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Lent

LET us amend the sins that in our ignorance we have committed; lest the day of death come upon us suddenly, and we find no place for repentance though we seek it.

Respond at the Blessing of Ashes.

Shrove Tuesday, February 28

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Mid-Lent (Laetare), March 26

Passion Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday, April 9

Good Friday, April 14

Easter Day, April 16

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THE full Lenten program is given in the small leaflet which accompanies this number of AVE, but it will be convenient if a general outline is also sketched here.

All of the usual arrangements as to Sunday and daily Masses and Offices continue as throughout the year, except for the addition of a noon Mass on week-days in Lent, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the church at 8 o'clock on Friday evenings in place of the customary parish gatherings in St. Joseph's Hall. Other changes occur in Holy Week, but they will all be fully noted in the April AVE.

The Father Rector will preach a course of sermons at High Mass on the Sundays in Lent. Father Dale will preach at Sunday Vespers, and Father Klein at the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. The ten-minute addresses at the noon-day Masses will be taken by one of the Fathers in turn each week.

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CONFESSIONS before Lent will be heard at the following hours:

THE FATHER RECTOR

Tuesday, February 28: 11 to 1; 3 to 5, and 7 to 9.

FATHER DALE, S.S.J.E.

Monday, February 27: 3 to 4.

Tuesday, February 28: 11 to 1; 3 to 5, and 7 to 9.

Wednesday, March 1: 3 to 4, and 7 to 8.

FATHER KLEIN, S.S.J.E.

Tuesday, February 28: 1 to 3, and 5 to 6.

FATHER PEABODY

Monday, February 27: 4 to 5.

Tuesday, February 28: 11 to 1; 3 to 5, and 7 to 9.

Wednesday, March 1: 4 to 6.

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ASH Wednesday without ashes seems rather like Hamlet without Hamlet. Here at St. Mary's we have the blessing and imposition of ashes before Mass next Wednesday, and hither come many people who cannot find that privilege in their own parish church. Ashes will be imposed at the 7, 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:10 Masses, and also at the evening service on Ash Wednesday.

Why do we burn the palms of last year and use them for the ashes at the beginning of a new Lent? We recall last Palm Sunday, the crowded church, the white robed procession. We took our part in the service, we carried away our palm, and then came Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. Was it a fruitful Lent? Anyhow, the year has gone. Surely we brought away from that Lent more than a little bit of palm, bleached so white. The sum-

mer passed, the long season of Trinity, and then came Advent and Christmas, and what have we left? A handful of gray ashes is not an unfitting reminder of those hopes of last Lent, those many broken resolutions; and if we receive the ashes on our brows with penitence, perhaps we may do better during this coming Lent.

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THE forty days of Lent are days of fasting. Sundays are not included in the days of Lent and are therefore not days of fasting. *Fasting* means taking less food than usual. On Fast Days only one *full* meal should be taken. If the day be one of abstinence as well as fasting, meat must not be eaten.

Abstinence means abstaining from flesh meat. All the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, as well as of fasting; and likewise Ember Saturday, March 11.

Certain dispensations and relaxations with regard to the rule of *fasting* are allowed. Those under twenty-one and over sixty years of age, sick persons, and those in feeble health; those who work especially hard and are unable to work properly when fasting, are not obliged to fast.

Catholics should, however, make every endeavour to observe the Church's rules, especially the rule of *abstinence*.

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THE Holy Hour devotion for March will be held in the Church at 8 p.m. on March 2, the Thursday before the first Friday of the month.

The Masses at 8:00 and 12:10 on the following day will be votive of the Sacred Heart.

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THE monthly meeting and tea of the Guild of St. Catherine of Genoa for Nurses will be held in St. Joseph's Hall at 6 p.m., on Sunday, March 12.

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PERSONS who expect to be confirmed this year should speak to one of the Clergy or to one of the Sisters without further delay. Instruction for children is given each Saturday morning

at the 10:30 Mass. All adults who wish to be confirmed are asked to come to the church on the four Monday evenings of March, when the Father Rector will give instruction in the Lady Chapel at 8 o'clock. This will be an open class, not only for such as have not yet been confirmed, but also for any confirmed persons who may wish to have further instruction in the faith.

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THE Bishop has appointed Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m., as the time for a visitation to this parish for the purpose of administering the sacrament of confirmation. All of our people should try to be present in the church then, to welcome the Bishop, and to help both him and those who are to be confirmed, with prayer. The day of confirmation beams with the light of the love of God, and of faith and hope. It is full of the memories of the tenderness of God to ourselves in past years, when He has so wonderfully strengthened us by His Holy Spirit. It is full of the faith and hope of what He will do for those who are now to receive His sacrament. It should bind us all more firmly to God and to one another. Pray that we may all have the grace of final perseverance.

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THREE short retreats or quiet times will be given in the church for women during Lent.

On Ember Wednesday, March 8, Father Dale will conduct a quiet evening for the parish guilds of St. Mary of the Cross and St. Mary of Nazareth. This will begin with Vespers at 6 p.m.; supper in St. Joseph's Hall, and meditations in the church at 7:30 and 8:30. The retreat will close with Benediction at 9:15.

On Saturday, March 18, Father Klein will conduct a quiet afternoon for women, with meditations at 3, 5 and 8 p.m. Vespers and Benediction will be sung at 6 o'clock, and supper will be served to the retreatants at 6:30.

An all-day retreat for women will be held in the church on Friday, March 24, under the direction of Father Dale. This will begin with a retreat Mass and Holy Communion at 9:30

a.m. and close with Vespers and Benediction at 6 p.m. The meditations will be given at 11, 12:45, 3 and 5. Breakfast and luncheon will be served to the retreatants in St. Joseph's Hall.

It is important that early notification be sent by all who plan to attend any of these retreats, so that due provision may be made for the meals. Please reply to Sister Mary Virginia, 133 West 46th Street, New York City. An opportunity will be given at each of these retreats to make an offering towards the expenses of the retreat.

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ANOTHER short retreat for children will be held in the church on Saturday, April 1, with Father Mabry, Rector of St. Paul's, Brooklyn, as the conductor. The retreat will begin at 10:30 with Mass and end with luncheon for the children at 1 o'clock. Please consult Father Klein for further information.

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ON March 25, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we shall be hosts to the members of the Living Rosary of Our Lady and St. Dominic who are planning to have their annual fiesta and conference in New York this year. Preceded by a solemn procession, High Mass will be sung in the church at 11 o'clock on Lady Day. The Father Rector will preach the sermon. After luncheon in some one of the many restaurants with which our neighborhood abounds, the Rosarians will gather in St. Joseph's Hall for a business meeting and conference at 2:30. Rosary will be said in the church at 3:30 and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given.

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THE habit of assisting at Evensong seems to be dying out. The English priest who said that what was wanted in his parish was not a "quiet day" but an earthquake, knew well what he was talking about. In the larger parish of the nations an earthquake was needed, and it has come. And how about ourselves in America? Is it not time for recovering some lost ideals, and among them the spirit of adoration? Through the neglect of

Evensong, very few of our young people would recognize the allusion in:

“Our Lady sings *Magnificat*
With tune surpassing sweet;
And all the Virgins bear their part,
Sitting about her feet.”

They never hear the song of the Blessed Virgin, nor bear their part in singing it.

In this parish the attendance at the daily Masses is very good indeed. Why not at Evensong? Let us begin to do better. Sundays, 8 p.m. Week-days, 6 p.m.

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WE have received from England a fresh supply of the book *Daily Masses of Lent*, which is very helpful for those persons who make daily attendance at the altar a part of their Lenten rule. The price of a copy is seventy-five cents. They may be obtained from Mr. Wayre, or from the Parish Secretary, Rector's Office, second floor of the Parish House.

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THE tract table in the back of the church offers many tracts and booklets appropriate for this season of the year. A frequent perusal of the stock will always reveal new titles. Prices are plainly marked, and money should be placed in the box on the table in payment for any tracts taken.

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THE February number of *The Fiery Cross*, the monthly magazine of the Anglo-Catholic Congress Movement in England, contains a picture of some of our children as they appeared in the May Festival last year, representing various types of the Religious Life in the Christian Church.

The magazine also makes the announcement that our Rector will be the preacher at the great out-door Evensong at the Stadium in London on July 9, at which service the Lord Bishop of London will preside.

DURING the past month several new books have been added to the Parish Lending Library in the Sisters' Mission House, viz.:

THE GOLDEN SEQUENCE. By Evelyn Underhill. A fourfold study of the spiritual life, based on the sequence hymn, *Veni sancte Spiritus*.

THE HISTORY OF THE ANGLO-CATHOLIC REVIVAL FROM 1845. By the Rev. W. J. Sparrow Simpson, D.D. A sober and judicious account of the Catholic Revival by a well-known English scholar.

LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT. By the Rev. Desmond Morse-Boycott. A charmingly written book of the saints and heroes of the Oxford Movement, full of the energy and enthusiasm of the author.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOME. By the Right Rev. Rocksborough R. Smith, Bishop of Algoma. The scope of the book is clearly shown by the chapter headings: The Family: Father: Mother: The Children: Master and Mistress: The Servants.

THE FAITH AND CONDUCT OF A CHURCHMAN. By the Rev. A. C. Buchanan. The object of the writer is to commend Catholic ideals in the Anglican Communion. This and the two following books might well be "prescribed reading" for every adult confirmation candidate.

HOW TO USE YOUR CHURCH. By the Rev. Louis Jabine. In the simplest and most direct language this little book sets forth the facts about the duties and privileges of Church membership.

GOOD MANNERS IN CHURCH AND OUT. By the Rev. Leslie Lean. This book affords the layman a simple explanation of the rites and ceremonies of the Church, and also contains much valuable instruction as to how the responsibilities of Church membership should be fulfilled.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE. By the Rev. F. P. Harton. This book fills a great need. It is the first attempt to provide a comprehensive manual of ascetic theology for the Anglican Communion.

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WE are glad to be able to announce that the offerings at the High Mass for the Religious Communities of the American Church on Candlemas Day amounted to \$160.00, and that this amount has been forwarded to the Sisters of St. Mary to be used for St. Mary's Hospital for Children.

THE following contributions to AVE are gratefully acknowledged: Anonymous, \$50; Miss Margaret L. Ashley, \$1; Mrs. Henry Bance, \$1; Mr. G. Rae Callender, \$2; Mrs. J. Radford English, \$2; Mrs. Haley Fiske, \$5; Miss Mabel Long, \$1; Miss Millicent McLaughlin, \$1; Miss Madeleine Murray, \$2; Mrs. William W. Raymond, \$2; and Mrs. Ernest Stavey, \$1.

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To insure delivery of AVE, the Parish Secretary should be notified promptly of any permanent change of address.

Corporate Communion in March

3. Friday. Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. 8 a.m.
5. First Sunday in Lent. The Parish. 7, 8, 9 or 10 a.m.
8. Wednesday. St. Mary's Guild. 9:30 a.m.
10. Friday. Woman's Auxiliary. 9:30 a.m.
23. Thursday. Guild of Help. 9:30 a.m.
25. Saturday. Annunciation B.V.M. Living Rosary. 8 a.m.
31. Friday. Guild of All Souls. 8 a.m.

Chantry Masses in March

6. Monday. 8 a.m.
14. Tuesday. 7 a.m.
23. Thursday. 9:30 a.m.
31. Friday. 8 a.m.

Names of the departed to be commemorated at these requiem Masses may be left with the Sacristan any time before the hour of the Mass.

Altar Flowers

St. Joseph's Day. In memory of William Edward Jones.
 Annunciation B. V. Mary. In memory of Martha Fiske.
 Mid-Lent Sunday. In memory of George Wickham Murray
 and Helen Beam Murray.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of their souls.

OMASTER, make us not to seek so much to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that one receives; it is in self-forgettingness that one finds; it is in pardoning that one is pardoned; it is in dying that one wakes to eternal life.

From an ancient book of French Prayers.

A Litany for the Conversion of our Parish

O GOD the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son,

Have mercy upon us.

Through the Prayers of the Company of Heaven,
Through the Ministry of Thy Priests,
Through the Seven Sacraments,
Through the Offering of the Holy Sacrifice,
Through devotion to the Blessed Sacrament,
Through Thine House, Thy Day, and Thy Word,
Through the Festivals and Fasts,
Through our Guilds and Confraternities,
Through the Witness and Zeal of the Faithful,

Holy Ghost, convert our Parish.

In our Homes,
In our School and College Life,
In our Work. Our Leisure and Amusements,
During our Holidays and Week-ends,
Through our Crosses,
In the hour of our death,

Holy Ghost, sanctify us.

From Ignorance,
From Mortal Sin,
From failure to fulfil our Vocations,

Holy Ghost, deliver us.

CLEANSE the thoughts of our hearts, we pray Thee, O Lord, by Thine inspiration, that this our Parish may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, Who art with the Father and the Son eternally One God, world without end. *Amen.*

From Prayers for our Parish,

By W. M. Bull.

A Detailed Statement of Account

AN ancient document come to light in a certain library shows us the working costs of a church-painter in the good old times. This artist, Jacob Casquin, was employed on the interior of a monastic church in the year 1759, and presently sent in an account for 78 Gulden. Seeing that the monks thought they were being overcharged, he made out a fresh statement in which every item was described in detail. Hence the curious document which we have mentioned and give in a translation from the German *Sonntagsblatt*.

STATEMENT

To retouching and going over the Ten Commandments with varnish	5 Gulden
item: to decorating Pontius Pilate and putting new red ribband round his cap	3 Gulden
item: to fixing new tail-plumes for St. Peter's Cock and giving a wipe to its head	2 Gulden
item: to hanging the Good Thief on his cross again; new finger for the same	4 Gulden
item: to gilding left wing of Gabriel the Archangel	4 Gulden
item: to cleaning and setting off the scullery-maid of Caiaphas the High Priest	5 Gulden
item: to making new Heaven, with two extra stars; gilding Sun and silvering Moon	7 Gulden
item: to renewal of flames of Purgatory and several souls put back in place	6 Gulden
item: to painting a new tail on Lucifer, repairs to left claw, and other matters newly set in order for the damned,	4 Gulden
item: to re-arrangement of Herod's robes, his new set of teeth, and putting on his periwig properly	2 Gulden
item: to mending Annas his hose, and two buttons for his vest	6 Gulden

- item: to new pair of boots for Tobias on his journey with the Archangel Raphael; new strings to fasten his knapsack, 6 Gulden
- item: to re-shoeing and touching up the ears on Balaam's ass, 5 Gulden
- item: to putting on Sarah's earrings 2 Gulden
- item: to stone put in David's sling, enlarging Goliath's head, bringing his legs out further 3 Gulden
- item: to new teeth for the jaw-bone of the ass of Samson, 3 Gulden
- item: to caulking Noah's Ark, and supplying the holy man with a pair of sleeves to his jacket 6 Gulden
- item: to making the clothes of the Prodigal Son look respectable, cleaning his swine, and filling their trough with water 3 Gulden
- item: to fitting handle to the pitcher of the Samaritan woman 2 Gulden

In all: 78 Gulden

Of a truth this modest artist does not seem to have overcharged for his work!

Kalendar for March

1. W. Ash Wednesday. Com. of St. David, Bishop of Menevia, C. (601) *Fast and abstinence.*
2. Th. St. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, C. (672). Com. of feria. *Fast.*
3. F. *Feria.* Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 8. *Fast and abstinence.*
4. Sa. *Feria. Fast.*
- ✠ 5. Su. LENT I.
6. M. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 8. *Fast.*
7. Tu. St. Thomas Aquinas, C., D. (1274). Com. of feria. *Fast.*
8. W. Ember Day. *Fast and abstinence.*
9. Th. St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, C., D. (c. 396). Com. of feria. *Fast.*
10. F. Ember Day. *Fast and abstinence.*
11. Sa. Ember Day. *Fast and abstinence.*
- ✠ 12. Su. LENT II. Com. of St. Gregory, Bishop of Rome, C., D. (604).
13. M. *Feria. Fast.*
14. Tu. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 7. *Fast.*
15. W. *Feria. Fast and abstinence.*
16. Th. *Feria. Fast.*
17. F. St. Patrick, Bishop in Ireland, C. (461). Com. of feria. *Fast and abstinence.*
18. Sa. St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, C., D. (c. 389). Com. of feria. *Fast.*
- ✠ 19. Su. LENT III. (St. Joseph is transferred to March 22.)
20. M. St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, C. (687). Com. of feria. *Fast.*
21. Tu. St. Benedict, Abbot at Mount Cassino, C. (543). Com. of feria. *Fast.*
22. W. ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF B. V. MARY (Transferred from March 19). Com. of feria. *Fast and abstinence.*
23. Th. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 9:30. *Fast.*
24. F. *Vigil. Fast and abstinence.*
25. Sa. ANNUNCIATION B. V. MARY. Com. of feria. High Mass, 11. *Fast.*
- ✠ 26. Su. LENT IV. Laetare.
27. M. *Feria. Fast.*
28. Tu. *Feria. Fast.*
29. W. *Feria. Fast and abstinence.*
30. Th. *Feria. Fast.*
31. F. *Feria.* Chantry Mass, 8. *Fast and abstinence.*

Days indicated by ✠ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass. Days on which votive and requiem Masses may be said are printed in italics.

Music List for March

MARCH 1.—ASH WEDNESDAY.

MASS, "Missa Deus Genitor alme" *Plain Chant*
 Motet, "Ave verum" *Dumont*

MARCH 5.—FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

MASS, "Missa Il bianco e dolce cigno" *Bernardi*
 Motet, "Buss-Arie" *Haydn*

VESPERS:

Magnificat (Short Service)* *Byrd*
 O salutaris (No. 1) *Elgar*
 Tantum ergo (Pange lingua) *Campra*

MARCH 12.—SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

MASS in C *Henschel*
 Motet, "Miserere mei" *Martini*

VESPERS:

Magnificat, Tone II with faux bourdons *Willan*
 O salutaris (Op. 17, No. 2) *Kromolicki*
 Tantum ergo *Fauré*

MARCH 19.—THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

MASS, "Messe solennelle de Pâques" *Gounod*
 Motet, "Adoramus te" *Händl*

VESPERS:

Magnificat (Evening Service for four voices) *Farrant*
 O salutaris (Mass in C) *Henschel*
 Tantum ergo *Franck*

MARCH 25.—ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MASS, "Missa festiva in E" *Kromolicki*
 Motet, "Tota pulchra es" *Dumont*

MARCH 26.—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

MASS, "Messe solennelle" *Franck*
 Motet, "Timor et tremor" *di Lasso*

VESPERS:

Magnificat in B flat *Silas*
 O salutaris *Noyon*
 Tantum ergo (Op. 17, No. 7)* *Kromolicki*

MARCH 31.—CONFIRMATION.

VESPERS:

Magnificat in E *Lloyd*
 Motet, "Bone Jesu"* *Arigoni*

* First time.

Services in Lent

SUNDAYS

Low Mass 7 and 8 a.m.
 Children's Mass, with hymns 9 a.m.
 Low Mass 10 a.m.
 Matins 10:30 a.m.
 High Mass, with sermon 11 a.m.
 Vespers and Benediction, with sermon 8 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m.
 Mass, with short address, daily 12:10 m.
 Children's Mass and Catechism, Saturdays 10:30 a.m.
 Matins 9 a.m.
 Vespers 6 p.m.

EVENING SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Confirmation Instructions, Mondays in March 8 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross, with sermon and Benediction,
 Fridays 8 p.m.
 Holy Hour, Thursday, March 2 and April 6 8 p.m.

*Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals,
 as announced on the preceding Sunday.*

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.

The Priests of the Church are always ready to answer questions or to give instruction in the Christian religion.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Sacraments and Other Rites

CONFESSIONS.

Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.

Father Dale, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.

Father Klein, S.S.J.E., Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Father Peabody, Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.

A Priest can always be seen daily at 7:30 a.m., upon application.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays at 3 p.m., by arrangement with the clergy.

Proper sponsors should be chosen, and the mother should be churched.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.

SICK CALLS, Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy; in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted *before* any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the Church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St. Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr. Nold, the Director of Music.

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