April 14, 2014

**Feast Days**

- **Apr 16** “Spy Wednesday,” no 10pm Mass
- **Apr 17** Holy Thursday, Mass 7:30pm
- **Apr 18** Good Friday, Passion liturgy 3pm
- **Apr 19** Holy Saturday, Vigil 11:00pm
- **Apr 20** Easter Sunday, Masses at 715, 9

**Events**

- **Apr 15** 11:15 Solemn Mass with Archbishop Gomez; festive luncheon
- **Apr 23** Fr. Sam Ward, Los Angeles vocations director, speaks at 7pm
- **Apr 25** *The Mikado*
- **Apr 26** Marriage Preparation for engaged couples

**Mass Schedule**

(Monday-Friday)

- 7:00am Mass, Extraordinary Form
- 11:30am Mass, Ordinary Form
- 5pm Mass, Ordinary Form
- 10pm Mass, Ordinary Form (M-Th)

*Saturday Masses:* 7:15 (EF); 9:30 (OF, Hacienda Chapel); 11:30 (OF)

*Sunday Masses:* 7:15 Missa Cantata (EF); 9:00 Sung Mass (OF); 11:30 (OF)

- 8:00am Morning Prayer, Commons
- 5:30-6:30pm Adoration & Benediction
- 6:40pm Vespers, chapel
- 9:15pm Community Rosary, chapel
- 9:35pm Compline [night prayer], chapel

*Confessions before and after every Mass*

**Your Chaplains**

- Fr. Joseph Illo, Head Chaplain
- Fr. Cornelius Michel Buckley, S.J.
- Fr. Hildebrand Garceau, O. Praem.
- Fr. Michal Chaberek, O.P.

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**I am a “John Paul II priest.” I was 16 years old when I heard the news over my little transistor radio that Pope Paul VI had died. A month later, the Pope had died *again,* and within a few weeks we had a third Pope. Who was he? From *Poland!* How do you spell his name? How do you pronounce “Wojtyła?” We didn’t know what to think.**

Then came the “Nine Days that Changed the World,” his first visit to the “Faraway country” from which he had come, that unknown land behind the Iron Curtain. In June 1979 he returned to Poland; millions came to offer the Mass with him. On Day 3, he offered Mass at Gniezno, a town of 60,000 people. Over one million came to greet him. Astute Soviets knew that they had lost the game, but less astute communists arranged to have him assassinated through the Bulgarian KGB on May 13, 1981, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Did those atheists know on which day they had chosen to kill the vicar of Christ on earth? John Paul would later say, “one hand fired the gun, another hand guided the bullet.” Ali Agca, a professional assassin firing at close range, missed a major artery by one millimeter.

Next week Pope John Paul will be canonized, along with Pope John XXIII. Our *Triduum Retreat* this year will focus on his life and teachings and personal stories from Fr. Michael and Fr. Illo. We will also read one of his plays, *The Jeweler’s Shop.* See the reverse side of this newsletter for retreat schedule.
**Via Crucis**

Fr. Michael will lead the Stations of the Cross this Friday at the New Stations by the Ponds at 6:45pm, and Fr. Illo will lead a Marian Way of the Cross written by John Paul II on Good Friday at 6:45pm.

*John Paul at the Coliseum on a Good Friday*

**Dedication Mass with Archbishop Jose Gomez**

April 15 is the fifth Anniversary of Dr. Thomas Dillon’s death. TAC’s beloved president for many years, Dr. Dillon is largely responsible for how our College looks today, particularly our chapel. Archbishop Gomez will thank him and our other benefactors by dedicating our donor plaques at Mass on Tuesday.

**Sacred Triduum Retreat**

Fr. Michael and Fr. Illo will lead our Triduum retreat this year on the life, teachings and spirituality of St John Paul II, in preparation for his canonization on Mercy Sunday. Following are the scheduled conference topics: powerpoint presentation on the life of Karol Wojtyla; St. John Paul's Theology of the Body; Film *Nine Days that Changed the World*; John Paul's call for the New Evangelization; seminar discussion of *The Jeweler’s Shop*. Retreatants will eat in the Coffee Shop with reading at meals.

**Chanted Tenebrae Liturgy**

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week, 9:30pm in the chapel

**Fr. Samuel Ward from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles,**

Next Wednesday (April 23), Fr. Samuel Ward, associate Vocations Director of our Archdiocese, will present on the life and work of the diocesan priest. TAC has not yet seen an alumnus enter the local Archdiocese. Maybe God is calling you to be the first! Come back a few hours early from Easter break to hear him.

**Prayers for our Promessi Sposi**

Twelve couples (or thirteen—one is awaiting a sign from heaven) from our College are preparing to be married this summer. Their Marriage Preparation Seminar, led by our tutors and their wives, will take place on April 26. Please keep these dear friends in your prayers (let none fail their one-day “seminar!”). In the words of St. John Paul II, “the future of humanity goes by way of the family!”

**Holy Week**

Most of us have been through this pattern before. We start out Lent with great fervor, and around Week Three, we are losing steam. We’ve broken a few resolutions and become discouraged. So by the time Holy Week rolls around, we secretly can’t wait for Lent to be over, so we can stop feeling guilty.

**DON’T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!**

God always gives us another chance to glorify Him, to regain our joy and our purity, to be the saint He has called us to be. This week is the best week of the year; don’t let it pass you by. Sit in a quiet place and review your Lenten resolutions. Get back up off the ground! If nothing else, we can simply dedicate ourselves to the great Lenten liturgies, including the beautiful Tenebrae services these evenings (9:30pm). Heaven awaits, but we must walk with Jesus through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday to get to Easter.