



VITAL GRANDIN CHAPLAINCY

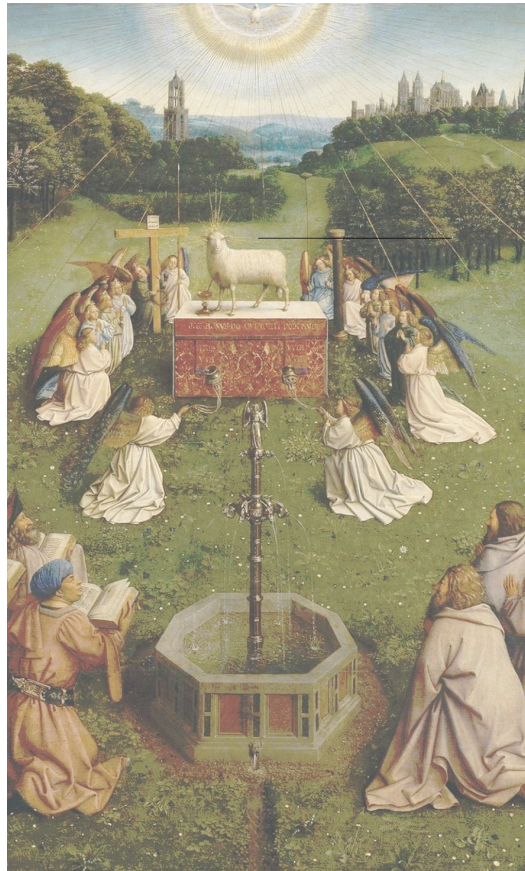
Edmonton Latin Mass Community
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Served by the Priests of the Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)

Passion Sunday

April 6th, 2025

Entrance Hymn: #35 By The Blood That Flowed From Thee
Asperges: #218

Mass XVII: Booklet p. 19; Angelus p. 1888; Baronius p. xviii
Credo I: Booklet p. 21; Angelus p. 1892; Baronius p. xxii
Recessional Hymn: #74 Hail, Jesus, Hail



Detail from the 15th century "Ghent Altarpiece" by Jan van Eyck.

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Co-operation with the Divine Will

He, therefore, who wishes to do God's commandment, but is unable, already possesses a good will, but as yet a small and weak one; he will, however, become able when he shall have acquired a great and robust will. When the martyrs did the great commandments which they obeyed, they acted by a great will, — that is, with great love. Of this love the Lord Himself thus speaks: "*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*" (Jo. 15:13) In accordance with this, the apostle also says, "*He that loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. For this: You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Love works no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*" (Rom. 13:8-10) This love the Apostle Peter did not yet possess, when he for fear thrice denied the Lord. "*There is no fear in love,*" says the Evangelist John in his first Epistle, "*but perfect love casts out fear.*" But yet, however small and imperfect his love was, it was not wholly wanting when he said to the Lord, "*I will lay down my life for Your sake;*" (Jo. 13:37) for he supposed himself able to effect what he felt himself willing to do. And who was it that had begun to give him his love, however small, but He who prepares the will, and perfects by His co-operation what He initiates by His operation? Forasmuch as in beginning He works in us that we may have the will, and in perfecting works with us when we have the will. On which account the apostle says, "*I am confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*" (Phil. 1:6) He operates, therefore, without us, in order that we may will; but when we will, and so will that we may act, He co-operates with us. We can, however, ourselves do nothing to effect good works of piety without Him either working that we may will, or co-working when we will. Now, concerning His working that we may will, it is said: "*It is God which works in you, even to will.*" (Phil. 2:13) While of His co-working with us, when we will and act by willing, the apostle says, "*We know that in all things there is co-working for good to them that love God.*" What does this phrase, "*all things,*" mean, but the terrible and cruel sufferings which affect our condition? That burden, indeed, of Christ, which is heavy for our infirmity, becomes light to love. For to such did the Lord say that His burden was light, as Peter was when he suffered for Christ, not as he was when he denied Him.

This charity, that is, this will glowing with intensest love, the apostle eulogizes with these words: "*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? (As it is written, For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (Rom. 8:35-39) And in another passage he says, "*And yet I show unto you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I have become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*" And a little afterwards he says, "*And now abides faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Follow after love.*" He also says to the Galatians, "*For, brethren, you have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*" This is the same in effect as what he writes to the Romans: "*He that loves another*

has fulfilled the law." (Rom. 13:8) In like manner he says to the Colossians, "And above all these things, put on love, which is the bond of perfectness." (Col. 3:14)... Moreover, when he says to the Corinthians, "Let all your things be done with love," (1 Cor. 16:14) he shows plainly enough that even those chastisements which are deemed sharp and bitter by those who are corrected thereby, are to be administered with love. Accordingly, in another passage, after saying, "Warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men," he immediately added, "See that none render evil for evil unto any man." (1 Thes. 5:14-15) Therefore, even when the unruly are corrected, it is not rendering evil for evil, but contrariwise, good. However, what but love works all these things?

The Apostle Peter, likewise, says, "And, above all things, have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover the multitude of sins." (1 Pe. 4:8) The Apostle James also says, "If you fulfil the royal law, according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbour as yourself, you do well." (James 2:8) So also the Apostle John says, "He that loves his brother abides in the right;" (1 Jo. 2:10) again, in another passage, "Whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother; for this is the message which we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (1 Jo. 3:10-11)...

Moreover, the Lord Jesus Himself teaches us that the whole law and the prophets hang upon the two precepts of love to God and love to our neighbour. Concerning these two commandments the following is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark: "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him: Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him: The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:28-31) Also, in the Gospel according to St. John, He says, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love to one another." (Jo. 13:34-35)

All these commandments, however, respecting love or charity (which are so great, and such that whatever action a man may think he does well is by no means well done if done without love) would be given to men in vain if they had not free choice of will. But forasmuch as these precepts are given in the law, both old and new (although in the new came the grace which was promised in the old, but the law without grace is the letter which kills, but in grace the Spirit which gives life), from what source is there in men the love of God and of one's neighbour but from God Himself? For indeed, if it be not of God but of men, the Pelagians have gained the victory; but if it come from God, then we have vanquished the Pelagians. Let, then, the Apostle John sit in judgment between us; and let him say to us, "Beloved, let us love one another." (1 Jo. 4:7) Now, when they begin to extol themselves on these words of John, and to ask why this precept is addressed to us at all if we have not of our own selves to love one another, the same apostle proceeds at once, to their confusion, to add, "For love is of God." (1 Jo. 4:7) It is not of ourselves, therefore, but it is of God. Wherefore, then, is it said, "Let us love one another, for love is of God," unless it be as a precept to our free will, admonishing it to seek the gift of God? Now, this would be indeed a thoroughly fruitless admonition if the will did not previously receive some donation of love, which might seek to be enlarged so as to fulfil whatever command was laid upon it. When it is said, "Let us love one another," it is law; when it is said, "For love is of God," it is grace. For God's "wisdom carries law and mercy upon her tongue." (Prov. 3:16) Accordingly, it is written in the Psalm, "For He who gave the law will give blessings."

St. Augustine, "On Grace and Free Will" (Excerpts)
Trans. P. Holmes and R. E. Wallis

Announcements

For this **Friday** at Assumption we will have an additional **low Mass at 7pm followed by the Way of the Cross**.

There will be a social on April 13th (Palm Sunday) & 27th after the 12:30 Mass.

Thank you for those who helped to clean our future house– it was quite a task! We will ask for volunteers to help move and clean the old house on the Saturday after Easter.

We are in need of more **adult volunteers** or families to help with our socials. For info, please contact Kateri van Aert pkvanaert@gmail.com; Sunday **collection volunteers** are needed for the 7:30 am Mass. For more info, please contact Peter van Aert at pkvanaert@gmail.com.

The **Friday Apologetics** will continue **after Easter**;
Wednesday Catechesis will continue at 7pm at Assumption Hall.

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: 7:30 Mass (Low Mass, no palm blessing)
12:30 Sung Mass **with palm blessing & procession**
4pm (Low Mass, no palm blessing)
Holy Mon. To Wed.: Masses at 7:30 am, Assumption Church
Holy Thursday: 7pm with adoration to Midnight at **Assumption Church**
Good Friday: 12 Noon Way of the Cross at **Assumption Church**
3 pm Passion Liturgy at **Resurrection Church**
Saturday Confessions at Resurrection Church: 8am-10am
No Saturday evening confession time
Easter Vigil: 10:30pm at **Resurrection Church**
Easter Sunday: Regular Masses times & locations (7:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm).

For the full list of announcements for the Archdiocese of Edmonton, see caedm.ca/window/

Mass Calendar

Date & Feast*	Mass times	Church Mass Intention	Chapel Mass Int'n ①
Sunday, April 6th Passion Sunday (CI I)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass	O A by S P MK & Family by AK EM & Family by MCM	
Monday, April 7th Feria of Lent (III CI)	7:30 am Low Mass	D	M G † by B N
Tuesday, April 8th Feria of Lent (III CI)	7:30 am Low Mass	Holy Souls by L L	LM by FM
Wednesday, April 9th Feria of Lent (III CI)	7:30 am Low Mass	P and A A † by M R	AK by FM
Thursday, April 10th Feria of Lent (III CI)	5:30 pm Low Mass; Followed by a Holy Hour & Benediction	J W family by S V V	CZ by FM
Friday, April 11th Feria of Lent (III CI)	7:30 am Low Mass 7pm Mass and Stations	A E family by S V V	GM by FM
Saturday, April 12th Feria of Lent (III CI)	8:00 am Low Mass	R family by A H	BH by JH
Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday (CI I)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass		

* All Masses are at **Assumption Church**, except for the Sunday 4 pm Mass at **St. Edmund's Church**.

The **Sacrament of Confession** is available before & after all Masses & on Saturdays from **7-8 pm** on at Assumption Church.