



# Mary Help of Christians

## Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021      †      Quinquagesima Sunday**

**Sun. Feb. 14, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. Valentine, PrM**

*Private Intention*

**Mon. Feb. 15, HOLY MASS 11:15 am– Ss. Faustinus & Jovita, Mm**

*Intentions of the Ed Winczewski Families*

**Tues. Feb. 16, HOLY MASS 8:15 am St. Onesimus, BM**

*RIP Kathy Gee*

**Wed. Feb. 17, HOLY COMMUNION then DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 8:15 am–  
STATIONS of the CROSS 6:30 pm      Ash Wednesday**

**Thurs. Feb. 18, No Mass in Springs – St. Bernadette, V**

**Fri. Feb. 19, STATIONS OF THE CROSS 1:45 pm, St. Gabinus, M**

**Sat. Feb. 20, No Mass in Springs, St. Eucherius, B**

**Sun. Feb. 21, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*Pro Populo*

### **Serving Schedule:**

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Vigil, Alexander Vigil

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: Donovan Fair, Jude Vigil

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>: Eric Vigil, Anthony Griess

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Abraham Rivera, Joseph Fries

Stations of the Cross (6:30 pm): Steve Kosovich, Hugo Vigil, Tobias Vigil

Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: Abraham Rivera, Andrew Fries

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: Donovan Fair, Anthony Griess

*It is certain that, when the death of Christ is carried about in the soul, sin cannot reign in it. ~ Origen*

**Confessions:** Sundays – 7:00 am      Tuesdays – 7:35 am

**Catechism and Adult Doctrine Classes:** will be replaced by the Stations and Spiritual Talks given by Father Augustine every Tuesday of Lent at 6:30 pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Please keep in your prayers Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Mr. Richard Pottenger, Mrs. Rosalie Pottenger, Mr. Jose Anaya, Daniel Gonzales, Christopher Fries, Sarah Watterson, and Rebekah Hibdon. (Please contact the Sisters if you know of anyone who needs to be added to the prayer list.)

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Blessing and distribution of ashes will follow Holy Communion at 8:15 am on Ash Wednesday. There will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS and SPIRITUAL TALK:** will be every Tuesday in Lent at 6:30, beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE:** will begin on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00. Please be sure to attend this practice as we will be dividing the choir for the singing of chants, and learning several new pieces. Choir practices will be on Thursday evenings throughout Lent.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S MEETING:** will be Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 12:45 pm in the Church.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** will be held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date; details to follow.

**USHERS MEETING AND SERVERS SATURDAY:** will be next Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am.

### **Meditations on the Passion of Christ by St. Alphonsus Liguori**

The great servant of God, Father Balthassar Alvarez, used to say: 'We must not suppose that we have made any progress in the way that leads to God until we keep Jesus Crucified ever in our hearts. And St. Francis de Sales wrote: 'The love which is not the fruit of the Passion is feeble. And so it is; for we can have no more pressing motive for loving God than the Passion of Jesus Christ, in which we learn that the Eternal Father, in order to make manifest the exceeding love which He had for us, sent on earth His only begotten Son to die for us sinners. Hence the Apostle wrote that God, through the too great love wherewith He loved us, willed that the death of His Son should bring life to us: *For exceeding charity wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together in Christ.* (Eph. ii. 4.) And it was in like terms Moses and Elias expressed themselves on Mount Thabor when speaking of the Passion of Jesus Christ, not knowing how to describe it otherwise than to call it an excess of love: *And they spoke of His excess which He should consummate in Jerusalem.* (Luke ix. 31.) There was no means better adapted to manifest the glory of God to the world than the death of Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind, since the Passion of our Blessed Lord has made manifest the attributes of God. It has made known to us the greatness of the Mercy of God, inasmuch as He was willing to die to save sinners, and to die in the Most painful and ignominious manner. 'The sufferings of Jesus Christ, says St. John Chrysostom, ' were not ordinary sufferings, nor was His death a simple death like that of other men. It has also made known to us the Wisdom of God. Had our Redeemer been only God, He could not have made satisfaction for man, and God could not have made satisfaction to Himself in place of man, nor could He make satisfaction by way of suffering. On the other hand, had He been merely man, He could not have made satisfaction to God for the grievous injury done by man to the Divine Majesty. What, then, did God do? He sent His own Son, true God with the Father, to take human flesh, so that *as Man*, by dying might pay the debt due to divine justice, and, *as God*, might make to it full satisfaction. The Passion has, moreover, made known how strict is the *Justice of God*. According to Saint John Chrysostom, it is not so much in hell that the strictness of divine justice is seen; it is revealed rather in seeing Jesus on the Cross; for in hell creatures are punished for sins of their own, while on the Cross we see a God cruelly treated to make satisfaction for the sins of men. And what obligation had Jesus to die for us? None: *He was offered because it was His own will.* (Isaias liii. 7.) *He hath loved us and hath delivered Himself for us.* (Eph. v. 2.)