



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Date/Time/Location:

To be announced for June 2025

Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:00pm

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2
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Announcement

Please Remember to pray for Bp. McGuire, as today is his 3rd anniversary of Episcopal Consecration.

Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I forgot to mention in last week's bulletin that last Sunday was the third priestly anniversary of "The Four Horsemen", i.e. Frs. Simpson, Brueggeman, Ojeka, and Okerulu. It has really been a blessing to have added them to the Laborers in the Lord's Vineyard and also to witness them grow into their vocations' and roles' in our apostolate.

And speaking of anniversaries, today is the third anniversary of Bp. McGuire's Episcopal Consecration! Time really moves along quite swiftly. Please remember these priests and especially the Bishop in your prayers. And pray for future vocations to the priesthood, because we need more good priests, such as these.

Allergies & illness seem to be sweeping through the clergy, much as the rounds of thunderstorms sweep through the Midwest. Fr. Lehtoranta was sick for a handful of days, followed by Fr. Simpson battling off a similar affliction. Now it seems the Bishop is a bit under the weather. But, while his sinuses may be less than optimal, his spirits are quite high. He just returned from Most Holy Trinity Seminary where he and Bp. Selway traveled to visit Bp. Sanborn, his priests at the seminary and the seminarians. Bp. McGuire reported that it was a most pleasant visit and Bp. Selway traveled with Bp. McGuire here to St. Gertrude's so that he could say hello to the parishioners on Sunday.

Fr. Simpson is up in Milwaukee and Fr. Brueggemann is down in Dallas this weekend. As Fr. Lehtoranta likes to say, St. Gertrude's is left to the care of the "Oldsters" for the weekend!! Well, at least to us and the cats...

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

Easter IV, second collect of St Venantius. Preface of Easter.

Regina Caeli

(Replaces the Angelus during Eastertide)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

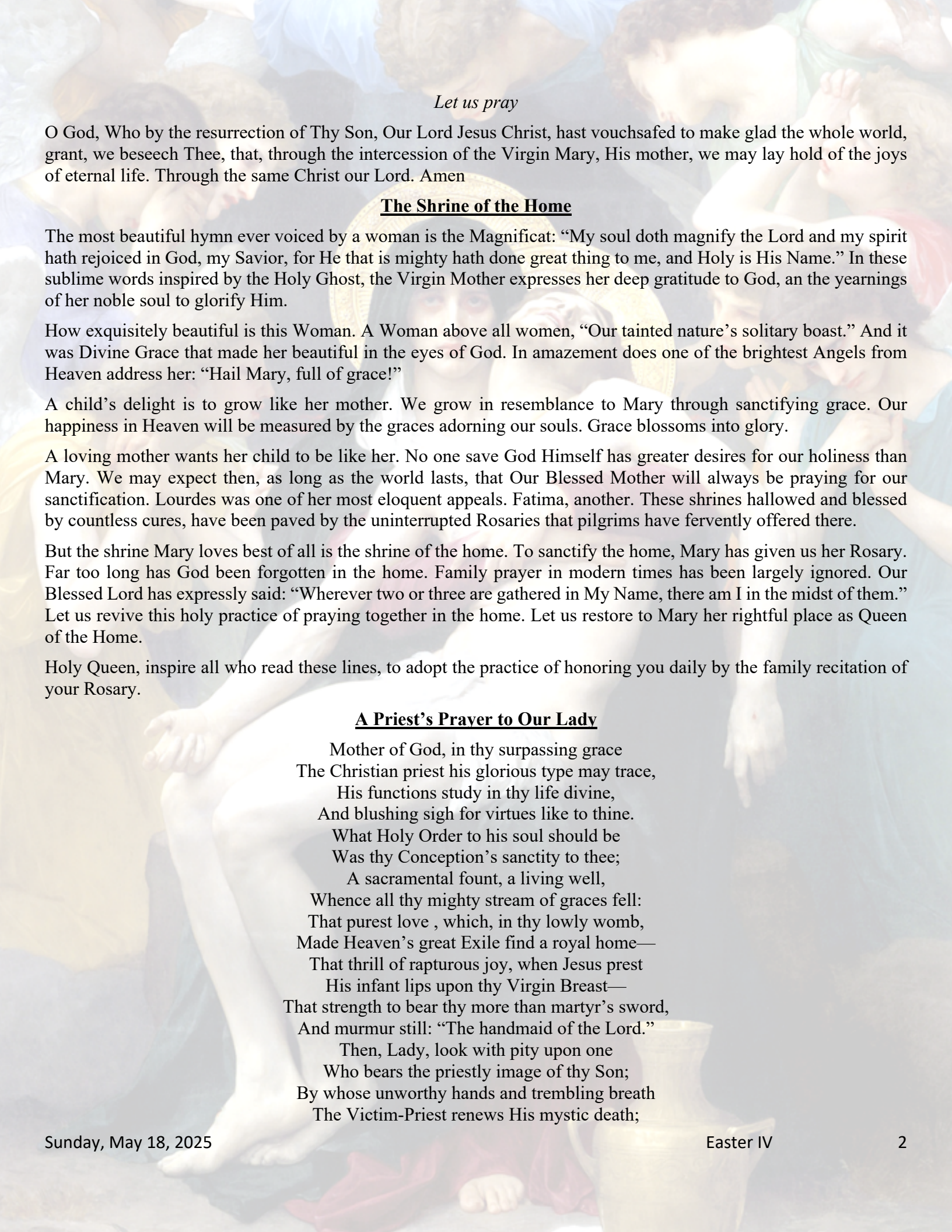
For He Whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.



Let us pray

O God, Who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

The Shrine of the Home

The most beautiful hymn ever voiced by a woman is the Magnificat: “My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior, for He that is mighty hath done great thing to me, and Holy is His Name.” In these sublime words inspired by the Holy Ghost, the Virgin Mother expresses her deep gratitude to God, and the yearnings of her noble soul to glorify Him.

How exquisitely beautiful is this Woman. A Woman above all women, “Our tainted nature’s solitary boast.” And it was Divine Grace that made her beautiful in the eyes of God. In amazement does one of the brightest Angels from Heaven address her: “Hail Mary, full of grace!”

A child’s delight is to grow like her mother. We grow in resemblance to Mary through sanctifying grace. Our happiness in Heaven will be measured by the graces adorning our souls. Grace blossoms into glory.

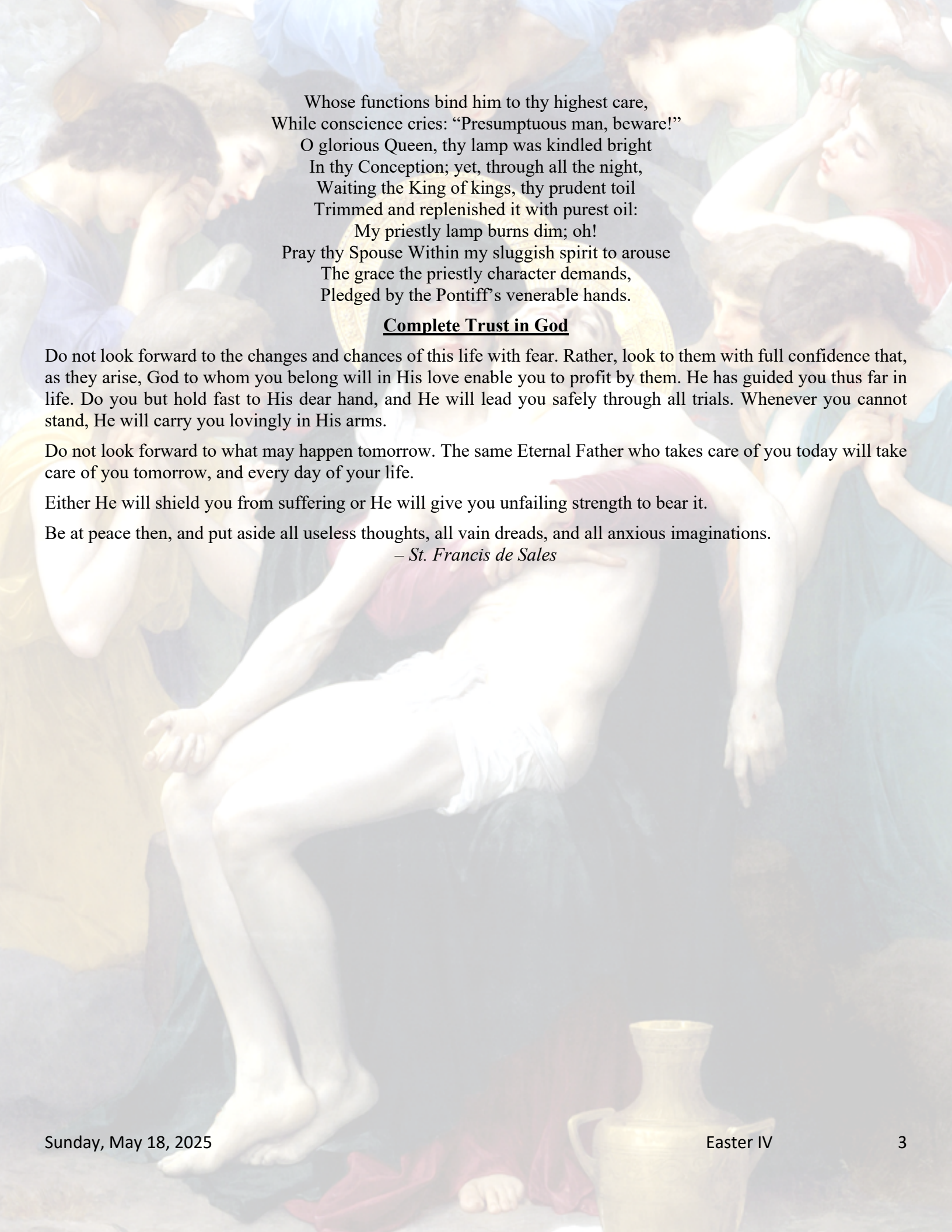
A loving mother wants her child to be like her. No one save God Himself has greater desires for our holiness than Mary. We may expect then, as long as the world lasts, that Our Blessed Mother will always be praying for our sanctification. Lourdes was one of her most eloquent appeals. Fatima, another. These shrines hallowed and blessed by countless cures, have been paved by the uninterrupted Rosaries that pilgrims have fervently offered there.

But the shrine Mary loves best of all is the shrine of the home. To sanctify the home, Mary has given us her Rosary. Far too long has God been forgotten in the home. Family prayer in modern times has been largely ignored. Our Blessed Lord has expressly said: “Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.” Let us revive this holy practice of praying together in the home. Let us restore to Mary her rightful place as Queen of the Home.

Holy Queen, inspire all who read these lines, to adopt the practice of honoring you daily by the family recitation of your Rosary.

A Priest’s Prayer to Our Lady

Mother of God, in thy surpassing grace
The Christian priest his glorious type may trace,
His functions study in thy life divine,
And blushing sigh for virtues like to thine.
What Holy Order to his soul should be
Was thy Conception’s sanctity to thee;
A sacramental fount, a living well,
Whence all thy mighty stream of graces fell:
That purest love, which, in thy lowly womb,
Made Heaven’s great Exile find a royal home—
That thrill of rapturous joy, when Jesus prest
His infant lips upon thy Virgin Breast—
That strength to bear thy more than martyr’s sword,
And murmur still: “The handmaid of the Lord.”
Then, Lady, look with pity upon one
Who bears the priestly image of thy Son;
By whose unworthy hands and trembling breath
The Victim-Priest renews His mystic death;



Whose functions bind him to thy highest care,
While conscience cries: "Presumptuous man, beware!"
O glorious Queen, thy lamp was kindled bright
In thy Conception; yet, through all the night,
Waiting the King of kings, thy prudent toil
Trimmed and replenished it with purest oil:
My priestly lamp burns dim; oh!
Pray thy Spouse Within my sluggish spirit to arouse
The grace the priestly character demands,
Pledged by the Pontiff's venerable hands.

Complete Trust in God

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life.

Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads, and all anxious imaginations.

– *St. Francis de Sales*