the feast of the Pasch. It was that last Pasch, which was to begin with the immolation of the figurative lamb, and end with the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. Jesus would have His disciples know Him. His works had borne testimony to Him, even before those who were in a manner stranger to Him, but as for his disciples, had they not every reason to be faithful to Him, even to death? Had they not listened to His words, which had such power with them that they forced conviction? Had they not experienced His love, which it was impossible to resist? And had they not seen how patiently He had borne with their strange and untoward ways? Yes, they must have known Him. They had heard one of their company, Peter, declare that He was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Notwithstanding this, the trial to which their faith was soon to be put was of such a terrible kind, that Jesus would mercifully arm them against temptation by an extraordinary grace. The cross was to be a scandal and a stumbling block to the Synagogue, and alas to more than it. Jesus said to His apostles at the last Supper: 'All of you shall be scandalized in Me this night. Carnal-minded as they then were, what would they think when they should see Him seized by armed men, handcuffed, hurried from one tribunal to another, and doing nothing to defend Himself! And when they found that the high priests and pharisees, who had hitherto been so often foiled by the wisdom and miracles of Jesus, had now succeeded in their conspiracy against Him, what a

shock to their confidence! But there was to be something more trying still: the people, who, but a few days before, greeted Him so enthusiastically with their Hosannas, would demand His execution and He would have to die, between two thieves on the cross, amidst the insults of His triumphant enemies. Is it not to be feared that these disciples, when they witness His humiliations and sufferings, will lose their courage? They have lived in His company for three years but when they see that the things He foretold would happen to Him are really fulfilled, will the remembrance of all they have seen and heard keep them loyal to Him? Or will they turn coward and flee from Him? Jesus selects three out of the number, who are especially dear to Him: Peter, James, and John. Jesus has resolved to take them aside, and show them a glimpse of that glory which until the day fixed for its manifestation, He conceals from the eyes of mortals. He therefore leaves the rest and goes towards a high hill called Thabor. No sooner has He reached the summit of the mountain, than the three apostles observe a sudden change come over Him. His face shines as the sun and His humble garments become white as snow. They observe two venerable men approach and speak with Him upon what He is about to suffer in Jerusalem. One is Moses and the other is Elias. While they are admiring the glorious sight and gazing on the beauty of their Jesus' human nature a bright cloud overshadows them, and a voice is heard speaking to them. It is the voice of the eternal Father proclaiming the Divinity of Jesus and saying: 'This is My well beloved Son.' The transfiguration lasted but a few moments. His mission was not on Thabor, it was humiliation and suffering in Jerusalem. He therefore withdrew into Himself and when he came to the apostles they could see no one save only Jesus. What a favor they have had bestowed upon them! Will they remember what they have seen and heard? They have had such a revelation of the Divinity of

their dear Master! Is it possible that, when the hour of trial comes, they will forget it, and doubt His being God? And when they see Him suffer and die, will be ashamed of Him and deny Him? Alas the Gospel has told us what happened to them. A short time after this, our Lord celebrated His last Supper with His disciples. When the supper was over, He took them to another mount, Mount Olivet. Leaving the rest at the entrance of the garden, He advances with Peter, James, and John and says to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death, stay you here and watch with Me. When he returns to His three disciples, He is enfeebled by the agony He has suffered and His garments are saturated with Blood. The apostles are aware that He is sad even unto death, and that the hour is close at hand when His is to be attacked: are they keeping watch? Are they ready to defend Him? No, they seem to have forgotten Him; they are fast asleep. Yet a few moments and all will have fled from Him and Peter the bravest of them all, will be taking his oath that he never knew the Man. After the Resurrection our three apostles made ample atonement for this cowardly and sinful conduct, and acknowledged the mercy wherewith Jesus had sought to fortify them against temptation, by showing them His glory on Thabor a few days before His Passion. Let us not wait till we have betrayed Him: let us at once acknowledge that He is our Lord and our God. We must not allow our faith to be weakened, when we behold the fulfillment of those prophecies of David and Isaias, that he Messiah is to be treated as a worm of the earth and be covered with wounds so as to become like a leper, the most abject of men, and the Man of sorrows. We must remember the grand things of Thabor, and the adoration paid Him by Moses and Elias, and the bright cloud and the voice of the eternal Father. The more we see Him humbled, the more must we proclaim His glory and divinity.

Wisdom of the Saints

Many are needed to plant and water what has been planted now that the faith has spread so far and there are so many people...God gives no harvest unless what is planted is the faith of Peter and unless he agrees to his teachings. - St. Thomas a Becket

Words of Wisdom

There is an interesting passage in Dom Gueranger's Liturgical Year for Ember Saturday in Lent. Written over 100 years ago it is still applicable, maybe even more so, to our times: God here assures us that a nation, which is faithful in observing the laws regarding the divine service, shall be blessed above other nations. History is one long illustration of the truth of this promise. Of all the nations which have fallen, there is not one that has not brought the chastisement upon itself by its neglect of the Law of God. At time, the Almighty delays to strike, but it is only that the chastisement may be the more evident and produce a more salutary effect upon mankind. When we would know the future of a country, we need only observe how it comports itself with regard to the laws of the Church. If its own laws are based on the principles and practices of Christianity, that country is sound, in spite of certain weaknesses her and there: revolutions may disturb it peace, but it will triumph over all. If the bulk of its people is faithful in the observance of external practices prescribed by the Church: for example, if they observe the Lord's day and the holy fast of Lent, there is a fund of morality in that country, which is sure to draw down upon it the blessings of heaven. Irreligious men will scoff at all this and call it superstition, prejudice of weak minds, and out of date for an age of progress like ours, but if their theories were to rule, and a country, which up to this time had been practically Catholic, were to seek progress by infringing the law of Christian ritual, it would, in less than a hundred years, find that public and private morality had lost ground, and its own security would be menaced. Man may talk and write as he likes. God wishes to be served and honored by His people, and it is for Him to prescribe what are to be the forms of this service and adoration. Every injury offered to external worship, which is the great social link, is an injury to the interest of mankind. Even were there not the word of God for it, it is but just that such a consequence should follow.

Announcements

If you would like to assist with maintaining our website, please contact Greg Hilliard: greenvillegoldandsilver@gmail.com

If interested in joining the choir email chain, please contact Caroline Hilliard at carlbriggs80@gmail.com!

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Kathleen Weidner
JB Nolen (recovering from surgery)
Rob Alpha's 4 year old niece
Dennis Smith
Theresa Fishman
Sharon Rose
Michael Briggs, RIP
Father Trough
Success of the Mission

Upcoming

March 14: Mass, 8:00 AM

March 17: St. Patrick

March 19: St. Joseph, Patron of Universal Church's

March 25: Annunciation of the BVM

March 26: Mass, 10:00 AM

April 3: Passion Sunday

April 10: Palm Sunday

***NOTE: Due to the length of Holy Week Services, Father will not be able to offer Mass in the evening.**

April 17: EASTER SUNDAY

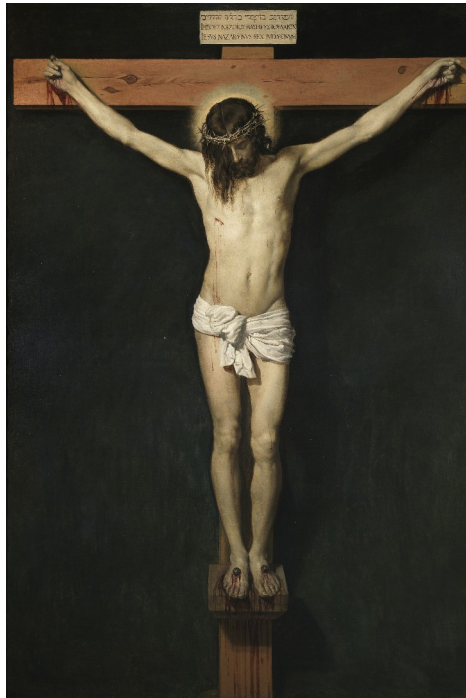
April 30: Mass, 10:00 AM

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>



Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

-Women and girls must cover their heads.

-Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.

-It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.