



" Passion and Crucifixion of Christ" -- Click to enlarge

February 4, 2018 Oblate Sunday

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The Cover Picture

Thanks to oblate Richard Fanelli. The picture is *Passion and Crucifixion of Christ*. It is "Switzerland's most famous Renaissance fresco. It covers the whole wall of the nave" in the Church of Saint Maria degli Angioli, in the city of Lugano.

Mary Magdalene kneels at the foot of the cross, reminding us of

Mary kneeling at Jesus' feet when he visited Martha's house. She chose the better part which will not be taken from her.

As we prepare for Lent, let us follow the Rule of Saint Benedict, Chapter 49, and do more for Christ, not less:

"Let us add something to the usual amount of our service ... that each one offers to God with the joy of the Holy Spirit."

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018.

Palm Sunday is March 25, 2018.

Easter is April 1, 2018.

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Please RSVP so the abbey kitchen ladies will know the number of lunches to prepare. If you are only coming to the classes (not eating lunch with us) no RSVP is necessary.

To RSVP click the above picture. It will take you to the RSVP page where you will fill out the RSVP form.

[Fun short survey](#). Some of the comments will be included in an upcoming newsletter.

Classes

Novice Class Assignment:

Read the [Chapter 1](#) of the Rule

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of Saint Benedict. Meets in Lake Room - third floor.

Class is led by Brother Stanislaw, OSB.

Oblate Class Assignment:

Read Chapters 4,5,6 and 7 of the Rule of Saint Benedict. These chapters begin [here](#).

Please bring your Rule! If you do not have one, you may buy one from Brother James in the abbey gift shop.

Meets in the Lake Room - third floor.

Class is led by Abbot Isaac, OSB.

Third Session

This session meets in the Lake Room after the Oblate Class. There is a short break to get coffee and desserts.

Discussion/training will be on how to use the breviary/Liturgy of the Hours for praying with the monks.

[iBreviary for Apple](#) or get the [iBreviary for Android](#).

Also you may download [this PDF](#) for use at Midday Prayer on Oblate Sunday. It is the same as the booklet in the church.

The third session ends at 3:55 pm.

What to bring:

snacks to share

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The monks thank everyone who brought items. Your gifts help the monks tremendously and they

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appreciate your remembering them when you shop.

Remember the Drive-Thru Drop Off Service provided by Dan Spears 9:30 am to 9:45 am by the Abbey Welcome Center.

Thank you. Each month the monks express their appreciation and thanks for everyone who helps them in The Saving Grace.

If you want to read the Holy Rule in the 1865 translation/amplification by a priest of Mount Melleray Cistercian Abbey in Ireland, here is the interesting book in Google Books. [The Holy Rule of Saint Benedict](#) translated by a priest of Mount Melleray, Abbey. [History of Mount Melleray Abbey.](#)

Important note for new people coming to oblate events: If you RSVP for Oblate Sunday or the Benedictine Circle, but have not signed up for the oblate email list, you may miss notices of upcoming meetings and events. It is easy and free to be added to the email list. [CLICK HERE.](#)

RSVPing does not add you to the email list and joining the email list does not RSVP you for events! Each is a separate system.

About Oblate Sunday Typical Schedule

Oblate Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There is no cost to attend. However, as with many church functions, you may make a voluntary donation for lunch. Any donation is completely optional.

10:00 am Mass — In the Abbey Church.

11:10 am Novice Class — Immediately after Mass in the Mary Chapel on the third floor of

the abbey. This class is open to everyone. That means guests, visitors, Oblates, and, of course, Oblate novices. The class is taught by Brother Stanislaw, OSB.

12:00 pm Midday Prayer — In the abbey church — with the monks. Everyone is invited.

12:20 pm Lunch — In the abbey dining room with the monks. Everyone is invited. The dining room is located on the east end of the first floor of the abbey.

Please RSVP if you are planning to have lunch. The abbey kitchen needs a count of guests to know how much food to prepare. An RSVP is much appreciated by the abbey and the dedicated kitchen staff.

1:15 pm Oblate Class — Lake Room third floor of the abbey. This class is open to everyone. That means guests, visitors, Oblate novices, and, of course, Oblates. The class is taught by Father Abbot Isaac, OSB.

2:30 pm End Oblate Class session

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm Break

2:50 pm to 3:55 pm Third session -- special speakers, oblate-led discussions, workshops, testimonies, get to know your oblate brothers and sisters.

5:00 pm Solemn vespers (evening prayer) with the monks, which ends at 5:20 pm. In the light of sixteen saints from above, the monks process into and out of the quiet church on Sunday afternoons in their flowing, long white albs/cowls/cucullas.

All chants at the Sunday vespers are accompanied by Brother Stanislaw, OSB, on the organ, the Royal Classic III by Viscount. The old church is still and at rest. Those Sunday Vespers are a glorious office.