

The Cross of Christ

From the notes of various authorities

I. The Wood of the Cross:

There are different opinions. The best modern opinion seems to be that the cross was of pine wood. The following forms of cross exist, according to Holzmeister, the *crux immisa*, the one usually pictured in modern art, consisting of a long upright (stipes) and a shorter cross-beam (the patibulum), which was inset in the stipes; the *crux conmissa* in the form of a T, in which the cross-beam was set into the top stipes; there is also the form known as *decussata*, commonly known as the St. Andrew's cross. It would appear that the first of these forms was that used to crucify the Savior and it measured roughly 198 inches in height and the cross-beam 102 inches. The weight of the whole cross would then be approximately 220 lb. Whether or not there was a sedile or a small projection on which the victim was seated is unknown for certain; although St Justin, St Irenaeus and Tertullian speak of it. The rest for the feet, mentioned only by St Gregory of Tours in the sixth century, was probably not used at the time, the feet being nailed straight into the wood of the upright, the knees bent to bring them into that position. It is still disputed whether the feet were nailed separately or one over the other, the evidence of the Shroud seemingly indicating the latter. It would also seem that Christ carried to Calvary only the crossbeam, not the whole cross, but this is still controverted. The evidence of the Shroud seems to point to this opinion, however, and if it is true the upright may have been a permanent fixture on Calvary, in which case the Savior's hands would be nailed to the crossbeam and then he would be lifted on to the upright and his feet nailed afterwards.

II. The Nails

Traditionally there were four (cf. Fleury and Holzmeister) according to the Roman custom; but later authors, after a detailed study of the Shroud, are inclined to think that, in the case of Christ, there were only three, one longer nail being used for the feet. These were discovered by St Helen, who, it is said, used one for the bit of Constantine's bridle and the others were preserved in Constantinople until the year 550. There are thirty-two relics of these nails in the Christian world, and it is possible that most of them have a small piece of the original nails in them. The ones usually regarded as authentic are that of Paris, Treves and Santa Croce in Rome. There is one in the Escorial given to Philip II by St Charles Borromeo.

III. The Title INRI

From the fragment preserved in Santa Croce, Fleury has reconstructed the whole title, which measured approximately 10 inches by 6 inches. It was of wood, painted with white-lead and the letters PALM SUNDAY in red, previously carved in the wood. The Greek and Latin words were also written backwards, like those of the Hebrew, a curious thing, but not unknown in other inscriptions of the time. It is thought that the title was taken to Rome by St Helen and was later lost for several centuries, being rediscovered in the Church of Santa Croce.

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Traditional Latin Mass



March 2024

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Mass Schedule

Date	Feast	Mass	Confessions
Sunday, Mar 3	3rd Sunday of Lent	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 9	Saturday in 3 rd Week of Lent	6:00 PM	5:30 PM
Sunday, Mar 10	Laetare Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Mar 17	Passion Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 23	Saturday in Passion Week	6:00 PM	5:30 PM
Sunday, Mar 24	Palm Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Mar 31	EASTER SUNDAY	10:00 AM	9:00 AM

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-Sunday, Mar 3	St. Isidore’s Priory
-Sunday, Mar 10	
-Sunday, Mar 17	Building Fund

General ‘Events after Mass’ Schedule:

First Sunday: Holy Name Pledge/Meeting
Second Saturday: Blessing of objects after Mass
 Second Sunday: Mothers of Lu prayer/Adult Catechism/Potluck
 Third Sunday: Eucharistic Crusade Meeting
 Fourth Sunday: Visiting Priest/Servers’ practice
 Fifth Sunday: Open

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule in Mandan:

PALM SUNDAY, Mar 24 **Mass:** 9:00am **Conf:** 8:00am
HOLY THURSDAY, Mar 28 **Mass:** 6:00pm **Conf:** 5:00pm
GOOD FRIDAY, Mar 29 **Liturgy:** 3:00 pm **Conf:** 1:00pm
 Stations of the Cross: 2:15pm
VIGIL and MIDNIGHT MASS (Mar 30,31) **Conf:** 9:45pm
 Vigil: 10:45pm
 Mass: 12:00am

Fridays during Lent: Rosary followed by Stations of the Cross will begin at 6pm on every Friday during Lent.

Monthly events: These will take place as usual, with the Holy Name meeting on the First Sunday, adult catechism (potluck) and Eucharistic Crusade meetings on the second and third Sundays respectively.

Bookstore: OLGS Bookstore will be open after Mass on the second and third Sundays. Thank you for your patience.

Visiting Priests: Fr. Flanery will look after the chapels of North Dakota for the 23rd and 24th of March.

Easter Lily Envelopes will be in the vestibule.

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