

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Good Shepherd Sunday. Annual Collection for the International Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King.

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Solemnity of St. Joseph. High Mass and Procession.

### BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Formerly, when the Lateran palace was the papal residence, and the Station of Easter Sunday was held at Saint Mary Major's, the sovereign Pontiff, vested in a cope, and wearing the tiara, went to the basilica on a horse caparisoned in white. After the Mass, he proceeded to the banquet hall, called the Triclinium Leonianum. It was built by St. Leo III. and was decorated with mosaics representing Christ, St. Peter, Constantine and Charlemagne. A repast was prepared, to which were invited, as guests of the pontiff, five cardinals, five deacons, and the first in dignity (the Primicerius,) of the clergy attached to the church of St. John Lateran. Near to the Pope's own table, a seat was prepared for a twelfth guest—the prior, called basilicarius. The Paschal Lamb was then served up, laid on a rich dish. The Pope blessed it, and thus signified that the severe law of abstinence was at an end. He himself cut it into portions and sent one to each of his guests; but first of all, he cut off a small piece, and gave it to the basilicarius, saving to him what would have scented a harsh allusion, but for the words that followed: 'What thou hast to do, do quickly! But what was said as a condemnation, I say to thee as a pardon.' The repast began with joyous conversation; but, after some time, the archdeacon gave a signal, and a deacon began to read. The papal choristers were afterwards introduced, and sang such of the favorite sequences as the Pope called for. This done, the choristers kissed the feet of the pontiff, who gave to each of them a cup full of wine from his own table; and each received a piece of money, called a besant, from the treasurer.

Our object in mentioning such customs as this, is to show our readers the simple manners of the middle- ages. The custom of blessing and eating lamb on Easter Sunday still continues, though, in many instances, it conveys very little meaning. For those who, from idle pretexts, have scarcely observed a day's abstinence during the whole of Lent, the Paschal lamb is a reproach. rather than a consolation.

God. who, on the deliverance of Thy people from Egypt, didst command, by Thy servant Moses, that a lamb should lie slain as a type of our Lord Jesus Christ and didst ordain that both side posts of the houses should be sprinkled with its blood: vouchsafe also to bless and sanctify this creature of flesh, which we Thy servants desire to eat for Thy glory, and in honor of the Resurrection of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, forever and ever. Amen.



### SAINT JOSEPH ORATORY

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**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

#### Introit

I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia; Thou hast laid Thy hand upon me, alleluia; Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, Thou hast searched Me and known Me; Thou knowest my sitting down and My rising up.

Glory be to the Father. . .

I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia. . .

#### Collect

O God, who, on this day, through Thine only-begotten Son, hast conquered death, and thrown open to us the gate of everlasting life, give effect by thine aid to our desires, which Thou dost anticipate and inspire Through Our Lord . . .

#### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Brethren, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened: for Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. Therefore let us feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### Gradual & Sequence

Alleluia, alleluia. This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Give praise unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Pasch is immolated.

Christians! to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises. The Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life contended in that conflict stupendous: the Prince of Life, who died, deathless reigneth.

Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ who now liveth: and likewise the glory of the Risen. Bright Angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yea, Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee He goeth before you." We know that Christ is risen, henceforth ever living: Have mercy, Victor King, pardon giving. Amen. Alleluia.

### Gospel

*Mark 16:1-7*

At that time, Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe, and they were astonished. Who saith to them, Be not affrighted; ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples, and Peter, that He goeth before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him, as He told you.

### Offertory

The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment, alleluia.

### Secret

We beseech Thee, O Lord, accept the prayers of Thy people together with the Sacrifice they offer, that what has been begun by the Paschal Mysteries, by Thy working may profit us unto eternal healing.  
Through our Lord . . .

### Communion

Christ our Pasch is immolated, alleluia: therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Postcommunion

Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, that, by Thy loving kindness, Thou mayest make to be of one mind those whom Thou hast satisfied with the Paschal Sacraments.

Through our Lord . . .



### WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

*"By the almighty power of God, I, in this same body which I now possess, will rise again. He will reproduce it; for as it was not difficult for Him to produce it, such as it is, it will not be any more difficult for Him to produce it again."*

### REGINA CÆLI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia! Has risen, as He said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

R. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

V. 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.

### BURSAR'S BOX

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