

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPEL † EASTER SUNDAY

REQUIESCAT IN PACE, FATHER PAUL WICKENS

MARCH 23, 2008 —MARCH 30, 2008

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Sunday, March 23

7:30 ✠ David May

9:00 ✠ Thomas Crimmins

11:00 ✠ Fr. Wickens, priests, faithful of St. Anthony's

Monday, March 24

9:00 am ✠ Mamie O'Grady

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 pm Mary Bellarosa

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am ✠ Maria Rosaria Florio

Thursday, March 27

9:00 am ✠ Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 28

9:00 am Ken Gabert

Saturday, March 29

9:00 am ✠ Charlotte Kiernan

Sunday, March 30

7:30 ✠ Poor Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Father Matthew Talarico

11:00 ✠ Angela Moran

Easter Sunday

Easter Monday

Easter Tuesday

Easter Wednesday

Easter Thursday

Easter Friday

Easter Saturday

Low Sunday



FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR

Dear faithful of Saint Anthony's,

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! Having accompanied Our Lady of Sorrows along the Way of the Cross and at Calvary, we now share in her triumphant joy—a joy which God never fails to grant to those who lovingly persevere in His service amidst times of trial and suffering.

Thank you!: We thank all of those who very graciously provided food and drink for the Lenten retreat with Monsignor Schmitz last weekend and who in any way very kindly helped with the preparations and the arrangements. Our special thanks go to a very kind anonymous donor for a particularly generous donation.

Special gratitude: Our profound gratitude is extended to all of you who made flower donations for the Holy Thursday Altar of Reposition and for Easter Sunday. May God reward you for your charity in honoring the beloved memory of the faithful departed. At the same time, we would also like to thank all of the altar servers, choir members, and organists, as well as those behind the scenes, who worked tirelessly for the beauty and dignity of the traditional Holy Week Liturgy.

Welcome, Fr. Moreau: We are very happy to welcome Father Jean-Marie Moreau, a French priest of our Institute, who will be spending five days with us at St. Anthony's this week. Like Fr. Andreas Hellmann, Fr. Moreau has done extensive missionary work in the African apostolates of our Institute, working in Gabon for well over ten years. Father Moreau has been serving for the past two years now at the apostolate of our Institute in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Our seminarian candidate: Edward Ablang, who, as a seminarian candidate for the Institute of Christ the King, has been helping at our chapel for the past several months now, will very soon be going to a school of our Institute in Lille, France. There he will be able to learn more French before he enters our international Seminary near Florence in the fall. We thank Edward for his help and promise him our prayers for his vocation and future studies. Later in the year, the Institute's Superiors hope to send another candidate to help with the work at St. Anthony's.

Catechism classes will resume next Sunday, March 30.

Traditional Easter blessing of food:
in Fr. Wickens' Hall after the 9:00pm Easter vigil and the Easter Sunday morning Masses

Wishing you a blessed Easter Week of spiritual joy with an abundance of graces for you and your loved ones,

In Christ the King,

Reverend Father Matthew Talarico

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: GOOD FRIDAY TO LOW SUNDAY

(Novena prayer booklets are available in the rear of the church)

In the revelations made to Saint Faustina Kowalska in 1931, Our Lord Jesus Christ **asked that the Feast of His Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Low Sunday (1st Sunday after Easter) and be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. A plenary indulgence** is granted under the usual conditions (*sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff*) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (for example, "*Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*").

PASCHAL CANDLE: AN ANCIENT EASTER TRADITION

Commemorating the slaying of the true Lamb of God and the Resurrection of Christ, the corner-stone upon which faith is built, **Easter is the oldest feast of the Catholic Church**, as old as Christianity itself. **Pope Saint Leo I calls Easter the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year**, stating that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation for Easter. The order of Sundays from Septuagesima to the last Sunday after Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and all other movable feasts depend upon the Easter date.

The blessing of the "paschal candle", which is a column of wax of exceptional size, usually fixed in a great candlestick specially destined for that purpose, is performed by the deacon, wearing a white dalmatic, during the Holy Saturday Liturgy. During the long prayer, the *Præconium paschali* or *Exultet*, which he chants, the candle is first ornamented with five grains of incense and then lighted with the newly blessed fire. From Holy Saturday until Ascension Day the paschal candle is left with its candlestick in the sanctuary, standing upon the Gospel side of the altar, and it is lighted during high Mass and solemn Vespers on Sundays. It is extinguished after the Gospel on Ascension Day and is then removed.

The paschal candle typifies Jesus Christ, who is "*the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.*" In the virgin wax a later symbolism recognized the most pure flesh which Christ derived from His blessed Mother, in the wick the human soul of Christ, and in the flame the divinity of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Moreover, the five grains of incense set cross-wise in the candle recalled the sacred wounds retained in Christ's glorified body and the lighting of the candle with new fire itself served as a lively image of the resurrection. The tradition of the Paschal candle dates back to the early Church. Already in the late fourth century, Saint Jerome speaks of it. We learn on the authority of St. Bede, speaking of the year 701, that it was usual in Rome to inscribe the date and other particulars of the calendar either upon the candle itself or on a parchment affixed to it.

REGINA CAELI: EASTER MARIAN ANTHEM

This is one of four Marian antiphons, with following vesicles and prayers, traditionally said or sung after night prayer, immediately before going to sleep. It is said throughout Eastertide, that is, from Easter Day through Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter. The *Regina caeli* (which means *Queen of Heaven*) is also said in place of the *Angelus* during Eastertide.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.