

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit

Dear Parishioners,

We live in a country and society that would have us believe everything must grow: the economy, population, income, security, entertainment... That is a part of who we are, or at least how we live. We say that we strive for a better life than that of our parents, that we want to leave this world a better place for the generations to come. No wonder, as we are disconcerted in observing and living a reality that is different from that.

When the apostles asked the Lord to increase their faith (Luke 17:5), they probably hoped to obtain something more, better, and of higher quality than everybody else. And yes, Jesus came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Yet, Jesus asserts: if you have faith the size of a mustard seed...

Instead of having big faith, have true faith! Liberating your faith from everything that does not belong there will make faith more efficient. These days, when many formal and external expressions of our devotion and Catholicism are suspended, or taken away, we are challenged to reflect on what really holds us to Christ and what keeps us together. If faith is just a ritual, perhaps it looks good... But if faith, although as small as a mustard seed, moves the trees and mountains of our selfishness, then it is efficient and ready to grow.

As announced by the Archbishop, this year's Easter celebration will not be accessible to the public. This will be a particular challenge for many people. Without physical participation in the liturgy, will we be able to grasp its substance and nurture our faith? As with every Sunday, we are planning on streaming the liturgical celebrations of the Sacred Triduum from our Parish Church. It is a way to gather our parishioners in prayer, while being physically distant from each other. While doing so, we will ponder the substance of each of those days and connect it to our lives.

In the meantime, while we are separated, please be mindful of people who are in need. Reach out to those who might be lonely; whether they are from your social circle, whether you only know them marginally from the church or from your community... These small seeds of faith will grow, rebuild our community, and eventually can even move mountains.

May God continue to bless us, **Fr. Libor Marek**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

JESUS TOLD HER, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE;
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE."
(JOHN 11:25)

MASS *Intentions*

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Father Libor & Father Juraj will celebrate the scheduled Mass Intentions in their Private Daily Masses this week as follows:

March 28, Saturday – Sobota

- ❖ For Joseph Hines (B'Day) ❖ For Miriam Miller (B'Day) ❖ For Dorothy Formala (B'Day) ❖ For Patricia Gill req. Family
- ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families ❖ †John E Bazger (8th Ann.) req. Family ❖ †Al Newcomer & Family ❖ †Duane Van Pamel
- ❖ †Tresa Marie Lamerato req. Ken Pullis ❖ †Paul J. Palace req. Marian Maniaci

March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent - Nedela

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 1:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-35 (34)

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners ❖ For a Special Intention Mark Dabrowski ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Alia
- ❖ For Justin Langlois req. Family ❖ For Megan Sheeran ❖ For Joseph Vassallo ❖ For Alia Korkis
- ❖ For the Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 743 ❖ For Julia Russo ❖ For Andrea Davis req. Sister in Christ
- ❖ For Andrew Dubon (B'Day) ❖ For Leart Prendushi (B'Day) ❖ For Joseph Vassallo ❖ For Katarzyna Gryglicka ❖ For Andrzej Purzycki
- ❖ For Anna & †Paul Magusin req. Stefan & Marta Sobolic ❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis ❖ †Mary Ellen Schultz ❖ †Amera & Slewa Meyou (Ann.)
- ❖ †Jan Wampuszyc req. Propson Family ❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Sobolic Family
- ❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family ❖ †Richard Stein

March 30, Monday – Pondelok

- ❖ For Megan Wolf (B'Day) ❖ For Patrick Miller (B'Day) ❖ For James Novak
- ❖ For Dec. Members of Vacaj Family ❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family ❖ †Caterina Polidori req. Friends

March 31, Tuesday – Utorok

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Alia Korkis
- ❖ For the Noel Nelson Family ❖ For Dec. Members of the Hasaj Family ❖ †Amera & Slewa Meyou

April 1, Wednesday – Streda

- ❖ For Kevin Aziz (B'Day) ❖ For Piotr Purzycki ❖ For Prudence Lantzy req. Husband
- ❖ For Rita MacDonald ❖ †Richard Martus

April 2, Thursday – Štvrtok

- ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Seminarian, Patrick Blenman
- ❖ For Francesk Vuktilaj (B'Day) req. Mom ❖ For Jarin Matthew ❖ †Virginia Amon ❖ †Joe Basirico (Ann.)
- ❖ †Phil & Fran Skowronek ❖ †Lene Leze Celaj

April 3, First Friday – Piatok

- ❖ For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life ❖ For Servants of the Word Brothers ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- ❖ For Hayley Reynolds & Family ❖ For Kasia Purzycka ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family ❖ For the Rosary Makers & their Families
- ❖ †Illuminada & Petronilo Figueroa ❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Family ❖ †Joe Basirico

April 4, First Saturday – Sobota

- ❖ For a Special Intention req. Sophie ❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society ❖ For Elizabeth Laconi ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- ❖ For Lawrence MacDonald ❖ For Sophia & Family ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families ❖ †Joe Basirico ❖ †Gary Gasparski req. Family

April 5, Palm Sunday - Nedela

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
- ❖ For Julia Russo ❖ For Greyson Arkwright (B'Day) ❖ For Zbigniew Purzycki (B'Day) ❖ For Harold Cetnar
- ❖ For Amelia req. Meme & Papa ❖ For Jeff & Joanne Sammons & Family req. Mark Dabrowski
- ❖ For Robert Lulgjuraj ❖ For Anna & †Paul Magusin ❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis
- ❖ For the Dec. Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council & their Families
- ❖ †David Chupa ❖ †Christina Locricchio ❖ †Carl Kaspari req. Basile Family ❖ †Paul Schliecher req. Wey Family
- ❖ †Rita Muir ❖ †Peter Piatek ❖ †Gene Kucharek ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Jo Ann Traczynski

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- ◆ Those Who Are Sick
- ◆ Those Who Have Died
- ◆ Those Who Care for the Sick & Dying

**Father Libor & Father Juraj Celebrate a Private Holy Mass
for the Victims of the Coronavirus & for Our Intentions**



Although we are not able to physically pray together as a Parish Family, let us unite ourselves together spiritually by the following methods, especially by our livestream on Sundays at 10:00AM for those people who have computers. A complete listing of televised and livestream Holy Masses is available at www.aod.org. Below is a condensed listing:

Sundays - TV

- 6:00AM - 7:00AM:** Broadcasted by WJBK Fox 2
- 8:00AM (Live), 12:00PM & 7:00PM (Repeats):** EWTN
- 10:00AM - 11:00AM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72
- 2:30PM - 3:00PM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72
- 5:30PM - 6:00PM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72
- 6:00PM - 6:30PM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72
- 7:00PM - 8:00PM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72
- 11:30PM - 12:00AM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72

Sundays - Online

- 7:30AM - 8:30AM:** Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist (Ann Arbor)
- 8:00AM - 9:00AM:** EWTN
- 9:00AM - 10:00AM:** Solanus Casey Center
- 10:00AM - 11:00AM:** **Ss. Cyril & Methodius (www.saintcyrils.church)**
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM:** Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00PM - 8:00PM:** CTND

Weekday - TV

- 8:00AM (Live), 12:00PM & 7:00PM (Repeats):** EWTN
- 9:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM, 11:30PM:** Broadcast by CTND

Weekday - Online

- 7:45AM:** Solanus Casey Center
- 9:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM, 11:30PM:** CTND

Saturday - TV

- 9:30AM & 7:00PM:** Broadcast by CTND: Bighthouse Channel 398 & Comcast Channel 72

Saturday - Online

- 7:45AM:** Solanus Casey Center
- 9:30AM & 7:00PM:** CTND



Prayers & Resources

A Prayer for the Sick Especially those Suffering from the Coronavirus

Loving God, You sent Your son Jesus Christ to heal the sick. We ask You to come to our aid in the midst of the coronavirus crisis that we too may experience Your healing love. We ask You to heal those who are sick. Calm those who are living in fear. Be with those who have died and comfort their families. Inspire health professionals to aid them in their healing work. Guide national leaders to lead and make decisions with wisdom. Help us to always be aware of Your presence as we place our trust in You. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Prayer for an End to the Coronavirus Crisis

Loving God, we come before You in our time of need. We lay before You our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus. We know that You are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that You stop the spread of the coronavirus. In Your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 Come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 And unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.

Instead of focusing on what we are being deprived of, replace it with one of the many blessings God has given us!

NEGATIVE: NO PUBLIC MASSES

POSITIVE:

If possible, watch the Holy Mass in your living room by watching it on EWTN or CTND every weekday morning, and on Sunday the 10:00AM Livestream Holy Mass from St. Cyrils! Fully participate by gestures and responses. We would all be "attending" the same Holy Mass, at the same time, hearing the same homily, and making a Spiritual Communion united with each other. You can also use this opportunity to explain to your family and young children everything that takes place during the Mass.

"To the servant of God, every place is the right place, and every time is the right time." -St. Catherine of Siena

NEGATIVE: NO CONFESSIONS

POSITIVE:

Take 15 minutes each night to make a true and thorough examination of conscience. You can print out an examination of conscience for children and adults on our website! Pray slowly and with all of your heart the Act of Contrition, knowing each night could be our last. The next time you are able to go to Sacramental Confession will be a day of great joy!

"The best penance is to have patience with the sorrows God permits. A very good penance is to dedicate oneself to fulfill the duties of everyday with exactitude and to study and work with all our strength." -St. Peter Damian

NEGATIVE: NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

POSITIVE:

Make a little family altar and adorn it with holy pictures, a candle (even if it is fake) and flowers. Kneeling before the altar, take time as a family to transport yourself in spirit to the Tabernacle, and pray the family Rosary.

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying:

LET'S JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Watch Mass from Ss. Cyril & Methodius on Sundays at 10:00AM, livestream from our website: www.saintcyrils.church

Letter from the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit † March 23, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As citizens of Michigan, we join with our neighbors in observing measures to address the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the virus' spread, our response as the Body of Christ must always begin in faith. We believe Jesus is still Lord. We believe that God can bring good from this time. We believe that we are not abandoned but remain – however mysteriously – in the loving hands of the Father.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce to you that Holy Week celebrations will not be offered publicly this year in the Archdiocese of Detroit. To ensure we cooperate with and support the governor and local health officials during this time as well as assuring you of my continued commitment to the work of unleashing the Gospel, I am issuing these directives regarding the life of our parishes, the administration of the Sacraments – particularly to those who are sick and dying – and the celebration of Holy Week.

While it is not possible for us to gather in our parishes during Holy Week and on Easter, it is possible for us to be connected in other ways. I ask you to remain attentive to aod.org and spiritualcloseness.org for ways to be connected with each other during these days. I would also ask you to please continue your financial support to your parish. They rely entirely on your contributions and your generosity. I am very grateful for your support, especially during this time.

In addition, I ask all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit to join me, the Holy Father and faithful around the world in prayer. I know this is an unprecedented time in the life of our local Church. But unprecedented challenges bring unprecedented graces. If we unite ourselves to the Lord we will emerge from these days of trial and uncertainty more ready to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please know of my prayers for you and our whole State of Michigan during these days. Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit



Holy Week Liturgical Changes:

Priests are instructed to offer **private Holy Week services**, where possible, with certain restrictions approved by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, including:

On **Palm Sunday**, palms are not to be distributed in the parish.

The annual **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, usually celebrated on Holy Thursday, will instead be livestreamed on the *Monday of Holy Week, April 6, at 7:00PM*. The Mass will not be open to the public or the faithful, and the consecrated oils will be distributed to parishes by regional vicars.

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Holy Thursday should omit the washing of the feet, and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose will be omitted. **(On Holy Thursday, April 9, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be livestreamed from Ss. Cyril & Methodius at 7:00PM.)** A Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM..

On **Good Friday**, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion should omit kissing or touching the Cross, with a genuflection or profound bow instead. **(On Good Friday, April 10, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be livestreamed from Ss. Cyril & Methodius at 3:00PM.)** A liturgy will be livestreamed from the cathedral at 1:00PM. A Mass intention "for an end to this pandemic" will also be offered.

During the **Easter Vigil**, the lighting of the Easter fire and procession into the church will be omitted, and the renewal of baptismal promises will omit the sprinkling rite. **(The Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 11, will be livestreamed from Ss. Cyril & Methodius at 7:00PM.)** The Easter vigil Mass will be livestreamed from the cathedral at 9:00PM.

Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 12, will be livestreamed from Ss. Cyril & Methodius at 10:00AM. The Easter Sunday Mass will be livestreamed from the cathedral at 11:00AM.

Despite the difficult circumstances, Archbishop Vigneron said the faithful remain close to one another in prayer, especially through "spiritual communion." *(See page 5 in bulletin for a Prayer for Spiritual Communion.)

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ADORATION 101

“We’re All in This Together”

By: Paul Ray



As I’m writing this (March 22, 2020), I just finished watching our Holy Mass on YouTube. What incredible times! It’s difficult not to be able to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, but at the same time He knows this. This pandemic has put most of our lives on hold for the time being. What could our Lord be showing us through all of this? Of course, none of us can comprehend the mind of the God. However, we can certainly speculate according to what we know about Him. So what do I think our Lord is trying to show us?

I am no expert, theologian, or prophet. I simply base this on my own experience with my relationship with God and what He has taught me over the years. There are several things I have considered. For starters, I believe this is a worldwide wake-up call. Oftentimes throughout history God has to use extreme measures to catch our attention when we, as a people, refuse to listen to Him in any other way. We get so caught up in life that we tend to ignore, or forget, the truths He teaches us. When this happens our lives get thrown off course and sin slowly creeps its way in and will eventually enslave us. This can happen collectively as a nation, and also individually within the hearts of every one of us. When we look back on the more recent apparitions of Our Lady there is always a common theme: Repent, pray, fast and come back to the Lord to prevent catastrophe. This is also a common theme all throughout Scripture, the Old Testament and the New. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. This call is active even in our day. Today, however, we tend to have the illusion that everything is okay with us and God because the dictatorship of relativism reigns supreme. People do their own thing, live their own personally created morality and don’t expect a chastisement.

So is this a punishment from God? I don’t know. It could very well be, but God doesn’t delight in punishment. The bottom line, I feel, is this whole pandemic is allowed to wake us up as a nation, as a world. If we come together as a community, a nation, a people, and repent before God, change our ways, just like Nineveh did through the preaching of Jonah, we will see almost instant results. We all have to take this time to honestly examine our lives before God and see where we need to improve in our relationship with Him, morally and naturally. This is just my own humble opinion and I know others have theirs. But one thing we can all agree on is God is the answer, and the more of us who turn to Him, the better! – Paul A. Ray

ADORATION HAS TEMPORARILY BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 13

American Red Cross Needs Donors

Thank you to everyone who signed up for our Blood Drive that was scheduled for April 6, however, due to the current situation with the Coronavirus, the Blood Drive at Ss. Cyril & Methodius has been postponed. A new date has not yet been decided, however, the American Red Cross is still in great need of blood donors. As the Coronavirus pandemic has grown in the U.S., many Blood Drives have been canceled across the country, resulting in more than 200,000 fewer blood donations. Healthy individuals are needed to schedule an appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead to help patients counting on lifesaving blood throughout this pandemic.

The American Red Cross is closely monitoring the situation and is focused on the safety of donors, recipients, volunteers, staff and the blood supply. Be assured that additional precautionary steps in response to the Coronavirus situation have been taken to help provide you with peace of mind for your blood donation. The blood donation is a safe process. At each Blood Drive, Red Cross employees follow thorough extensive safety protocols. We appreciate your incredible generosity to donate blood. Thank you!

If you can donate blood, please visit:

redcrossblood.org

to find Blood Drives near you.

Pro-Life News

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign! Some good news to report at the Northland Clinic at 17 Mile/Ryan — in the past few weeks, several moms left and said they were keeping their babies!

Thanks be to God!

Although the vigil portion of the campaign is suspended because of the virus, all are encouraged to pray, fast and unite spiritually for the end of abortion.

Questions: please contact:

Anne Marie, at (586) 873-2004



A FAMILY IN LOCKDOWN NOAH'S ARK

40 days, 40 nights in the Ark. Noah's family was confined in a boat. There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no YouTube, Facebook or Netflix. They only heard the rain. They spend their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the Father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word.

Remember, even though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, our God is watching over us! Do not be Afraid! Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all will be well again!

BREAKING NEWS!

**PRAYING, FASTING, BIBLE STUDY,
GIVING, WITNESSING,
COURAGE & FAITH:**

NOT CANCELLED!

JESUS: He's Still On The Throne!

L. O. C. K. D. O. W. N
is a time to:

Listen to God's voice and reflect. Let go and Let God.

Obey His Word and His teachings.

Call on Jesus's name and be Calm.

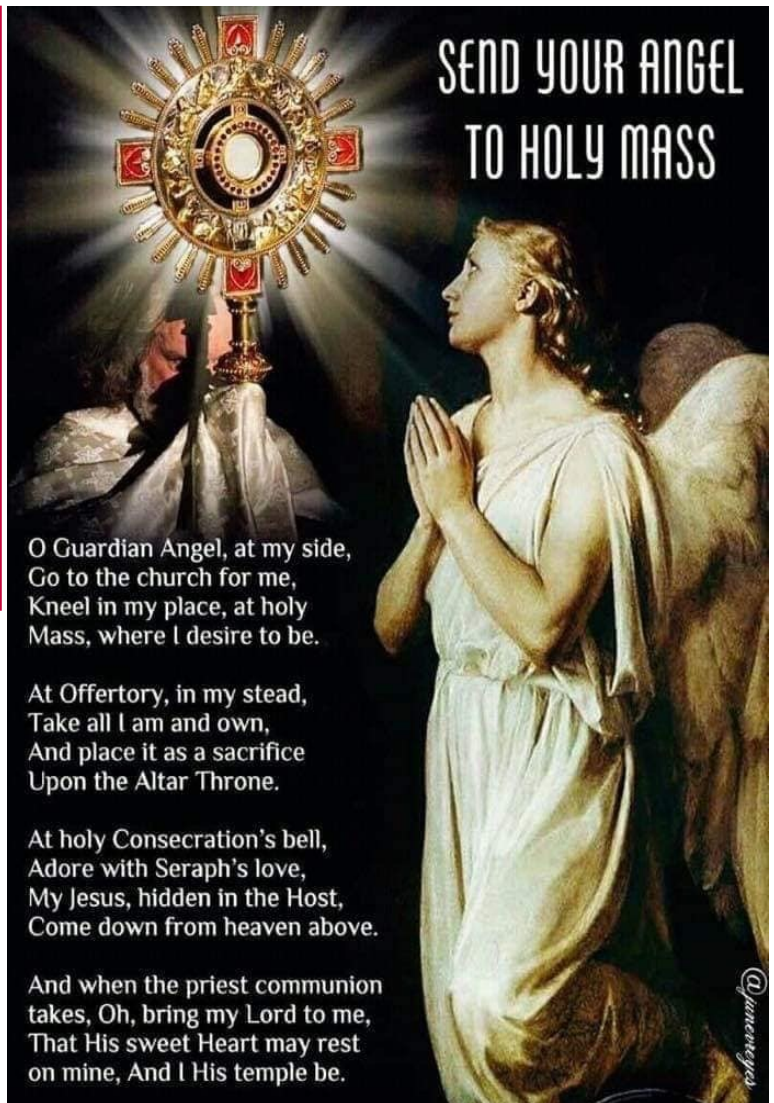
Know that God has a purpose for all of this.

Dwell in His presence. Do not panic.

Offer a prayer for everyone's safety.

Wait on the Lord and be patient. This too shall pass.

Nurture our personal relationship with God.



**SEND YOUR ANGEL
TO HOLY MASS**

O Guardian Angel, at my side,
Go to the church for me,
Kneel in my place, at holy
Mass, where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead,
Take all I am and own,
And place it as a sacrifice
Upon the Altar Throne.

At holy Consecration's bell,
Adore with Seraph's love,
My Jesus, hidden in the Host,
Come down from heaven above.

And when the priest communion
takes, Oh, bring my Lord to me,
That His sweet Heart may rest
on mine, And I His temple be.

YOUR CROSS

The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost Heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His Divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His grace, perfumed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God."

(St. Francis deSales)