

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

St. Michael the Archangel

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P A L M S U N D A Y

APRIL 14, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00am

High Mass: 10:15am

Weekdays

Mon - Thu: 7:45am

Friday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9:00AM	14TH	PALM SUNDAY, I <i>Nello Scatena –David Scatena</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
MONDAY 7:45AM	15TH	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, I <i>Jacqueline Dilworth –La Fata Family</i>
TUESDAY 7:45AM	16TH	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, I <i>+ Dr. Waverly Lebara –Jenn Cilia</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:45AM	17TH	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, I <i>Sr. Marie Bernarde –Jenn Cilia</i>
THURSDAY 7:00PM	18TH	HOLY THURSDAY, I <i>Michael Peter Williams –Frank Leo</i>
FRIDAY 2:00PM	19TH	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY 3:00PM		MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED, I
SATURDAY 3:00PM	20TH	EASTER VIGIL, I <i>The Parish of St. Michaels</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	21TH	EASTER SUNDAY, I <i>Fr. Harkins</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		<i>Pro Populo</i>

DEVOTIONS

Confession

45mins before

Weekend Masses

Benediction

Fridays: 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

Daily Rosary

Mon-Thu: After Mass

Fri -Sun: Before Mass

Office Hours: Monday by appointment, Friday 9am -3pm.



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HUMILITY AND IMPULSIVE ACTION

Actions done on impulse and without reflection proceed from nature, not from grace. A generous nature acts from generous impulses. A selfish nature acts from the ever-present impulses to provide for the interests of self. Such actions do not obtain grace from God or deserve a reward in Heaven. They mark the direction of the stream, but do not assist it on its way. Ask yourself, "Do I in general act from impulse? In what direction does impulse carry me?"

What has impulsive action to do with humility? A good deal! It always has pride at its root, like most other faults. The humble man avoids impulsive action with the greatest care. Impulsive action springs from self and fails to recognize our dependence upon God - and dependence upon God is of the essence of humility. Even though my impulses may be good, yet I must never allow myself to act merely from impulse, but must try to raise my heart to God, and so supernaturalism even those actions in which there is no time for careful deliberation.

How dangerous is impulse! How often I have bitterly regretted actions done on the impulse of the moment! I knew I had better wait before speaking or acting, but I was not willing to resist the desire to gratify my impulsive nature. I was not held back by the secret consciousness that what I was doing was sinful, imperfect, and ill judged. How many imprudent words, how many foolish actions, and how many actual sins have proceeded from my forgetting or refusing to acknowledge my continual dependence upon God.

HUMILITY IN OUR ESTIMATE OF OURSELVES

There is no better test of humility than the opinion we form about others as compared with ourselves. If we had to make a list of the virtuous, in what position should we place ourselves? A man who is truly humble will place himself not only last, but least, with a great interval between himself and the rest of mankind. Saint Dominic used to place himself in spirit beneath the feet of the very demons, as being far worse than them. Saint Paul declared himself the very worst of sinners. Can I honestly speak of myself thus? Do I regard myself as the worst of all men in the sight of God?

What should be the ground of this humility? We must not attempt impossibilities. I ought not to think myself worst of all unless I really am so. It may be that I cannot truthfully say that I am in the habit of committing mortal sins. How, then, can I be worse than the notorious sinner? Yet when I think of all the graces God has given me, I must confess that if He had given them to those who sin most deeply, they would be far better than I am. My only superiority is in greater graces. Humble yourself at the thought of all the graces you have received, and of your frequent failures to co-operate with them.

Even if we had never sinned, this would not free us from the obligation of putting ourselves below all and beneath all. Our exemption would be no credit to ourselves. It would simply be a fresh gift of God, which ought to make us more vividly conscious of our vileness and nothingness in His sight. We must always be as nothing in His sight, but sin makes us worse than nothing. It makes us a blot upon creation, inferior to the dumb creatures that have never sinned.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday – 7pm Solemn High Mass concluding with adoration until Midnight

Good Friday – 2pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions

Good Friday - 3pm The Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 3pm The Solemn Easter Vigil (not a Mass of Anticipation)

Easter Sunday – Low Mass at 8am, Solemn High Mass at 10:15am