Tridentine Rite

The week of 25th-31st March 2007

To give honor and glory
to God and to sanctify and edify the souls of
the faithful by preserving,
protecting, fostering, and defending the
Traditional Latin Mass and
sacraments as contained in the
Missale Romanum of 1962...



"They took up stones, therefore to cast at him..."

Today's Mass can be followed in

Roman Catholic Daily Missal on p. 422, or in The Roman Missal (1962) on p. 444

Sunday 12pm "Passion Sunday" Helene Gorman, by David & Patty Pietrusza -&- Eugene Babin, by the Tagge Family

Wednesday 12pm "Day IV in Passiontide" Anne & Arthur Ryan, by Marion Rhodes

Thursday 12pm "Day V in Passiontide" The Poor Souls, by Jack Danahy

Friday 12pm "Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin" The Special Intentions of Fr Sipperly, by Jack & Janet Danahy

Passiontide

The rubrical prescriptions for this time are: before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday the crosses, statues, and pictures of Our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, are to be covered with a violet veil, not translucent, nor in any way ornamented. The crosses remain covered until after the solemn denudation of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. The statues and pictures retain their covering, no matter what feast may occur, until the Gloria in Excelsis of Holy Saturday. In the Masses *de tempore* the Psalm Judica is not said; the Gloria Patri is omitted at the Asperges, the Introit, and the Lavabo. The crosses are veiled because Christ during this time no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. Hence in the papal chapel the veiling formerly took place at the words of the Gospel: "Jesus autem abscondebat se." Another reason is added by Durandus, namely that Christ's divinity was hidden when he arrived at the time of His suffering and death. The images of the saints also are covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden (Nilles, "Kal.", II, 188)

Approved by the USCCB in November 2001, granted recognitio by the Holy See, and has been in effect since April 2002. It reads:

"In the Dioceses of the United States of America, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."