

Lord, if thou wilt

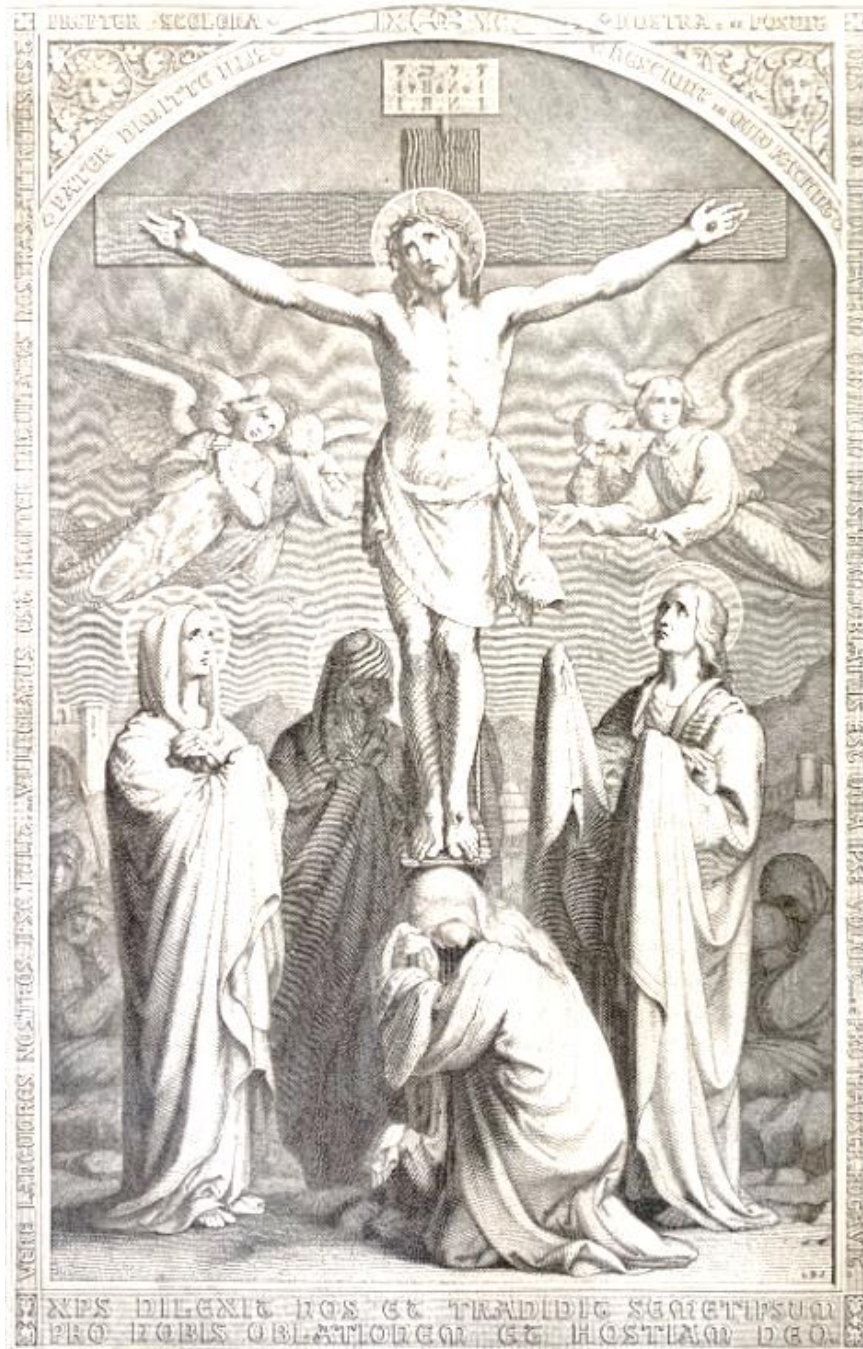
From the Church's Year by Fr. Leo Goffine

Those who in adversity as well as in prosperity, perfectly resign themselves to the will of God, and accept whatever He sends them with joy and thanks, possess heaven, as St. Chrysostom says, while yet upon earth. Those who have attained this resignation, are saddened by no adversity, because they are satisfied with all that God, their best Father, sends them, be it honour or disgrace, wealth or poverty, life or death. All happens as they wish, because they know no will but God's will, they desire nothing but that which He does and wills. God hoes the will of them that fear him (Ps. 144:19). In the lives of the ancient Fathers we find the following: The field, and vineyards belonging to one farmer were much more fertile and yielding than were his neighbours. They asked how it happened and they said: they should not wonder at it, because he always had the weather he wished. At this they wondered more than ever: how can that be? "I never desire other weather," he replied, 'than God wills; and because my desires are conformable to His, He gives me the fruits I wish.'" This submission to the divine will is also the cause of that constant peace and undimmed joy of the saints of God, with which their hearts have overflowed here below, even in the midst of the greatest sufferings and afflictions. Who would not aspire to so happy a state? We will attain it if we believe that nothing in this world can happen to us except by the will and through the direction of God, sin and guilt excepted, for God can never be the cause of them. This the Holy Ghost inculcates by the mouth of the wise man: Good things and evil, life and death, poverty and riches, are from God (Ecclus. 11:14), that is, are permitted or sent by God; all that which comes from God, is for the best, for God doeth all things well (Mk. 7:37). Whoever keeps these two truths always in mind, will certainly be ever contented with the will of God, and always consoled; he will taste while yet on earth the undisturbed peace of mind and foretaste of happiness which the saints had while here on earth and which they now eternally enjoy in heaven, because of the union of their will with the divine will.

Holy Cross Parish

Society of Saint Pius X

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany 2022

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday 23rd January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany. (2nd cl.)

7:30 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass

Monday 24th January: St. Timothy. (2nd cl.)

7:20 am Low Mass

Tuesday 25th January: Conversion of St. Paul. *Comm. St. Peter.* (3rd cl.)

7:20 am Low Mass

Wednesday 26th January: St. Polycarp. (3rd cl.)

7:20 am Low Mass

Thursday 27th January: St. John Chrysostom. (3rd cl.)

7:20 am Low Mass

Friday 28th January: St. Peter Nolasco. *Comm. St. Agnes.* (3rd cl.)

7:20 am Low Mass

Saturday 29th January: St. Francis de Sales (3rd cl.)

7:20 am Low Mass

Sunday 30th January: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. (2nd cl.)

7:30 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass

Confessions

Sunday 7:00 – 7:30 am & 9:00-10:00 am

Thursday & 1st Friday 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Saturday 7:30 – 8:00 am

Announcements

Altar Serving

Any boys who would like to learn to serve Mass, please contact us on 48295177 to arrange practice times.

Holy Souls

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ramona Chahine, Kathleen Rivers, Kazimierz Keller, Ivo Spiluttini, Robert Ashelford, Timothy Luntongan, Patrick Gaynor, Helen Dam, Edward Clancy, Joseph Camilleri whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Farewell for Fr. Stafki

Fr. Stafki has been reassigned to Rockdale parish and his last Sunday here will be the 30th January. We wish to have a farewell for him, conditions permitting, after Mass on that Sunday.

Blessed Candles

If you wish to have candles blessed on the feast of the Purification, please label them clearly and leave them in the bookstore. They can be collected any time after the mass on the 2nd February.

Tea Stall

If anyone would be interested in helping with the teas stall after the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays, this would be very much appreciated. If you would like to find out more about how you could help, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board or contact us directly.

Parish rosters

Date	Church cleaning	Church Flowers
29 th Jan	George	Liz
5 th Feb	Rose & Gillian	Gillian
12 th Feb	Liz & Aija	Aija
19 th Feb	Mansfield	Chrissie

Date	Altar Serving for the 10:00 am Sunday Mass
23 rd Jan	Dominic Pook