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Every year, in preparation for the Divine Mercy Feast, we have been having a special Divine Mercy Chaplet. This year we will meet in the church on April 12th at 3:00 pm. This Chaplet was requested by Jesus himself when he appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. This apparition occurred on the day before World War II, calling for those in grief and pain to turn to Jesus for consolation and mercy. In today's world of division, wars, and challenges to peace, let us gather to pray for those affected by it, especially children. We know Pope Leo XIV constantly calls for nuclear disarmament and peaceful solutions.

Cada año, como preparación para la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, hemos venido celebrando una Coronilla especial de la Divina Misericordia. Este año nos reuniremos en la iglesia el 12 de abril a las 3:00 pm. Esta Coronilla fue solicitada por el propio Jesús cuando se apareció a Santa Faustina Kowalska, una religiosa polaca. Esta aparición tuvo lugar en la víspera de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, haciendo un llamado a quienes sufrían aflicción y dolor para que acudieran a Jesús en busca de consuelo y misericordia. En el mundo actual —marcado por la división, las guerras y los desafíos a la paz—, reunámonos para rezar por quienes se ven afectados por esta situación, especialmente por los niños. Sabemos que el Papa León XIV hace un llamado constante al desarme nuclear y a la búsqueda de soluciones pacíficas.

Praying for our deceased The Catholic Church has a long and treasured tradition of praying for the souls of the faithful departed. This practice is rooted in the deep belief in the communion of saints – the idea that all Christians, living and dead, are united in one spiritual family. Prayers for the dead are offered as acts of love and mercy, asking God to grant the souls in purgatory a speedy and complete purification, so that they may enjoy the fullness of heaven. Reach out to the Church office to request a Mass intention.

Orar por nuestros difuntos: La Iglesia Católica posee una larga y preciada tradición de orar por las almas de los fieles difuntos. Esta práctica tiene sus raíces en la profunda creencia en la comunión de los santos: la idea de que todos los cristianos, tanto vivos como difuntos, están unidos en una sola familia espiritual. Las oraciones por los difuntos se ofrecen como actos de amor y misericordia, pidiendo a Dios que conceda a las almas que se encuentran en el purgatorio una purificación pronta y completa, para que puedan gozar de la plenitud del cielo. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para solicitar una intención de Misa.

Spring Has Sprung! We are seeking volunteers to help keep the grounds of our Church campus looking beautiful. Any assistance is welcome. Please call Rafael [910-718-0217](tel:910-718-0217) or the church office if you are available.

¡Ya llegó la primavera! Buscamos voluntarios para ayudar a mantener hermosos los jardines de nuestro recinto parroquial. Toda ayuda es bienvenida. Por favor, llame a Rafael [910-718-0217](tel:910-718-0217) o a la oficina de la iglesia si tiene disponibilidad.

Updates from our Social Ministry (Actualizaciones de nuestro Ministerio Social):

March donations of non-perishable goods for the Christian Care Center in Lumberton was a record-breaking **285 pounds of food**. THANK YOU, in large part to our Faith Formation families—who contributed most of these donations—through their Lenten Challenge! Your generosity is a beautiful witness to living the Gospel.

Las donaciones de bienes no perecederos recolectadas en marzo para el Christian Care Center en Lumberton alcanzaron una cifra récord de **285 libras de alimentos**. ¡GRACIAS, en gran parte a nuestras familias de Formación en la Fe —quienes aportaron la mayor parte de estas donaciones— a través de su Desafío de Cuaresma! Su generosidad es un hermoso testimonio de vivir el Evangelio.

On Monday, March 30, Social Ministry was blessed to deliver hygiene bags (for men and women) and Easter gift bags for children to the Southeastern Family Violence Center in Lumberton. This marks the second of three deliveries made possible through the Diocese of Raleigh's "God's Work, Our Challenge" grant. We extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners who generously volunteered their time on Saturday to assemble these gift bags.



El lunes 30 de marzo, el Ministerio Social tuvo la bendición de entregar bolsas de artículos de higiene (para hombres y mujeres) y bolsas de regalo de Pascua para niños al Southeastern Family Violence Center en Lumberton. Esta entrega marca la segunda de tres, las cuales han sido posibles gracias a la subvención «God's Work, Our Challenge» de la Diócesis de Raleigh. Extendemos nuestro sincero agradecimiento a los feligreses que generosamente ofrecieron su tiempo como voluntarios el sábado para preparar estas bolsas de regalo.

THE LUMBERTON CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER feeds the hungry in our community Monday through Friday at various locations throughout Lumberton. Our Social Ministry collects food every week to help with their effort. PLEASE consider bringing one item of non-perishable food when you come to Mass. Small Things with Great Love Make a Big Difference. Thank you so much for your continued support!

El LUMBERTON CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER alimenta a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad de lunes a viernes en diversos lugares de Lumberton. Nuestro Ministerio Social recolecta alimentos cada semana para apoyar esta labor. Por favor, considere traer un artículo de comida no perecedera cuando asista a Misa. Las cosas pequeñas hechas con gran amor marcan una gran diferencia. ¡Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Readings and Masses for the Week ~ Year A
Lecturas y Misas de la Semana ~ Año A

Saturday (April 11th) Mass 5:00 pm (Deceased members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)

Sunday (April 12th) Divine Mercy Sunday

Misa 7:20 am (Por la conversión y salvación de todas las almas)

Mass 10:30 am (For the People)

Misa 12:30 pm (Por la paz en todo el mundo)

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Monday (April 13th) Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday (April 14th)

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday (April 15th) Mass 12:00 noon

(Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Avleen Singh)

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday (April 16th) Mass 12:00 noon (Special Intentions of Arawinder Singh)

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday (April 17th) Mass 12:00 noon

(Deceased members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday (April 18th)

Easter Weekday [2]

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Parish Financial Record

Registro Financiero Parroquial

Holy Thursday

1st Collection \$1,055.00

2nd Collection \$163.00

(Building & grounds Maintenance)

Total: \$1,218.00

Last Year \$1,058.00

Good Friday

1st Collection \$1,557.00

Last Year \$1,352.00

Easter

1st Collection \$6,308.00

2nd Collection \$2,225.00

Total \$8,533.00

Last Year \$6,969.00

We thank you all for your contributions! Please remember to send your offertory envelope weekly or monthly, or you may give online.

¡Les agradecemos a todos por sus contribuciones! Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre de ofertorio semanal o mensualmente, o puede dar en línea.

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Happy Birthday Blessings Bendiciones de Feliz Cumpleaños 12 - 18 April 2026

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In Need of Prayer/En necesidad de oración: David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Joseph & Shelby Young, Cathy Cartrette, Doris Schneider, Doris Warwick, Carolyn Wilkerson, Michelle & James White, Joan Van Huesen, Noelia Powell, Joel Rivera, Kathy Geibert, Mary Lee Wadrose, Juanita Mishoe, Sr Marta Castrejon Flores, Annette Dent, Neal Frazier, Victor Dorais, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, The Dana Family, Rosario Reantaso, Allie Rogers, Lou Rastelli, the Bowen Family, Michael Charkey, Marion Sherman, Patricia Norton, Jimmy & Marie Davis, Joanne Hayes, Ruth Keen, Myrtle Gudauskas and Valyanna Quarshie

Sick and Homebound/Enfermos y confinados en casa: Lydia Yarborough, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, and Ken Cross

Nursing Homes/Residencias de Ancianos: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), and Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrolton Nursing Home (Fayetteville)

Recently Deceased/Recientemente fallecidos:

*Please notify the office if there is someone you would like us to add to our prayer list. *
 Por favor notifique a la oficina si hay alguien que le gustaría que agreguemos a nuestra lista de oración.



April 2026						
Sunday (domingo)	Monday (lunes)	Tuesday (martes)	Wednesday (miercoles)	Thursday (jueves)	Friday (viernes)	Saturday (sábado)
		green - church verde - iglesia blue - graymoor hall azul - salon graymoor red - social hall rojo - salon social purple - School House morado - Casa de Escuela	01st Holy Wednesday 12:00 pm Mass, Rosary 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Ensayo de Coro V. N.	02nd Holy Thursday NO NOON MASS 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Misa 8:30 pm - 12:00 am Adoración (Adoration)	03rd Good Friday NO NOON MASS 3:00 pm Service 7:00 pm Servicio	04th Holy Saturday 8:00 am Easter Decorating NO CONFESSIONS 8:00 pm Mass Easter Vigil
05th Easter Sunday NO MISA DE LAS 7:20 AM NO FAITH FORMATION 10:00 am - 10:30 am Rosary 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mass 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm Rosario 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Misa 5:00 pm Ensayo de Coro	06th Easter Monday 7:00 pm Coros	07th 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Parejas	08th 12:00 pm Mass, Rosary 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00 pm Ensayo de Coro V. N.	09th 12:00 pm Mass (6:00 pm) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Oración 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Choir Practice	10th 12:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm G's Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ensayo de Coro 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Jóvenes Adultos 7:00 pm Escuela de Dirigentes	11th 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ensayo de Coro 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Crecimiento G.C.
12th Divine Mercy 7:00 am - 7:20 am Rosario 7:20 am - 8:30 am Misa 8:45 am - 10:00 am Faith Formation 10:00 am - 10:30 am Rosary 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mass 12:00 pm - 12:20 pm Rosario 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Misa 3:00 pm Chaplet 5:00 pm Ensayo de Coro	13th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm English Catechist Certification Class ONLINE	14th 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grupo de Parejas	15th Tax Day 12:00 pm Mass, Rosary 6:30 pm Parish Council 7:00 pm Ensayo de Coro V. N.	16th 12:00 pm Mass (6:00 pm) 7:00 pm Elecciones G. C. 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Choir Practice	17th 12:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm G's Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ensayo de Coro	18th 9:00 am - 10:00 am Altar Server Training (Monaguillos) 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Youth Group 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ensayo de Coro 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Crecimiento G.C.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat (June 12-14, 2026)

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 12-14, 2026, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021 (English). The website is: rachelinc.org. Cost is \$350 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 if you register before May, 12th. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

Proyecto Rachel Post Aborto Retiro de Sanación (June 12-14, 2026)

Si desea sanar de un aborto pasado, le invitamos a experimentar el amor de Jesucristo en un retiro de fin de semana de Project Rachel, del 12 al 14 de junio de 2026, en el área de Raleigh. Este retiro de fin de semana es estrictamente confidencial, está dirigido tanto a mujeres como a hombres, e incluye charlas, ejercicios espirituales, el sacramento de la Reconciliación, un servicio conmemorativo y una Misa de la Resurrección. La participación ofrece una hermosa oportunidad para experimentar el amor, el perdón y la compasión de Dios. Para obtener más información o para inscribirse en el retiro, comuníquese con Project Rachel a través del correo electrónico: project.rachel@raldioc.org o llame al (919) 264-5892 (Espanol). El sitio web es: rachelinc.org. El costo es de \$350 e incluye alojamiento, comidas y todos los materiales del retiro. Se ofrece un descuento de \$50 si se inscribe antes del 12 de mayo. Si la situación económica representa una dificultad, siempre hay asistencia disponible.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

UN CUERPO, EN CRISTO
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La Campaña Anual del Obispo 2026 ya está abierta. Les invitamos a apoyar directamente a la Parroquia San Francisco de Sales a través de la colecta dominical, las donaciones en línea, en la oficina parroquial o escaneando el código QR. Gracias por su generosidad.

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

ONE BODY IN CHRIST
INSPIRE, COMPASSIONATE, UNITED

Greetings from Raleigh, The 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal is now open. We invite you to support St. Francis de Sales Parish directly through the Sunday collection, online giving, the parish office, or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

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Reflexión de esta semana Segundo domingo de Pascua (12 de abril de 2026)

¡Con la lectura de la Primera Carta de Pedro, se nos invita a unirnos a toda la Iglesia para ofrecer alabanza a nuestro Padre celestial por su gran misericordia, manifestada en nosotros a través de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Por medio de la misericordia de Dios, extraemos nueva vida de la resurrección de Jesús y participamos ya de la vida eterna. Gracias a su misericordia, poseemos desde ahora una herencia imperecedera. También se nos recuerda el precio de esta nueva vida –la muerte de Jesús en la Cruz–; una muerte en la que nosotros también debemos participar. Esta nueva vida que celebramos pasará repetidamente por el ciclo de la muerte hacia la nueva vida. Cada nuevo sufrimiento que experimentamos puede conducirnos a una nueva vivencia de la resurrección de Jesús.

Se nos ha animado a valorar la descripción de la primitiva comunidad de Jerusalén como modelo para nuestra propia experiencia como comunidad de fe. Todos sabemos, por experiencia propia, que estas expectativas no se alcanzan fácilmente. Cada uno de nosotros, individualmente, y todos juntos, debemos aprender a compartir todas las cosas en común: incluidos el sufrimiento, la paciencia, el perdón y el amor. Todas estas son las marcas del Jesús crucificado que debemos aprender a llevar sobre nosotros para propiciar la transformación necesaria y vivir tal como Jesús nos llama a vivir.

La capacidad para realizar todo esto debe fundamentarse en la fe de que Jesús vive en medio de nosotros y dentro de nosotros, y de que comparte con nosotros el poder de su muerte y resurrección. Los signos de las llagas de Jesús son las debilidades humanas que observamos entre nosotros. En esas llagas podemos aprender a reconocer: «¡Señor mío y Dios mío!», tal como lo hizo Tomás.

La gloria de la resurrección se revelará a través de la debilidad de la carne humana. La esperanza que nuestra fe nos ofrece trasciende la realidad y aguarda mucho más de lo que se ve y de lo que parece posible. Esta esperanza nos conduce –a través de las muertes cotidianas que debemos experimentar – hacia una nueva gloria y hacia el asombro ante el poder del Señor Jesús para transformar a aquellos que están dispuestos a ser transformados.

Vivir tal como vivió la comunidad de Jerusalén tiene un precio: el costo diario de morir a nuestro propio interés y a nuestro egoísmo. Sin embargo, ese precio no es nada en comparación con la alegría y la fortaleza que podemos brindarnos mutuamente dentro de una comunidad de fe y esperanza fundada en el amor. Nuestra disposición a aceptar esa muerte cotidiana –indispensable para vivir nuestra vida en común– nos abre a participar, de un modo cada vez más profundo, en la vida resucitada de Jesús. Alabemos la gran misericordia de nuestro Dios permitiendo que Jesús viva en nosotros más plenamente cada día.



This week's reflection Second Sunday of Easter (April 12, 2026)

With the reading of Peter's First Letter, we are invited to join the whole Church in offering praise to our heavenly Father for his great mercy, shown to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Through God's mercy, we draw new life from the resurrection of Jesus and partake already in eternal life. Through his mercy, we already possess an imperishable inheritance. We are also reminded of the cost of this new life – the death of Jesus on the Cross – a death we too must share in. This new life that we celebrate will pass repeatedly through the cycle of death to new life. Each new suffering that we experience can lead us to a new experience of Jesus' resurrection.

We have been encouraged to appreciate the description of the early Jerusalem community as a model for our own experience as a faith community. We all know from our experience that these expectations are not easily achieved. Each of us individually and all of us together must learn to share all things in common – including suffering, patience, forgiveness, and love. All of these are the marks of the crucified Jesus that we must learn to bear in order to bring about the transformation needed to live as Jesus calls us to live.

The ability to do all this must rest on faith that Jesus lives within and among us and shares the power of his death and resurrection with us. The signs of Jesus' scars are the human weaknesses we see among us. In those scars we can learn to acknowledge "My Lord and my God" as Thomas did.

The glory of resurrection is to be revealed through the weakness of human flesh. The hope held out to us by our faith reaches beyond reality and expects more than what is seen and what seems possible. This hope brings us through the daily deaths we need to experience to new glory and wonder at the power of the Lord Jesus to transform those who are willing to be transformed.

There is a cost to living as the Jerusalem community lived – the daily cost of dying to our self-interest and selfishness. But the cost is nothing compared to the joy and strength we can be for one another in a loving community of faith and hope. Our willingness to accept the daily death required to live our common life opens us to sharing in an ever-deeper way in the risen life of Jesus. May we praise the great mercy of our God by letting Jesus live in us more fully each day.



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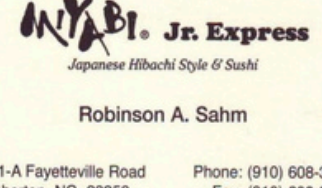



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Saint Henry Morse



Henry Morse (1595 – 1 February 1645) was one of the Catholic Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. He was born a Protestant in 1595 in Suffolk, the son of Robert Morse, a minor landowner of Tivetshall St Mary. At the age of 16, Henry went to study law at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and continued at Gray's Inn, London. Upon his father's death in 1614, he went to France to join his brother William, who was at Douai studying to be a Catholic priest. Morse converted to Roman Catholicism at the English College, Douai (Douay), the same site where the Catholic version of the English Bible was translated and used until the second Vatican Council popularized other, more modern translations. He returned to England to settle some financial arrangements and was arrested at Dover for refusing to take the required Oath of Allegiance and confined to Southwark jail.

Although grouped as one of the Forty Martyrs Saint Henry was relatively unique in that, as a Jesuit he was mostly involved in pastoral works as opposed to the more typical Jesuitical involvement with intensely intellectual endeavors. Unlike most Franciscan Religious or St John Bosco who would hitch up their cassocks and play ball with the boys, Jesuits generally were immersed in their own intellectual projects or serving as clandestine advisors to then contemporary European rulers. Instead, he addressed the needs of the sick and those persecuted for their faith, as was the case in the late Tudor and early Stuart dynasties, a time when the English Reformation was vigorously replacing the pre-existing Catholicism with the still emerging Church of England. All was not one sided as the Pope had decreed that Catholics of England were excused from any allegiance to the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I. It was a time of turbulent religious upheaval, and was dangerous, as well as considered treasonous, in those days to be a Catholic living in England.

In other circumstances, Saint Henry might well have become a Chancellor or some other highly placed advisor to Queen Elizabeth or to her successor King James. However, God had other plans. As Jesus, and later St Ignatius Loyola, posed the question ‘What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but only to lose his immortal soul?’

St. Henry remained incarcerated with several priests for four years, until King James I of England ordered amnesty and banishment for about 100 priests, to help arrange a Spanish marriage for his son Prince Charles. He arrived back at Douai in August 1618 and was sent to the English College in Rome to commence his studies. While there, he used the alias "Henry Claxon" to shield his identity from the Crown's spies.

He was ordained at Rome and left for the English Mission on 19 June 1624. Morse was assigned to assist the Jesuits at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where later that year there was an outbreak of plague. Morse and his companions nursed the sick. The following year he was arrested and later moved from Newcastle Jail to York Castle where he again tended the sick. He completed his novitiate under his fellow prisoner, Father John Robinson, and took simple vows as a Jesuit. After three years in prison, he was banished from the country and served as a missionary to the English and Irish soldiers attached to the Spanish army.

Returning to England at the end of 1633 he labored in London, in the St Giles-in-the-Fields area. In 1635 plague was brought on boats from Flanders. Morse himself contracted the illness while nursing the sick but recovered. Here he worked raising funds for food and medicine. Arrested on 27 February 1636, he was imprisoned in Newgate. On 22 April he was brought to the bar charged with being a priest and having suborned the king's subjects from their faith and allegiance. He was found guilty on the first count, not guilty on the second, and his sentence was deferred. On 23 April he made his solemn profession of the three vows (poverty, chastity, and obedience). He was released on bail for 10,000 florins, 20 June 1637, at the insistence of Queen Henriette Maria, the Catholic wife of King James. He voluntarily went into exile when the royal proclamation was issued ordering all priests to leave the country before 7 April 1641 and became chaplain to an English regiment in the service of Spain.

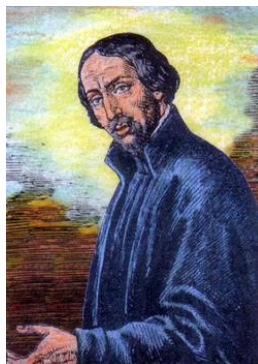
In 1643, he returned to England, but was almost immediately arrested. After about a year and a half he was imprisoned at Durham and Newcastle, and sent by sea to London. By this time, the (strongly anti-Catholic) Parliamentarians were in power in the capital, meaning that Morse could no longer be saved by a royal intervention. On 30 January 1645, he was again brought to the bar and condemned on his previous conviction with the sentence of being hanged, but not to death. He was to be taken down, and his intestines were to be removed while still alive, and then his body was to be dismembered and scattered to various points about the Kingdom of England. Such is the traditional English penalty for Treason: hanged, drawn, and quartered.

On 1 February 1645, four horses, instead of the customary one, drew his tumbrel (death cart). The French ambassador attended with all his retinue, as did Louis, Count of Egmont, and the Portuguese Ambassador. This procession marked a pivotal moment in the trial of Henry Morse, with high-ranking diplomats present to witness the proceedings.

As a sign of the King's mercy, St Henry Morse was allowed to hang until he was dead. At the quartering, the footmen of the French Ambassador and of the Count of Egmont dipped their handkerchiefs into Morse's blood in order to obtain relics of someone they considered a saint and martyr.

Venerated from 8 December 1929, and beatified on 15 December 1929, he was named one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970. In 2012, a church dedicated to St. Henry Morse was built on Shelfanger Road in Diss, replacing the church of the Most Holy Trinity.

Happy Easter to everyone. May the Risen Christ bless all of us and our country, especially in this time of war and political division. St Henry, who lived through similar times, please pray for us.



Respectfully submitted,
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