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The Foolishness of the Cross and the Father's House



Fasting clears from our lines of sight the thick underbrush that hides from us the Tree of Life – the Cross.

So entangled are we by busyness, being busybodies, and boredom that it is hard to look up and see, shining above us, flooding within us, and illuminating what rests before us.

Jesus' call this Sunday comes from the Cross with brilliant clarity: **"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's House a marketplace."** (Jn. 2:16) Our lives, our loves, our work, our play, are all to be the "Father's House" – and not a place where we sell our souls to whatever merchant of consumption promises pleasure.

The Cross turns over all these tables that sin against the inestimable beauty that is ours as the "Father's House." The price of clearing away the underbrush and marketing stalls? The Cross. There Jesus Christ – our God and Saviour – pays the price of renovation.

One tear in His Flesh enough to clear away all the thick tangle of our sins. One drop of His Blood enough to sweep away the tables where we sell our birthrights to buy bitterness.

But it is not just one tear in His Flesh – it is Jesus' whole Body the hangs on the Cross.

It is not just one drop of His Blood – it is a never-ending flood pouring from His Side.

And it never ends this Foolish Love of God.

For over and over again the Spirit of the Risen Christ brings us to this Eternal Cross.

How? Most supremely in the Holy Eucharist.

The never-ending **Blood-Love** that in a flood of dying love overturns the tables and remakes us the Father's House. The never-ending **Body-Love** that fills every place of the House making us Temples of the Spirit.

How is it possible to take this so for granted that we fit this Eucharist into our schedules or fret over what rituals feel best? It is possible. Because this earthquake of love that shakes the world from the Cross at the Eucharist just crushes human strength and understanding ... for it is of God. **"Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."** (1 Cor. 1:24)

So, we fast from control.

We fast from noise and distraction.

We allow Jesus to cleanse us, the Father's House.

We worship in love at the Eucharist of the Foolishness of the Cross.



MONDAY, March 4, 2024

St. Casimir (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Ava Novecosky)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, March 5, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Joe Novecosky)
7:00 pm - *Mulieris Dignitatem*
7:45 pm - Holy Face Devotion

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Chris Novecosky)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
6:00 pm - 1st Communion
7:30 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, March 7, 2024

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Chad Weiler & family)
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, March 8, 2024

St. John of God (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Lisa Marchildon)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 9, 2024

St. Frances of Rome (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Joseph Davis)

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Monthly Devotion To The Holy Face Of Jesus

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7:45 pm

All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross

"We adore Thee O Christ

and we praise Thee,

because by Thy Holy Cross

Thou hast redeemed the world"

Fridays at 6:30pm during Lent



Please remember in prayer our Candidates who will be entering fully into the Church this Easter.



Deacon Donat, Marx (sponsor) Albert (candidate)
Bishop Mark, Vernon (candidate), Rod (sponsor),
Sr Peter Mary

Extended opportunities for Confession

Friday March 15 & 22 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday March 16 & 23 from 10:00am - 12:00pm &
1:00pm - 3:00pm (invite someone)

Good Friday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Penitential Service

Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm

Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm

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