



### **MASSES**

**Saturday** [anticipated] 4:30 pm

**Sunday** 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

*Mass Tuesday-Friday in the chapel at 9 am*

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Tuesday** 7-7:30 pm

**Saturday** 3-4 pm

*in the chapel*

**ST IGNATIUS  
& ST LUKE'S**

**21 March 2021**

## WHY DID JESUS WEEP FOR LAZARUS?

*“Jesus said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto Him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him.”* John xi. 34-36.

What led our Lord to weep over the dead, who could at a word restore him, nay, had it in purpose so to do?

First of all, as the context informs us, He wept from very sympathy with the grief of others. “When Jesus saw Mary weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, He groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.” It is the very nature of compassion or sympathy, as the word implies, to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” We know it is so with men; and God tells us He also is compassionate, and full of tender mercy. Yet we do not well know what this means, for how can God rejoice or grieve? By the very perfection of His nature Almighty God cannot show sympathy, at least to the comprehension of beings of such limited minds as ours. He, indeed, is hid from us; but if we were allowed to see Him, how could we discern in the Eternal and Unchangeable signs of sympathy?

.... Now we cannot see God's sympathy; and the Son of God, though feeling for us as great compassion as his Father, did not show it to us while He remained in His Father's bosom. But when He took flesh and appeared on earth, He showed us the Godhead in a new manifestation. He invested Himself with a new set of attributes, those of our flesh, taking into him a human soul and body, in order that thoughts, feelings, affections might be His, which could respond to ours and certify to us His tender mercy....

Jesus wept, therefore, not merely from the deep thoughts of His understanding, but from spontaneous tenderness; from the gentleness and mercy, the encompassing loving-kindness and exuberant fostering affection of the Son of God for His own work, the race of man. Their tears touched Him at once, as their miseries had brought Him down from heaven. His ear was open to them, and the sound of weeping went at once to His heart.

But next, we may suppose (if it is allowable to conjecture), that His pity, thus spontaneously excited, was led forward to dwell on the various circumstances in man's condition which excite pity. It was awakened, and began to look around upon the miseries of the world. What was it He saw? He saw visibly displayed the *victory of death*; .... Martha and Mary, whom He had known and loved in their brother's company, now solitary, approached Him, first one and then the other, in far other mood and circumstance than heretofore—in deep affliction! in faith indeed and resignation, yet, apparently, with somewhat of a tender complaint: “Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.” .... Here, then, was the Creator surrounded by the works of His hands, who adored Him indeed, yet

seemed to ask why He suffered what He Himself had made so to be marred. Here was the Creator of the world at a scene of death, seeing the issue of His gracious handiwork. Would not He revert in thought to the hour of creation, when He went forth from the bosom of the Father to bring all things into existence? There had been a day when He had looked upon the work of His love, and seen that it was “very good.” Whence had the good been turned to evil, the fine gold become dim? “An enemy had done this.” Why it was allowed, and how achieved, was a secret with Him; a secret from all who were about Him, as it is a secret to us at this day. .... What He has done for all believers, revealing His atoning death yet not explaining it, this He did for Martha and Mary also, proceeding to the grave in silence, to raise their brother, while they complained that he had been allowed to die.

Alas! there were other thoughts still to call forth His tears.... He went to raise Lazarus, and the fame of that miracle was the immediate cause of His seizure and crucifixion. This He knew beforehand, He saw the prospect before Him; He saw Lazarus raised; the supper in Martha's house; Lazarus sitting at table; joy on all sides of Him; ...the Jews crowding not only to see Him, but Lazarus also; His triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the multitude shouting Hosanna; the people testifying to the raising of Lazarus; ... and then the Pharisees plotting against Him, Judas betraying Him, His friends deserting Him, and the cross receiving Him. These things doubtless, among a multitude of thoughts unspeakable, passed over His mind. He felt...that He was descending into the grave which Lazarus left. ... And He knew that this reverse was altogether voluntary with Him. He had come down from His Father's bosom to be an Atonement of blood for all sin, and thereby to raise all believers from the grave, as He was then about to raise Lazarus; and to raise them, not for a time, but for eternity; and now the sharp trial lay before Him, through which He was to “open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.” Contemplating then the fulness of His purpose while now going about a single act of mercy, He said to Martha, “I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.”

Let us take to ourselves these comfortable thoughts, both in the contemplation of our own death, or upon the death of our friends. Wherever faith in Christ is, there is Christ Himself. He said to Martha, “Believest thou this?” Wherever there is a heart to answer, “Lord, I believe,” there Christ is present.

*From Tears of Christ at the Grave of Lazarus*

*By St. John Henry Newman, preached 12 April 1835*

**HOLY  
WEEK  
SCHEDULE**

**Maundy Thursday**

*no 9 am Mass*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

**Good Friday**

Commemoration of the Passion & Death  
of Our Lord 3 pm

**Holy Saturday**

*no 4:30 pm Mass*

Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.*

***Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross are walked each Friday in Lent:

- 1) following the 9 am Mass in the chapel, and
- 2) at 7:30 pm in the school auditorium.

**WATCH AND PRAY ON MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the chapel for adoration from 9 pm until midnight. We need adorers who can commit to be present for some designated time during that period. You can sign up for a slot on the sheet found on the information table in the school lobby.

*Could ye not watch with me one hour?*

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the parish children on Easter Sunday following the 11 am Mass. Donations of plastic eggs and candy to fill them should be placed in the box in the school lobby by Palm Sunday.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 20 March**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm Roger Brisson +

**Sunday, 21 March**

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent, called Passion Sunday*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Minerva Diaz + [month's mind]

11 am the unremembered dead in our graveyard +

**Monday, 22 March**

*Monday in Passion Week*

9 am *no public mass*

**Tuesday, 23 March**

*Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop*

9 am Richard Windsor

**Wednesday, 24 March**

*Wednesday in Passion Week*

9 am Rafael Madan y Diago +

**Thursday, 25 March**

*ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, commonly called Ladyday*

9 am Jose and Guadalupe Manlapaz + [Susie Martinez]

**Friday, 26 March**

*Saint Mary in Passiontide*

9 am those who have fallen away from the Faith

**Saturday, 27 March**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm Julius Ames +

**Sunday, 28 March**

*Palm Sunday, the Second Sunday in Passiontide*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Rev. David J. Conway +

11 am Adeline Stephen +

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