



SAINT MARY'S
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, September 27, 2020

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm




Mission Appeal Sunday

- If you weren't able to donate at Mass,
 - Drop it in the collection basket next weekend
 - Mail it to the Parish Office
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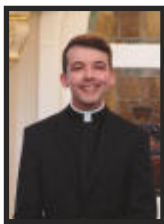
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FROM FATHER CARLOS



Dear Friends,
This October 1st, the Church universal celebrates the memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Saint Therese (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose devotion rapidly spread throughout the Christian world. In many of the Churches that I have visited here in our state, I usually find a statute, an icon, or picture of the Little Flower which gives testimony to the Faithful's love towards the "Maid of Lisieux." Her major work is *The Story of a Soul* which reflects the interior movements of her soul which was simple and childlike. In the Homily on the occasion of her canonization (May 17th, 1925,) Pope Pius XI explains this "childlikeness" that was such an important trait of Therese's soul: "Guiltless of malice or pretense, [children] speak and act as they think, so that they show themselves as they really are. Thus, Thérèse appeared more angelic than human in her practice of truth and justice, endowed as she was with the simplicity of a child."

Saint Therese is also known for having practiced and having taught the "Little Way." The Lord Jesus gave us the great commandment by which all of us will be judged at the end of our days: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...[and] You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 37; 39.) As Christian Catholics we must be good at one thing with the help of God, and this one thing is love of God and love of neighbor; the rest will be given to us besides (cf. Matthew 6:33.) Love is at the core of the Christian life. Any other practice, even the most virtuous of them all, without love, is not Christian, clear and simple. In her *Story of a Soul*, Therese expresses this idea when she says: "Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

The Little Flower teaches us "little ways" in which we can love God and neighbor. In regard to love of God, she speaks of prayer as a dialogue of trust: "For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus." And what is the Lord's response to our prayers?

Therese knows that God comes to the assistance of his little ones who recognize their poverty and need for grace: "because I was small and frail, [Jesus] bent down to me and instructed me sweetly in the secrets of His love."

Therese instruct us, also, in the ways of love of neighbor. How would Therese define love of our brothers and sisters? In her *Story of a Soul* she gives us the answer: "I know now that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbors' defects and in not being surprised at their weaknesses but edified at their smallest virtues." Truly, her Little Way is far from abstract but truly concrete and real instead. In regard to love of neighbor she also says: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

Our current times, more specifically, may present to the soul plenty of opportunities to form opinions about things and about others. The temptation to become judgmental is at the door. Therese, in this regard, teaches: "And it is the Lord, it is Jesus, who is my judge. Therefore, I will try always to think leniently of others, that He may judge me leniently, or rather not at all, since He says: 'Judge not, and ye shall not be judged.'" In these times, precisely, it is important to remind ourselves of the fact that every person, even the one we might dislike the most, is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore is good and beautiful. In this world (which, as Therese says, is our "ship" and not our destiny,) it is important that we realize and cherish the value that we all have as different as we all are. Once again, in her own words: "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

This October 1st I invite you pray to Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. She promised once before passing: "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heaven, and I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth." Her intercession, in my life, has proven to be always powerful and her Little Way a reminder of the Lord's own invitation to "enter through the narrow gate" (Matthew 7:14.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASA GUADALUPE
FIESTA WEEK
SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 2
<http://www.casaguadalupeonline.org/>

LIFE CHAIN
Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
West Bend Life Chain
intersection of Main and Paradise.
For more information,
call Jean Jones at 262-422-4779.

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DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020
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WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION
Please note that the Fall Women's Morning of Reflection
has been CANCELLED.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28
6:15am +Br. John Willger
Tuesday, September 29
6:15am +Norman & +Genevieve Matenaer
Wednesday, September 30
6:15am +Bernie Hoppa
Thursday, October 1
6:15am +Debbie Eisenberg
Friday, October 2
6:15am +Alvin & +Angeline Bruendl
Sunday, October 4
7:30am +Steve Bonlender
9:30am +Lee Barwick
12:00pm(Spanish)Pro Populo

Mass Intention Openings:

Sunday, November 1st at 12:00pm
Wednesday, November 25th at 6:15am
Sunday, November 29th at 12:00pm
Friday, December 4th at 6:15am

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

WEDDING BANNS:

II Sarah Wollner and Anthony Artymiuk

MASS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Sunday, November 8th

3:00pm in the church

As in previous years, the names of those who died in the past year are automatically included.

If you wish to include the name and picture of a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 262.338.5600 or drop off the name, picture, and date of death to the parish office by Monday, October 26.

PARISH FINANCIALS

Please see the insert today for the current financial information of our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Neureuther at 338-2366x113

PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12noon

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for more information.

Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

Parish Social Media

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Honduras Mission:

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