

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday of Lent	2 Catechumen Class	3	4	5	6 First Friday Homeschooler's Event Stations of the Cross	7 First Saturday
8 3rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings begins	9	10	11	12	13 Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	14 Roses of Mary
15 4th Sunday of Lent	16	17 St. Patrick	18	19 St. Joseph	20	21 St. Benedict
Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma						20 Stations of the Cross
22 Passion Sunday	23	24	25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	26	27 Stations of the Cross	28
Lenten Parish Mission						All-Night Adoration
29 Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2 Holy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil
						Stations of the Cross

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION + CATHOLIC CHURCH +

Passion Sunday ~ March 22, 2026



"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception make my body pure and my soul holy."

Sunday Schedule:

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

Daily Mass Schedule:

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

Confessions:

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

Holy Hour, Benediction:

Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor: FR. JAMES J. GORDON, F.S.S.P.

'BEHOLD THE MAN'

The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ,
by St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith to them,... Behold the Man" (*John 19:4-5*). When Jesus was brought before Pilate after the scourging and crowing with thorns, Pilate looked at Him, and seeing him so mangled and deformed, felt persuaded that he would move the people to compassion by merely exposing Him to their view. Hence he went forth to the balcony, bringing with him

our afflicted Savior, and said to the people, "Behold the Man" as if he said, "O Jews, be content with what this innocent Man has already suffered." "Behold the Man," behold the Man whom you suspected of wishing to become your King: behold Him, see the miserable condition to which He is reduced. What fear can you now have of Him, when it is impossible for Him to recover from His

wounds? Let Him go and die in His own house; He has but a short time to live.

"Jesus therefore came forth, bearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment" (*John 19:5*). Behold, ... Thy Lord bound and dragged by a soldier; behold Him half naked, covered with wounds and blood, His flesh all torn; behold Him clothed with a rag of purple which only excites derision, and carrying that barbarous crown which continues to torment him. Behold the state to which thy Pastor is reduced, in order to find thee, His lost sheep.

...Ah, my sweet Redeemer, Thou doest excite the compassion of the beasts of the forest, and still Thou dost not find mercy. Behold the answer of the people: "When the chief priests therefore and the servants had seen Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him; crucify Him" (*Ibid.* 6). But what shall they say on the day of judgment, when they shall see Him gloriously seated as a judge on a throne of light? But alas, my Jesus, I too once said; "Crucify Him, crucify Him," when I offended Thee by my sins. But, O God of my soul, I now am sorry for them above all things, and I love Thee above every good. Pardon me through the merits of Thy Passion, and grant that on the last day I may see Thee appeased, and not enraged against me.

Pilate showed Jesus to the Jews, saying, "Behold the Man," and at the same time, the Eternal Father from heaven invited us to look at Jesus Christ in the miserable state to which He was reduced, and said, "Behold the Man." O men, this Man whom you see tormented and despised is My beloved Son, who, for the love of you and to atone for your

sins, submits to such torments; look at Him, thank Him, and love Him....

Seeing that Pilate, in spite of all their clamor, sought to save Jesus, the Jews, by exclaiming that, were he to release Him, he would declare himself the enemy of Cæsar, endeavored to force him to condemn the Savior. "The Jews cried out, saying, If thou release that man, thou art not Cæsar's friend; for whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar" (*John 19:12*). Unfortunately for them, their efforts were successful. Pilate is afraid of losing the friendship of Cæsar, and therefore he brings Jesus Christ into the hall, and sits in judgment in order to pass sentence of condemnation upon Him.

"When Pilate had heard these words, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat" (*John 19:13*). But stung with remorse of conscience at the thought of condemning an innocent man, he again turns to the Jews, and says to them: "Behold your king" (*Ibid.* 14). Shall I condemn your king? "But they cried out, 'Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him'" (*Ibid.* 15).

The Jews exclaim with greater fury than before, "What king? What king?" Ah, Pilate, you always keep Him before our eyes. Away with Him, away with Him; take Him out of sight, and condemn Him to die on a cross.

Ah, my Lord, incarnate Word, Thou art come from heaven on earth to converse with men, and to save them; but they cannot bear to see Thee any longer among them; they labor with all their might to put Thee to death, and to take Thee out of sight.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 23 ~ Monday of Passion Week

8 a.m. — Teresa & Anthony L'Amarca
6 p.m. — Parish Mission

Tuesday, March 24 ~ Monday of Passion Week

8 a.m. — Sean T. Gordon
6 p.m. — Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., by Sylvia Ambuul

Wednesday, March 25 ~ Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. — In Honor of St. Mary (Sung)
6 p.m. — Private Intention

Thursday, March 26 ~ Thursday of Passion Week

6 p.m. — Private Intention

Friday, March 27 ~ Friday of Passion Week

8 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence P. Gordon, F.S.S.P.
6 p.m. — Ashley Demian, by Jill Demian

Saturday, March 28 ~ Saturday of Passion Week

8 a.m. — + Beatrice L. Gordon

Sunday, March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

7 a.m. — Gemma Rose Steenson
9 a.m. — Private Intention
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Gordon may accept Mass intentions

Upcoming Parish Events

TODAY ~ Confirmation Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

MARCH 23-26 ~ Lenten Parish Mission

Our annual Lenten Parish Mission in English will be March 23-26. Mass will be at 6 p.m. with a conference at 7 p.m.

MARCH 27 ~ Stations of the Cross

Traditional Stations of the Cross devotions 7 p.m. every Friday of Lent. There is an additional Mass 6 p.m. every Friday of Lent.

MARCH 28-29 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour in meditation, prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

MARCH 29 ~ First Holy Communion Class

Class begins half an hour after the 11 a.m. Mass in the upstairs classroom.

JUNE 30 - JULY 7 ~ Girls' Camp: Register Now

Accepting applicants now for girls aged 12-17 for Camp St. Rita. Sign up sheets and information available in church vestibule.

Pilate still resists and says, "Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar" (*Ibid.* 15). Ah, my adorable Jesus, they are unwilling to acknowledge Thee for their Lord, and say that they have no other king than Cæsar.

I acknowledge Thee for my king and my God, and I protest that I wish for no other king in my heart than Thee, my Redeemer. Unhappy me! I have once submitted to the domination of my passions, and have banished Thee, my divine king,

from my soul. I now wish that Thou alone reign in my heart; that Thou command, and that it obey. I will say to Thee, with St. Teresa: "O Lover, who lovest me more than I am able to conceive, grant that my soul may serve Thee more in conformity with Thy pleasure than its own. May this self die, and may another live in me. May He live and give me life. May He reign, and may I be His slave. May my soul wish for no other liberty; My Jesus, Thou art my only king, my only good, my only love." † † †