

PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

The Traditional Latin Mass in Stuttgart



Who we are

The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) is a clerical Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right, canonically erected by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988. Their priests serve in apostolates across the world, with the faithful celebration of the traditional Mass and Sacraments (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) at the center of their charism. The members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, nourished through the spiritual riches of the Church's ancient Roman Liturgy, strive to sanctify the seminarians, religious and faithful entrusted to their pastoral care.

Our aim

Using the ancient liturgy as our well-spring, we form our priests in the traditions of the Church to serve at the altar and in the parish so that the fullness of Christ might enter the emptiness of the world.



Dear friends,

This is already the second newsletter for the English-speaking community of Saint Albert's. Yikes!

Time is passing by quite fast and we're already in Lent going hither and thither in sackcloth and ashes. Well, not literally, I hope. Perhaps you're going to ask, if finally Father „has had a clown for breakfast“ as the German saying goes for someone kidding. Not at all! I just want to practice what Our Lord recommended us on Ash Wednesday: „When you fast, be not as the hypocrites, sad“ (Mt. 6:16).

And here we are: Lent is a challenging time. On the one hand we're reflecting on our sins and Christ's passion as their consequence and on the other hand we need not show our sadness and fatigue from our reflections. I hope and pray that this Lent will be a fruitful one for you and your families and that it brings you closer to Our Savior by whose Precious Blood we're redeemed „as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled“ (1 Pet. 1:19).

The Sundays in Lent and their names

„Invocabit“ (1st Sunday in Lent)

„He shall cry to me, and I will hear him: I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days“ (Ps. 90:15,16).

„Reminiscere“ (2nd Sunday)

„Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world“ (Ps. 24:6).

„Oculi“ (3rd Sunday)

„Mine eyes are ever towards the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the snare“ (Ps. 24:15).

„Laetare“ (4th Sunday)

„Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow“ (Is. 66:10).

„Judica“ (Passion Sunday)

„Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy“ (Ps. 42:1).

Palm Sunday

„O Lord, keep not thy help far from me“ (Ps. 21:20).

Liturgy: Lent and Passiontide

„In right order learn Jesus' Passion!“ This literal translation of a German saying has been very helpful for Catholics in the past to learn the names of the Sundays till Easter. It has been of tradition to name a Sunday after the first word(s) of his Introit (Entrance Psalm). The Introit antiphon would be sung by a schola at the Entrance of the priest and during the prayers at the foot of the altar. The mass for the dead is another example: it is called „Requiem mass“ because of the Introit „Requiem aeternam... Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord...“.

The season of Lent is marked by three terms: the pre-Lenten Septuagesima time, Lent from Ash Wednesday till Passion Sunday and Passiontide from Passion Sunday till Good Friday. However, the two latter terms are generally called „Lent“.

So far the structure of Lent! But I'd like to cover some aspects of the Lenten liturgy as regards content as well. Historically, the aspirants for baptism in antiquity („catechumens“) had their closer preparation for the baptism in the Easter Vigil. The Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent was the date for scrutinies. The reading (Ex. 20:12-24) remembers the importance of God's commandments, while the Gospel (Mt. 15:1-20) wants us not to observe merely exterior practices of worships and fasts. The Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent was reserved for the *Ephpheta Rite* as part of the great scrutiny. The Gospel fittingly recalls the healing of man blind from birth. The Greek Fathers used to call the baptism φωτισμός (*photismós, illumination*). Thus the *Ephpheta Rite* seems very suitable for the preparation. The Wednesday in Passion Week was another day of scrutinies for the catechumens, hence the reading of the Ten Commandments (Lev. 19:1,2,11-19). And the final step was the baptism in the Easter Vigil.

Lent is therefore a beautiful time to remind us of the amazing grace of being baptized and belonging to the

Calendar

Friday, Mar 5th

1000 Sung Mass, followed by
Benediction

Sunday, Mar 7th

1050-1120 Confession (English)
1130 Mass (English sermon!)

Weekdays

1800-20 Confession (German)*
1830-1915 Low Mass

Every Monday and Thursday

1915-1945 Adoration after Mass

Every Saturday

0930-1030 Adoration &
Confession (English)

*Feel free to ask Father, when he's
available on Weekdays for
confessions in English!

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Catholic Church - a time of thanksgiving, if you will. On the other side our penance during Lent reminds us that since our baptism we have fallen (again) into sins that call for expiation by fasts, good works and meditation on the Passion of Christ.

Catechism: The grace of baptism

1262 The different effects of Baptism are signified by the perceptible elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.

1263 By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.

1264 Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin that Tradition calls concupiscence, or metaphorically, „the tinder for sin“ (*fomes peccati*); since concupiscence „is left for us to wrestle with, it cannot harm those who do not consent but manfully resist it by the grace of Jesus Christ.“ (Council of Trent) Indeed, „an athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.“ (2 Tim. 2:5).

1265 Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a „partaker of the divine nature“ (2 Cor. 5:17), member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19).

Source: [*Catechism of the Catholic Church*](#)

Sunday readings

Prayer (1st Sunday in Lent)

„O God, Who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of Lent: grant to Thy household, that we strive to obtain from Thee by abstinence, we may achieve by good works. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.“

1st Sunday in Lent (Feb 21st)

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Gospel: Mt. 4,1-11

2nd Sunday in Lent (Feb 28th)

Epistle: 1 Thess. 4:1-7

Gospel: Mt. 17:1-9

3rd Sunday in Lent (Mar 7th)

Epistle: Eph. 5:1-9

Gospel: Lk. 11:14-28

4th Sunday in Lent (Mar 14th)

Epistle: Gal. 4:22-31

Gospel: Jn. 6:1-15

Passion Sunday (Mar 21st)

Epistle: Heb. 9:11-15

Gospel: Jn. 8:46-59

Spirituality: St. Joseph, Father and Protector

It is of tradition for a long time that the month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. At Saint Albert's we will say the Litanies of Saint Joseph after every mass from Mar. 10th through Mar. 18th as a Novena. Please consider something for the sort for your family prayers. Why? Because Saint Joseph is a Father for christian families. He was the head of the Divine Family in Nazareth and lived in greatest closeness to the Son of God and His Mother. Because Saint Joseph is the Protector of the church and all families. His intercession has great power and through all ages he has proved to be caring for needs of the church as a whole and christian families (as smallest cells of the church).

May Saint Joseph guide and protect your families throughout this special year and all your lifetime!

My dears,

If life is short, this Lent will be very short again (as every year). Make the best out of it and try to know Christ better than before. His Passion, too, is a book to read where every page speaks of His Divine Love for us. Let Him tell you (as Johnny Cash claimed for himself):

„... if I be lifted up
I'll draw all men to me
He turned and then
I saw the nail-scarred hand
That bled for me

Prayerful wishes and priestly blessings,



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