



VITAL GRANDIN CHAPLAINCY

Edmonton Latin Mass Community

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Passion Sunday

March 16th, 2024

Entrance Hymn: #35 By The Blood That Flowed From Thee

Asperges Me: #218

Mass XVII: Booklet p. 19; Angelus p. 1888; Baronius p. xviii

Credo I: Booklet p. 21; Angelus p. 1892; Baronius p. xxii

Recessional Hymn: #38 O Sacred Head



A 16th century portrayal of the Crucifixion by Maerten van Heemskerck.

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On the Incarnation, Continued

For what man, that ever was born, formed a body for himself from a virgin alone? Or what man ever healed such diseases as the common Lord of all? Or who has restored what was wanting to man's nature, and made one blind from his birth to see? Asclepius was deified among them, because he practiced medicine and found out herbs for bodies that were sick; not forming them himself out of the earth, but discovering them by science drawn from nature. But what is this to what was done by the Saviour, in that, instead of healing a wound, He modified a man's original nature, and restored the body whole. Heracles is worshipped as a god among the Greeks because he fought against men, his peers, and destroyed wild beasts by guile. What is this to what was done by the Word, in driving away from man diseases and demons and death itself? Dionysus is worshipped among them because he has taught man drunkenness; but the true Saviour and Lord of all, for teaching temperance, is mocked by these people. But let these matters pass. What will they say to the other miracles of His Godhead? At what man's death was the sun darkened and the earth shaken? Lo even to this day men are dying, and they died also of old... Or, to pass over the deeds done through His body, and mention those after its rising again: what man's doctrine that ever was has prevailed everywhere, one and the same, from one end of the earth to the other, so that his worship has winged its way through every land? Or why, if Christ is, as they say, a man, and not God the Word, is not His worship prevented by the gods they have from passing into the same land where they are? Or why on the contrary does the Word Himself, sojourning here, by His teaching stop their worship and put their deception to shame?

Many before this Man have been kings and tyrants of the world, many are on record who have been wise men and magicians, among the Chaldeans and Egyptians and Indians; which of these, I say, not after death, but while still alive, was ever able so far to prevail as to fill the whole earth with his teaching and reform so great a multitude from the superstition of idols, as our Saviour has brought over from idols to Himself? The philosophers of the Greeks have composed many works with plausibility and verbal skill; what result, then, have they exhibited so great as has the Cross of Christ? For the refinements they taught were plausible enough till they died; but even the influence they seemed to have while alive was subject to their mutual rivalries; and they were emulous, and declaimed against one another. But the Word of God... teaching in meaner language, has cast into the shade the choice sophists; and while He has, by drawing all to Himself, brought their schools to nought, He has filled His own churches... And, in short, who persuaded men of barbarous countries and heathen men in various places to lay aside their madness, and to mind peace, if it be not the Faith of Christ and the Sign of the Cross? Or who else has given men such assurance of immortality, as has the Cross of Christ, and the Resurrection of His Body? For although the Greeks have told all manner of false tales, yet they were not able to feign a Resurrection of their idols — for it never crossed their mind, whether it be at all possible for the body again to exist after death. And here one would most especially accept their testimony, inasmuch as by this opinion they have exposed the weakness of their own idolatry, while leaving the possibility open to Christ, so that hence also He might be made known among all as Son of God...

What man has ever yet been able to pass so far as to come among Scythians and Ethiopians, or Persians or Armenians or Goths, or those we hear of beyond the

ocean or those beyond Hyrcania, or even the Egyptians and Chaldees, men that mind magic and are superstitious beyond nature... and to preach at all about virtue and self-control, and against the worshipping of idols, as has the Lord of all, the Power of God, our Lord Jesus Christ? Who not only preached by means of His own disciples, but also carried persuasion to men's mind, to lay aside the fierceness of their manners, and no longer to serve their ancestral gods, but to learn to know Him, and through Him to worship the Father. For formerly, while in idolatry, Greeks and Barbarians used to war against each other, and were actually cruel to their own kin. For it was impossible for any one to cross sea or land at all, without arming the hand with swords, because of their implacable fighting among themselves. For the whole course of their life was carried on by arms, and the sword with them took the place of a staff, and was their support in every emergency; and still, as I said before, they were serving idols, and offering sacrifices to demons, while for all their idolatrous superstition they could not be reclaimed from this spirit. But when they have come over to the school of Christ, then, strangely enough, as men truly pricked in conscience, they have laid aside the savagery of their murders and no longer mind the things of war: but all is at peace with them, and from henceforth what makes for friendship is to their liking. Who then is He that has done this, or who is He that has united in peace men that hated one another, save the beloved Son of the Father, the common Saviour of all, even Jesus Christ, Who by His own love underwent all things for our salvation? For even from of old it was prophesied of the peace He was to usher in, where the Scripture says: *They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their pikes into sickles, and nation shall not take the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.* (Isa. 2:4) 2. And this is at least not incredible, inasmuch as even now those barbarians who have an innate savagery of manners, while they still sacrifice to the idols of their country, are mad against one another, and cannot endure to be a single hour without weapons: but when they hear the teaching of Christ, straightway instead of fighting they turn to husbandry, and instead of arming their hands with weapons they raise them in prayer, and in a word, in place of fighting among themselves, henceforth they arm against the devil and against evil spirits, subduing these by self-restraint and virtue of soul. Now this is at once a proof of the divinity of the Saviour, since what men could not learn among idols they have learned from Him; and no small exposure of the weakness and nothingness of demons and idols. For demons, knowing their own weakness, for this reason formerly set men to make war against one another, lest, if they ceased from mutual strife, they should turn to battle against demons. Why, they who become disciples of Christ, instead of warring with each other, stand arrayed against demons by their habits and their virtuous actions: and they rout them, and mock at their captain the devil.

St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation (Excerpts)
Trans. Archibald Robertson

Announcements

***Introduction to the Devout Life & Apologetics* will continue after Easter.**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: the palms will be blessed with a procession at the 12:30 Mass. Extra palms will be available at the 4:30 pm Sunday Mass as well as throughout the following week.

Due to the longer ceremonies next Sunday, there will be ***no social after the 12:30 Mass.***

This Friday there will be a 7 PM Mass ***followed by the Way of the Cross***, at Assumption Church. There will be the regular 7:30am Mass as well.

Upcoming Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thurs: 7pm (Resurrection Church);

Good Friday: 3pm (Resurrection Church);

Easter Vigil: 10:30 pm (Assumption Church).

Easter Sunday: regular Sunday Mass times and locations.

Upcoming Canmore Pilgrimage:

The Latin Mass communities of Calgary & Edmonton will be having a Marian Pilgrimage to *Our Lady of the Rockies Church* in Canmore on Saturday May 11th, with a Solemn High Mass followed by a procession and a social, beginning at 11 am.

For the full list of announcements for the Archdiocese of Edmonton, see www.caedm.ca

Mass Calendar

Date & Feast*	Mass times	Church Mass Intention	Chapel Mass Intention ①
Sunday, March 17th Passion Sunday (I Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass	L S CH by VP Private Intention	
Monday, March 18th Feria of Lent (III Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	AP by VP	J S
Tuesday, March 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM, Confessor (I Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 7:00 pm Low Mass	A C by F L SW by VP	
Wednesday, March 20th Feria of Lent (III Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	F A † by M R	DS by PA
Thursday, March 21st Feria of Lent (III Cl)	5:30 pm Low Mass; Followed by a Holy Hour & Benediction	R L † by J H	TP by PA
Friday, March 22nd Feria of Lent (III Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 7:00 pm Low Mass with Stations	G B † by N B	PP by PA
Saturday, March 23rd Feria of Lent (III Cl)	8:00 am Low Mass	D A † by J H	CP by VP
Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday (I Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass		

* All Masses are at Assumption Church, except for the Sunday 4:30 pm Mass at St. Edmund's Church.

① **Chapel Mass Intentions** are for those Masses offered privately at the Priests' Rectory

The Sacrament of Confession is available before & after all Masses & on Saturdays from **7-8 pm** on at Assumption Church.