



Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

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St. Peter of Verona, M, OP

Mass Intention

RIP Carl Bollinger

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

The Greater Litanies

The Greater Litanies are so called to distinguish them from the Minor Litanies, that is, processions of less importance as far as the solemnity and concourse of the faithful were concerned. We gather from an expression of St. Gregory the Great that it was an ancient custom in the Roman Church to celebrate, once each year, a Greater Litany, at which all the clergy and people assisted. This holy Pontiff chose April 25 as the fixed day for this procession, and appointed the Basilica of St. Peter as the Station. It is quite independent of the feast of St. Mark, which was instituted at a much later period. The question naturally presents itself – why did St. Gregory choose April 25 for a procession and Station in which everything reminds us of compunction and penance, and which would seem so out of keeping with the joyous season of Easter? In the fifth, and probably even in the fourth, century, April 25 was observed at Rome as a day of great solemnity. The faithful went, on the day, to the Basilica of St. Peter, in order to celebrate the anniversary of the first entrance of the Prince of the Apostles into Rome, upon which he thus conferred the inalienable privilege of being the capital of Christendom. It is from that day that we count the twenty-five years, two months and some days that St. Peter reigned as Bishop of Rome. St. Gregory, to whom we are mainly indebted for the arrangement of the Roman Liturgy, was anxious to perpetuate the memory of a day which gave to Rome her grandest glory. He therefore ordained that the Church of St.

Peter should be the Station of the Great Litany, which was always to be celebrated on that auspicious day. April 25 comes so frequently during the octave of Easter that it could not be kept as a feast, properly so called, in honor of St. Peter's entrance into Rome; St. Gregory, therefore, adopted the only means left of commemorating the great event. But there was a striking contrast resulting from this institution, of which the holy Pontiff was fully aware, but which he could not avoid: it was the contrast between the joys of Paschal Time and the penitential sentiments wherewith the faithful should assist at the procession and Station of the Great Litany. Laden as we are with the manifold graces of this holy season and elated with our Paschal joys, we must sober our gladness by reflecting on the motives which led the Church to cast this hour of shadow over our Easter sunshine. After all, we are sinners, with much to regret and much to fear; we have to avert those scourges which are due to the crimes of mankind; we have, by humbling ourselves and invoking the intercession of the Mother of God and the Saints, to obtain the health of our bodies, and the preservation of the fruits of the earth; we have to offer atonement to divine justice for our own and the world's pride, sinful indulgences, and insubordination. Let us enter into ourselves, and humbly confess that our own share in exciting God's indignation is great; and our poor prayers, united with those of our holy Mother the Church, will obtain mercy for the guilty, and for ourselves who are of the number.

On False Shepherds

Keep far from us the hireling who usurps the place and rights of the shepherd. He has intruded himself, or been intruded by violence, into the fold, and would have us take him as the master, but he knows not the sheep, and the sheep do not know him. Led, not by zeal, but by avarice and

ambition, he flieth at the approach of danger. He that governs through worldly motives is not a man to lay down his life for others. The schismatic pastor loves himself; he does not love thy sheep; how could he give his life for them? Protect us, O Jesus, from this hireling! He would separate us from thee, by separating us from Peter, whom thou hast appointed thy Vicar; and we are determined to recognize no other. Anathema to him who would command as in thy name and yet not be sent by Peter! Such a pastor could be but an impostor; he would not rest on the foundation; he would not have the keys of the kingdom of heaven; to follow him would be our ruin. Grant, then, Good Shepherd, Jesus that we may ever keep close to thee and to Peter; that as he rests upon thee, we may rest upon him; and thus we may defy every tempest, for thou, dear Lord, has said: A wise man built his house upon a rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat upon that house, and it fell not; for it was founded on a ROCK. - *Liturgical Year, Second Sunday after Easter*

Religious Toleration

Like modern liberals who preach toleration, but only if it applies to their beliefs, heretics (which includes Protestant sects) also claim toleration for their beliefs. These are false ideas which must be rejected.

Protestantism was established and rooted by the shedding of torrents of blood; and yet Protestants count it as a great crime that, here and there, the children of the true Church made an armed resistance against them. The heresy of the sixteenth century was the cruel and untiring persecutor of men, whose only crime was their adherence to the old faith – the faith that had civilized the world. The so-called Reformation proclaimed liberty in matters of religion, and massacred Catholics who exercised this liberty, and prayed and

believed as their ancestors had done for long ages before Luther and Calvin were born. A Catholic who gives heretics credit for sincerity when they talk about religious toleration, proves that he knows nothing of either the past or the present. There is a fatal instinct in error, which leads it to hate the Truth; and the true Church, by its unchangeableness, is a perpetual reproach to them that refuse to be her children. Heresy starts with an attempt to annihilate them that remain faithful; when it has grown tired of open persecution it vents its spleen in insults and calumnies; and when these do not produce the desired effect, hypocrisy comes in with its assurances of friendly forbearance. - *Liturgical Year, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

The Catholic Church

Our Lord said to Peter, "Thou art Peter (that is, thou art the rock) and upon this rock I will build my Church." He then has a project in view – he intends to build a Church. One thing we already know as a certainty – it is that this Church will be built on Peter. Peter will be its foundation, and whosoever is not on that foundation will not belong to the Church. Let us give ear to the text: And the gates of hell shall not prevail against my Church. In scriptural language gates signify powers: the Church of Christ, therefore, is to be proof against all the efforts of hell. Because the foundation which Jesus is to give to it shall be one that no power can shake. The Son of God continues: And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. In the language of the Jews, keys signify the power of governing and in the Gospel Parables the kingdom of heaven is the Church built by Christ. Jesus implied this: I will make thee the King of my Church, of which thou art to be the foundation! In the famous conversation with St. Peter, Jesus command him: Feed my lambs. Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep. Here Peter is made shepherd by Him who says of Himself: I am the good Shepherd. When he bids him feed his sheep too, the whole flock is subjected to his authority. The Church subsists and lives through every age, congregating and saving all that put themselves under her guidance. It is under Peter, the Vicar of Christ, in whom our divine Head, wilt be for ever visible, even to the end of the world.

The Church will be One; for Christ says not: I will built my *Churches*; He speaks but of *One*. It will be holy; for the means of sanctification are in its keeping. It will be Catholic; in order that, being known in all times and places, men may be able to hear its teachings and follow them. It will be Apostolic; it will come down, by lawful succession, from these men with whom Jesus arranged everything that is connected with its establishment. By creating the college of the Apostles, our Redeemer founded that sacred and venerable dignity which we call the episcopacy. Although bishops have not inherited either the universal jurisdiction, or the personal infallibility in teaching, of the Apostles, yet do they really hold, in the Church, the place of the Apostles.

Regina Coeli

During Paschaltide the Regina Coeli replaces the Angelus, which is prayed daily at noon and 6 PM.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia
For He Whom that was made worthy to bear. Alleluia
Hath risen as He said. Alleluia
Pray for us to God. Alleluia
V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia
R: For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia
Let us pray. O God, Who through the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant us, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Total Consecration

For those who decided to make or renew the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary according the method of St. Louis de Monfort, the books will be available after Mass on April 29th. The mission ordered two extra books in case there is anyone who did not originally respond, but would still like to make the consecration.

Easter Duty

We remind the faithful of their responsibility to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Time. This minimal duty is a mark of one's devotion to his Catholic Faith and is a serious obligation, binding under pain of mortal sin. The Easter Time in the United States begins on the First Sunday of Lent and concludes with Trinity Sunday, June 4.

Wisdom of the Saints

Without the divine Eucharist there would be no happiness in this world; life would be unbearable. When we receive Holy Communion we receive our joy and happiness. - St. John Marie Vianney

However great a sinner may have been, if he shows himself devout Mary, he will never perish. - St. Hilary

Announcements

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

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

Upcoming

May 18: ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 20: Mass, 10 AM (Updated)

May 27: Mass, 10 AM

May 28: PENTECOST

June 5: Queenship BVM

June 8: Corpus Christi

June 10: Mass, 10 AM

June 16: Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 24: Mass, 10 AM

Please visit our website, olrtcc.org, for the most current schedule.

Collections

Last Mass: \$997

Year-to-Date: \$7,568

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.