
WEEKLY NEWS

✠ The Third Sunday in Lent ✠

On Sundays

Low Mass at 8 a.m. at The Lady Altar after which silence is kept in S John's Chapel for

Centering Prayer. At 10 o'clock we pray the **Rosary.**

Confessions are heard in Church from 10.30-10.50. **Terce** is recited at 10.30 followed by

Solemn or Sung Mass at 11 and

Coffee Hour just after Mass in the Parish Hall. When scheduled, the **Sunday Forum** is then held in the adjacent Yarnall Room.

Vespers is chanted in Latin at 3 p.m. in the church followed by the **Novena** to Our Lady of Clemency and **Benediction.**

Weekdays

Daily Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 12.10 p.m. (10 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays).

Vespers is recited in the Church at 5.30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays followed by **Shrine**

Prayers to Our Lady of Clemency. Throughout Lent,

Stations of the Cross and **Benediction** are offered each Friday at 6.30 p.m. followed by a light, meatless meal in the Parish Hall.

A REFLECTION FROM DR. PIUS PARSCH

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Today I am scheduled to preach the sermon at Evensong in Saint Thomas Church in New York City, a place of many happy memories for me and for my family. In this 200th Anniversary year these Sunday Evensong Sermons are planned to emphasize various forms of prayer. My assignment is the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

So, rather than a letter from me, I offer the following reflection from Pius Parsch's *The Church's Year of Grace* (Volume 2, pp. 175ff.)

We now enter the second part of Lent. Two weeks ago, after a few introductory days in which the Church explained to us the spirit of the Lenten exercises, we entered the training school of Christ on the first Sunday of Lent. We adopted defensive tactics, guarding ourselves against attacks by the prince of this world. With the weapon of mortification we battled our way to the Mountain of Transfiguration. The theme of suffering was constantly present during these two first weeks. In the first it was the figure of the forty day fast of Christ, Moses, and Elias, followed by transfiguration (a figure of Christ's passion and resurrection); during the second week greater emphasis was accorded the same idea.

Now another phase of Lent begins as Christ passes from defense to attack. A typical note is struck by the Gospel of the strong man who is overcome by one stronger than himself. From now on the liturgy devotes more time to the catechumens; the three most ancient Masses this week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) are concerned principally with the catechumens. Christ wrestles in them. The other Masses (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday) are quite similar in construction and content to those of last week. If one sought to sketch the Christ picture of the coming week, it would represent the Physician and Savior of the

About today's Mass

St. Laurence-outside-the-Walls, the stational church, is one of the five patriarchal basilicas of Rome.

The Mass of this Sunday shows us Jesus at grips with Satan; He overcomes him and drives him from the body of one possessed. From the beginning of His ministry Jesus was pitted against Satan; at the time of His passion He entered on the final combat but victory was assured to Him: "For the prince of this world cometh, and in Me he hath not anything." Our Lord Himself summed up His whole work as the definitive victory over Satan; "Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself."

Thus our Lord's whole mission is set before us as a struggle with, and a victory over, Satan. During Lent the Church could not fail to emphasize this. At the outset of the 1st Sunday, she appointed for the Gospel in the account of the temptation in the desert and we have already seen its real significance. Today, cast out from the body of one possessed, Satan finds that he has lost all the kingdom that he had seized. As the passion and the baptisms of Easter draw nearer it is made clear to us that after the exorcisms pronounced over the catechumens will come the taking possession by Christ of the human souls whom He has redeemed.

— Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, O. S. B.

soul standing before us—Monday (the Physician of Israel), Thursday (the holy doctors Cosmas and Damian), Friday and Saturday (Christ and sinners).

Main thoughts of the Masses this week. Sunday: the catechumens are "enlightened"; Christ conquers the devil in them. Monday: the leprous pagan Naaman is a good model for Christian catechumens. Wednesday; the catechumens receive the law (the commandments). Friday; two figures of baptism—Moses strikes water from the rock, Christ promises the Samaritan woman living water. Tuesday; the Mass, built on the same lines as last Tuesdays, present Christ as teacher. Thursday; "Healers" Mass in honor of the holy doctors Cosmas and Damian. Saturday; the innocent Susanna and the contrite adulteress serve as inspiration to the penitents.

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Alton



Saints Cosmas and Damian