APRIL 2025

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday		Saturday
30		31		1		2	3		4 1st Friday Homeschoolers Event	5	1st Saturday
									Stations of the Cross		Extra Choir Rehearsal
6	Passion Sunday	7	Passion Week	8	Passion Week	9 Passion Week	10	Passion Week	11 Passion Week Pro-Life Vigil	12	No Roses of Mary
Со	nfirmation Class		Lenten Mission		Lenten Mission	Lenten Mission		Lenten Mission	Stations of the Cross		Extra Choir Rehearsal
13	Palm Sunday	14		15		16	17	Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19	Holy Saturday
									Stations of the Cross		
20	Easter Sunday	21	Easter Monday	22	Easter Tuesday	23 Easter Wednesday	24	Easter Thursday	25 Easter Friday	26	Easter Saturday
									All-Night Adoration	Α	ll-Night Adoration
27	Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	28	Adult Catechism Class	29		30	1		2 1st Friday	3	1st Saturday
									Homeschoolers Event		

	Volunteers	
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	Kelsey Villalobos: (719) 651-9800	
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Colorado Springs,	Pro-Life Events	
Colo. 80931-5211	Michael Smiley (719) 502-9149	
	Michele Smiley (719) 447-7236	Master Sgt. Chris Biery
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.	Gracey Wike: cosfssp.homeschoolgroup@gmail.com	spec. 2 victor rollis, c
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Please pray for:

	1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
mers who serve our nation:	Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army
gt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force	Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corp
/ictor Follis, U.S. Space Force	2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force
icer 1st Class Paula Gennitti,	Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
V	Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Forc
dam Giammattei, U.S. Army	Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army
or Chad Keirns, U.S. Army	Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army
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APRIL 6, 2025 P A S S I O N SUNDAY

<u>Sunday Schedule:</u>

Low Mass: 7 a.m. 9 a.m. Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass Saturdays 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m. Thursday: 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour: Thursday: 7 p



PASTOR: FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR: FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.

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ALL CROSSES No Matter Their Source, Help to Sanctify You

Worshipping a Hidden God, by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez

In the first place, to profit from a cross we must, before all things else, recognize it. It seems strange to say that we ought to realize that we have a cross. Can we be unaware that we are suffering if we feel our sufferings?

There is no question that when we bear a cross on our shoulders, we are aware that we are undergoing pain, but very many times we do not advert to the fact that this is a cross, since we do not think that all suffering is a cross in the sense that whenever we suffer, we carry a cross on our shoulders. But all suffering, no matter whence it comes, is a cross, and consequently it leads us to God and is fruitful for our souls. Not only the sufferings that God sends us directly, but those that come from creatures, the devil, or ourselves, are also crosses.

Let us suppose that a soul is suffering the consequences of his own faults. Are these consequences a

HOLY WEEK Schedule

April 17 ~ Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until midnight.

April 18 ~ *Good Friday* Stations of the Cross at noon. Confessions, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 3 p.m.

April 19 ~ Holy Saturday Vigil Mass begins at 7 p.m.

There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday, nor at 6:30 a.m. Easter morning.

cross? Are they helpful in bringing the soul to God? Unquestionably. The soul did wrong when he gave rise to these consequences; but he does well when he embraces them in order to go to God.

Hence, to a certain extent, the desire to know whether we bear the blame in what we suffer is foolish questioning. How many souls are disconcerted because of this attitude! When they suffer anything they say to themselves: "This is not a cross. This is not a spiritual affliction." Let us suppose the statement is true; that I am in the wrong for having brought about that state of affairs. But now that I am in this painful situation, can I not use it to sanctify myself?

We are to blame for the Cross of Jesus Christ, with which He redeemed us. Of what is the Cross of Christ wrought? Of sins. The Cross of our Lord has a deadly origin, and, notwithstanding this, it is the source of our redemption, since Jesus sanctified it and offered His Sacrifice on it. It was precisely the Cross that aided Him in redeeming us from the very sins that are responsible for it. Thus, I am able to turn the very consequences of my sins into an instrument of health and of life. If the state of my soul is the result of my failings, I can, if I endure it as I ought, bring about its conversion into a fountain of life for me.

Thus, in a certain sense, the cause of our afflictions matters little. In all instances, we ought to see in them a cross, and we ought to make use of them for our sanctification. If it is a punishment, well, punishments are fruitful in this life. In the next, the eternal punishment of Hell does not have this fruitfulness; yet even from the depth of Hell, the glory of

Upcoming Parish Events

April 2-10 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows Novena

Join our novena in preparation for the commemoration of Our Lady of Sorrows, April 11. Prayers available in vestibule.

April 7-10 ~ Parish Lenten Mission

Fr. Joseph Portzer, F.S.S.P., will give a four-day Lenten Mission this week, starting tomorrow. Mission begins with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a conference at 7 p.m. Confessions every night following the conference. There will be no Holy Hour on the 10th.

April 11 ~ Stations of the Cross

Traditional Catholic Lenten prayers at 7 p.m. after evening Mass, to join Our Lord in His passion.

April 11 ~ Pro-Life Vigil at Noon

One-hour Rosary prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, located at 3480 Centennial Blvd. Contact Michael Smiley, (719) 502-9149 or, Michele Smiley, (719) 447-7236.

April 12 ~ Extra Choir Rehearsal

Choir will rehearse Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. for Holy Week and Easter. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

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God is manifest. Hell is not fruitful for the damned, but it is for God, since it renders glory to Him. The chastisements of earth also give glory to God but at the same time, they are fruitful for our souls.

It matters little, then, whether our affliction is a punishment or a grace from God, the consequence of our sins or a gift from Heaven. In all instances, it is a cross, and we can turn it to account for our sanctification. Thus, if we view our sufferings and the state of our soul with the spirit of faith, we must see a cross in them, and from the moment that we view them in that of desolation. as I have so often light, we transform them.

as an abandonment by God or as a great fault in our soul is very different from regarding it as a cross that is, as a means leading us to God.

Hence, the first thing we must do to use desolation well is to consider it a cross, to view it with the eves of faith. And this attitude is most important, since one of the reasons we do not profit as we ought from desolations is that we do not look upon them with a supernatural regard: we are not correct in our appraisal of them.

How many souls think in times said, that all is lost, and that their To regard our present affliction spiritual life has gone to ruin!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 7 ~ Monday of Passion Week 8 a.m. — + Luis Francisco Valenzuela 6 p.m. — Private Intention

Tuesday, April 8 ~ Tuesday of Passion Week 8 a.m. — Bishop James Golka 6 p.m. — Private Intention

Wednesday, April 9 ~ Wednesday of Passion Week 8 a.m. — Private Intention 6 p.m. — Sanctity of the Parish

Thursday, April 10 ~ *Thursday of Passion Week* 6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, April 11 ~ Friday of Passion Week (Seven Sorrows of Marv) 8 a.m. — In Honor of Our Mother of Sorrows 6 p.m. — Private Intention

Saturday, April 12 ~ Saturday of Passion Week 8 a.m. — Private Intention

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday

7 a.m. — Private Intention 9 a.m. — Private Intention 11 a.m. — Pro Populo

Fr. Dennis Gordon may accept Mass intentions. Limit one Mass intention per family, per month. Stipend is \$10.

truth. Is the soul abandoned by God when our Savior presents it with a cross? Is a life ruined when the soul walks the ways of Calvary, which are the paths of redemption?

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Despite all these considerations on the excellence of desolations, it is certain that, at the time they occur, everything becomes clouded, and then no human power can make us understand that the trial through which we are passing is an exceptional grace from God. If, in those moments, we would come to see with clarity the value of desolation, perhaps we might even cease to suffer, and then desolation itself

Invariably the exact opposite is the would lose, at least to a great extent, its efficacy and worth.

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But if, at the very time of desolation, we cannot appreciate it at its full worth, at least the possession of the knowledge just mentioned will serve to implant in the depth of our soul a certain conviction and hope which will give peace and tranquility, although they may be only in the innermost recesses of our spirit.

We shall not appreciate to the full the excellence of desolation and the love that it signifies on the part of God. But at least we shall retain in the depths of our soul the conviction that it is God who is working within us. + + +