

***Una-Voce* Springfield**

April Newsletter

Taken from the Liturgical Ordo of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter.

The last two weeks of Lent form the season called *Passiontide*. During this time, all crucifixes and sacred images are veiled in violet.

On *Palm Sunday*, red vestments are worn during the blessing and procession, violet vestments at Mass. There is no *Asperges*. Palms are blessed before Mass. The Mass begins with the Introit or incensation if following the procession, omitting the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar and the last Gospel is not said.

Holy Thursday. Mass is celebrated in the evening between the hours of 4:00 and 9:00 P.M. The tabernacle must be empty. Enough hosts must be consecrated today for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The bells are rung and the organ played during the singing of the *Gloria* and there after are silent. The washing of the feet or *Mandatum* may take place after the Gospel. There is no final blessing and no last Gospel. Procession to Altar of Repose after Mass. The altars are stripped of everything except Cross and candlesticks. The Blessed Sacrament must be venerated at the altar of repose until midnight.

Good Friday. The liturgy of the Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The liturgy is celebrated in the afternoon at about 3:00 P.M., and in any event before 6:00 P.M. The altar is completely bare, without crucifix, candles, or altar cloths. After adoration of the Holy Cross, until the beginning of the Easter Vigil, all genuflect before the Cross on the main altar, but only during liturgical services. Otherwise, all bow to the altar.

Vigil of Easter. During the ceremonies before Mass, violet vestments are worn; white vestments are worn for the Procession and *Exultet*, renewal of baptismal promises, and the Mass itself. The Blessing of New Fire, Blessing of Paschal Candle. Procession. *Exultet*. Four Lessons.

***Una- Voce* News and Events**

Due to Barbara Schoenberger resigning her office of Vice-president and newsletter editor, the newsletter will receive a new format. We are truly grateful to Barbara for the seven years of pioneering work in founding and expanding the outreach of *Una-Voce* Springfield. No words can thank her enough for the pain, long hours and expense that she unstintingly has given. She has sustained us in our hope for a local parish in which the traditional Latin Mass would be daily offered.

April meeting: On Wednesday, April 19, we are fortunate to have the Very Reverend James Jackson, F.S.S.P, rector of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska, as our guest speaker. Father Jackson will speak on the Art of Teaching, for parents, especially as related to the interior life and formation of children, and participation in the Mass. “Unless ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 18:3).

The meeting will be at **St. John’s hospital in the Cafeteria Alcove**. The cafeteria alcove is located on the north end of the main cafeteria. The hospital is located west of highway 65 on Sunshine at the corner with National Ave, in Springfield. There are three areas of parking; there is a multilevel parking structure and a parking lot located at the corner of Sunshine and National Ave.; there is the main parking lot located west of Fremont on Cherokee with shuttle service to the main entrance; and there is a multilevel parking garage next to the east side of the main hospital.

The April meeting will start at 6:30 P.M. with the meditation on the Luminous Mysteries, as we follow the life of Christ in the rosary, in English. At 7:00 P.M., Fr. Jackson will begin his talk, followed by a reception.

Pilgrimage: A pilgrimage to the Blessed Sacrament Church in Kansas City, Kansas for a Latin High Mass is scheduled for **Divine Mercy Sunday April 23**. A plenary indulgence is granted to those who take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the tabernacle, recite one *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. Those who for just cause cannot get to church can gain the same indulgence by reciting one *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus before an image of the Divine Mercy.

The Blessed Sacrament Church is located one mile east of I-635 on Parallel Pkwy. The rosary precedes Mass, which starts at 10:45 A.M with confessions heard before, during and after Mass. Contact George Mueller for additional information at 823-8965.

(Please note the Pilgrimage date change from April 30 to April 23.)

May meeting: At the meeting on Wednesday May 17, we will discuss revelation (as found in the catechism). The Mass is the traditional way that divine revelation was given to the faithful. It is important to know how Scripture is to be interpreted according to the mind of the Church. If there is interest expressed, we will continue this topic in future meetings. We look forward to discussion and active participation.

Annual picnic: The annual *Una-Voce* picnic is scheduled on Sunday June 25 at Nichols Park in Springfield from 11:00 A.M. until 03:00 P.M. in the main pavilion. More information will be in the May newsletter.