

# ST. PATRICK'S ORATORY



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## INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

### Rejoice!

The Catholic Liturgy is very colorful, and today, this Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*), is the halfway point of the forty days of Lent. This day the liturgical color is rose, in order to present a sense of joy at having reached the middle of Lent, which is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We rejoice because we know Easter will soon be here.



Today's Gospel announces that Jesus is the bread of life. It recalls the beautiful story of the miraculous feeding of five thousand men with only five loaves and two fishes. The miracle of the loaves and fishes foreshadows Holy Thursday when Jesus will institute the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament, the reality of His real presence under the appearances of bread and wine.

During this period of Lent we should visit the Blessed Sacrament more often. He is always there, in the Tabernacle, for us. We can also make what is called a "Spiritual Communion" by desiring to receive Him if it were possible. It is reported of St. Francis de Sales that he did this every fifteen minutes. Jesus said that those who receive this Divine Food have eternal life. Those are truly words of hope!

Finally, on Laetare Sunday, because we have hope in Jesus, we rejoice; we have been freed from sin by Christ and are moving with Jesus toward eternal life; from now on we can see our existence with joy!

Canon Antoine Boucheron

**Sunday, March 26, 2017 - Laetare (Fourth) Sunday of Lent**

# Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us?

Excerpt from a conference given by St. Thomas Aquinas,  
*Colatio 6 Super Credo in Deum – on why Christ had to Suffer*

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends. Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners; so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because they divided my garments among themselves. Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourgings. Nor to greatness of rank, for weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head. Nor to anything delightful, for in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.



## St. Benjamin, Deacon, Martyr - March 31

The Christians in Persia (Iran) had enjoyed twelve years of peace during the reign of Isdegerd, son of Sapor III, when in 420 it was disturbed by the zeal of Abdas, a Christian Bishop who perhaps rather imprudently burned the pagan's Temple of Fire to the ground, a great sanctuary and highly esteemed god of the Persians. In return, King Isdegerd threatened to destroy all the churches of the Christians unless the Bishop would rebuild it. As Abdas refused to comply, the threat was executed; all the Christian churches were demolished, Abdas himself was put to death, and a general persecution was begun which lasted forty years. Isdegerd died in 421, but his son and successor, Varanes, carried on the persecution with great fury. The Christians were submitted to the most cruel tortures that have been described by those living at the time as "hellish" and beyond imagination.

Among those who suffered was St. Benjamin, a Deacon, who had been badly beaten and imprisoned a year for his Faith. At the end of this period, an ambassador of the Emperor of Constantinople obtained his release on condition that he would never speak to any of the courtiers about religion. St. Benjamin, however, declared it was his duty to preach the Gospel of Christ and that he could not be silent. As soon as the king heard of his renewed preaching activities, Benjamin was again apprehended and brought before the king. The tyrant ordered that reeds should be thrust in between his fingernails and his flesh and into other tender parts of his body and then withdrawn. After this torture had been repeated several times, a knotted stake was inserted into his bowels to rend and tear him apart. The martyr expired in the most terrible agony on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

St. Ephrem poses these questions: "What excuse shall we have in the dreadful day of judgment, if we, who have never been exposed to any cruel persecutions, or to the violence of such torments, shall have neglected the love of God and the care of a spiritual life? No temptations, no torments, were able to draw them from that love which they bore to God; but we, living in rest and delights, refuse to love our most merciful and gracious Lord. What shall we do in that day of terror, when the martyrs of Christ, standing with confidence near his throne, shall show the marks of their wounds? What shall we then show? Shall we present a lively faith? true charity towards God? a perfect disengagement of our affections from earthly things? souls freed from the tyranny of the passions? silence and recollection? meekness? almsdeeds? prayers poured forth with clean hearts? compunction, watchings, tears?"

*Oremus:* We entreat you, O most holy martyrs, who cheerfully suffered most cruel torments for God our Savior and his love, on which account you are now most intimately and familiarly united to him, that you pray to the Lord for us miserable sinners, covered with filth, that he infuse into us the grace of Christ that it may enlighten our souls that we may love him.

**Fridays During Lent!**

**March 31 & April 7**

**Mass - 8:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Adoration 8:45 a.m. - Noon**

**Lenten Meditation - 6:00 p.m.**

**Stations & Veneration of the Relic of the Cross - 6:10 p.m.**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR: MARCH 26 - APRIL 2, 2017

<b>Sun., Mar. 26</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass/organ	<h1>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</h1> <h2>“LAETARE SUNDAY”</h2> (1st Cl., Rose) Commemoration for the Pope	Bruhn Family <i>by Sandra Bruhn</i>	Michael Simia OPEN
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>High Mass</b> Youth Choir		† Deceased members of Dugan & Resch Families <i>by Mary Resch</i>	Sacristan & MC: Kaleb Kerscher Thurifer: Jerry Jessel Acolytes: Peter Cisler & Vic Neumann Candle: Francis & John Neumann, Paul Mihalski, OPEN Crucifer: Jacob Mihalski
<b>Mon., Mar.27</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feria of Lent</b> (3rd Cl., V) Commemoration for the Pope & St. John Damascene, Confessor & Doctor of the Church	†John J. White <i>by John &amp; Thelma White</i>	Nicholas Reif Tyler Reif
<b>Tues., Mar 28</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Feria of Lent</b> (3rd Cl., V) Commemoration for the Pope & St. John Capistrano, Confessor	†Canon Jayr’s mother <i>by Tom &amp; Mary Roehrig</i>	Francis & John Neumann <b>Holy Hour</b> Francis & Vic Neumann

### HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following Holy Mass

<b>Wed., Mar.29</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feria of Lent</b> (3rd Cl., V) Commemoration for the Pope	In thanksgiving <i>by Lincoln &amp; Jodi Barrington</i>	Peter Cisler OPEN
<b>Thur., Mar. 30</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feria of Lent</b> , (3rd Cl., V) Commemoration for the Pope	Eric Lexow <i>by Kent &amp; Laura Kerscher</i>	OPEN
<b>Fri., Mar. 31</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Feria of Lent</b> , (3rd Cl., V) Commemoration for the Pope	Poor souls in Purgatory <i>by Charles &amp; Miriam Ostermann</i>	Bart Stillwell OPEN

*8:45 a.m. - Noon: Eucharistic Adoration / 6:00 p.m.: Friday Lenten Meditation followed by Stations & Veneration of the Relic of the Cross*

<b>Sat., Apr. 1</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b><u>First Saturday</u></b>	<b>Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> (3rd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope & Feria of Lent	Intentions of the members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers <i>by Conf. of Christian Mothers</i>	Peter Cisler OPEN
<b>Sun., Apr. 2</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass/organ	<h1>PASSION SUNDAY OF LENT</h1> (1st Cl., V) Commemoration for the Pope	Abbe Andres de Pascole <i>by Denis &amp; Debra Bouchonville</i>	Kaleb Kerscher Aaron Rasmussen
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>High Mass</b> Chorale		Intentions of Monsignor the Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King	Sacristan: Jerry Jessel MC: Tyler Reif Thurifer: Nicholas Reif Acolytes: Nathan Reif & Michael Simia Candle: Michael Barrington, Sebastian Ellis, Paul Mihalski, Andreas Kempen Crucifer: Hanzel Fonferek

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Sunday** ..... 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. & 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.  
**Daily** ..... 30 minutes before every Holy Mass  
**Upon appointment** ..... Call the rectory

### DEVOTION SCHEDULE

**Tuesday** ..... Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration  
**Wednesday** ..... St. Joseph Novena after Holy Mass  
**Friday** ..... Sorrowful Mother Novena after Holy Mass  
**Monthly** ..... Infant Jesus Novena (17th to 25th)

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## St. Philip Neri Society PRESENTATION TODAY, SUNDAY MARCH 26

There will be a short presentation after *both* Masses TODAY to learn more on how to spiritually support our future priests through prayers for current seminarians. Please consider participating in this necessary work of the St. Philip Neri Society to help these seminarians in their priestly formation. Muffins will be provided after the 8:00 a.m. Mass during the presentation, with the presentation after the 10:00 a.m. Mass given right before the annual chili contest.

## 1962 Missals Have Arrived

You may pick your Missals up **TODAY, Sunday, March 26** after both the 8:00 am & 10:00 a.m. Masses at the SCRIP table.

If you are unable to pick up your Missals TODAY **Please contact Mary at [minimozarts@aol.com](mailto:minimozarts@aol.com)** To make arrangements for an alternate pickup time.

## 2ND ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT TODAY - Sunday, March 26

Last year's event was such a success, we're having another!

Join us TODAY, March 26 (Laetare Sunday) in O'Brien Hall after the 10:00 am Mass. Try all the contestants' chilis and cast you vote for the best! After lunch, enjoy the company of others at the Oratory and the game of cribbage. We'll have a checkers tournament for young & old, who prefer that game.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

& Fundraising Gala

## A&A Alexandrina Center

Come join in the celebration for this Catholic pro-life apostolate! The Center has positively influenced over 10,000 women in the Green Bay area, providing them with resources, material & spiritual support in an effort to save babies' lives and protect families.

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

THE ROCK GARDEN + 1951 Bond St. Green Bay

Social at 5:00 p.m. + Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

*Tables of 8, \$35/seat or \$280 for table*

*Corporate Tables available for \$360 w/perks*

CONTACT: Mary at 920-532-4740 or [marypauly48@yahoo.com](mailto:marypauly48@yahoo.com)

## Mass Intentions for 2017

St. Patrick's Oratory has now begun ACCEPTING new Mass Intentions. Please limit your requests to 10 per family per year. For emergencies (e.g. a loved one who just passed away) please call Canon Boucheron. Please print names legibly and indicate on the envelope "Attn: Mass stipend" The stipend is still \$10



**\*DON'T FORGET SCRIP\***

## CATECHISM CLASSES

Classes are held on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:50 p.m. in O'Brien Hall. Please meet at 4:55 p.m. in the Church for prayers. To sign up please contact Canon Boucheron.

Weekly Bulletins are also available online @ [www.institute-christ-king.org/greenbay/greenbay-bulletins/](http://www.institute-christ-king.org/greenbay/greenbay-bulletins/)

## Easter Flower Collection

A special collection will be taken up **Next Sunday, April 2** after both Masses, to help with the Easter Flower Decorations. An Easter Flower Donation can be made in memory of a beloved person. Your intentions will be especially remembered through the Holy Masses of the Octave of Easter. Thank you very much for your support helping to decorate St. Patrick's for Holy Week and Easter.



## St. Patrick's Oratory Men's Group

The next St. Patrick's Oratory Men's Group meeting has been re-scheduled. The new date is Monday, May 1 in honor of the Patron of our group, St. Joseph the Worker, whose feast we will celebrate that day. The meeting will begin after the 6:00 p.m. High Mass so the meeting will be from about 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in the rectory. Please plan to join us. More meeting details to follow.

## COMPANY OF THE IMMACULATE

### ST. MICHAELS PATROL

UPCOMING BOYS' & GIRLS' GROUP MEETING  
**SATURDAY, April 1**

**When:** Saturday, April 1, after the **9:00 a.m.** Holy Mass.  
**Where:** Manitowoc Maritime Museum- 75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc  
**Who:** All Boy's and Girls ages 5 and up.  
*Younger children are also welcome if an older sibling or parent is present. Parents can also go on the tour as chaperones.*  
**What:** We will visit the largest maritime museum in the Midwest and learn all about Great Lakes maritime history. Highlights include a tour of a World War II submarine.

**A lunch of pizza will be provided upon arrival at the museum.**  
**If possible, a \$3 donation per person would be appreciated.**

Please RSVP to [bjneumann@tm.net](mailto:bjneumann@tm.net) if you are planning to attend.



## WALK TO MARY

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

A group from St. Patrick Oratory will be participating in the Walk to Mary on May 6. The faithful will walk the 21-mile pilgrimage together with Canon Boucheron from the National Shrine of St. Joseph located at (St. Norbert College) to Our Lady's Shrine in Robinsonville, singing and praying along the way, behind the procession crucifix and banners. If it's too difficult to walk the entire way, there are several opportunities to join the pilgrims enroute. The organizers and participants alike appreciate the bold presence of the Oratory in the Walk to Mary each Year. For more information, or to register: [www.walktomary.com](http://www.walktomary.com)

## Collections

Weekly Collection - Sunday, March 19 - \$3,071.75

