

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin

How St. Charles Borromeo Braved the Epidemic of His Time
By Roberto de Mattei

“St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and Archbishop of Milan from 1565 to 1583 led his city through the terrible plague of 1576, when the first cases exploded in on August 11th.

“Confusion and fear reigned in Milan and the Archbishop dedicated himself completely to assisting the sick and ordering public and private prayers. Dom Prosper Guéranger sums up his infinite charity in this way: ‘In the absence of local authorities, he organized the health service, founded or renewed hospitals, sought money and provisions, decreed preventive measures. Most importantly though, he took steps to ensure spiritual help, assistance to the sick and the burial of the dead. Unafraid of being infected, he paid in person, by visiting hospitals, leading penitential processions, being everything to everyone, like a father and true shepherd.’...

“St. Charles was convinced that the epidemic was ‘a scourge sent by Heaven’ as chastisement for the sins of the people and that recourse to spiritual measures was necessary to fight against it: prayer and penitence. He rebuked the civil authorities for having placed their trust in human measures rather than divine ones. ‘Hadn’t they prohibited all the pious gatherings and processions during the time of the Jubilee?’ For him, and he was convinced of it, these were the causes of the chastisement...

“While the pestilence spread, the Archbishop then ordered three general processions to take place in Milan on the 3rd, 5th and 6th of October, ‘to placate the wrath of God.’ On the first day, the Saint, despite it not being the Lenten season, placed ashes on the heads of the thousands gathered, exhorting them to penitence. Once the ceremony was over, the procession went to the Basilica of St. Ambrose. Charles put himself at the head of the people, dressed in a hooded purple robe, barefoot, penitential cord at his neck and large cross in his hand....

“The plague didn’t show any signs of waning and Milan appeared depopulated, as a third of its citizens had lost their

lives and the others were in quarantine or didn’t dare leave their homes. The Archbishop ordered about 20 stone columns with a cross at the top to be erected in the main squares and city crossroads, allowing the inhabitants from every quarter to take part in the Masses and public prayers — from the windows of their homes. One of Milan’s protectors was St. Sebastian, the martyr the Romans had recourse to during the plague in 672. St. Charles suggested that the magistrates of Milan reconstruct the sanctuary dedicated to him, which was falling into ruins, and to celebrate a solemn feast in his honour for ten years. Finally in July 1577, the plague ceased and in September the founding stone was laid in the civic temple of St. Sebastian, where on January 20th every year, even today a Mass is offered to recall the end of the scourge.

“The Milan plague of 1576 was what the Sack of Rome by the Landsknechts was to the Romans 50 years before: a chastisement, but also an opportunity for purification and conversion. Charles Borromeo gathered his meditations in a Memorial, wherein, he writes among other things: ‘City of Milan, your greatness reached the heavens; your wealth extended to the confines of the universe world (...) Then, all of sudden, from Heaven comes the pestilence which is the Hand of God, and, all of a sudden, your pride was crushed.’...The Saint was convinced that everything was due to the great mercy of God: ‘He wounded and healed; He scourged and cured; He placed his hand on the rod of chastisement and offered the staff of support’...

“During his 18 years of governing the diocese of Milan, Archbishop Borromeo, with the same vigour, was devoted to combating heresy which he considered the plague of the spirit. According to St. Charles, ‘there is no other fault that God is so greatly offended by, none provokes such indignation as the vice of heresy, and in turn, nothing can bring the provinces and kingdoms to ruin more than that horrid plague can.’ St. Pius X, citing one of his phrases, describes him as ‘a model for the flock and the shepherds of modern times, unflinching advocate and counselor of authentic Catholic reform against those innovators of the time, whose intent was not reintegration but rather deformation and destruction of the faith and customs.’”

Prayer for Vocations

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

(For the Greater Glory)

Flowers: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

Sanctuary Light: Rease Parton for a special intention.

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: John Quin in loving memory of Ann.

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Oliver Family for Colleen Roberts

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: The Oliver family in loving memory of Elizabeth Boyd.

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: The Oliver Family in celebration of Beckett Jones’ birthday.

Lamp at St. Thomas Moore: Terry Southard for a special Intention.

Lamp at St. John Fisher: The Southard family in celebration of Ginevra Grace’s birthday.

Lamp at the Altar of Relics: The Bellinger family for Meilun’s recovery.



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Welcome to The Catholic Church of St. Mary the Virgin. We are a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter authorized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 for Anglicans seeking to become Catholic. Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic, while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and embracing the roots of the Catholic faith’s rich tradition through reverent liturgy and historical music. All Catholics are invited to participate in our Divine Worship liturgy and receive communion by kneeling (if able) at the altar rail and receiving our Lord on the tongue.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish for details regarding the preparation program. Under Ordinariate policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Liturgical Ministers

March 15, 2020

- 8:00 a.m.** Altar Server.....Jon Carr
UshersNance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
- 10:30 a.m.** Master of Ceremonies.....John Williams
ThuriferJohn Heise
CruciferBen Skinner
Torchbearers..Luke Garland/Anthony Glicksman
Boat Boy.....Matt Garland
First ReadingHelen Mitchell
Intercessory PrayersDorothy Ortiz
Ushers.....Charles and Daisy Bellinger
- 6:00 p.m.** Altar Server.....William Harvey
Ushers.....Sam Stauffer/Ken Manichi
Office Help.....Chuck Lynk/Terry Southard

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

Music of the Mass

Music is in the red or blue hymnal or in the tabs of the Divine Worship notebooks indicated in bold.

Kyrie, Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, Agnus Dei, *Simple Chant Mass-Latin*.....**Mass Settings Tab 2**
Offertory Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 658
Pater Noster.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 17
Communion Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 690
(Please substitute the word Protector for Jehovah)
Anthem.....*Sicut Cervus* by G. P. da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

Adult Choir Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. Thursday
Youth Choir rehearses today after the
10:30 a.m. Mass.

Collect

We beseech thee, Almighty God: look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Scripture of the Mass

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the fault-finding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the test by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Gradual

Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: Let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

V. While mine enemies are driven back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brethren: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man--though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by priest and people. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Tract

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

V. Behold, even as the eyes of servants: look unto the hand of their masters.

V. Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God: until he have mercy upon us.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: have mercy upon us.

The Holy Gospel

John 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

At that time: Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

"Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

The Prayers of the People

Intercession (Form 3 on Page 25)

For Those in Special Need

Bishop Steven Lopes; Mike; Royal; Colleen; Jean; Mike; Fr. Ray; Don; Grace; Isabella; Ronald; Carol; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Brett Lee; Pierson; Lucas; Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For Those Expecting Children

Riyanna & Joe; Mary Pat & Sam; Helen & Brian; Joan & John Paul; Rebecca & Brinton; Lisa & Chris; Colleen & Rafael.

For the Faithful Departed On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Monday: Harold Wanklin; Mary Shumway; *Tuesday:* Joseph Korkmas; Elizabeth Boyd; Damase Webre; *Wednesday:* Lucille Carson Cannady; Dell Ward; Fay Pollock; *Thursday:* Maria Leticia Clapes Romero; *Friday:* Irene McConnell; Jose Ackers; Kenneth Wright.

For those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday: Rick Coombs (B); *Tuesday:* Joe Vaughn (B); *Wednesday:* Charlene Schwartz (B); Ben Vina (B); *Thursday:* Rafael Aparicio (B); *Friday:* Silvia Aparicio (B); *Saturday:* Paul Denning (B); James Horan (B).

News and Notes

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The K of C Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 3rd, 5:30 p.m., before Stations of the Cross. Adults (16+) \$7.50, Children 9-15 \$5.00, Children 8 and under no charge. Family maximum payment is \$30. Come and enjoy fish, fries, hush puppies, and your Parish family!

SMV Altar Guild

"The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer."

—Pope Francis

As the beautification of the church expands, so does the need for additional hands to serve as members of our Altar Guild Ministry. Our guild offers a variety of opportunities for you to contribute to our Liturgy in a meaningful way. We invite you to join us to learn more about the work we do behind-the-scenes.

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, March 15

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

No Religious Ed classes today

No ENDOW class today

Monday, March 16

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: John Lamb Jr., RIP)

Tuesday, March 17

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Patricia Squicciarini, RIP)

Wednesday, March 18

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Colleen Roberts)

Thursday, March 19

Men's Examen Group at 10:30 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

(Mass Intention: Colleen Roberts)

Friday, March 20

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Leonarda Morin, RIP)

Adoration 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 a.m.

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Mass Intention: Pete Marquez)

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

Our Altar Guild Information and Training Session will be March 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

Come see how you may serve!

Please contact Toni Pouttu at toni.pouttu@live.com for more information.

Easter Flower Envelopes

If you would like to donate money for our flowers at Easter, please use the envelopes that are available in the Narthex.

Religious Ed News

There are no Religious Education classes or ENDOW class for women today. All classes will resume Sunday, March 22.

Please remember to check with Megan Schmitt, DRE, to make sure you are set for the sacraments coming up!