

THE RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples... Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

John 6: 3, 10-11

Details may not matter one bit but, then again, the smallest and most nuanced details may make all the difference and their inclusion are deliberate. As we encounter our Lord, the Word, contained in the Sacred Scriptures, our belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures allows us to note and connect details, such as those within the Gospel from the older liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Our Lord went up a mountain and had the people recline in the grass. These details about the setting may not matter much in themselves, and yet as we reflect on the Responsorial Psalm in the newer lectionary, and the tract in both the newer and older liturgies, mountains and grass are indications of the deeper reality.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The opening of Psalm 22/23, probably known to just about every Christian who has attained the age of reason. It is a favorite to many, often included in the newer Mass of Christian Burial. What is the verse that immediately follows? "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose." Translated differently the verses reads, "In green pastures he makes me lie down." And then there are the mountains.

The tract for this Sunday is taken from Psalm 124/125: "Those trusting in the Lord are like Mount Zion, unshakable, forever enduring. As mountains surround Jerusalem, the Lord surrounds his people both now and forever." While the event in John 6 takes place about 80 miles from Jerusalem, the connection remains. The Lord Jesus is acting as Shepherd leading the flock of his people.

He not only provides food for his people, but he also protects or surrounds his people as the mountains surround Jerusalem. We can recall how Psalm 23 continues: "Even though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me."

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 15

2:00-5:00PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner (see flyer and website)

Tuesday, March 17 – Feast of St. Patrick

8:30 AM – Mass (as usual)

6:00 PM – Latin Mass

Thursday, March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

8:30 AM – NO MORNING MASS

6:00 PM – Sung Latin Mass

Friday, March 20

8:30 AM – NO MORNING MASS

4:45–5:45 PM – Adoration (Private exposition)

5:15–5:45 PM – Confessions

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

OFFERTORY

- **March 7 & 8**
 - **Sunday Offertory** \$2,552.00
 - **Online Giving** \$500.93
 - **Total** \$3,052.93



QR Code for online giving

MASS INTENTIONS

March 14 – March 22

Saturday, March 14

8:30 AM – Mary W. Fox +

4:00 PM – Josephine Nazareth +

Sunday, March 15

9:00 AM – Int. of Elizabeth Piekarski

10:30 AM – Donna Knoche +

12:00 PM – Mary W. Fox +

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 AM – Ralph D'Souza +

6:00 PM – Int. of Timothy Burns

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 PM – Int. of Lucille Frawley

Thursday, March 19

8:30 AM – NO MASS

6:00 PM – Int. of the Moore Family

Friday, March 20

8:30 AM - NO MASS

Saturday, March 21

8:30 AM – Int. of Cecil Nazareth

4:00 PM – Int. of Chris Nazareth

Sunday, March 22

9:00 AM – Int. of Matthew Bouvier

10:30 AM – Int. of Antonio DeLuca

12:00 PM – Theresa Uscilla +

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 & 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

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

ORATORY NEWS

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

All who wish are invited to join on Wednesday, April 22 for the 6 PM Mass that will be followed by an act of consecration to St. Joseph. The consecration can be preceded by 33 days of daily preparation with prayers and reflections using Fr. Calloway's Consecration to St. Joseph or a simpler daily prayer that will be made available. The oratory has some copies available for purchase, which should be arriving by March 17 and cost \$15. Speak with Fr. Novajosky and check the website for more information.

MUSIC ON WEBSITE

Recordings 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.

FRIDAYS IN LENT – STATIONS & SOUP

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays in Lent at 6 PM. All are invited to gather in Pryor-Hubbard Hall after Stations for soup and bread, provided by the generosity of our members. Please sign up in the hall to bring a large container of soup and/or bread to share. Confessions will be heard prior to Stations from 5:15-5:45 PM. Special Masses will be offered on Friday, February 27 (Ember Friday) and March 6 (First Friday) at 7 PM.

GEORGETOWN FOOD PANTRY

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

CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 19 & 20

There is no morning Mass on Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20. There will be a special 6 PM Mass for St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19.

RECESSIONAL

**Refrain: *Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against thee.***

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
Listen O Jesu, to our supplications.**
- 2 O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls of all defilement.**
- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.**
- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.**
- 5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.**

Words: Lent Prose

Tune: ATTENDE, DOMINE

Mass Readings:

Glory & Praise #792

RCDM pg. 391

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions
of Teresa Tura as requested by Resi Williams



GEORGETOWN ORATORY

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**Dominica IV in Quadragesima
/ Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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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