



## Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

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### May 8, 2022

### Easter III

### Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel

#### Mass Intention

May 8: Private RIP (S&P Bridges)

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Father is current accepting Mass intentions.  
Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

#### Matrimony

From Casti Connubii (Pope Pius XI, 1930)

5. And to begin with that same Encyclical, which is wholly concerned in vindicating the divine institution of matrimony, its sacramental dignity, and its perpetual stability, let it be repeated as an immutable and inviolable fundamental doctrine that matrimony was not instituted or restored by man but by God; not by man were the laws made to strengthen and confirm and elevate it but by God, the Author of nature, and by Christ Our Lord by Whom nature was redeemed, and hence these laws cannot be subject to any human decrees or to any contrary pact even of the spouses themselves. This is the doctrine of Holy Scripture; [2] this is the constant tradition of the Universal Church; this the solemn definition of the sacred Council of Trent, which declares and establishes from the words of Holy Writ itself that God is the Author of the perpetual stability of the marriage bond, its unity and its firmness. [3]

6. Yet although matrimony is of its very nature of divine institution, the human will, too, enters into it and performs a most noble part. For each individual marriage, inasmuch as it is a conjugal union of a particular man and woman, arises only from the free consent of each of the spouses; and this free act of the will, by which each party hands over and accepts those rights proper to the state of marriage, [4] is so necessary to constitute true marriage that it cannot be supplied by any human power. [5] This freedom, however, regards only the question whether the

contracting parties really wish to enter upon matrimony or to marry this particular person; but the nature of matrimony is entirely independent of the free will of man, so that if one has once contracted matrimony he is thereby subject to its divinely made laws and its essential properties. For the Angelic Doctor, writing on conjugal honor and on the offspring which is the fruit of marriage, says: "These things are so contained in matrimony by the marriage pact itself that, if anything to the contrary were expressed in the consent which makes the marriage, it would not be a true marriage." [6]

7. By matrimony, therefore, the souls of the contracting parties are joined and knit together more directly and more intimately than are their bodies, and that not by any passing affection of sense of spirit, but by a deliberate and firm act of the will; and from this union of souls by God's decree, a sacred and inviolable bond arises. Hence the nature of this contract, which is proper and peculiar to it alone, makes it entirely different both from the union of animals entered into by the blind instinct of nature alone in which neither reason nor free will plays a part, and also from the haphazard unions of men, which are far removed from all true and honorable unions of will and enjoy none of the rights of family life.

#### Easter III

The Church rejoices because Christ is risen and has delivered us (Alleluia); so she sends up cries of joy (Introit) and sings the praises of God (Offertory). "A little while and now you shall not see Me," said our Lord in the Cenacle..., "and you shall lament and weep," and "again a little while and you shall see Me...and your heart shall rejoice" (Gospel). When the apostles beheld our Lord again they experienced this joy which still overflow, into the Easter liturgy. And just as Easter is a type of the eternal Pasch, so this is the same joy which

will be felt by the Church when, having with sorrow begotten souls to God, she sees her Lord once more, triumphant in Heaven, at the end of time; but a short season compared with eternity. He will change our sorrow into joy which no man shall take from us (Gospel). This holy joy begins here below, for our Lord has not left us orphans, but comes to us by the Holy Ghost, whose grace fills us with the hope of future bliss. As strangers and pilgrims journeying to heaven in the train of our risen Lord, we should not cling to the vain pleasures of the world but rather as St. Peter tells us, we should follow the precepts, positive and negative of the Gospel (Epistle), that professing ourselves Christians, we may "reject those things which are contrary to that name, and follow such things as are agreeable to the same" (Collect). So may we come to the heavenly kingdom whose joy and glory are described for us by St. John. "One of the seven angels said to me: Come and I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. And I saw the new Jerusalem coming down out Heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Alleluia. How beautiful is she become, this bride from Lebanon" (Response) Let us eat the Lord's Passover, that this nourishment of our souls may protect also our bodies (Postcommunion) and that subduing our worldly desires, it may make us love the things of heaven (Secret).



## *Magnae Dei Matris*

On the Rosary, Pope Leo XIII, 1892

11. It pleased Christ to take upon Himself the Son of Man, and to become thereby our Brother, in order that His mercy to us might be shown most openly; for “it behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest before God.”[2] Likewise because Mary was chosen to be the Mother of Christ, our Lord and our Brother, the unique prerogative was given her above all other mothers to show her mercy to us and to pour it out upon us. Besides, as we are indebted to Christ for sharing in some way with us the right, which is peculiarly His own, of calling God our Father and possessing Him as such, we are in like manner indebted to Him for His loving generosity in sharing with us the right to call Mary our Mother and to cherish her as such.

12. While nature itself made the name of mother the sweetest of all names and has made motherhood the very model of tender and solicitous love, no tongue is eloquent enough to put in words what every devout soul feels, namely how intense is the flame of affectionate and active charity which glows in Mary, in her who is truly our mother not in a human way but through Christ. Nobody knows and comprehends so well as she everything that concerns us: what helps we need in life; what dangers, public or private, threaten our welfare; what difficulties and evils surround us; above all, how fierce is the fight we wage with ruthless enemies of our salvation. In these and in all other troubles of life her power is most far-reaching. Her desire to use it is most ardent to bring consolation, strength, and help of every kind to children who are dear to her.

13. Accordingly, let us approach Mary confidently, wholeheartedly beseeching her by the bonds of her motherhood which unite her so closely to Jesus and at the same time to us. Let us with deepest devotion invoke her constant aid in the prayer which she herself has indicated and which is most acceptable to her. Then with good reason shall we rest with an easy and joyous mind under the protection of the best of mothers.

## *Exeunte Iam Anno*

On Right Ordering of Christian Life  
Pope Leo XIII - 1888

10. Now the whole essence of a Christian life is to reject the corruption of the world and to oppose constantly any indulgence in it; this is taught in the words and deeds, the laws and institutions, the life and death of Jesus Christ, “the author and finisher of faith.”[5] Hence, however strongly we are deterred by the evil disposition of nature and character, it is our duty to run to the “fight proposed to Us,”[6] fortified and armed with the same desire and the same arms as He who, “having joy set before him, endured the cross.”[7] Wherefore let men understand this specially, that it is most contrary to Christian duty to follow, in worldly fashion, pleasures of every kind, to be afraid of the hardships attending a virtuous life, and to deny nothing to self that soothes and delights the senses. “They that are Christ’s, have crucified their flesh, with the vices and concupiscences”[8] — so that it follows that they who are not accustomed to suffering, and who hold not ease and pleasure in contempt belong not to Christ. By the infinite goodness of God man lived again to the hope of an immortal life, from which he had been cut off, but he cannot attain to it if he strives not to walk in the very footsteps of Christ and conform his mind to Christ’s by the meditation of Christ’s example. Therefore this is not a counsel but a duty, and it is the duty, not of those only who desire a more perfect life, but clearly of every man “always bearing about in our body the mortification of Jesus.”[9] How otherwise could the natural law, commanding man to live virtuously, be kept? For by holy baptism the sin which we contracted at birth is destroyed, but the evil and tortuous roots of sin, which sin has engrafted, and by no means removed. This part of man which is without reason — although it cannot beat those who fight manfully by Christ’s grace — nevertheless struggles with reason for supremacy, clouds the whole soul and tyrannically bends the will from virtue with such power that we cannot escape vice or do our duty except by a daily struggle.

## *Wisdom of the Saints*

Having confidence in you, O Mother of God, I shall be saved. Being under your protection, I shall fear nothing. With your help I shall give battle to my enemies and put them to flight; for devotion to you is an arm of salvation. - St. John Damascene

O sinner be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the

Divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity. - St. Basil

## *Announcements*

If interested in joining the choir email chain, please contact Caroline Hilliard at [carlbriggs80@gmail.com](mailto:carlbriggs80@gmail.com)!

## *Prayer List*

Please remember the following intentions:

Caroline Hilliard  
Kathleen Weidner  
JB Nolen (recovering from surgery)  
Rob Alpha’s 4 year old niece  
Dennis Smith  
Theresa Fishman  
Sharon Rose  
Michael Briggs, RIP  
Father Trough  
Success of the Mission

## *Upcoming*

**May 9: Mass, 8 AM**  
**May 26: Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day)**  
**May 28: Mass, 10:00 AM**  
**June 3: First Friday**  
**June 4: First Saturday**  
**June 5: Pentecost**  
**June 12: Trinity Sunday, Mass 7:30 PM (Last Day to fulfill Easter Duty)**  
**June 16: Corpus Christi**  
**June 25: Mass, 10 AM**

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, [cahilliard7@gmail.com](mailto:cahilliard7@gmail.com).

## *Rosary*

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

## *Dress Code*

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

-Women and girls must cover their heads.  
-Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting.  
Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.

-It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.