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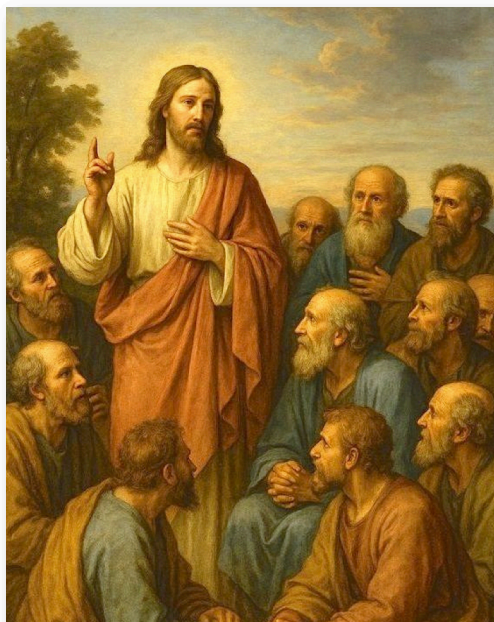
PRE-VATICAN II - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

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*“A little while, and now you shall not see me: and again a little while,
and you shall see me: because I go to the Father.” (John 16, 16)*

* **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** *

Sunday, April 26 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Members of St. Joseph parish (Mrs. Yvonne Neer)	5:30 P.M.
Monday, April 27 th	St. Peter Canisius, CD ✠Our ancestors (Mrs. Thérèse Blanchet)	
Tuesday, April 28 th	St. Paul of the Cross, C In honor of St. Joseph (Mrs. Joan Pang)	
Wednesday, April 29 th	Octave Day of St. Joseph Emil & Louise Cirineo (Emil Cirineo)	
Thursday, April 30 th	St. Catherine of Siena, V Mr. John Wittman (Mrs. Joan Pang)	
Friday, May 1 st * <i>First Friday Devotions</i>	Ss. PHILIP AND JAMES, APP Brother Michael -recovery (Mr. & Mrs. David Boyer)	6:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 2 nd * <i>First Saturday</i>	St. Athanasius, BpCD Father Romero (Mrs. Carmen Garita)	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 3 rd	FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠Sandra Ockuly -death anniversary (Mr. & Mrs. David Boyer)	5:30 P.M.

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *

- **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** is taking place this Friday, at **6:00 P.M.**
- **SPRING DAY CLEANING** is this Saturday, after 9:00 A.M. Mass.
- **MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES:** are available in the vestibule to remember your mothers & grandmothers during Mass. Please turn them in by Mother's Day Sunday before 10:30 A.M. Mass.
- **EASTER DUTY:** all parishioners are reminded of this serious obligation to be performed between the *First Sunday of Lent* and *Trinity Sunday*. Negligence of this precept constitutes a mortal sin.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Diligence

• “*What are the works upon which all our profit and all our perfection depends? All those which it is our lot to perform, but especially the ordinary ones that we do every day. These are the most frequent, and therefore upon these, more than upon others, we ought to fix our eyes and to employ our attention and diligence. The measure of their perfection will be the measure of our own. If we do them perfectly, we shall be perfect; if imperfectly, imperfect. Here, precisely, is the difference between the perfect and the imperfect Religious. It is not that one does different things from the other; but one does ordinary things with perfection, and the other with imperfection and tepidity.*” —St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

There is nothing shorter than time, and yet nothing more valuable. There is nothing shorter, for the past is no more, the future is uncertain, the present only a moment. Jesus Christ said: *A little while, and now you shall not see me (John 16, 16)*. We may say the same of our life which, according to St. James is a *vapour which appeareth for a little while (James 4, 15)*.

The time is short, says the Apostle St. Paul, *it remaineth that ... they that weep be as though they wept not; that they that rejoice, as if they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; and they that used this world, as if they used it not (1 Cor. 7, 29-31)*. Since, then, the time we have to remain on this earth is short, the Apostle tells those who weep that they ought not to weep, because their sorrows shall soon pass away; and those who rejoice, not to fix their affections on enjoyments, because they shall soon have an end. Hence he concludes that we should use this world, not to enjoy its transitory goods, but to merit eternal life.

But, on his part, St. Bernard says that though there is nothing more precious than time, there is nothing less valuable in the estimation of men. You will see some persons spending four or five hours in play. If you ask them why they lose so much time, they answer: To amuse ourselves. Others remain half the day standing in a street, or looking out from a window. If you ask them what they are doing, they will say in reply that they are passing the time. And why, says the same Saint, do you lose this time? Why should you lose even a single hour which the mercy of God gives you to weep for your sins, and to acquire Divine grace?

O time, despised by men during life, how much will you be desired at the hour of death, and particularly in the other world! Time is a blessing we enjoy only in this life; it is not enjoyed in the next; it is not found in Heaven nor in hell. In hell the damned exclaim with tears: “Oh that an hour were given to us!” They would pay any price for an hour or for a minute in which they might repair their eternal ruin. But this hour or minute they never shall have. In Heaven there is no weeping; but, were the Saints capable of sorrow, all their wailing should arise from the thought of having lost in this life the time in which they could have acquired greater glory, and from the conviction that this time shall never more be given to them.

Some will say: What evil am I doing? Is it not, I ask, an evil to spend your time in amusements, in conversations, and useless occupations which are unprofitable to the soul? Does God give you this time to waste it? *Let not*, says the Holy Ghost, *the part of a good gift overpass thee (Ecclus. 14, 14)*. The labourers of whom St. Matthew speaks did no evil; they only lost time, remaining idle in the streets. But they were rebuked: *Why stand you here all the day idle? (Matth. 20, 6)*. On the day of Judgment Jesus Christ will demand an account, not only of every month and day that has been lost, but even of every idle word spoken. *Every idle word that men shall speak they shall render an account for it in the day of judgment (Matth. 12, 36)*. He will likewise demand an account of every moment of the time which you will lose. According to St. Bernard, all time not spent for God is time lost. Hence the Holy Ghost says: *Whatsoever thy hand is able to do, do it earnestly: for neither work nor reason . . . shall be in hell, whither thou art hastening. What you can do today defer not till tomorrow; for on tomorrow you may be dead, and may be gone into another world where you shall have no more time to do good, and where you shall only enjoy the reward of your virtues or suffer the punishment due to your sins. Today if you shall hear his voice harden not your hearts (Ps. 94)*. Obey His call today; for it may happen that on tomorrow time will be no more for you, or that God will call you no more. All our salvation depends on corresponding with the Divine calls, and at the time that God calls us.

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



Welcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel reject the changes of Vatican II. They want to preserve the Roman Catholic Faith by maintaining everything that was taught and done by the Church prior to Vatican II. In order to receive the sacraments here, it is therefore necessary that you attend exclusively the traditional Latin Mass, and avoid the new Mass and reformed sacraments. We also invite you to take our booklet entitled *The Traditional Latin Mass*, which is very informative. We encourage you to visit our bookstore for some additional reading & information about the present crisis in the Church.

* PLEASE, OBSERVE OUR DRESS CODE *

For Men: A shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes on Sundays and holy days of obligation. No earrings. **For Ladies:** A dress or skirt is required; no pants. The skirt must at least cover the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut. **For Everyone:** No tennis shoes, sandals, denim, even on weekdays. The standards of Catholic modesty must be observed.

* APPOINTMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION *



If you wish to make an appointment with the priest, please call the rectory at (206) 299-1522. **Baptisms** are by appointment. At least one of the **Parents & Godparents** must be practicing Catholics in good standing who reject the changes of Vatican II. If you are contemplating **Matrimony**, catechism instructions may be needed; depending on the case, you may need to contact the priest as early as one year in advance of your wedding. When making arrangements for **Funerals**, please contact the priest before contacting the funeral director. **Extreme Unction & Sick Calls**, please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a member of the Chapel is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death. For any emergency, please call **Fr. Ercoli** at (586) 215-3251.

- **Confession Schedule:** Sundays & Holydays, 30 minutes before Mass. Saturdays after Mass.
- **Blessing of Religious Articles:** Every First Sunday of the month at the communion rail.
- **Mass Intentions:** For your Mass requests there are Mass Intention envelopes available in vestibule.
- **Building Fund:** A 2nd Collection is taken on the *First Sunday* of each month. This Special Collection will go toward remodeling and building expenses.
- **St. Lawrence Poor Box:** Donations will help the poor and needy. *“He who gives to the poor suffers no want, but he who ignores them shall suffer indigence.”* (Prov. 28:27)
- **Purgatory League:** Holy Mass & Prayers for our deceased parishioners are offered on the First Sunday of each month. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
- **Registration at Holy Redeemer Chapel:** If you intend to attend Holy Redeemer Chapel regularly, please complete the Registration Card in the vestibule.