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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

WITH this number of AVE, we come again to the most solemn season of our Christian year. Once more the Church calls upon us to meditate upon the saving passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only those who thus watch by the cross will be able fully to appreciate the glad triumph of Easter day. If we are to rise with Him in newness of life, we must first become "dead unto sin." The best way to accomplish this is to make a good confession before Easter, that we may more worthily receive the glorious Body and Blood of our Lord on the Queen of Feasts. Hours for confession before Easter are numerous,—a full list of them is published elsewhere.

You will find enclosed with this number of our little magazine an envelope for your Easter offering. This must be large this year, if our beloved parish is to be able to pay its bills. Please make your Easter offering a real demonstration of your self-sacrifice during Lent.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Nippon Sei Kokwai—the Holy Catholic Church of Japan. As most of our readers know, priests of the Society of St John the Evangelist are working in this mission of our Church. Father Burton, the Superior of the American Congregation of the Society, feels that it is fitting that we should have a special representative at this great and happy celebration, and he has therefore requested me to represent officially...
the Society on this occasion. With the permission of the Trustees of the Church, who have most generously granted me a five months leave of absence for this purpose, I am accordingly planning to leave for Japan shortly after Easter. As you know, Lent is a busy season for the clergy, and for this reason I shall be unable to spend as much time bidding a formal farewell to my friends as I should otherwise wish. Indeed I should be most grateful if I may be spared any special requests for interviews as far as possible. And I shall also deeply appreciate being spared correspondence during my absence. Father Hoffman will be in charge at St Mary’s while I am away, and I am sure you will all find him most capable and helpful. I hope to be back in New York by September first.

May our Lord grant us all a most blessed Passion and Easter-tide.

Affectionately your Rector

*Ginger Williams, S.S.J.E.*

**CONFessions** in preparation for Easter will be heard in church at the following times:

**THE FATHER RECTOR**
- Saturday, March 20. 3-5.
- Friday, March 26. 7-9.
- Saturday, March 27. 3-5.

**FATHER HOFFMAN, S.S.J.E.**
- Wednesday, March 24. 5-6.
- Thursday, March 25. 11-1 and 7-9.
- Friday, March 26. 12-3.
- Saturday, March 27. 3-5 and 8-9.

**FATHER ECKMAN, S.S.J.E.**
- Tuesday, March 23. 4-5.
- Thursday, March 25. 4-6.
- Friday, March 26. 3-5 and 7-8.
- Saturday, March 27. 11-1 and 7-9.

**FATHER PEABODY**
- Wednesday, March 24. 4-5.
- Thursday, March 25. 2-4 and 7-9.
- Friday, March 26. 3-5 and 7-9.
- Saturday, March 27. 3-5 and 8-9.

**TICKETS** for admission to the High Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter will be mailed on or about the tenth of the month to communicants and regular financial contributors to St Mary’s. These tickets should be presented at the West Forty-seventh Street door of the Church until 10:45 on both Sundays. After this hour, the doors on West Forty-sixth Street will be opened to the general public. If additional tickets are desired these may be secured from the Parish Secretary. If it is necessary that tickets be mailed, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your application.

The regular 10 o’clock Low Mass will be omitted on Palm Sunday. The ten o’clock Low Mass on Easter Day will be said in St Joseph’s Hall, that the devotions of communicants may not be disturbed by those entering the Church for High Mass at the same time. Please note these changes.
to review the fundamentals of the faith, and an opportunity to
ask questions concerning any points which may not be clear in your
own mind.

SINCE some of you may have mislaid your copies of the February
AVE, we are again printing here the subjects and preachers
for the noon-day services in Lent. You will remember that the
noon-day Mass starts promptly at 12.10, and is followed by a
ten-minute address, which ends at 12.45 at the latest. Many of you
will find time to come for the Mass, or the sermon, or both, and still
get a bite of lunch before returning to your work.

March 1—Obedience to God.
March 2—Reverence for God.
March 3—Trust in God.
March 4—Hope in God.
March 5—Surrender to God.
March 6—Satisfaction in God.

March 8th-13th—The Father Rector—Some Miracles of St John’s
Gospel.
March 8—The Marriage at Cana.
March 9—The Ruler’s Son.
March 10—The Pool of Bethesda.
March 11—Feeding of the Multitudes.
March 12—The Man Born Blind.
March 13—The Raising of Lazarus.

March 15—“Except ye repent . . .”
March 16—“Except a man be born again . . .”
March 17—“Except ye be converted . . .”
March 18—“Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man . . .”
March 19—“Except your righteousness shall exceed . . .”
March 20—“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and
die . . .”

March 22—In the heart of God.
March 23—In the world.
March 24—in the lives of Christians.

ON Sunday mornings in Lent, at the High Mass, the Father
Rector is preaching a series of sermons on the great words
of St John’s Gospel. His topic on Sunday, March the seventh,
will be “The Truth;” and that of the last sermon in the series,
on Sunday, March the fourteenth, will be “Love.” You will recall
that there is no sermon on March the twenty-first, Palm Sunday,
since the liturgy of that day preaches more eloquently than man
could do, the lesson of the Passion.

FATHER ECKMAN will continue in March his Sunday
evening instructions on the prophets.
March 7—Daniel.
March 14—Jeremiah.
March 21—Isaiah.

EVERY Friday evening in Lent there will be Stations of the
Cross, a sermon, and Benediction (with the exception of Friday,
March the twelfth, when the Bishop comes to us for Confirmation).
Father Hoffman is preaching a series of sermons at these services,
of which the following occur in March:
March 5—The Crucifixion of the Spirit.
March 19—The Crucifixion of Love.

THERE will be two March meetings of the Woman’s Auxiliary
Mission Study Class—on March the fifth and March the
twelfth. These meetings are held in St Joseph’s Hall at 10.45 a.m.
The speaker at the former meeting will be the Reverend William
H. Wolfe, of Bontoc, Philippine Islands. At the last meeting of
the class on Friday, the twelfth, Bishop Campbell, O.H.C., formerly
of the missionary diocese of Liberia, will give the address. All
women interested in the Church’s missionary enterprise are urged
to attend.
SaturD ay, March the sixth, has been appointed by the American Church Union as the day on which the parish of St Mary the Virgin will sustain the Cycle of Prayer for the conversion of America to the Catholic faith. All the Masses on that day will be offered with this intention, and it is hoped that many of our parishioners will be present to assist at the Holy Sacrifice and join their prayers with those of the priest at the altar. The American Church Union is continuing the work formerly carried on by the Catholic Congress Committee. It is charged with the responsibility for initiating and conducting such Catholic Congresses as may be held in the future, together with all regional conferences and other methods of Catholic propaganda. Many of you will recall with gratitude to God the great demonstration of Catholic devotion and enthusiasm at the Congress in Philadelphia some years ago. If we are to have future Congresses of like, or greater, significance, we must build up much spiritual energy throughout the Church by sustained prayer. Each of us should feel an obligation to do his part in this enterprise, which has for its goal the renewal of vigorous Catholic devotion and practice throughout the Episcopal Church.

Owing to an oversight, a mistake crept into the Lenten leaflets which were distributed in February. No mention was made of the service of Tenebrae, which will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings in Holy Week at eight o'clock in the evening. Tenebrae had to be omitted last year, because of the unfortunate illness of our Music Director, Mr. Raymond Nold. We are all thankful that his health has been much better this winter, and that we are consequently able to present the historic services of Holy Week without curtailment. A revised leaflet covering the Holy Week services is inserted in this issue of AVE. Additional copies may be secured from the Parish Secretary, or from the tract table in the back of the church.

As Lent moves on toward Passion Week and the climax of Holy Week, it is well to remind ourselves of the inner meanings of those mysteries which will be symbolised for us by the great services which mark the Church's road to Easter. And for our text, we might well take three words from St. John's Gospel: "Jesus hid Himself." (St John 8:59).

Now the essence of a mystery is that there is something real, yet something hidden; and at the heart of all true religion lies a mystery. The world sees only the outward sign—the Church, an external institution, composed of men and women with their differing temperaments, virtues and sins; the services, an outward pageantry of liturgical form, which may or may not be beautiful or moving; the sacraments, a ritual of words and actions which may seem stereotyped and formal. To the outsider much of all this seems empty and without significance. He sees only a congregation—not the mystical Body of Christ, joining in worship with the heavenly choirs. He sees the drama of the Mass, and fails to recognize Christ offering Himself to the Father. He sees bread and wine on the altar, and fails to discern the glory of the Body and Blood of God. For spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

It was so in the time of our Lord's earthly life. The Magi at the manger, Simeon in the temple, the centurion whose servant was ill, the woman with an issue of blood who touched the hem of His garment—these were among the few who by faith penetrated beneath the outward sign of our Lord's sacred humanity, and found the God within.

Especially was this true of the Passion of our Saviour. There came a day when our Lord spoke openly to His disciples of His approaching death, though they understood not. Soon after, He turned His steps in the direction of Jerusalem, His face set like a flint. And His disciples as they followed Him in the way were afraid. For here was mystery; and in every mystery there will be
a sense of awe akin to terror. They did not understand it then—the Church does not fully understand it now—the mystery of the Upper Room, of a God who gives Himself to men under the forms of bread and wine; the mystery of the Garden, of a sinless soul accepting all the world's sin; the mystery of Golgotha, of a suffering God who dies for love of us His children and so redeems our souls.

On Passion Sunday, Jesus begins to hide Himself. The images are veiled. All through the year we have had before our eyes the images of Christ crucified, of the Madonna, of the saints. Now they are hidden, so that we may the better look on the things of faith with the inward eye. It will be a quiet week liturgically, with a certain sombre quality, a sense of impending tragedy.

Then comes Palm Sunday, when all our churches will be crowded. It is the world’s interlude. Many will come who faintly desire to share Christ’s triumph. They are misled by the pageantry and pomp, like the fickle crowds who acclaimed the Messiah as He rode into Jerusalem—yet for an entirely wrong motive. On Easter Day the crowds will come again. But many of them will have missed the point. For it was a spiritual Christ who rose on Easter Day, compelling the body of His humiliation to be the vehicle of pure spirit—and He appeared only to those who loved Him. — And love means sacrifice.

The church will not be crowded, probably, during Holy Week. But then, the Upper Room was not crowded. The Garden of Gethsemane was not crowded. The watchers by the Cross, especially those who watched in love, were pitifully few. But those few are dear to the Church’s heart; and it is for them, and to the glory of God, that we present here, in moving drama, the story of the Passion of God.

There can be no greater spiritual privilege than that of attending all, or nearly all, of the Holy Week services. They are mysterious, unhurried, cumulative in their effect. You would do well to prepare yourself by reading some little book such as Kenneth Ingram’s “The Road to Easter,” and by making some rule for yourself which will secure some leisure for silence and meditation. It is the hiddenness of Jesus which He invites you to share. We were buried with Him in our baptism, and our life is a continual death to sin and rising again to righteousness in the power of the grace He won for us by His dying.

Come, then, to watch during that Holy Week, to meditate and pray, beseeching God that your heart may be opened to behold the inwardness of those mysteries which the Church so solemnly rehearses. Then your Easter joy will be no surface vulgarity of display, no superficial applause which the crowds give to a spectacle they cannot understand; but a holy and spiritual joy, a deep partaking in spirit of Christ’s resurrection—hidden, yet powerful. For, remember, “ye are dead, and your lives are hid with Christ in God.”

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

“As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.”

January 10 — Jean Oscar de Clamecy (Infant)

BURIALS

“Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them.”

January 4 — Frederic Potts Moore

11 — James H. Gorham, O.H.C. (Priest)

16 — Henry Wildner

18 — William V. B. Kip

22 — Charlotte S. Willse
The altar flowers during the month of March are given in memory of the following:

March 7—Mid-Lent Sunday. Edna Clay Ackerly.
March 19—St Joseph. Florence Loretta Jones, Sarah Elizabeth Jones.
March 25—Maundy Thursday (High Altar), Emily Julia Arnold White.
March 28—Easter Day (High Altar), Joseph Gayle Hurd Barry, priest.

(Lady Chapel), Haley Fiske. (St Joseph's Chapel), James H. Gorham, O.H.C., priest.

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Kalendar for March, 1937

5. F. Feria. Fast and abstinence.
7. Su. LENT IV. "Com. of St Thomas Aquinas, C.D. and SS Perpetua and Felicitas, MM.
14. Su. PASSION SUNDAY.
21. Su. PALM SUNDAY.
25. Th. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Fast. High Mass. 7 a.m.
26. F. GOOD FRIDAY. Fast and abstinence. The Liturgy, 10 a.m. Preaching of the Cross, 12 to 3.
27. Sa. HOLY SATURDAY. Fast and abstinence till noon. The Liturgy, 10 a.m.
28. Su. EASTER SUNDAY.
29. M. EASTER MONDAY.
30. Tu. EASTER TUESDAY.
31. W. In the Octave of Easter.

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 7. — LENT IV. Letare.
Mass in honour of St Joseph Calasanctius ....... von Woss
Motet, "Tenebrae factae sunt" ................. Victoria

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Second Service) Byrd
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" .......... Ruffo

MARCH 14. — PASSION SUNDAY.
Mass, "Missa In die tribulationis" ........... di Lasso
Motet, "Animam meam" .......... Victoria

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone I, with faux-bourdons Fayrfax
Nunc dimittis, Tone VII, with faux-bourdons Unknown Edwardine Composer
Motet, "O Domine Jesu Christe" .......... Palestrina

MARCH 21. — PALM SUNDAY.
AT THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS:
In monte Oliveti ......................... Ingegneri
Pueri Hebraeorum ................. Ingegneri

AT THE PROCESSION:
Motet, "Hosanna to the Son of David" ............ Gibbons
Mass, "Missa quarti toni" ............. Victoria
Motet, "Tristis est anima mea" .......... di Lasso

Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, Tone VI, with faux-bourdons Tomkins
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" .......... Ferti

MARCH 24. — WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.
Tenebrae:
In monte Oliveti ......................... Ingegneri
Tristis est anima mea .......... di Lasso
Amicus meus ......................... Ingegneri
Judas mercator ......................... Ingegneri
Unus ex discipulis ........ Ingegneri
Eram quasi agnus .............. Ingegneri
Una hora ................. Ingegneri
Seniores populi ................. Ingegneri
Benedictus ................. Ingegneri
Christus factus est .......... Anerio
Miserere mei .................. Allegri

Plain Chant

MARCH 25. — MAUNDY THURSDAY.
Mass, "Missa de Angelis" .......... Plain Chant

Tenebrae:
Omnes amici mei ................. Ingegneri
Velum templi ......................... Ingegneri
Vinea mea electa ................. Ingegneri
Tamquam ad latronem* .......... Victoria
Tenebrae factae sunt .......... Victoria
Animam meam .................. Victoria
Tradiderunt me .......... Ingegneri
Iesum tradidit .......... Ingegneri
Cantaverunt oculi .......... Victoria

Benedictus .......... Anerio
Christus factus est .......... Allegri
Miserere mei .................. Allegri

MARCH 26. — GOOD FRIDAY.
AT THE WORSHIP OF THE CROSS:
Improprieta ................. Victoria
Crux fidelis ................. King John IV of Portugal

Tenebrae:
Siuit ovis ......................... Ingegneri
Jerusalem surge .......... Ingegneri
Plange quasi virgo .......... Ingegneri
Recessit pastor noster .......... Ingegneri
O vos omnes .......... Morales
Ecce quomodo moritur .......... Ingegneri
Astiterunt reges terrae .......... Ingegneri
Estimatus sum .......... Ingegneri
Sepulto Domino .......... Anerio

Benedictus .......... Allegri
Christus factus est .......... Anerio
Miserere mei .................. Allegri

MARCH 27. — HOLY SATURDAY.
The Liturgy, with Mass and Vespers .......... Plain Chant

MARCH 28. — EASTER DAY.
Mass in D .......... Haydn
Motet, "Hec dies* .......... Nanini

Evensong:
Magnificat, Tonus peregrinus, with faux-bourdons ..... Byrd
Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with faux-bourdons ........ Byrd
Motet, "Adoramus te, Christe" .......... Aichinger

*First time.
LITURGICAL NOTE

In the early centuries the objection of the Church to instrumental music applied also to the organ, and remained pretty general down to the twelfth century; but from that time on the organ became the privileged Church instrument. The use of the organ in liturgical services, however, has been the subject of frequent ecclesiastical legislation in times past, some of the restrictive features of which apply especially to the solemn season we are now keeping.

The use of the organ is traditionally forbidden throughout Advent and Lent, even on Sundays: (a) except on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete, and the fourth Sunday in Lent, Laetare, at Solemn Mass and Vespers only; (b) except on Feasts which are solemnly celebrated by the Church; (c) except on Maundy Thursday at the singing of the Gloria, and at and after the Gloria on Holy Saturday; (d) except on any occasion which for a grave reason is solemnly celebrated with joy,—such as our Acolytes' Festival. The use of the organ is permitted in case of necessity for the support of the singing, but it should remain silent the last three days of Holy Week, except as noted above (c).

The rules cited above do not apply to non-liturgical services such as our Stations of the Cross, and the Three Hours on Good Friday. But there is no custom requiring the organ at any time and if a priest thinks well to mark the season by complete silence of the organ at all services during this time he may do so, and does well. The organ may properly be played during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at any time during the year.

SERVICES IN LENT

SUNDAYS

Low Mass ......... 7 and 8 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address ......... 9 a.m.
Low Mass (except on Palm Sunday) ......... 10 a.m.
Matins ......... 10:30 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon ......... 11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction ......... 8 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

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

EVENING SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Confirmation instructions, Mondays (March 1st and 8th) ......... 8:15 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays ......... 4 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, with sermon and Benediction, Fridays (except March 12th) ......... 8 p.m.
Holy Hour and Benediction, Saturdays ......... 5 to 6 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.
Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The office of the Parish Secretary is open at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays ......... 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
Saturdays ......... 9:15 to 1
Closed on legal holidays.
SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS
Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
Father Hoffman, S.S.J.E., Saturdays 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Eckman, S.S.J.E., Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Peabody, Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Lightfoot, Sundays, 8:30 to 9 a.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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