
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

- AND -

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. PHILOMENA

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

March 17, 2024 A.D. – Passion Sunday



Hospitality

“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.” (Heb. 13, 1-2)

“Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.” (Rom. 15, 7)

Gregorian Latin liturgy

Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Welcome Visitors!

We thank you for coming. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a spiritual home, are returning to the practice of the Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church; we are happy to have you here, as you are.

Please take time to read this bulletin, to meet with the priest after Mass and to socialize. Enter the Holy Temple of the Good Lord to worship Him. *Pax vobis!* Peace be with you!



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News and Announcements

Today is Fifth Sunday of Lent, also known as “Passion Sunday” which begins the season known as “Passiontide.” The Church, since the beginning of the Easter Cycle, has followed our Lord in His apostolic ministry. Throughout Passiontide, clad in mourning, she contemplates the sorrowful happenings of the last year (Passion week) and the last week (Holy week) of His mortal life. These feasts are not, then, a mere commemoration, concerned only with our Lord Himself; they become a reality for His whole mystical body. The conflict of Calvary extended to the whole world, where with Christ her Head, the Church gained a new victory over Satan every year at the Easter Feast. In recalling our Lord’s Passion, the anniversary of which draws near, let us remember that if we are to experience its saving effects we must, like the Master, know how to suffer persecution for justice sake. And when as members of God’s family, we are persecuted with and like our Lord, let us ask of God that we may be “governed in body” and “kept in mind.”

The **second collection will be for the St. Thomas More Priory** and **religious items will be blessed** after each Holy Mass today.

Today **Fr. Gerrity will hold an open Q&A session** after the 11:00 am Holy Mass where all questions concerning the SSPX, the Pope and the Catholic Church are welcome. This session is offered every third Sunday of the month.

► **Mark your calendar:** There will be a **Spring Market Day April 21st after every Holy Mass.** Buy handmade and handcrafted items made by our very own parishioners! All proceeds will go to building our new church. **Please use the sign up sheet in the vestibule to be a “vendor”!**

► **Stations of the Cross** will be held at 5:50 pm all Fridays of Lent, except on Good Friday.

► **Abstinence on All Fridays during Lent is an obligation under pain of sin.** For more information please visit <https://florida.sspcx.org/en/fast-abstinence-rules>.

► **Easter Duty:** All Catholics have the grave obligation binding under pain of sin to worthily receive Holy Communion at least once each year between today and Trinity Sunday.

► **Please register for upcoming Ignatian Retreats at St. Thomas More Church.** Women’s: June 10-15, Men’s: June 24-19. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.

► **Donation receipts for tax purposes may be requested** from Mr. Robert Kelly, our treasurer (rbckelly@gmail.com or 954-914-9115). Thank you for your generosity during 2023.

A Coptic calendar tells us that **St. Joseph** was liturgically honored in a special way on July 20th, from the 8th century. At the end of the 15th century his feast was kept on March 19th and in 1621 Gregory XV extended it to the whole Church. In 1870, Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph protector of the universal Church. Without having begotten Jesus, St. Joseph by the bonds which unite him to Mary, is legally and morally the Father of the Son of the Blessed Virgin. It follows that we must honor by a special homage this dignity or supernatural excellence of St. Joseph. The Saint is justly considered the patron and model of interior and contemplative souls. Let us imitate this holy season the purity, humility, the spirit of prayer and meditation of Joseph at Nazareth.

St Cyril had committed to his care during Lent in Jerusalem catechumens to instruct them. We still possess most of his admirable homilies which he preached daily for seven weeks before Easter, between Prime and Terce. He there explained the Holy Scriptures, and during the 6th and 7th weeks the Creed, article by article, wherefore the Church counts him among her Doctors. Having become bishop of Jerusalem, he was thrice exiled by the Arians, who denied the divinity of Christ. Emperor Theodosius replaced him on his throne and St. Cyril then governed his church in peace, took part in the Council of Constantinople and condemned the heresies of Arius and Macedonius (who denied the divinity of the Holy Ghost). He died in 386. Let us sanctify our minds and hearts by penance, that we may deserve at Easter to be numbered forever among the redeemed.

*“The LORD is in his Holy Temple;
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”* (Hab. 2, 20)



ON THE DANGER TO WHICH TEPIDITY EXPOSES THE SOUL

by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Adapted)

“But Jesus hid himself.” JOHN viii. 59.

Jesus Christ enlightens all; but he cannot enlighten those who voluntarily shut their eyes to the light; from them the Savior hides himself. How then can they, walking in darkness, escape the many dangers of perdition to which we are exposed in this life, which God has given us as the road to eternal happiness? I will endeavor to convince you of the great danger into which tepidity brings the soul, since it makes Jesus Christ hide his divine light from her, and makes him less liberal in bestowing upon her the graces and helps, without which she shall find it very difficult to complete the journey of this life without falling into an abyss that is, into mortal sin.

A tepid soul is not one that lives in enmity with God, nor one that sometimes commits venial sins through mere frailty, and not with full deliberation. A tepid soul is one that frequently falls into fully deliberate venial sins such as deliberate lies, deliberate acts of impatience, deliberate imprecations, and the like. These faults may be easily avoided by those who are resolved to suffer death rather than commit a deliberate venial offence against God. But some of you will say: Venial sins, however great they may be, do not deprive the soul of the grace of God: even though I commit them I will be saved; and for me it is enough to obtain eternal life. Many are unwilling to be separated from God by mortal sins; they wish to follow him, but at a distance, and regardless of venial sins. Mortal sin terrifies the timorous soul; but, if she accustom herself to the commission of many venial sins with full deliberation, and without endeavoring to correct them, they shall destroy the roots that is, the remorse of conscience, the fear of offending God, and the holy desires of advancing in divine love; and thus, being in a state of tepidity, and impelled to sin by some passion, the soul will easily abandon God and lose the divine grace.

Moreover, deliberate and habitual venial sins not only deprive us of strength to resist temptations, but also of the special helps without which we fall into grievous sins. Be attentive, brethren; for this is a point of great importance. It is certain, that of ourselves we have not sufficient strength to resist the temptations of the devil, of the flesh, and of the world. It is God that prevents our enemies from assailing us with temptations by which we would be conquered. St. Bernard teaches that, as long as a person who is guilty of defects detests his faults, there is reason to hope that he will one day correct them and amend his life: but when he commits faults without endeavoring to amend, he will continually go from bad to worse, till he loses the grace of God.

Let us come to the remedy. The amendment of a tepid soul is difficult; but there are remedies for those who wish to adopt them. First, the tepid must sincerely desire to be delivered from a state which, as we have seen, is so miserable and dangerous; for, without this desire, they shall not take pains to employ the proper means. Secondly, they must resolve to remove the occasions of their faults; otherwise they will always relapse into the same defects. Thirdly, they must earnestly beg of the Lord to raise them from so wretched a state. By their own strength they can do nothing; but they can do all things with the assistance of God, who has promised to hear the prayers of all. We must pray, and continue to pray without interruption. If we cease to pray we shall be defeated; but if we persevere in prayer we shall conquer.



To receive Holy Communion :

- You must be a **baptized Catholic**, having made a good confession since the last committed mortal sin - if any - in order to hopefully be **in the state of Grace**.
- You must believe in the doctrine of **Transubstantiation**. *“For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself”* (1 Cor. 11:29).
- You must observe one hour of **Eucharistic fast** (*except water and medicine. However, we advise to abstain from food and alcohol for three hours and one hour for other liquid before Holy Communion*).
- One must not be a **public sinner** (*public adulterer, concubine, public homosexual*), or excommunicated, or interdicted.

- **The most important requirement** is to have a **great desire** to receive the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can humbly approach the Communion rail at any time after the Communion of the priest.

Then, open your mouth wide and extend smoothly and horizontally your tongue.

There is **no special order**, so that nobody should feel compelled to follow a general movement.

Do not judge your neighbor who abstains from receiving Holy Communion, as there is no obligation to receive it daily. However, *“Live in a manner to be able to receive communion every day!”* (St. Augustine)

In this Church, the faculty to absolve sins is directly granted to the priests by the Holy Father.

“I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.” Rm 12:1

Out of respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ and for the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to appear in Church decent in deportment and modest in dress.

However, no one has the right to question others, especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly dress or deport below expectation.

For gentlemen and lads: Neither shorts, T-shirts nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

For ladies and girls: Neither shorts, slacks, sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the norms of modesty.

Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or Church law, gentlemen are bareheaded in church; and ladies are requested to cover their heads.

Thank you for your charity.

Mass Times and Feasts from March 17 to March 25

| Date | Time | Devotion | Chapel | Feast Day |
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| Sunday, 17 th | 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm | Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass | Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch | PASSION SUNDAY <i>St. Patrick, Bishop & Confessor</i> |
| Monday, 18 th | — | — | — | Monday of Passion Week <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor (Comm.)</i> |
| Tuesday, 19 th | — | — | — | St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Confessor FERIA (Comm.) |
| Wednesday, 20 th | — | — | — | FERIA |
| Thursday, 21 st | — | — | — | FERIA <i>St. Benedict, Abbot (Comm.)</i> |
| Friday, 22 nd | 5:30 pm 5:50 pm 6:30 pm | Confessions <i>Via Crucis</i> Low Mass | Davie Davie Davie | Our Lady of Compassion (Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary) FERIA (Comm.) |
| Saturday, 23 rd | 9:00 am 10:00 am 9:30 am | Confessions Low Mass Low Mass | Davie Davie W Palm Bch | FERIA |
| Sunday, 24 th | 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm | Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass | Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch | PALM SUNDAY <i>St. Gabriel, Archangel</i> |
| Monday, 25 th | — | — | — | Monday of Holy Week |

† Confessions available **1/2 hour prior** to Holy Mass