



## VITAL GRANDIN CHAPLAINCY

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Gaudete Sunday

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

St. Anthony's Church ♦ 10661 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Edmonton



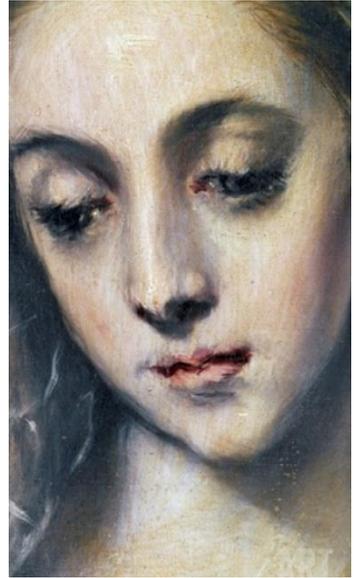
Lambert Lombard  
Miracle of the Loaves & Fishes

When Jesus therefore had lifted up his eyes, and seen that a very great multitude had come to him, he said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to try him; for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him: There is a boy here who has five barley loaves, and two fishes; but what are these among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves: and when he had given thanks, he distributed to them that were set down. In like manner also of the fishes, as much as they would. (Jn 6:1-11)

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## The way to Golgotha

lies through the narrow, torrid, dusty streets of the city; you think of the jostling, jeering crowd, the noise and the tumult; and then in the midst of it all it is as though a silence falls as he meets His mother: a private silence for these two alone as everything else is blotted out and they are conscious only of each other. They cannot speak, and so their sorrow is the greater; and for Mary it is a double sorrow: the mother's sorrow, watching the torments of the Son her body bore, and the girl's sorrow, flinching from the revelation of naked evil and cruelty destroying innocence and beauty and love.



A double sorrow, but yet she is silent; it is not for her to find an emotional outlet for her grief, for she is here because of Him: she is here to fulfil her vocation as mother by helping Him to fulfil his: she is here to crown Him in the day of His espousals to the sorrows of man.

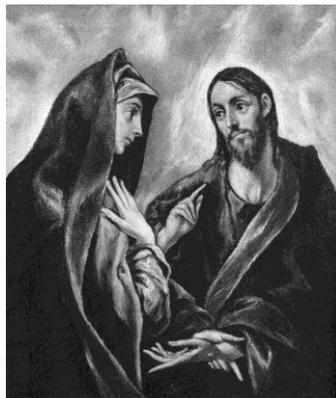
There is a sharp contrast here between His mother and the women of Jerusalem to whom He spoke: and the contrast is in the fact that He spoke. They loved Him and sorrowed for Him, but their sorrow seems too noisy, as though there is an element of self-pity in it, as though they are in fact calling attention to themselves, and instead of consoling Him they look to Him to console them. In her is the silence of strength, and so she can give Him the strength of her silence: it is what she is there to do. In her there are the two contradictory agonies: the longing to save Him from His unbearable agony, the effort to help Him to finish His work and it is the second that she must do, giving Him to the world on the Cross as she has given Him to the world in the stable.

That is the first thing that Mary shows us. If her heart had been filled with a soft sentimental pity she would not have helped but have hindered. Human love helps when it is within the framework of vocation, when it expresses the will of God. A mother's vocation is fulfilled when she offers her son to God, to life, to his own destiny; ruined when she clings to him for her own sake on the plea of saving him from hurt. "Go forth and see the king in the diadem wherewith his mother crowned

him" (*Cant. 3:11*): and this is the crowning, her offering of Her son to the Father, her strengthening of her Son for the kingship of the Cross.

For the very offering is itself a help to Him, comforting and gladdening Him. For her, the meeting can be only agony: and John and Magdalen must have tried to restrain her, but she insisting, I must be with my Son, He will have need of me. And so she shows us a second thing: we are not merely to avoid confusing true pity with sentimental pity, we are to keep clear of the distinction between true pity and self-pity. We for our part are not often asked to shoulder very heavy crosses perhaps; but the small ones come our way, and they fill us with self-pity, they make us yearn for, and expect, and perhaps demand, sympathy till in the end we make others miserable in their turn: it is then that we should think of this scene, compare our noisy lamentations with this silence, our emotional wallowings with this strength, our wasted opportunity with this glory. He had need of her; He has need, St. Paul tells us, of us too. At Mass the priest raises the chalice in offering to God, and with it the lives, the work, the joys and pains, of his people: and similarly in every moment of trouble there is the material not of self-pity but of self-offering as a part of Christ's offering: not only a completion now of His work, but a lightening then of His load. It was not only Simon of Cyrene who eased the weight from His shoulders: it was all those from His mother onwards, all those then present and those to come, whose love consoled and strengthened Him. To turn a small trial into a trough of self-pity is to make it and ourselves still more petty; to share it thus with Him is to turn it, however small it may be, into a thing of grandeur, a giving of life.

*The Seven Swords*, Gerald Vann, o.p.



Jesus takes leave of his Mother  
El Greco, ca. 1508

## Announcements

**Tax donation receipts** – Tax receipts for donations made to our Community in 2015 are available at the entrance to the Church; if you made donations directly to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), the tax receipts are issued out of the Ottawa office or out of Calgary.

**Friday Adoration in Lent** – Each Friday in Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day from after the morning parish Mass until Benediction at 5:45 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** – Stations of the Cross will take place Fridays at St. Anthony's Parish at 7:00 p.m. on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The Stations will be held at St. Agnes on the other Fridays of Lent also at 7:00 p.m.

**Western Canada Home School Conference** - March 10-12 at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005-119 Street, Edmonton. All parents welcome. Guest speakers are Dr. Ryan Topping and Archbishop Gerard Pettipas. For more information, contact Veronica at 780-467-8410 or email [wchscreg@shaw.ca](mailto:wchscreg@shaw.ca), or visit us online at [www.wchsc.net](http://www.wchsc.net).

**Archbishop Smith's Interview on the Radio** - In wide-ranging interview on 630 CHED's Ryan Jespersen show, Archbishop Smith talks about assisted suicide, Alberta Education's LGBTQ guidelines, Catholics in Alberta, upcoming Come&See at St. Joseph Seminary even ordination of women ... see link on Archdiocesan website: [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016: attendance 140 ♦ general collection \$2,794.25

## Weekly Mass Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	FEAST DAY
Sunday	6 March	8:00 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (1 <sup>st</sup> class) <i>(Lætare Sunday)</i>
Monday	7 March	No Mass	Feria in Lent (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Tuesday	8 March	7:30 a.m.	Feria in Lent (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. John of God</i>
Wednesday	9 March	7:30 a.m.	Feria in Lent (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Frances of Rome</i> <i>Exposition of Bl. Sacrament: 8:00 a.m.</i> <i>Benediction: 7:00 p.m.</i>
Thursday	10 March	7:30 a.m.	Feria in Lent (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.) <i>Commemoration: Forty Holy Martyrs</i>
Friday	11 March	5:30 p.m.	Feria of Lent (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.) 8:00 a.m. Exposition of Bl. Sacrament 5:15 p.m. Benediction 6:30 Novena to St. Joseph
Saturday	12 March	9:00 a.m.	Feria of Lent (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.) <i>Commemoration: St. Gregory the Great</i> <i>Confessions: 6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.</i>
Sunday	13 March	8:00 a.m.	First Passion Sunday (1 <sup>st</sup> cl.) <b>NOTE: Spring forward!</b> <b>Turn your clocks one hour ahead</b>