

ROSARY PRAYER IN LENT, 18 February to 31 March 2021

St Simon Catholic Church Likas

1. God of Mercy and Compassion (*Fr. Cosmas or appointed singers*)

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Refrain:

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

2. By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity.
(Refrain)

2. Sign of the Cross (*Fr. Cosmas*)

3. Opening Prayer (*by the over-all rosary leader*)

Abba Father, we thank you for giving us Jesus who prayed constantly, and taught us to pray always like him, even in times of suffering. As we continue to face the pandemic, we thank you for Lent, this holy season of prayer and penance for our conversion and renewal.

Send forth your Holy Spirit that we may pray more faithfully and fervently, to find the strength to do penance, repent, believe in the Good News, and live according to the promises we have made at baptism. May we prepare ourselves bravely for Easter and be given a springtime of new life this year.

May your Spirit lead us to marvel at the mercy and love of Jesus who suffered and gave his life for us. As we join him in his loving passion, may we also rise with him and reach out selflessly to our neighbours in need.

As we pray together, unite and strengthen us in good works, so that through our actions your love may shine through the darkness of this difficult time for all to see.

May your Spirit take us to pray with the whole Church in the company of Mary our Mother and her Blessed Spouse St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, and with all the saints and angels.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. Gospel Reading (*Selected Gospel Readings for different dates found in the APPENDIX below, read each evening by an appointed reader.*)

A reading from the Gospel according to

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Intention for each of the five decades of the Rosary.

*The rosary is recited as usual. The **over-all rosary leader** begins with the “I believe...” then the following one Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, and 1 Glory be. All responses to prayers are by Father and Seminarian. At the beginning of each decade, the appointed rosary **decade leader** says the **name of the mystery** for that decade, then **reads the intention for that decade**, followed by the usual 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be, and Fatima Prayer. For the names of the mysteries of the rosary, see below.*

(1st Decade) In this Lent, let us first ask God to give the spirit of prayer to all Christian people so that they will rediscover the mercy and love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Christ, and respond in repentance and conversion. We also pray that all the faithful may be given the special grace to trust in God’s unconditional mercy and love especially for those who are deprived of the sacraments.

(2nd Decade) For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop John and all leaders of God’s People especially those in our own parish, that they may be given greater wisdom and courage to shepherd the People of God to greater holiness in this Lent in the midst of the pandemic.

(3rd Decade) For all who suffer, the poor and the hungry, the sick and elderly, the homeless and refugees, the oppressed and downtrodden. May many good Samaritans arise to help them bringing the consolation of God. May we too learn through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, to be united with all who suffer and reach out to them in corporal works of mercy. We pray also for doctors, nurses, and all who are working at the frontline in the pandemic.

(4th Decade) For our nation Malaysia especially for our political leaders. May God remove the poison of division, greed for money and power, bend their wills to serve God, to bring about unity, justice, and prosperity for all in our multi-cultural and multi-religious nation.

(5th Decade) For us who are praying. May we ourselves remain faithful and firm, trusting in God’s mercy and providence. May we dare to stand up as lively witnesses of faith and hope during this Lent in the pandemic. We also pray for all those who have asked us to pray for them and for all the souls in purgatory.

The rosary is concluded as usual with ‘Hail Holy Queen...’ after which:

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.	
V. Our Lady Queen of the Rosary	R. Pray for us.
V. St Joseph	R. Pray for us.
V. St Michael the Archangel	R. Pray for us.
V. All you Angels and Saints of God	R. Pray for us.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these Mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. The “Memorare” Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

7. Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;
be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God thrust into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruins of souls.

8. PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH (Pope Francis)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

V: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
R: Have mercy on us.
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R: Have mercy on us. Amen.

9. Sign of The Cross

10. Concluding Hymn: God of Mercy and Compassion

3. By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to heav'n above.
Where the saints rejoice forever
In a boundless sea of love.
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

4. See our Savior, bleeding, dying,
On the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.
(Refrain)

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THE MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Five Joyful Mysteries (Mondays & Saturdays)

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity

The Presentation in the Temple

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays & Fridays)

The Prayer and Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion and Death

The Five Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays & Sundays)

The Resurrection

The Ascension of Christ into Heaven

The Descent of the Holy Spirit
 The Assumption
 The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Five Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)
 The Baptism of the Lord
 The Wedding at Cana
 The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Call to conversion
 The Transfiguration
 The Institution of the Eucharist

APPENDIX

GOSPEL READINGS

18, 20 February 2021, Thursday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday

(Matthew 6:1-6,16-18)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them; I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room and, when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'When you fast do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do: they pull long faces to let men know they are fasting. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that no one will know you are fasting except your Father who sees all that is done in secret; and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.'

21 to 27 February 2021, First Sunday and First Week of Lent

(Mark 1:12-15)

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

28 February to 6 March 2021, Second Sunday and Second Week of Lent

(Mark 9:2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

7 to 13 March 2021, Third 3 Sunday and Week of Lent

(John 2:13-25)

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

14 to 20 March, Fourth Sunday and Week of Lent

(John 3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

21 to 27 March 2021, Fifth Sunday and Week of Lent

(John 12:20-33)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

28 March 2021, Passion/Palm Sunday

(Mark 11:1-10)

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat;
untie it and bring it.
If any one says to you,
"Why are you doing this?" say,
"The Lord has need of it
and will send it back here immediately."'

And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street;
and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the colt?'
And they told them what Jesus had said;
and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it;
and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!'

29 March 2021, Monday of Holy Week

(John 12:1-11)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; Martha waited on them and Lazarus was among those at table. Mary brought in a pound of very costly ointment, pure nard, and with it anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair; the house was full of the scent of the ointment. Then Judas Iscariot – one of his disciples, the man who was to betray him – said,

‘Why wasn’t this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor?’ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he was in charge of the common fund and used to help himself to the contributions. So Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone; she had to keep this scent for the day of my burial. You have the poor with you always, you will not always have me.’

Meanwhile a large number of Jews heard that he was there and came not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. Then the chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well, since it was on his account that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

30 March 2021, Tuesday of Holy Week

(John 13:21-33,36-38)

While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, ‘I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, wondering which he meant. The disciple Jesus loved was reclining next to Jesus; Simon Peter signed to him and said, ‘Ask who it is he means’, so leaning back on Jesus’ breast he said, ‘Who is it, Lord?’ ‘It is the one’ replied Jesus ‘to whom I give the piece of bread that I shall dip in the dish.’ He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. At that instant, after Judas had taken the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus then said, ‘What you are going to do, do quickly.’ None of the others at table understood the reason he said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’, or telling him to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the piece of bread he went out. Night had fallen.

When he had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

‘My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
You will look for me,
And, as I told the Jews,
where I am going, you cannot come.’

Simon Peter said, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ Jesus replied, ‘Where I am going you cannot follow me now; you will follow me later.’ Peter said to him, ‘Why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’ ‘Lay down your life for me?’ answered Jesus. ‘I tell you most solemnly, before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.’

31 March 2021, Wednesday of Holy Week

(Matthew 26:14-25)

One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?’ They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say, ‘Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?’ ‘Go to so-and-so in the city’ he replied ‘and say to him, “The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.”’ The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said ‘I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.’ They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn, ‘Not I, Lord, surely?’ He answered, ‘Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!’ Judas, who was to betray him; asked in his turn, ‘Not I, Rabbi, surely?’ ‘They are your own words’ answered Jesus.

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 1 Apr 21 at 7.30 pm, NO ROSARY)

Good Friday 2 Apr 21, Service at 3pm live stream. NO Rosary but Stations of the Cross at 8 pm via Zoom (only without live streaming).

Easter Vigil 3 Apr 21, NO ROSARY, Mass at 7.30 pm live stream.

(We will prepare another text for Easter Sunday and Easter Season)