



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Mass Location:

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events - Travis Room
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday, April 10th, 2021 Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

On Wednesday this past week, I celebrated the rare, unusual, yet very touching “Mass of the Angels” for the death of a baptized infant. Owen Zver only lived a short number of days. However, because he was baptized while also not capable of committing sin, we actually are able to **KNOW** that he was ushered immediately into heaven for all of eternity and counted among the saints. For this reason, the Church does not have a Requiem Mass nor offer prayers for the repose of the soul of the infant. Instead, a joyful Mass of the Angels (in our case, it was actually the feast of St. Gabriel) is said and we thank God and pray for the comfort of the family. The child’s uncle is actually a priest, Fr. Timothy Geckle, and he came to assist at the funeral and blessed the grave after the Mass.

Fr. Lehtoranta shipped off on Friday morning and headed up to our church in Milwaukee, St. Hugh of Lincoln, to serve them for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Meanwhile, our work has begun in earnest here at St. Gertrude for this holiest of seasons. Mr. Thomas Ojecka, one of seminarians, has joined us all here to help us celebrate all the ceremonies of Holy Week. Our main Mass on Palm Sunday will be a Solemn High Mass and all the rest of the ceremonies will be Solemn Pontifical ceremonies, as we do every year. All ceremonies will be live streamed, as always, via our website. You can find the full schedule by downloading the St. Gertrude Bulletin, found on our website at SGG.org. There truly is no place like St. Gertrude’s for the Sacred Triduum...we hope that you will join us for as many of these beautiful ceremonies and sanctify your Holy Week with the Church’s liturgy in the highest form of splendor.

Please, in your charity, spare a little prayer for all the clergy here, as we begin this Holy Week. Sickness and allergies have struck us all pretty hard. Fear not, we are ready to go for all the ceremonies...however, these ceremonies are long and require a great deal of energy and focus in the

best of circumstances. Adding illness is an extra obstacle which we would prefer to shuck before the Triduum begins.

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.

St. Gertrude's Offering of the Life and Sufferings of Our Lord

O Most loving Father, in atonement and satisfaction for all my sins, I offer Thee the whole Passion of Thy most beloved Son, from the plaintive wail He uttered when laid upon straw in the manger, through all the helplessness of His infancy, the privations of His boyhood, the adversities of His youth, the sufferings of His manhood, until that hour when He bowed His head upon the cross with a loud cry, and gave up the ghost. And, in atonement and satisfaction for all my negligences, I offer Thee, O most loving Father, all of the most holy life of Thy Son, perfect in its every thought, and word, and action, from the hour when He came down from His lofty throne to the Virgin's womb, and thence came forth into our dreary wilderness, to the hour when He presented to Thy fatherly regard the glory of His conquering flesh. Amen

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O Most holy mother, Queen of Sorrows, who didst follow thy beloved Son through all the Way of the Cross and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey, obtain for me, I beseech thee, O most loving mother, a perpetual remembrance of our most blessed Saviour's cross and death, and a true and tender devotion to all the mysteries of His most holy passion. Obtain for me the grace to hate sin, even as He hated it in the agony in the garden; to endure wrong and insult with all patience, as He endured them in the judgment hall; to be meek and humble in all my trials, as He was before His judges; to love my enemies, even as He loved His murderers, and prayed for them upon the cross; and to glorify God and do good to my neighbors, even as He did in every mystery of His sufferings. O Queen of Martyrs, who by the dolours of thy Immaculate Heart on Calvary, didst merit to share the passion of Our Most Dear Redeemer, obtain for me, some portion of thy compassion, that for the love of Jesus crucified, I may be crucified to the world in this life, and in the life to come may, by His infinite merits and thy powerful intercession, reign with Him in glory everlasting. Amen



*Hail Mary seven times and after each:
“Holy Mother pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew;
Of my Saviour crucified.”*

(Indulgence of 300 days once a day. A Plenary Indulgence once a month—Pius IX)

The Most Holy Face of Jesus

The visions of St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) provide us with an extraordinary account of the lives of Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother. Among her celebrated visions is an account given by Our Lady to the saint of the appearance of her Son, the “most beautiful among the sons of men.”

“Such as my Son is in Heaven you cannot behold. But hear what He was in body in the world. He was so beautiful of countenance that no one looked Him in the face without being consoled by His aspect, even if heartbroken with grief. The just were consoled with spiritual consolation; and even the bad were relieved from worldly sadness as long as they gazed upon Him. Hence, those in grief were wont to say: ‘Let us go and see Mary’s Son; we shall be relieved for that time.’ In His twentieth year He was perfect in manly strength and stature. Amid those of modern times He would be large—not overmuch—but of considerable frame and build.

His hair, eyebrows, and beard were of a light brown; His beard a hand’s width long; His forehead not prominent or retreating, but erect. His nose moderate, neither small nor large; His eyes were so pure that even His enemies delighted to look upon Him. His chin was not prominent or over long, but graceful in beautiful moderation; His cheeks modestly full, His complexion clear white and red. His bearing was erect, and His whole body spotless” (Lib. iv, c.70).

Yet the beauty of Our Divine Lord’s Holy Face was destined to be marred by the punishment due to our sins. The Four Evangelists and the Prophet Isaias give us a lengthy and detailed account of the sufferings inflicted on the Holy Face, and the Shroud of Turin not only confirms their account, but also reveals the awesome majesty of that Face, from which the Divinity was not separated even in death, in a way that no human artist will ever equal.