

PASTOR'S CORNER

My Dear Faithful,

“Unless you do penance, you likewise shall perish.” Could Our Blessed Lord have made the law of penance any clearer? There is no room for misunderstanding: those who wish to save their soul must “bring forth fruits worthy of penance”, those who do not do penance will end in hell.

As Catholics, we participate each year in the times of penance mandated by the Church, and by this we fulfill—at least in part—the command of penance. We must ask the question, though: am I performing penance in the manner that Our Lord intends?

We must admit that our penances often miss the mark. We hear God Himself questioning the quality of our penances in these words found in Isaiah: “Is this such a fast as I have chosen... wilt thou call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?” How often we find ourselves trying to carefully select Lenten resolutions that cause as little pain as possible while still upholding the externals. Fallen nature would like nothing more than painless penance. But this is a contradiction. Penance is *meant* to hurt. If our Lenten penances do not hurt in some way, then we are certainly missing the mark.

We must realize, though, that penance is meant to hurt not as though the pain it caused were the end in itself. Penance must hurt because it is only through this pain that the soul can be healed. When the body is sick the remedy often involves a painful medical surgery to cut away what is harming the body. The surgery must be painful because it must cut some disease from the body, but no one would ever say that the purpose of surgery is to inflict pain. In the same way, penance must be painful because it must cut some disease from the soul, namely sin. In committing sin, we have overindulged in our evil desires. This has given offence to God and has thrown our soul into disorder. To heal our soul of the consequences of this overindulgence we must deprive ourselves and cut away the sinful excess. Indeed, penance must be painful, or it is no remedy.

To give up sweets halfheartedly year after year is perhaps missing the point of Our Lord's command to do penance. It is painful, certainly. But, is it the appropriate remedy for our soul? Too often this and similar resolutions are taken at the beginning of Lent, while absolutely nothing is done to remedy the real disease; nothing is done to cut away our pride, our hatred, our impurity, our gluttony, our negligence, our injustices, our gossip etc. It is these ailments that our penance must address.

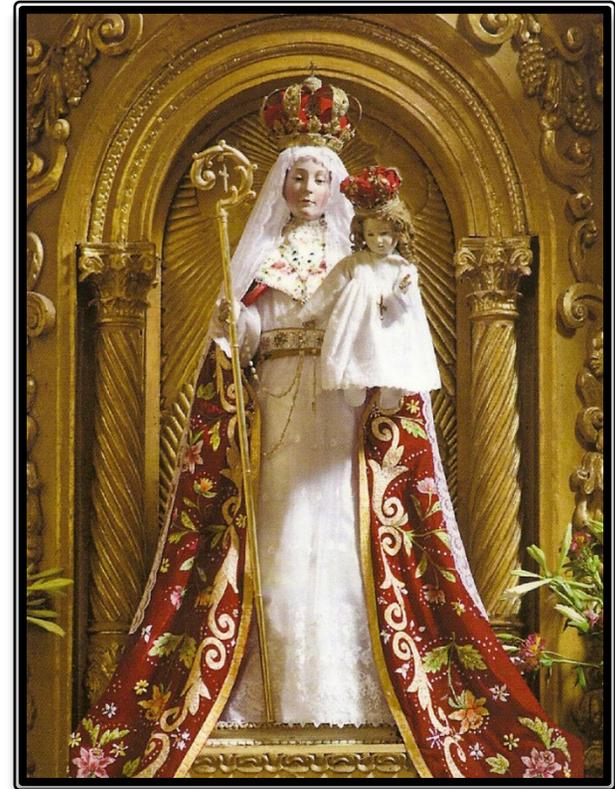
To make our Lenten penances more than just a nuisance that we endure for forty days, let us be sure to select such as will cut away the disease of sin from our soul. Then, let us offer them in a spirit of atonement for our past indulgence in sin. Our spirit in making these sacrifices must be that which made St. Louis Bertrand cry out, “Lord, here burn, here cut, and dry up in me all that hinders me from going to Thee, that Thou mayest spare me in eternity.” This is such a fast as God has chosen. This is penance that will save our souls from the threat of perishing.

With my prayers for a fruitful Lent,
Fr. Nicholas McManus

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MARCH 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	FEAST	MASS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday, Mar. 13	Ferial	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 14	Fourth Sunday of Lent	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 21	Passion Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, Mar. 27	Ferial, Comm. of St. John Damascene	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 28	Palm Sunday	1:00 PM*	12:00 PM
HOLY WEEK			
<i>A separate schedule with the Holy Week ceremonies in Mandan will be available in the vestibule.</i>			
Sunday, Apr. 4	EASTER SUNDAY	11:00 AM†	10:00 AM
* Blessing of Palms and Procession † High Mass			

DONATION INFORMATION

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Our Lady of Good Success Church
P.O. Box 1873
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COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Operating expenses for OLGS.
Second Collections	<i>Please write the purpose of your donation on the memo line on your check</i>
-Sunday, March 07	St. Isidore's Priory
-Sunday, March 21	OLGS Building Fund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Daylight Savings** begins on Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held at the church each Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM.
- **Good Friday**, April 2, is a day of fast and abstinence binding under pain of mortal sin. Please see the rules for fasting and abstaining in February's bulletin.
- **Young Women's Recollection.** The SSPX Sisters will be hosting a Holy Week Recollection for young women, age 18-30, at the Novitiate in Browerville, MN. Please see the poster in the vestibule for more information. Registration is due by March 16.
- **Easter Communion.** The faithful are reminded of their grave obligation to receive Communion during Easter time, which in the United States is from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.
- **Special Blessing of Easter Baskets.** There is a custom which began with Catholics of Eastern Europe, to bring a basket containing lamb meat, boiled eggs, Easter bread, and other foods to the Church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. This blessing of Easter baskets will be offered for the faithful on Easter Sunday after Mass.
- **Prayer of the Mothers of Lu** will be recited at the Communion rail after Mass on Sunday, March 7.
- **Holy Name Society.** Members will receive Holy Communion together and recite their pledge after Mass on Sunday, March 14.
- **Eucharistic Crusade.** The intention for March is "That Christian souls might be more generous in their sacrifices". Fr. McManus will give a meeting to the children after Mass on Sunday, March 14. Children interested in joining should attend this meeting.
- **Adult Catechism Class.** Please join us in the church basement after Mass on Sunday, March 21 for adult catechism followed by a potluck.
- **Visiting Priest.** Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Paul Robinson who will be visiting on Sunday, March 21.
- **Boys' Summer Camp.** Camp De Smet, a summer camp for boys age 8-16, will be hosted by the SSPX priests and seminarians and will be held in Black Hawk, CO, July 13-22. For more information, please see the poster which will be posted in the vestibule soon.
- **Girls' Summer Camp.** St. Maria Goretti Camp, a summer camp for girls age 9-17, will be hosted by the SSPX Sisters and held in Waupaca, WI, July 11-17. For more information, please see the poster in the vestibule.
- **Month of St. Joseph.** The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, whose feast is March 19. Special devotions to St. Joseph during this month are encouraged. The addition of the Litany of St. Joseph to your family Rosary is a good way to practice devotion to him during March. St. Joseph, pray for us!
- **Banns for Marriage.** The banns of marriage are announced for Joseph Simek of Dickinson, ND and Teresa DeLallo of South Lake Tahoe, CA. They are to be married on May 24, 2021 in Carson City, NV. Any persons knowing of any impediments to this union are obliged, under conscience, to notify Fr. McManus as soon as possible.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- If you would like to request prayers for sick, suffering, or deceased family members or friends by name in the announcements/Bulletin, please notify Mr. Stephan Kershisnik.

A copy of this bulletin is available online at www.olgsdickinson.org/schedules. Please check the website for changes to the Mass schedule due to weather.