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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10:00am Intention of Marc Francis

Tuesday 10:00am Moses Lowton RIP **7:00pm** Reconciliation Service

(many priests for confession)

Wednesday 11:30am Mass of the Chrism at the

Cathedral. All welcome

7:00pm Holy Hour *Maundy Thursday*

Thursday 11:00am Special Service for Children

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose. Collection at both masses for the poor/Pecan

Good Friday

Friday 10:30am Procession of Witness We gather here at St James' and process to Rye Lane Baptist church from where we process to Peckham Square for a service.

3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with stations and veneration of the Cross Collection for the Holy places and day of fasting *Holy Saturday*

Saturday 11:00am The Blessed Sacrament will not be in the church this one morning of the year, so it is a great opportunity to really give our church and hall a good spring cleaning. Please, men, women and children, come along with dusters etc. and have our church shining for Easter. This is a long-standing Catholic tradition

8:00pm Easter Vigil and Blessing of new water. Bring a bottle to take home Holy water to bless your home and family.

Easter Sunday

Sunday 8:30am Maria Minh-Tam RIP **10:00am** Peace in the World

12:00noon People of the Parish

All the collections on Easter Saturday and Sunday are your personal "Thank you," to Fr. Jack and are for the education of children.

A Happy Easter to one and all!

LA CROIX ARTICLE

Russia's brutal military attack on Ukraine continues. And with each passing day Pope Francis appears more and more frustrated that he and his Vatican aides can do nothing to stop it.

No doubt, they are even more irritated that their continuous offers to mediate or facilitate discussions between the two countries, which the Cardinal Secretary of State repeats nearly every day, have been rejected by the Kremlin with a resounding nyet!

The 85-year-old pope is world-famous as a man of peace and dialogue. During his nine years in office, he has emerged as one of the globe's most persistent advocates for fraternal, harmonious relations between all peoples and nations.

And using the moral bully pulpit that is unique to the Roman papacy, he has overtaken the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople (often called the "Green Patriarch") as the planet's leading religious leader on ecological, environmental and human life issues.

But it seems there is nothing the pope can do right now regarding the abominable situation in Ukraine, except promote humanitarian efforts by donating money and Church personnel. And, obviously, he can pray and urge others to pray for peace.

Though rebuffed, the pope is not giving up, Francis is the master of symbolic gestures. And one of the earliest ones he performed after Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine on February 24 was to personally go to the Russian Embassy to the Holy See.

Many hailed this as breaking with protocol (something the Jesuit pope clearly relishes) and a way to emphasize his displeasure with Moscow for the attack.

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