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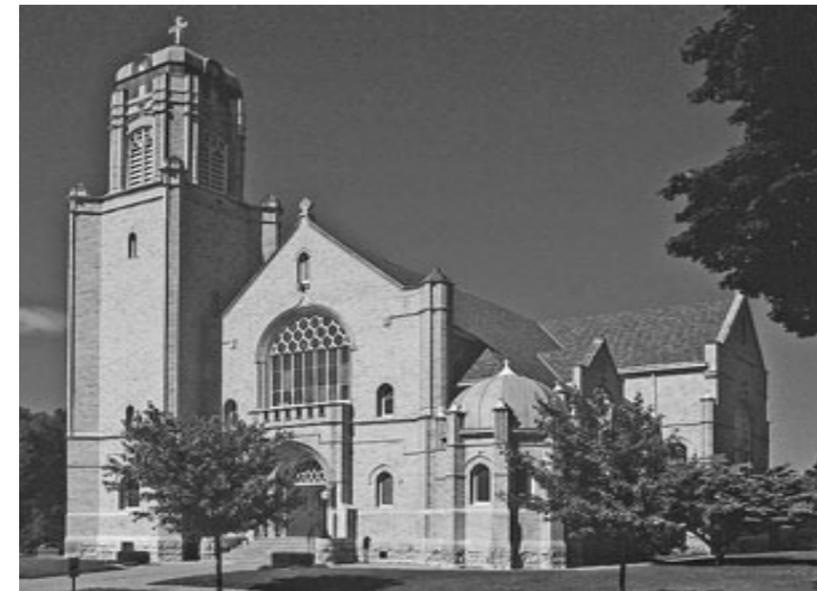
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**Palm Sunday**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 5:</b> Blessing of the Palms	10:30am
Palm Sunday; <i>The Servitores</i>	8:00am Low Mass
Palm Sunday; <i>Mark &amp; David Kemna</i>	11:00am High Mass
<b>Daily Mass:</b>	
<b>Monday 6:</b> Monday in Holy Week; <i>Edmund Kelly</i>	12:10pm Low Mass
<b>Tuesday 7:</b> Tuesday in Holy Week; <i>Virginia Meimann</i>	12:10pm Low Mass
<b>Wednesday 8:</b> Wednesday in Holy Week; <i>Cathy Luburger</i>	12:10pm Low Mass
<b>Thursday 9:</b> Maundy Thursday; <i>Fr. Lyola Knoblauch OFM</i>	6:00pm High Mass
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	After Mass—12:00am
<b>Friday 10:</b> Good Friday; Stations of the Cross	12:10pm
**Solumm Liturgy	3:00pm
<b>Saturday 11:</b> Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil	10:00pm
<b>Sunday 12:</b> Easter Sunday	
Midnight Mass; <i>The Donors &amp; Benefactors of St. Rose of Lima</i>	Close to Midnight
Easter Sunday Daytime Mass; <i>The Servitores</i>	8am Low Mass
Easter Sunday Daytime Mass; <i>Fr. Arnaud Devillers &amp; the Faithful of St. Rose</i>	11am High Mass

*Confessions and Rosary 30 minutes prior to Mass and Stations*

## From the Desk of Fr. D

### Palm Sunday

The cross is the mystery of absolute poverty. At that moment, Jesus really has nothing left. It is true that he has always been poor, from the day of his birth in Bethlehem until the days of his public life, when he did not have a rock on which to rest his head. But what is that compared to his poverty today, of his deprivation as he dies naked on the cross?

During his youth, he has had the tender love of Mary and Joseph, and then came the cheers of the crowd, the gentle intimacy with his apostles. Today the people mock him, one of his apostles has betrayed him, others have abandoned him. As if this deprivation was not sufficient, he gives his mother to the only disciple who has remained faithful: "And Jesus, seeing his mother there, and the disciple, too, whom he loved, standing by, said to his mother, Woman, this is thy son." Jesus thus enters the death that approaches alone. He will be the greatest of poor men and the greatest solitary.

Or rather- for I am mistaken- he will still have one friend. It will be the bandit, the repentant thief. He too is naked on a cross, he too is without friends and abandoned by all. He too is a great pauper and a great solitary! On a level different to that of Jesus, can he not, in thinking of his past crimes, despair of God? And despite this it will be this poor man that will be the last companion of Jesus and who will die with him. Today already, he will be with him in paradise. "And Jesus said to him, I promise thee, this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

The repentant thief shared, albeit only for a moment, the

total poverty of Christ, and accepted it. "It is just" he said. He will be offered the eternal riches of Jesus.

And now we can ask ourselves, in these days of the Passion, whether we truly share the total poverty of Christ. Are we really detached from the things of this world? Do we live detached from them at least in spirit? What would we say if someone were to take away such-and-such an object from us, or refuse us another? Would our soul not be troubled by it, would we not make clear our displeasure?

In what spirit do we receive criticisms, which can but fail to touch us? Do we accept, in union with Christ, not being liked by such-and-such a brother? Do we accept the frequently extremely heavy emotional solitude of our cell-bound lives without seeking exterior consolation?

Poor sinners bearing our sins, do we always think it just to be abandoned by God and to live in spiritual drought?

These are certainly questions that we can legitimately ask ourselves on Palm Sunday.

He who can say that he is entirely free and has given himself, is blessed. Despite his past mistakes or his current miseries, he is sharing, like the repentant thief, the poverty of Christ. For eternity, he will also share his riches. Amen.

## Welcome to St. Rose of Lima Latin Mass Community!

This community was established by Bishop George Lucas, Bishop of Springfield, in the fall of 2008 for the celebration of the extraordinary form of the Roman Missal (Traditional Latin Mass).

If you are not familiar with this rite, do not hesitate to ask for help from the ushers. To follow the liturgy on Sunday, you need a red booklet or hymnal and the Sunday proper leaflet.

On weekdays, you need Latin-English Missal (for sale at the rectory or at Poppe's). You may also follow the ordinary on the red booklet.

For the offices of the Sacred Triduum, there will be some special special books available if you do not have a missal. You may register at St. Rose by calling the office during Business hours (Monday-Friday 9-12 & 1-4pm).

## Our Church News

- **HOLY WEEK AND SACRED TRIDUUM:** Although the three days of the 'Sacred Triduum' (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) used to be holy days of obligation (a few centuries ago...), it is no longer the case. However, the Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Commemoration of the Death of Our Lord on Good Friday and especially the Celebration of the Paschal Vigil are of the utmost consequence for us. We should make every effort possible to attend them.
- **CONFESSIONS:** Confessions will be available as usual 30mn before each office and on Good Friday, also after the Stations of the Cross. Do not wait the last minute to receive the sacrament of reconciliation!
- **Novena to the Divine Mercy:** In response to revelations made to Sister Faustina, Pope John-Paul II instituted the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord urged her to encourage the recitation of the chaplet of Mercy as a novena between Good Friday and Divine Mercy Sunday. Feel free to take a leaflet about this novena in the vestibule. "By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls".
- **Flowers:** Envelopes are available in the vestibule for Easter flowers. For more information, contact rectory or Sherry Kemner 224-4911.
- **Coffee and Donuts** as usual after both Masses every Sunday. No fasting on Sundays of Lent!
- **Scripture Class:** Wednesday 10am Church Hall every week. Everyone is welcome.
- **Wednesday April 15 at 6:30 pm is next Adult Religion Class.** Bring your hand-missal. We continue the study of the Mass according to the extraordinary form: the Offertory.
- **Saturday April 18: Jambalaya Dinner** at St. Rose. Join us for Jambalaya. Red beans and rice and cornbread. 4:00pm to 9:00 pm \$8/person, \$25/family.

• **Saturday April 25: Movie Trivia Night.** 6:00pm to 11:00 pm at the Hall. \$80/table for an 8 person table. Call or e-mail to reserve your table, as space is limited. 217-779-7879 or mjdeters@yahoo.com.

### RESTORATION UPDATE

We are still looking for donations to repay the installation of the marble altars and communion table. Thanks to St. Patrick's dinner, we were able to reimburse an extra \$4,500 last week. We still have \$28,000 to pay (less than 1/3 of the original cost).

The two side altars, communion rail, sound and bell tower systems were donated by members of the community in memory of members of their family and a commemorative plaque has been installed.

We are still looking for donors for the high altar and the pulpit. If you are interested in making a substantial donation for the main altar or pulpit, please contact Father.

Besides the installation cost, there was also the purchase of the altars themselves. We are on a 36 months payment plan for this. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to meet this obligation. May God reward you a hundredfold!

• **HOLY SEE NEWS:** Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for April is: "That the Lord may bless farmers' work with an abundant harvest and sensitise the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world".

His mission intention is: "That the Christians who operate in the territories where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love".