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Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple
THE PROCESSION ON CANDLEMAS EVE

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THINGS NEW AND OLD

The sermon preached by Father Garfield
on the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

THERE is a collect which comes to us from the Gelasian Sacramentary, one of the oldest collections of Christian prayers, dating from the fourth or fifth century. I sang the collect during the procession on Candlemas Eve, and I want to read it to you now.

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which are cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

To me, that collect means very much. It expresses the wonder and mystery that the Church of God brings salvation to man and brings it by means of men and women grown old and weary in the fight and cast down by sin. At no time, and in no place, do we see a perfect Church, and yet all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

That is the lesson of today's Gospel, one of the parables of the kingdom of heaven; the parable of the good seed sowed in a field. Though the seed is good, it is choked by weeds. Good and evil co-exist in the kingdom.

God has made us good, and the evil is not from God. God could destroy the evil at once, but he will not root up the good with the bad. "Let both grow together until the harvest," he says, "and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, 'Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

"All things are returning to perfection . . ." but perfection is the fruit of patience, God's patience and ours. God can wait. God is never restless. "By the tranquil operation of his perpetual providence" God brings us, little by little, along the way of salvation. That way so often is hidden, an underground stream that we have not seen. God's time always is beyond our time, and he takes our life-time to work our salvation. But he is at work perpetually, and if you are impatient with yourself or impatient with his Church, and want God to change you and to win the whole world overnight, your impatience is a questioning of God's time and mode of operation.

Though you may not feel it, and the world may fail to see it, truly things which had grown old are being made new, and things which are cast down are being raised up. It is glorious to be living in the Church of God in these times.

This is the Catholic Church, the Church of the living God, the Church which in its members is imperfect and yet is returning to perfection through him who is head and origin and life.

This is a Catholic parish, a parish in which "sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaieth, joy over sorrow."

This is a Catholic temple; "this is none other than the gate of heaven; strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal, pass through its portals."

To be Catholic is to credit perfection to God and to God alone. The glory of the Church is God; you and I enter into his glory. The strength of the Church is God's grace; you and I lean only upon the hope of heavenly grace. The attraction of the Church is God's beauty; you and I strive to show forth his beauty.

God knows that you and I have loved the habitation of this house. He will pardon us, I hope, if we believe that there is no place quite like Saint Mary's. There is no place where we can more readily find means of grace. Here God is worshipped and the eternal sacrifice is set forth daily in the Mass; here we greet God and he descends to us in prayer and sacrament; here the Faith of the Church, and its discipline, are taught without fear or favour. We worship and we preach the "God of *unchangeable* power" and "Jesus Christ, the *same* yesterday, and today, and forever." We mean to be and pray to be Catholic, as God himself is Catholic: for God is the true Catholic — he is the perfection against whom man must be measured.

Let there be no false humility in God's Church. In a world full of lies and half-truths and easy, deceptive compromise, let the Church speak the truth. Let us know what we have to proclaim. Let us speak with authority, by which we mean to speak for the author of all godliness, the source of all knowledge — God.

But in true humility let Churchmen confess that perfection is only found in God. He will look favourably on his Church and in his good time and sure way bring it to perfection. He sowed the seed of your life and of mine, of this parish church and of the whole Church, and he will gather the wheat into his barn.

Holding fast to the Faith, let us believe — as he has told us — that he has "things new and old to bring out of his treasure," and that "the glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

A priest who knows and loves Saint Mary's wrote from Minnesota words which I want to share with you — words which challenge you and me: "It is a happy thing that you have chosen to begin on the Feast of the Purification. Times Square is very bright with lights, as if to proclaim itself the light of the world, but it offers a very curious salvation. Indeed it appears to magnify the real darkness of secularity, and its intensity dramatizes rather well the need for our candles to be on lampstands."



We do by these Presents

THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK'S LETTER READ BY THE DEAN OF NEW YORK

I do receive and acknowledge you

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PARISH NOTES

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION is under way, children meeting with Sister Boniface on Saturday afternoons at 2:30, men and women meeting with the Rector on Wednesday evenings at 8. Anyone wishing to be confirmed must come at once and catch up. The Bishop will visit Saint Mary's on Sunday evening, April 4.



CONFESSIONS may be made on Shrove Tuesday, March 2, from 5 to 6 and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. After that date, confession hours will be on Fridays from 12:40 to 1 and from 5 to 6 p.m., on Saturdays from 2 to 3, from 5 to 6, and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 8:40 to 9 a.m. Appointments for other times may always be made with the clergy.



ON ASH WEDNESDAY, March 3, Mass will be said at 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m., and High Mass will be sung at 12 noon. Ashes will be imposed before each of the morning Masses and solemnly blessed and imposed at noon. At 6 p.m. Solemn Evensong will be followed by the Litany sung in procession and the Penitential Office with *Miserere* sung to the music of Victoria.



THE LENTEN NOONDAY MASS gives many people the privilege of weekday Mass and Communion during Lent. Mass will be said at 12:10 p.m., Monday through Friday, during Lent. Holy Communion will be given to all who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting. For those unable to keep the traditional fast from midnight, a fast from breakfast at an early hour — not less than three hours beforehand — is permitted. Let devotion be your rule, remembering that to fast before the Feast is good, but not to feast because you cannot fast is foolish. God wants, above all, to feed his children.



THE GREATER FERIAS OF LENT provide a rich and varied reading of the Bible at Mass, particularly of Old Testament events

and prophecies. If you come to Mass daily in Lent, you will be richly rewarded with the Word and Bread of Life.



ON FRIDAY EVENINGS IN LENT, after Evening Prayer said at 6, we will make the Stations of the Cross, beginning at 6:30 and closing with Benediction at 7. This will be our special Lenten service and will replace any later service. The earlier hour has been suggested by parishioners who would like to stop by on their way home from work, and we hope that it will increase the attendance over that in recent years. Frankly, it is an experiment but it seems worth trying. Please give it your support for a better Lent. Note that confessions are heard immediately before Evening Prayer.



THE SERMONS AT SUNDAY HIGH MASS DURING LENT will be a series by the clergy setting forth the mysteries of the Holy Week Rite. Holy Week is the heart of the Christian Year and its services proclaim the heart of the Christian Religion. In recent years many churches have shortened and simplified them, to make it easier to understand and enter into them. We want our people to know the glories of Holy Week.



ON SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT, after Solemn Evensong at 8 we will sing the Litany in procession and receive our Lord's sacramental blessing at Benediction. In Lent, 1942, Sunday Evensong was replaced by the Litany, probably because we had just entered World War II and the Litany preceded by *Exsurge* is a special wartime intercession. The Litany is of course appropriate in Lent but we do not want to miss the Lenten lessons at Evensong. Therefore, we are reverting to the older tradition of Evensong but keeping the Litany, too, in place of an address.



THE WOMEN OF SAINT MARY'S will meet on Thursday morning, March 18, at 10:45, after a corporate communion at a 9:30 Mass. After a short business meeting, Father Griffiss will give a Lenten meditation. All women who belong to Saint Mary's are

invited to come and to bring their friends to hear the address and listen for our Lord speaking in the silence.



THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LADY is Thursday, March 25. High Mass will be sung at 12 noon. Mass will also be said at 7, 8, and 9:30 a.m. Lady Day, on which God the Son "was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man," is a feast significant for all Christians, but especially for those who rejoice in the patronage of Saint Mary the Virgin.



THE LENTEN RETREAT will be kept on April 3, the Saturday before Passion Sunday. Further details will be announced in the next AVE. The retreat is for both men and women.



FATHER TABER'S ANNIVERSARY is April 8. On Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m. High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul.



SAINT MARY'S PEOPLE always recite the Lord's Prayer with the celebrant when Mass is *said*, but at High Mass it has been sung by the celebrant alone. Now, however, liturgical scholars are unanimous that it ought to be sung by everyone. The Orthodox Churches of the East have always sung it so and the Prayer Book seems to expect it (see the rubric on page 7). Our people have been invited to join their priest in singing the prayer our Lord taught us.



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE INSTITUTION SERVICE appearing in AVE were taken by S. Franklin Gould, a faithful parishioner and acolyte. We are very grateful for his skill in capturing the succeeding stages of the service. Full-sized prints can be made and sold at cost, probably \$1, if enough people wish them. Please place orders with Saint Francis de Sales Shop.

Receive these Books
THE SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OF
NEW YORK PRESENTS THE BIBLE,
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,
AND BOOKS OF CANONS
TO THE RECTOR



O Lord my God, I am not worthy
THE RECTOR'S SUPPLICATION
FOR HIMSELF



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER
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*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

January 15 — Charlotte Hartman
Katherine Hartman Nagengast
John Hartman
Harold Hamilton
Robert Hamilton

January 25 — E. Ruth Lawrence

January 26 — Charles DuBuisson Loveland, Jr.

February 9 — Curtis Ray Pruitt



The flowers for the month of March are given in loving memory
of the following:

March 25 — The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Emma V. Headley.



The Corporate Communion for the month of March are as
follows:

March 3 — St Mary's Guild.

March 14 — Society of Mary.

March 18 — The Women of the Church.

March 28 — The Church School, Order of St Vincent, Guild of St Stephen.



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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

1. M. St David, B.C. Requiem 8
2. Tu. St Chad, B.C.
3. W. ASH WEDNESDAY
High Mass 12 noon
Evensong, Litany, Penitential Office 6 p.m.
4. Th. Greater Feria
5. F. Greater Feria
6. Sa. Greater Feria. Com. SS. Perpetua & Felicitas, MM.
- ✕ 7. Su. LENT I. Com. St Thomas Aquinas, C.D.
8. M. Greater Feria. Com. St John of God, C.
9. Tu. Greater Feria. Com. St Frances of Rome, W.
10. W. EMBER DAY. Com. The Forty Martyrs
11. Th. Greater Feria
12. F. EMBER DAY. Com. St Gregory the Great, B.C.D.
13. Sa. EMBER DAY
- ✕ 14. Su. LENT II
15. M. Greater Feria
16. Tu. Greater Feria
17. W. Greater Feria. Com. St Patrick, B.C.
18. Th. Greater Feria. Com. St Cyril of Jerusalem, B.C.D.
19. F. St Joseph. Com. Feria
20. Sa. Greater Feria. Com. St Cuthbert, B.C.
- ✕ 21. Su. LENT III. Com. St Benedict, Abt
22. M. Greater Feria
23. Tu. Greater Feria
24. W. St Gabriel, Archangel. Com. Feria
25. Th. ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LADY. Com. Feria
High Mass 12 noon
26. F. Greater Feria. Com. The Penitent Thief
27. Sa. Greater Feria. Com. St John of Damascus, C.D.
- ✕ 28. Su. LENT IV
29. M. Greater Feria
30. Tu. Greater Feria
31. W. Greater Feria

*Days indicated by ✕ are days of precept,
with an obligation of attendance at Mass.*

MUSIC FOR MARCH

MARCH 7 — LENT I

- Mass*, *Missa Ascendo ad Patrem* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
 Motet, *O bone Jesu, exaudi me* Palestrina
Evensong, Litany and Benediction
 Magnificat and *Nunc dimittis* Robert Fayrfax
 Motet, *Remember not, Lord, our offences* Henry Purcell
 O *salutaris hostia* Jean Langlais
 Motet, *Ave verum corpus* 14th Century French
 Tantum ergo Sigfrid Karg-Elert

MARCH 14 — LENT II

- Mass*, *Missa le bien que j'ai* Claude Goudimel
 Motet, *I call and cry* Thomas Tallis
Evensong, Litany and Benediction
 Magnificat and *Nunc dimittis* Thomas Tallis
 Motet, *O Domine Jesu Christe* Francisco Guerrero
 O *salutaris hostia* Oreste Ravanello
 Motet, *Ave verum corpus* Giacomo Carissimi
 Tantum ergo Giovanni Paolo Colonna

MARCH 21 — LENT III

- Mass*, *Mass for four voices* William Byrd
 Motet, *Haste thee, O God* John Shepherd
Evensong, Litany and Benediction
 Magnificat and *Nunc dimittis* William Byrd
 Motet, *Emendemus in melius* Joannes Esquivel
 O *salutaris hostia* Ettore Desderi
 Motet, *Adoremus te* Francesco Roselli
 Tantum ergo Ettore Desderi

MARCH 28 — LENT IV

- Mass*, *Messe solennelle* Jean Langlais
 Motet, *O pray for the peace of Jerusalem* Thomas Tomkins
Evensong, Litany and Benediction
 Magnificat and *Nunc dimittis* Thomas Tallis
 Motet, *Hear my prayer, O Lord* Adrian Batten
 O *salutaris hostia* Philip James
 Motet, *Ave verum corpus* Joseph Noyon
 Tantum ergo McNeil Robinson



*To be a light
 to lighten the Gentiles*
 THE BLESSING OF CANDLES



We praise thee, O God
 THE SOLEMN TE DEUM

SERVICES DURING LENT

SUNDAYS

Low Mass	7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Low Mass	8:00 a.m.
Sung Mass (St Francis' Altar)	9:00 a.m.
Low Mass (Lady Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon	11:00 a.m.
Evensong, Litany, and Benediction	8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7:00 and 8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays and Holy Days	9:30 a.m.
Monday through Friday	12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 p.m.
(with Litany, Wednesdays and Fridays)	
Stations and Benediction, Fridays	6:30 p.m.
The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. 'til 9:00 p.m.	

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays 9:30 to 1:00 and 2:00 to 4:30

Closed on Legal Holidays

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

Fridays, 12:40 to 1 and 5 to 6; Saturdays, 2 to 3, 5 to 6, and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Sundays, 8:40 to 9 a.m.; and by appointment.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 to 9:00 a.m.

A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangement with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

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.

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 of 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 Palsgrove, the Director of Music.

PARISH GUILDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE CHURCH SCHOOL.—Sundays, Sung Mass and Instruction, 9 a.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.—Third Thursdays, Corporate Communion 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:45 a.m.

ST MARY'S GUILD.—For making and care of vestments. Working meetings, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., monthly business meeting, 10:45 a.m.

ORDER OF ST VINCENT.—For Altar Servers. Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN.—For young people, ages twenty to thirty-five. Meetings as announced. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.—St Mary's Ward. Holy Hour (St Francis' Altar) first Fridays, 8:15 p.m.

SOCIETY OF MARY.—Corporate Communion, second Sundays, 9 a.m. Rosary second Fridays, 8:15 p.m.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary's Ward. Stations of the Cross, third Fridays, 8:15 p.m.

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Would you like to become a Friend of Saint Mary's? The only requirements are, first, prayer for God's blessing on Saint Mary's and, second, an annual thank offering at the Patronal Feast, December the eighth. If you have said "It is a source of encouragement to me to know that Saint Mary's is always there," here is your chance to encourage that which encourages you. Write the Rector today and receive your membership card.

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