

## *Our Lady of Sorrows Mission*

### **Mass Location:**

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room  
4209 Eck Lane Austin Texas 78734 Austin, TX

### **Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Mass – 6:00pm, Confessions – 5:30pm

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### *Note From Father*


Dear Faithful,

The snow on the ground in Cincinnati which I had returned home to late last Sunday night, has, in two days, disappeared and turned the ground into mud. The only bits remaining are the remnants of piles pushed by the plow in the parking lot. This was all in thanks to the warm weather which has arrived and harkens to us that spring is not too distant.

Our Lenten devotions are in full swing here at St. Gertrude's. Every day, following the Lenten High Mass for the school, the older schoolboys join the clergy in singing the early vespers together (our boys do a remarkable job). This prescription for the hour of vespers to be sung after noon time is a remnant of the early Church's mode of fasting. In the early centuries, it was not permitted to eat anything (to literally break the fast) until after the chanting of vespers, which was always the evening prayer of the Church. As time went on, vespers was allowed to be chanted earlier in the day to lift this restriction sooner...eventually arriving at noon.

In addition to daily vespers with the schoolboys, Wednesday afternoon, I led the Way of the Cross for the children and the parents who attended. Friday is always our big Lent day. Our program for Friday evening devotions is always a full one, including Rosary, confessions and Mass, Novenas, a parish dinner, stations of the cross, extra Lenten sermon, dramatically set in darkness, and benediction. It is a weekly spiritual highlight of Lent and is always very well attended by the faithful here, which is so encouraging.

The Friday evening devotions for Lent is always something which you may want to keep in mind to tune in via our livestream. It really is quite improving. You can find the schedule for each



week on the website, sgg.org. Download the St. Gertrude Bulletin for a list of all the times of the Masses and devotions.

And how about your home? Have you added devotions and prayers to your Lenten spiritual life? Just because you may not be able to make it to a church for public devotions, doesn't mean that you can't really create your own dynamic Lenten spirituality. It simply takes a little effort and creativity. But what better offering to give to Our Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna

### *Daily Prayers of Reparation for Lent*

**Join St. Gertrude's in praying these prayers each day of Lent for Our Country and the World**

#### **Prayer to the Eternal Father for our Country**

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy well-beloved Son, for the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name and for the salvation of the United States.

#### **The Golden Arrow Prayer**

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored, and glorified in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Priests**

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, Who hast entrusted the whole work of Thy Redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as Thy representatives, I offer Thee, through the hands of Thy most holy Mother, all the prayers, works, sacrifices, joys, and sorrows of this day for the sanctification of Thy priests. Give us truly holy priests who seek nothing but Thy greater glory and the salvation of our souls.

Bless their words and prayers at the altar, in the confessional, in the pulpit, in all their work for the young, the sick, and the aged. Do Thou, O Mary, Mother of the High Priest, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation. Obtain for me a true spirit of faith and humble obedience, so that I may ever behold the priest as the representative to God and willingly follow him in the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Christ. Amen



## *Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart for the First Friday of the Month*

Adorable Heart of Jesus, glowing with love for us and inflamed with zeal for our salvation: O Heart! ever sensible of our misery and the wretchedness to which our sins have reduced us, infinitely rich in mercy to heal the wounds of our souls, behold us humbly prostrate before Thee to express the sorrow that fills our hearts for the coldness and indifference with which we have so long required the numberless benefits that Thou hast conferred upon us. With a deep sense of the outrages that have been heaped upon Thee by our sins and the sins of others, we come to make a solemn reparation of honor to thy most sacred majesty. It was our sins that overwhelmed Thy Heart with bitterness; it was the weight of our iniquities that pressed down Thy face to the earth in the Garden of Olives, and caused Thee to expire in anguish and agony on the cross. But now, repenting and sorrowful, we cast ourselves at Thy feet, and implore forgiveness.

Adorable Heart of Jesus, source of true contrition and ever merciful to the penitent sinner, impart to our hearts the spirit of penance, and give to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may sincerely bewail our sins now and for the rest of our days. Oh, would that we could blot them out, even with our blood!

Pardon them, O Lord, in Thy mercy, and pardon and convert to Thee all that have committed irreverences and sacrileges against Thee in the sacrament, of Thy love, and thus give another proof that Thy mercy is above all Thy works. Divine Jesus, with Thee there are mercy and plentiful redemption; deliver us from our sins, accept the sincere desire we now entertain, and our holy resolution, relying on the assistance of Thy grace, henceforth to be faithful to Thee. And in order to repair the sins of ingratitude by which we have grieved Thy most tender and loving Heart, we are resolved in the future ever to love and honor Thee in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar, where Thou art ever present to hear and grant our petitions, and to be the food and life of our souls. Be Thou, O compassionate Jesus! our Mediator with Thy heavenly Father, Whom we have so grievously offended, strengthen our weakness, confirm these our resolutions of amendment, and as Thy Sacred Heart is our refuge and our hope when we have sinned, so may it be the strength and support of our repentance, that nothing in life or death may ever again separate us from Thee. Amen.

## *Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who manifested to Blessed Margaret Mary the desire of reigning in Christian families, we today wish to acknowledge publicly Your absolute dominion over our family. We desire henceforth to live with Your life; we desire to let those virtues take root and thrive among us to which You have promised peace here below; we will banish far from us that spirit of the world which You cursed.

Rule, therefore, over our minds through the simplicity of our faith and over our hearts through the wholehearted love with which they shall burn for You, the flame of which we shall keep alive through the frequent reception of the Divine Eucharist.

Deign, O Divine Heart, to preside over our assemblies, to bless our spiritual and temporal enterprises, to dispel our cares, to sanctify our joys and to alleviate our sufferings. If one or other of us should at any time have the misfortune to afflict You, remind him, O Heart of Jesus, that You are good and merciful to the penitent sinner. And when the hour of separation strikes, when death shall come to cast gloom into

our midst, we will all, both those who go and those who stay, be resigned to Your eternal decrees. We will console ourselves with the thought that a day will come when the entire family, reunited in Heaven, can sing forever Your glories and Your mercies.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph present this consecration to You, and keep it in our minds all the days of our life. All glory to the Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father.

### *The Sixth Station*

#### **Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus with Her Veil**

No man upon the Holy City's mart  
Bears pit for the bleeding Savior's sake;  
Only a woman dares those ranks to break,  
Whose veil Jesus receives with silent art,  
As when the sky His Face deigns to impart  
To the clear mantle of crystal lake—  
But sweeter far she finds it is to take,  
The Image that He prints upon her Heart

Dear Lord, my heart I now return to Thee.  
Make Thou my spirit as it should have been,  
The peaceful surface of a peaceful sea;  
Reflect Thy Holy Face so deep therein,  
That blurred by ripples it may never be,  
Much less effaced by any waves of sin

*-Fray Angelico Chavez*

