



THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Weekdays: 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;
12:15 & 1:15 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

Saturday: 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)
and 4:00 p.m. Vigil/Shopper's Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Tridentine Low Mass),
10:30 a.m. (Tridentine High Mass),
12:30 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation:
Vigil at 5:15 p.m.
7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;
8:00 a.m. (Tridentine Latin); 11:15 a.m.;
12:15, 1:15 & 5:15 p.m.;
6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin High Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 7:30-8:30 a.m.; 12 noon-1:30 p.m.;
5:15-5:35 p.m.

Saturday: 12 noon-1:00 p.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 12 noon-12:30 p.m.

And anytime upon request or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Benediction

BAPTISMS

3rd & 4th Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.; Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

PERPETUAL NOVENAS

Weekdays following the 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 & 1:15 p.m.
Masses and at 5:50 p.m. and on Saturday following the 12
noon and 1:00 p.m. Masses.

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Anthony and St. Anne
Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph
Thursday: Infant of Prague, St. Rita and St. Thérèse
Friday: “The Return Crucifix” and the Passion
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima
Sunday: Holy Innocents (at Vespers)

DEVOTIONS

Vespers and Benediction:
Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

Holy Rosary: Weekdays at 11:55 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Saturday at 12:35 p.m.
Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Weekdays at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent):
Fridays at 12:45 p.m.
and after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart:
First Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m.-
8:00 p.m.

First Saturday Devotions:
Rosary, 15 minute meditation, prayers &
Benediction following 1:00 p.m. Mass

2000 Hail Marys:
Second Saturday of the month
from 6:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE/GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHEN YOU CAN'T GO TO MASS

By Caryl Houselander

What do you do when Mass has been cancelled—indefinitely? Many, perhaps most of you, have suffered that deprivation recently. Perhaps by the time you get this paper, you will still be suffering it. Even if you are not, you won't regret reading this article written when London was being bombed—and when Mass online or TV obviously did not exist.

To those who are used to daily Mass, there is no privation more terrible than that of having to do without it.

This is not because of any spiritual consolation that they have known, for usually those who go to Mass daily suffer torturing distractions and a kind of numbness of spirit which makes it a hard act of will to concentrate, not always successfully, on the prayers at all.

If spiritual sweetness were the object of the soul, and daily distress through aridity its actual portion, surely the sudden ceasing of Mass would be a relief?

The proof that the Blessed Sacrament is in very truth our food and strength is that, no matter how little sensible consolation we have in it, no matter how little we realize what it does for us, let it be taken away and we immediately feel our weakness, we have a true famine of the soul, which nothing else can satisfy.

It is really like ordinary bread; we don't realize what bread is to us until we have to do without it, but then we know well enough that it is indeed life to us.

There are many people today who are in fact having to do without daily Mass. War service often imposes this on them, and they accept it because their war service is in itself their Christianity now, and it is the fruit of many Masses.

The time may come and come soon, when for an indefinite time, war conditions make it more and more difficult for any of us to hear Mass at all, even on Sundays.

Then we shall all understand why our forefathers in the days of persecution were willing to give up everything—property, honors, freedom, even life itself—for the glory of being present even at one Mass.

Suppose such conditions do come, is there any way in which we can prepare for them and make it easier for us to suffer them? There is; and if after making this preparation, we are spared the necessity of using it, we can be sure that all the same our lives will be richer as a result of it.

The first part of this preparation is to make ourselves more and more deeply aware of what the Mass is.

It is a sacrifice which is always being offered and in which we can always take part anytime and anywhere.

It is not a sacrifice offered by a priest in which our part is merely that of a devout audience. It is a sacrifice which gathers every circumstance of our life to itself and is the very core of our being.

We need not fear that because we might not be able to be actually present at Mass, Mass is no longer celebrated. Mass will always be celebrated while the world lasts. It is the sacrifice foretold by the prophets which must always be offered from sunrise to sunset, a promise to us which cannot and will not be broken.

To keep this promise of God's, his saints have given their lives over and over again, and Mass has been celebrated in many strange and secret places, beginning in the borrowed room where Christ instituted the Sacrament of his Body, and afterwards in the catacombs, where the early Christians were forced as we are forced today, to tunnel under the ground for safety.

Wherever the Church has been persecuted, Mass has again been offered in the borrowed rooms of friends of Christ.

Many an English home has been hallowed by it, and in the latter years it has been offered in more and more unlikely places—in the desert of the lonely and heroic Charles de Foucauld and in the forests of Siberia by the Russian prisoners, for example.

It will continue. There will always be those who will offer Mass, and Christ will always, with his divine ingenuity and lowliness, find a place to come to for us. This being so, we can always, though possibly from a distance, unite ourselves with the Mass that is being offered.

There is never a moment when the Host is not being offered up for us, never a moment when we cannot lift ourselves up with Christ crucified.

To do this, to unite ourselves with the Mass, which, though unseen, is really happening, we need to be very familiar with what happens at Mass. Just the broad essentials.

First there is great sorrow for sin, confessing that we are sinners, asking God's pardon for the world, and no one should begin to think of joining in the Mass without this sorrow and this humility.

Next there is the statement of faith, the Gospels, the Creed. And our faith is the one thing that we can take pride in; it is our sword and our light.

Then there is the Offertory, the offering of bread and wine to God, to be changed into the Host. Then the Consecration when the miracle has happened, and Christ is there on the Cross, adoring for us, atoning for us, pleading for us.

And afterwards the Communion, when he is united with us in a oneness for which we have no parallel in any human love, though it includes them all.

Keeping these elementary facts of the Mass in mind, we can join in any Mass going on, and be really present to Christ on some secret altar. And such a habit can weave itself all through our life and absorb all our life into itself.

First the Confiteor: we can start our spiritual Mass by recalling the great burden of sin laid upon us all.

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And though we may be in a crowd or at some duty, we can bow our minds and humble our hearts by inwardly accepting from God all our personal grief and hardship caused by the war as our just due for our share in the world's sin. We can check our passing rebellion and recall our littleness and bow down before God.

We can join in the Gospel and the Creed by recalling the mysteries of our Faith and professing them to God. We need to remind ourselves of them constantly and to take wonderful comfort in them—for example, the Communion of Saints and the Resurrection of the Body.

Every Catholic knows the Creed, and everyone can repeat it in his or her own mind and heart and lips and pray, as we do at Mass, to have our tongues touched with fire in order to be able to speak of our Faith well.

Then the Offertory. We can now offer to God all that we are and all that we are enduring and even all the joys we have or must forego: our life, literally, our bodies and souls, our thoughts and work, everything we have.

We have got to suffer anyway, and this offertory can make our suffering what the fire is to the Host, something that sifts and purifies us and makes us ready to ask Our Lord to change us into himself.

When we have made our offertory, we come to the Consecration; and now we can lift the Christ crucified in our own lives in union with the Host now being elevated, to adore God, to plead for everyone, to atone for everything.

And finally, we can make our spiritual communion.

Briefly, using all our circumstances and all our will, this would be the order of such a spiritual Mass (and we shall really be united to all the Masses being celebrated on earth):

- 1) Sorrow for sin: I accept all as just. I offer all in atonement. I acknowledge that I am not fit to approach God. I ask his pardon.
- 2) Offering: I offer myself and all I am to God.
- 3) Consecration: God accepts my offering and changes it into Christ.
- 4) Communion: I gave myself to God; now in Christ he gives himself back to me.

All this can be done without any words at all, but it will still help more to know and to say in one's own head, at least the principle prayers of the Mass, because they are full of strength and beauty and would keep alive in us the love and understanding of the Mass during even very long privation.

For as long as we cherish the Mass in our hearts, the flame of faith will burn brightly in us.

Each time we join in the Mass, though not bodily present, we shall receive the illimitable grace of the Mass and shall have the power of Christ to adore and to atone, and all that we have to suffer and to offer, all that we are, will be changed into him and we will be one with the redeeming sacrifice of his triumphant love.

—Excerpted from *This War is the Passion* by Caryll Houselander (Sheed and Ward), 1941, pp. 96-102, out of print
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MARY'S ANSWER

Our world remains poised on the edge of an abyss of darkness. Yet the answer is at hand. The solution is close by. Gently, softly, the thread that will lead us out of the labyrinth of our fears, doubts, and turmoil is placed into our sinful hands. The answer, the solution, is the rosary.

The Rosary: so tiny, so seemingly weak, is to be used against unseen but deadly powers. The Rosary, so foolish a weapon.

The Rosary, a prayer of babies, youth, men, and women, is so simple that even the illiterate can pray it, so profound that geniuses have not begun to probe its depths. The Rosary, a simple vocal prayer, can lead us into the realism of the highest mental and contemplative prayer!

The Rosary is an answer to all our fears, to all our unrest, to all our dangers. It finds us everywhere and leads us back from the desert of darkness where we now dwell, where, forever and ever, the prince of darkness tempts us to fall down and adore him. Yes, it is the answer.

Our Lady in her many apparitions said so. Especially at Fatima. Why, then, are we not listening? Why do so many Catholics leave the Rosary unsaid? Why aren't our days filled with endless Rosaries forming a chain to hold our hearts anchored to the heart of God, through Mary his mother?

It is time to begin now to pray the Rosary daily. We must understand that if we do not, our world will perish, and we with it. And those who are left will dwell in the catacombs, perhaps using only the Rosary, their ten fingers, over and over again, and weeping because they know why they are underground.

Oh, let us pray the Rosary now, so that the children of light may continue to dwell in the light of God's sun, so that the world may be restored to Christ.

--Quote by Catherine Doherty excerpted from *Bogoroditza*, (2001), pp. 28-29, MH Publications



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the living and deceased, the following may also be offered for the week, Sunday to Saturday:

- 1) Sanctuary Candle burning before Our Lord in the tabernacle - \$25.00
- 2) Altar Candles - \$50.00
- 3) Altar Bread - \$40.00
- 4) Altar Wine - \$30.00
- 5) Adoration Candles - \$65.00
- 6) Altar Flowers - \$250.00 for 2 arrangements

Please contact the rectory office if you are interested in offering any of these items.

The intention will be published weekly in the Parish bulletin.

DONORS NEEDED

We are in need of donors for a new microphone for the High Altar for use at the *Ad Orientem* Novus Ordo Masses as well as for a lectern for the sedilia for priests who wish to begin the celebration of Holy Mass there. If you are interested in contributing to this, please contact the Parish Office.



Goal for Holy Innocents - \$57,000

Participation Goal - 67

Pledged to date - \$18,793

Number of donors - 53

Still needed - **\$38,207**

If you have not made your pledge/gift to this year's Appeal, please do so today! Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection (mailed) - 5/31/20 \$2,694.00

Online Contributions \$2,020.00

Shrines and Candles \$ 959.00

Regular Collection - 6/02/19 \$9,024.55

Shrines and Candles \$3,301.00

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly!

PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

To keep your mind and heart focused on God throughout the day Whose presence you are continually in, these following thoughts from St. Josemaria Escriva's *The Way* can give you some ideas how to do that:



Make it a habit to raise your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many times a day. Because he gives you this and that... Because someone has despised you... Because you don't have what you need, or because you do have it.

And because he made his Mother, who is also your Mother, so beautiful. Because he created the sun and the moon and this animal or that plant. Because he made that man eloquent and you he left slow of speech...

Thank him for everything, because everything is good. (268)

Don't be so blind or so thoughtless that you fail to "go into" each tabernacle when you glimpse the walls or the steeple of each house of our Lord. He is waiting for you.

Don't be so blind or so thoughtless that you fail to say at least an ejaculation to Mary Immaculate, whenever you go past a place where you know Christ is being offended. (269)

Make use of those holy "human devices" I've recommended to keep you from losing the presence of God: ejaculations, acts of love and reparation, spiritual communions, "glances" at a picture of our Lady. (272)



**Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation
in honor of the
Holy Face of Jesus**

**Every Third Tuesday of the month
Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass**

Next Holy Hour: To be determined

CONTINUED PARISHIONERS DONOR SUPPORT

During these unsettling times, Parishioners and Donors can make their weekly contribution online which is available at <https://innocents.churchgiving.com> or by calling the following number:

- WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number: 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)
- WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com
- WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

We deeply appreciate your support and generosity to your Parish. Please email the Parish Office at rectory@shrineofholynnocents.org if you have any questions.

The Shrine to the Unborn

Blessed by Cardinal O'Connor on December 28, 1993



*The Shrine is dedicated in Memory of the Children
Who Have Died Unborn*

*We invite you to name your child(ren)
and provide the opportunity to have
your baby's name inscribed in our "Book of Life".*

Healing *after Abortion*

To speak to a Sister, or learn about
our monthly Days of Prayer and
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866.575.0075 (toll free)
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

To register for men:
877.586.4621 (toll free)
Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Ocean
of mercy

LEGION OF MARY - REGINA MUNDI

The Holy Innocents Legion of Mary group meets each Monday in the Parish Hall following the 6 p. m. Mass. For more information on joining this ministry as an active or auxiliary member please contact Melissa Becker at: melissa_925@msn.com



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Often children who have died before birth have no grave or headstone, and sometimes not even a name. At The Church of The Holy Innocents, we invite you to name your child(ren) and to have the opportunity to have your baby's name inscribed in our "BOOK OF LIFE". Here, a candle is always lit in their memory. All day long people stop to pray. On the first Monday of every month, our 12:15pm Mass is celebrated in honor of these children and for the comfort of their families. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that your child(ren) will be remembered at the Shrine and honored by all who pray here.

We will inscribe the names of babies who have died before and at birth in our Book of Life, and as always, we invite you to visit the Shrine if you are in New York City.

SUBWAY ROSARY

Our Regina Mundi Praesidium of the Legion of Mary conducts a Subway Rosary on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All are invited to join in this evangelization effort to spread devotion to Our Lady. Anyone interested in joining is asked to gather at Holy Innocents by 10:00am. The group will then proceed to 42nd and Broadway Time Square subway station. We will be located by the Time Square Shuttle downstairs. We recite 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and return back to Holy Innocents around 12:15. Come for all or part of the Subway Rosary.

Upcoming Subway Rosaries

June 13
June 27

VOLUNTEER SINGERS NEEDED

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks..."

- *Ephesians Ch 5.*

The Shrine & Parish Church of Holy Innocents Volunteer choir needs your voice! All ages welcome. We meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Church Hall. Please email Rachel Aldridge at Alldridge.r.a@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. No prior experience necessary.

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