

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

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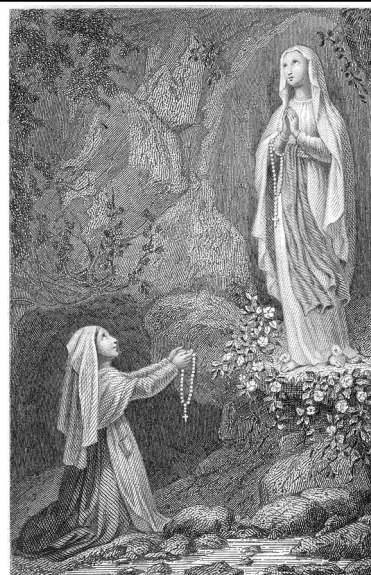
"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"



DEAR PARISHIONERS, *Praised be Jesus Christ!* I would like to share a reflection by the Venerable Fulton Sheen on Christ's entrance into Jerusalem: "The entry has been called triumphant; but well He knew that 'Hosannas' would change to 'Crucify', and palms would be turned into spears. Amid the shouts of the multitude He could hear the whispers of a Judas and the angry voices before Pilate's palace. The throne to which He was hailed was a Cross, and His real coronation would be a Crucifixion. Garments aplenty beneath His feet today, but on Friday He would be denied even His own. From the very beginning He knew what was in the heart of man, and never once did He suggest that the Redemption of men's souls could be accomplished by vocal fireworks. Though He was a King, and though they now admitted Him as their King and Lord, He knew the King's welcome which awaited Him was to be Calvary.

Tears were in His eyes, not because of the Cross which awaited Him, but because of the woes impending over those whom He came to save and would have none of Him. Looking over the city: *He wept over it, and said: Ah, if Thou too couldst understand above all in this day that is granted thee, the ways that can bring Thee peace! As it is, they are hidden from thy sight (Luke 19:41, 42).*" (Sheen, *Life of Christ*, 377-378).

Only the good Archbishop can paint a scene so moving. May we accompany our Lord into the city, recognizing Him as King singing, "*Hosanna to the Son of David*". Unlike the crowd, may we never turn on Him yelling, "*Crucify Him, Crucify Him*". Yet, that is precisely what we do when we sin. This Holy Week, may we truly resolve to turn



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Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

www.lolparish.org

Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	April 13: Palm Sunday
7:00 AM	Fr. Daniel Kluge
(Union) 7:00 AM	Steve & Rita Brueggemann
9:30 AM	John Fitzsimmons and family
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	April 14: Monday of Holy Week
6:30 AM	In Honor of Ven. Teresita Quevedo
12:10 PM	Garrett J Gruen
TUESDAY	April 15: Tuesday of Holy Week
6:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM	Father Dominic
WEDNESDAY	April 16: Wednesday of Holy Week
6:30 AM	Olivia Pisano
12:10 PM	Caeli Ordaz
(Union) 7:00 PM	(+) Richard & Martha Brueggemann
THURSDAY	April 17: Holy Thursday
7:00 PM	Bishop John Iffert
FRIDAY	April 18: Good Friday
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SATURDAY	April 19: Easter Vigil
9:00 PM	Fr. Matt Cushing



from our lives of sin, to lives of grace. May we accept the Love and Mercy that He pours out from the Cross. And truly, may we be changed to go and sin no more, proclaiming our Salvation, Christ the Lord, who triumphs over sin and death by rising from the dead on Easter Sunday, to the whole world, for He came to save a sinner like me.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A few people have asked about what will the devotions be for Divine Mercy Sunday. Starting on Good Friday, we will start the Divine Mercy Novena. On Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00 pm, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until at least 4:00 pm, or until all confessions have been heard. Then, we will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the start of the Holy Hour, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

God bless you all, Fr. Matt

Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$4477.00
Cash & Coin	\$1122.00
Online & Other Donations	\$0.00
Candles	\$154.00
TOTAL	\$5753.00
<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>	<i>\$4,208</i>

✠ CONGRATULATIONS ✠

...to *Vivian Marie*,
daughter of Alexander & Elena Telles,

and to *Mary Josephine*,
daughter of John & Kathryn Rademacher,

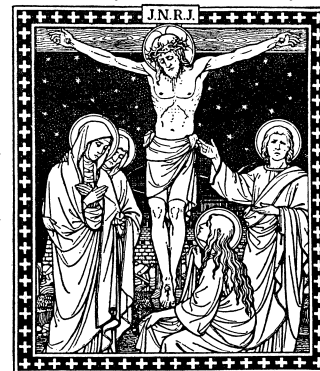
who were both recently baptized at OLOL. We thank Our Lord for the great grace of their being brought into the one holy Catholic Faith.



MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. "Who is like unto God?" O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. *Amen.*

THE FIFTH WORD was: "I thirst." "What is this, my Savior?" says St. Bernard. "It would seem that Thy thirst is a greater torment than the cross, for Thou dost not complain of the cross, but of thirst. What thirst is this which afflicts Thee? It can be none other than the desire for our salvation." If this is true, Lord, that such is Thy thirst, then the tears of my contrition and repentance will assuage it, but I am more cruel than Thy executioners, for I do not give Thee this refreshment. O holy Virgin, what did your heart experience when you saw the kind of drink which His enemies offered Him and you were unable to give Him a sip of water as He was dying? Now, Magdalen, where are those tears which you shed at the feet of the Savior? O Blessed Mother, why do you not rise up to the cross and with the tears of your eyes refresh those parched lips?

The sixth word was spoken just before the Savior died: "It is finished." At that moment the Blessed Mother must have raised her eyes to see whether the life of her Son ended at these words. What do you desire, Mother? That His suffering end? If His suffering ends, His life must end also. Do you desire that His life end? Such is not the desire of a mother. Then what do you desire? This is a new kind of sorrow, not to know what to desire. What must the heart of Mary have experienced when she looked up at the face of her Son and saw the presence of death? What must she have felt when she saw the color drain from His face...the beauty of His eyes clouded over, His head incline forward and His sacred chest rise up? Do you know this figure, my Lady? Do you recognize this hoarse voice? How the flower of the morning has faded. How the midday sun has eclipsed. Where shall you look to escape intolerable sorrow? If you look up, you see the signs of approaching death in the face of your Son. If you look down, you see the earth drenched with His blood. Where shall you look, O sorrowful Mother, when heaven and earth seem to conspire against you? But now the holy soul of your Son will rest. Listen to His last word from the cross: "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." So saying, Jesus inclined His head and gave up His spirit. O sweet death, O sweet wood, O sweet weight! O boundless love that caused the Lord of heaven to die on the cross! I beg Thee, my Lord, by the sorrow of this departure, that when my poor soul is separated from the body, I may be favored with the power of this mystery. That I may utter the words which Thou didst utter, recommending my soul to Thy hands. In the midst of these precious wounds may I end my life and in that precious blood may I breathe the last of my earthly sighs.



† Please find copies of the Holy Week Schedule on the bulletin table in Church, and also on our parish website.

† We wish a happy and blessed birthday to our pastor, Fr. Matt Cushing, on this coming Saturday, April 19th.

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.