MARCH 12, ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE,

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W/ COMMEMORATION OF LENT 3RD WEEK THURSDAY

St. Gregory I, called the Great, was one of the most illustrious of the Popes. For fourteen years his pontificate was a model of ecclesiastical rule. He healed schisms; revived discipline; aided in the conversion of the Spanish and French Goths, and kindled anew in Britain the light of the Faith. He set in order the prayers and chant of the Church; and the Church reckons him one of her four great Doctors.

He died March 12, 604. To this day the pope when solemnizing High Mass at St. Peter's is vested at the altar which covers the tomb of St. Gregory.

agnos meos, pasce oves meas. (Ps. 29: 1) Exaltábo te, Dómine, quóniam suscepísti me, nec delectásti inimícos meos super me. Glória Patri et Fílio e

INTROIT John 21: 15-17

Si díligis me, Simon Petre, pasce

meos super me. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Si díligis Me, Simon Petre, pasce agnos meos, pasce oves meas.

COLLECT

Deus, qui ánimæ fámuli tui Gregórii ætérnæ beatitúdinis præmia contulísti: concéde propítius; ut, qui peccatórum

nostrórum póndere prémimur, ejus apud te précibus sublevémur. Per

apud te précibus sublevémur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Lenten Feria: Thursday, 3rd week
Magníficet te, Dómine, sanctórum tuórum Cosmæ et Damiáni beáta sollémnitas: qua et illis glóriam sempitérnam, et opem nobis ineffábili

providéntia contulísti. Per Dóminum

qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte

Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia

EPISTLE 1 Peter 5: 1-4, 10-11

óbsecro consénior et testis Christi

Caríssimi: Senióres, qui in vobis sunt,

passiónum, qui et ejus, quæ in futúro

sécula seculórum.

nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum,

revelánda est, glóriæ communicátor: páscite qui in vobis est gregem Dei, providéntes non coácte, sed spontánee secúndum Deum, neque turpis lucri grátia, sed voluntárie; neque ut dominántes in cleris, sed forma facti gregis ex ánimo. Et, cum apparúerit princeps pastórum, percipiétis immarcescíbilem glóriæ corónam. Deus autem omnis grátiæ, qui vocávit nos in ætérnam suam glóriam in Christo Iesu, módicum passos ipse perfíciet, confirmábit solidabítque. Ipsi glória et impérium in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-19
In illo témpore: Venit Jesus in partes
Cæsaréæ Philíppi, et interrogábat
discípulos suos, dicens: Quem dicunt

hómines esse Fílium hóminis? At illi

dixérunt: Álii Joánnem Baptístam, álii

autem Elíam, álii vero Jeremíam aut

autem quem me esse dícitis?

unum ex prophétis. Dicit illis Jesus: Vos

Respóndens Simon Petrus, dixit: Tu es

GRADUAL Psalms 106: 32, 31

cáthedra seniórum laudent eum.

TRACT Psalms 39: 10-11

a concílio multo.

Confiteántur Dómino misericórdiae

ejus, et mirabília ejus fíliis hóminum.

Annuntiávi justítiam tuam in ecclésia

Dómine, tu scisti. Justítiam tuam non

et salutáre tuum dixi. Non abscóndi

magna; ecce lábia mea non prohibébo:

abscóndi in corde meo: veritátem tuam

misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam

Exáltent eum in ecclésia plebis: et in

Christus, Fílius Dei vivi. Respóndens autem Jesus, dixit ei: Beátus es, Simon Bar Jona: quia caro et sanguis non revelávit tibi, sed Pater meus, qui in cælis est. Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam, et portæ ínferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum. Et quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cælis: et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in cælis. **OFFERTORY Jeremiah 1: 9-10** Ecce, dedi verba mea in ore tuo: ecce, constitui te super gentes et super

regna, ut evéllas et déstruas, et

Annue nobis, quéssumus, Dómine: ut

intercessióne beáti Gregórii hæc nobis

prosit oblátio, quam immolándo totíus

mundi tribuísti relaxári delícta. Per

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per

Lenten Feria: Thursday, 3rd week

In tuorum, Dómine, pretiósa morte

princípium. Per Dóminum nostrum

Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui

quo martýrium sumpsit omne

justórum sacrifícium illud offérimus, de

ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

ædífices et plantes.

SECRET

tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sécula seculórum.

PREFACE OF LENT
Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et

salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque

omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui

corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis,

mentem élevas, virtútem largíris et

tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque

exsultatione concélebrant. Cum quibus

Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia

et nostras voces ut admítti júbeas,

deprecámur, súpplici confessióne

COMMUNION Matthew 16: 18

ædificábo Ecclésiam meam.

Deus, qui beátum Gregórium

POSTCOMMUNION

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram

Pontíficem Sanctórum tuórum méritis

coæquásti: concéde propítius; ut, qui

grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater

præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes,

dicéntes:

commemoratiónis ejus festa percólimus, vitæ quoque imitémur exémpla. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Lenten Feria: Thursday, 3rd week
Sit nobis, Dómine, sacraménti tui certa salvátio: quæ cum beatórum Mártyrum tuórum Cosmæ et Damiáni méritis implorátur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Simon Peter, if thou lovest Me, feed My lambs, feed My sheep.

O God, Who hast conferred the rewards of everlasting happiness upon the soul of Thy servant Gregory, mercifully grant that we, who are oppressed by the burden of our sins, may be relieved by his prayers to Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever

May the blessed feast of Thy Saints,

Thine ineffable providence, confer on

them everlasting glory, and on us the

Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives

and reigns with Thee in the unity of the

resource of their help. Through our

Lord, for on this day Thou didst, in

Cosmas and Damian, magnify Thee, O

and ever.

Simon Peter, if thou lovest Me, feed My

lambs, feed My sheep. (Ps. 29: 1) I will

enemies to rejoice over me. Glory be

to the Father, and to the Son, and to

extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast

upheld me: and hast not made my

Dearly beloved, The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech, who am myself also an ancient, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ: as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint, but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake, but voluntarily: neither as lording it over the clergy, but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. And when the Prince of pastors shall

appear, you shall receive a never

grace, Who hath called us into His

have suffered a little, will Himself

perfect you, and confirm you, and

establish you. To Him be glory and

empire for ever and ever. Amen.

fading crown of glory. But the God of all

eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you

Let them exalt him in the church of the

wonderful works to the children of men.

I have declared Thy justice in a great

Lord, Thou knowest it. I have not hid

Thy justice within my heart: I have

church, lo, I will not restrain my lips: O

declared Thy truth and Thy salvation. I

people: and praise him in the chair of

the ancients. Let the mercies of the

Lord give glory to him: and his

have not concealed Thy mercy and Thy truth from a great council.

And Jesus came into the quarters of Cesarea Philippi: and He asked His disciples, saying: Whom do men say that the Son of man is? But they said: Some John the Baptist, and other some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Jesus saith to them: But Whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And

Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed

flesh and blood hath not revealed it to

thee, but My Father Who is in heaven.

And I say to thee: That thou art Peter;

church, and the gates of hell shall not

and upon this rock I will build My

art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: because

prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven. Behold I have given My words in thy mouth: lo, I have set thee over the nations, and over kingdoms, to root up, and to pull down, and to build, and to plant. Suffer, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that through the intercession of blessed Gregory this oblation may profit us; for by its offering Thou hast granted that the sins of all the world should be pardoned. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. We offer Thee, O Lord, in the meritorious death of Thy Saints, this sacrifice, from which alone martyrdom hath sprung. Through our Lord Jesus

Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns

It is truly fitting and just, proper and

everywhere, give thanks unto Thee,

our vices, dost lift up our minds and

bestow on us strength and rewards

the Dominations adore, the Powers

heaven, and the blessed Seraphim,

together celebrate in exultation. With

whom, we pray Thee, command that

Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty,

tremble: the heavens and the hosts of

through Christ our Lord. Through

beneficial, that we should always and

holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting

God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb

God, forever and ever.

with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

O God, Who didst make Thy bishop Gregory equal with the saints in merit, favorably grant that we, who faithfully keep the feast of his commemoration,

may also imitate the examples set by

Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with

Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

May we be allotted, O Lord, the

salvation pledged by Thy sacrament,

which we implore by the merits of Thy

blessed Martyrs Cosmas and Damian.

Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy

God, forever and ever.

and ever.

his life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,