



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Mass

SUNDAY

8:30 am Extraordinary Form (Latin)
11:00 am Novus Ordo (English)
4:30 pm Syro-Malabar Rite (Malayalam)

MONDAY

12:00 pm Extraordinary Form (Latin)

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

6:00 pm Novus Ordo (English)

SATURDAY

9:00 am Extraordinary Form (Latin)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:00pm Novus Ordo (English)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10:00am-11am
before Masses and by appointment

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**PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION
OF THE LORD
APRIL 14, 2019**



Fr. William Writes

Voicing hope for "a new beginning" for the Church, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has spoken out against the clerical sex abuse crisis. On Thursday last, the Pope Emeritus issued a 6,000-word essay on the roots of the crisis; titled "The Church and the Scandal of Sexual Abuse". It was published in Klerusblatt, a monthly journal for German-speaking clergy.

Outlining the "wider social context" of the predator priest phenomenon, Pope Benedict began by observing that "in the 20 years from 1960 to 1980, the previously normative standards regarding sexuality collapsed entirely, and a new normalcy arose ... This was promoted by the malign influence of radical "state-prescribed and supported" sex education programs introduced during the period, noting that under the guise of "liberation," they destroyed the innocence of Western youth by inciting hedonistic self-indulgence and abandoning the concept of human sexuality as a sacred, God-given gift. Promotion of an all-out sexual "freedom" excluded any absolute norms.

At the same time, a parallel crisis was developing inside the Church. Vatican II was used by some "experts" and "theologians" as an excuse to promote views dissident from Catholic thought under the "spirit of Vatican II" catch-cry. Now morality would be relative — and there would be no absolute truth, no absolute right or wrong, nothing absolutely good or evil; the circumstances of the moment became the deciding factor for moral behavior under this "new moral theology". So, what would the "teaching authority of the Church" mean anymore? Also, in certain currents of philosophical thought the "God is dead" theme helped create an uncertainty which brought about a practical absence of God. From Christian Europe and Christian countries of the New World, belief in God was no longer a matter of common experience and a unifying factor, but a private concern of a minority. "A world without God can only be a world without meaning," said Pope Benedict. "For where, then, does everything that is come from? In any case, it has no spiritual purpose. It is somehow simply there and has neither any goal nor any sense."

The "extensive collapse of the next generation of priests in those years and the very high number of laicizations were a consequence of all these developments," he added. By the late 1960's the licentiousness of secular society had its effects on many seminaries. As Pope Benedict observed: "In various seminaries homosexual cliques were established, which acted more or less openly and significantly changed the climate in the seminaries". He added: "There were.... individual bishops who rejected the Catholic tradition as a whole and sought to bring about a kind of new, modern 'Catholicity' in their dioceses. Perhaps it is worth mentioning that in not a few seminaries,

students caught reading my books were considered unsuitable for the priesthood. My books were hidden away, like bad literature, and only read under the desk." He gives some further graphic examples of the infidelity promoted in seminaries.

Pope Benedict reminds Catholics that though today's Church is infested with sexual and doctrinal dissenters, the institution itself will, as Christ promised, weather the current storm: "It is very important to oppose the lies and half-truths of the devil with the whole truth: Yes, there is sin in the Church and evil. But even today there is the Holy Church, which is indestructible.... Today there are many people who humbly believe, suffer and love, in whom the real God, the loving God, shows Himself to us," he wrote. "Today God also has His witnesses (martyrs) in the world. We just have to be vigilant in order to see and hear them." He added: "If we look around and listen with an attentive heart, we can find witnesses everywhere today, especially among ordinary people, but also in the high ranks of the Church, who stand up for God with their life and suffering... One of the great and essential tasks of our evangelization is, as far as we can, to establish habitats of Faith and, above all, to find and recognize them." His hopeful conclusion includes the following: "A paramount task, which must result from the moral upheavals of our time, is that we ourselves once again begin to live by God and unto Him," Benedict wrote. "Above all, we ourselves must learn again to recognize God as the foundation of our life instead of leaving Him aside as a somehow ineffective phrase." May our Parish be "a habitat of Faith"!

These are just highlights as I see them from Pope Benedict's essay. I thank God for the clear analysis of a great mind. Pope Benedict turns 92 this week. Read the full essay on the catholicnewsagency.com website.

Catechism Study Group will not meet this week due to Christ Mass. **Catholics United for the Arts** NEXT MEETING **Monday April 15, 7pm**. Church of the Assumption. 1227 7th Ave N. Nashville **Beauty, Truth and Goodness**, a presentation by Sister Gabriella Yi, O.P. Open to all types of artists. www.CatholicsUnitedForTheArts.com

Nashville Catholic Radio, WBOU 100.5 FM, spring schedule for **Parenting Matters**. Hosted by Dr Parnell Donahue of Holy Family every Tues. and Thurs. at 11:30 AM and streaming live on WBOU.org. It is also available for streaming any time www.parenting-matters.com. **(April 16, 18) What is discipline?** Guests: Dr. James Wellborn, Adolescent and Family Psychologist at Brentwood United Methodist Church, and Lisa and David Castor.

BAAM - Assumption's Goal has been set at \$15,250. Raised as of 4/8 \$4,055.00 or 27%.

Last Week's Contributions

Regular Collection: - \$4,136.80

Electronic Giving: \$2,178.00

Don't fret about the envelope you left on the table at home! Set up online contributions today

SUN 4/14 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday

- 8:30am **Mass -Extraordinary Form** + Debra Lynn Davis
 9:45am Legion of Mary RECTORY
 10:00am Religious Education
 11:00am **Mass** Pro Populo
 4:30pm Syro Malabar (in Malayalam)
 6:00pm Syro Malabar Supper

MON 4/15 Monday of Holy Week

- 12 Noon **Mass- Extraordinary Form** Magdalena Korpak
 7:00pm *Catholics United for the Arts* BUDDEKE HOUSE

TUES 4/16 Tuesday of Holy Week

- 6:00pm **Mass** + Michael Semich

WED 4/17 Wednesday of Holy Week

- 12:00 Noon **Mass** Celebrant's Intention
 6:00pm **Chrism Mass -Sagrado Corazon -CPC**
 7:30pm Syro Malabar (in Malayalam)

THU 4/18 HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 4:30pm *Confessions*
 6:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** + James & Nell Guthery
 After Mass *Silent Adoration of the Altar of Repose*
 7:30pm *Confessions*
 10:00pm *Compline (Night Prayer)*

FRI 4/19 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Good Friday

- 12:00pm *Stations of the Cross*
 4:30pm *Confessions*
 6:00pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

SAT 4/20 HOLY SATURDAY

- 10-11:00am *Confessions*
 7:30pm **EASTER VIGIL MASS** Pro Populo

40 Days for Life/Nashville continues praying at Planned Parenthood every day from 7 am - 7 pm. Sign up to pray at 40daysforlife.com/Nashville. **Sidewalk Advocates for Life** training will be held on April 27 at Saint Luke's, Smyrna. Please come to **8:30 Mass**; training will follow at **9:15 am to 1:30 pm**. Bring a snack or lunch. Call Marilyn, 615-766-4119. **40 Days for Life Palm Sunday (April 14)** "Lift High the Cross Procession" from Cathedral parking lot at 2 pm to Planned Parenthood. Stations of the Cross will follow at Planned Parenthood

Hope and Healing After Abortion Retreat (May 18), Nashville. Experience God's loving mercy. Led by Fr. Baker. Contact 615-414-0230 or HopeAndHealingNashville@gmail.com. All inquiries/attendance confidential.