

THE RECTOR'S REFLECTION

(Below is my reflection from last year. I am including it again this year in the hope that some new people will see it or those who read it and did not act on it will take a few minutes to listen to the musical pieces cited.)

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Liturgical octaves are a wonderful thing, especially octaves with sequences, such as Easter. The *Victimae paschali laudes* is repeated at each Mass during the octave. The Gregorian chant that accompanies the text is a sublime theme and one that different composers have incorporated into their own musical compositions. One of the ways that I celebrate Easter is by spending time throughout the week with the sequence, both the text and music. Perhaps you also may find it as a suggestion for your own fruitful celebration of our Lord's bodily resurrection and triumph over sin and death. Images provided by the text: "The lamb has redeemed the sheep...Death and life contended in a spectacular battle...We know Christ is truly risen from the dead...On us, victor King, have mercy." The music: Those eight notes that begin the chant and the subsequent music which has been contemplated, among others, by Tournemire in his Choral-improvisation, Jiri Ropek in his Variations, or, my favorite, the second movement of Ottorino Respighi's Concerto Gregoriano. While the sequence returns to us annually in our paschal celebration, a year can be a long time to wait, so why not maximize the gift that the text is for our theological reflection and the music along with the text for our contemplation of beauty!

A happy and blessed Easter to all!
Christus surrexit! Vere surrexit!

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

OFFERTORY

- **March 21 and 22**
 - **Sunday Offertory** \$3,063.00
 - **Online Giving** \$609.12
 - **Total** \$3,672.12



QR Code for online giving

MASS INTENTIONS

March 28 – April 5

Saturday, March 28

8:30 AM – Int. of Michael P. Novajosky

4:00 PM – Elizabeth W. Esser +

Sunday, March 29

9:00 AM – Int. of David Whitehead

10:30 AM – Int. of Santiago & Daniel Calderon

12:00 PM – Int. of Tess Michaelsen

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 AM – Chad Heinke +

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 PM – Donald Kager +

Thursday, April 2

6:00 PM – Elizabeth Knapp +

Friday, April 3

3:00 PM – No Intention

Saturday, April 4

6:00 PM – Int. of the Members of the Georgetown Oratory

Sunday, April 5

9:00 AM – John Wowak, Jr. +

10:30 AM – Jimmy Evans +

12:00 PM – Karwowski Family +

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Kathy Romano, Joe and Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Timothy Burns, Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Gerald Owczarczak, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jogodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier, Tom Kelly, Ligia Monsalve

Repose of the souls of Nancy Define, Michael Peloso, Ryan Yannalfo, Lucy Procaccini, Gabriella Patterson, Michelle Leigh Gray, Edith Wald, Michael Rossi, Michael Tejada, Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar, Theresa Truffini

ORATORY NEWS

CHARITABLE GIVING INFORMATION SESSION

Mr. Cecil Nazareth, CPA, MBA, an accountant and member of the Georgetown Oratory will be hosting two sessions to inform about some of the best ways to make charitable contributions. It is NOT a pitch for a program or to sign up for anything, simply advice that you can use in consultation with your own tax adviser. See the flyer on the bulletin board or Flocknote for more information. In addition to the presentation, he will answer any questions that you may have. He will give the same presentation on two days: Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 PM and Saturday, April 11 at 3 PM. Both presentations will take place in Pryor-Hubbard Hall.

OCTAVE AT ORATORY MEETING

Friday, June 12 is the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and begins an eight-day period of commemoration with the Octave of the Sacred Heart. Everyone in the diocese will be making an act of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the weekend Masses by order of the bishop. It is a PERFECT time for us to host events for the diocese and help others to devotion to their love for our Lord's Sacred Heart. Please join Fr. Novajosky for a meeting on Saturday, April 11 at 9:15 AM in the Conference Room to discuss ideas.

MUSIC ON WEBSITE

Recordings of English chants of the Ordinary of the Mass from the 9 and 10:30 AM Masses have been posted on the website under the Liturgy tab. These will remain until Easter, when different chants will be used for Paschaltide. Thanks to Michael LaBarre for creating the videos and updating the website, as well as to the Viri, who chant on Wednesday nights, for singing for the recordings.

GEORGETOWN FOOD PANTRY

We are still accepting food donations. Please drop off in the bin outside the glass doors of the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR TRIDUUM & EASTER

The office will be closed Thursday, April 2 – Wednesday, April 8. We will reopen on Thursday, April 9.

RECESSIONAL

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

Words: Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM

Mass Readings:

Glory & Praise # 823A (Year A)

RCDM pg. 455

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of Marge Hansen requested by Sherry Morris.
Sacred Heart Votive Candle burns for Larry Helstern + requested by Lee Helstern.



GEORGETOWN ORATORY

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**Dominica Resurrectionis
/ Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

4 PM (Saturday Vigil) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM

Wednesday

6 PM (1962)

Friday & Saturday

8:30 AM (1962)

ADORATION

First Friday 9 AM – 8 PM

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

By request at any convenient time

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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