

Sixth Sunday of Lent
March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday



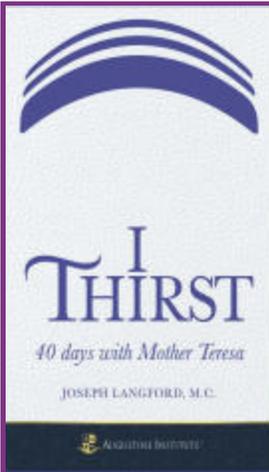
Living Mass Intentions for the Week

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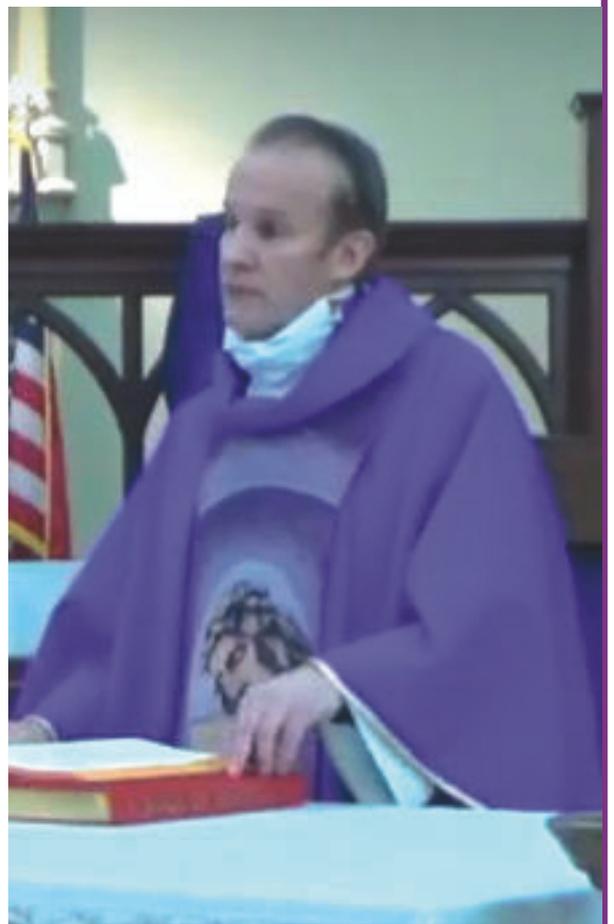
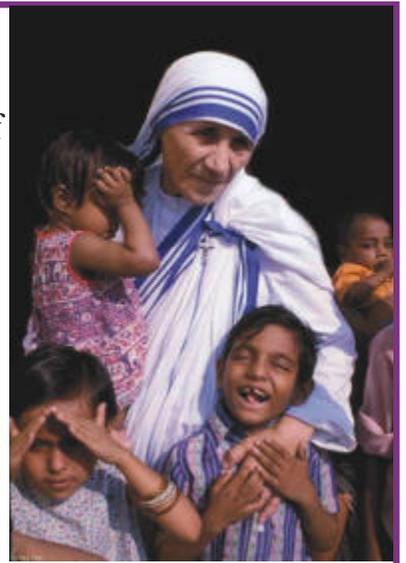
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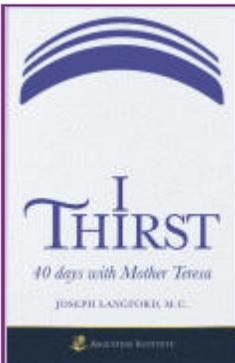
From the Gusset

Have you ever experienced **the fatigue** of serving someone who was **poor in spirit** over a long period of time? **Mother Teresa** points out how it is relatively easy to be **compassionate** with the poor for a little while. But **to love** the **unlovable** over a long period of time – that can be very difficult to do. When you walk mile after mile with the person, who keeps ringing your **doorbell** asking for help – that can be a journey that is very **fatiguing** both **spiritually** and **physically**. This type of serving the poor can be very

frustrating to the point of bringing **pain** upon yourself – your health can **deteriorate** both in the spiritual realm and the physical realm. This is where **Mother Teresa** says we need to ask God for the grace of **generosity**. I don't want to employ **alliteration** here, but the two greatest graces are **gratitude** and **generosity**, and these graces are (in my book at least) simply different sides of the same coin. Remember, God is the most **generous Lover** you will ever meet. So **in love** with you, Jesus kept giving and giving and giving His **love** to you – even while you were still **in sin** – until He gave up His very life for you. **Mother Teresa** insisted: “**God would have died even for one.**” See, God must have **you in Heaven!** The Father sent His Son to love without measure, without counting the cost – the love Jesus showed to **the poor sinner** pierced His **Sacred Heart** and the Lord poured out all of His **Blood** to save you. This is the **generosity** we are to pray to be given to us by God. You see, we are so **grateful** for what Jesus did for us (in showing us **compassion**), we wish to show our **gratitude** to God by being **compassionate** to others. There are times when we are called to be compassionate with the poor in **single instances** or over short periods of time. Like **the Knights of Columbus' 40 Cans for Lent program**. We make a one-time donation to the hungry by bringing food for the poor during **Lent**. This is great. But sometimes, God is going to ask us to be more **generous** and more loving and to offer **compassion** to the poor over a longer haul and the length of this **exodus** may bring pain and suffering to our own lives – as it did to the Saviors. We put on my Mom's **tombstone**: “**unwearied is your love for us,**” because Mom always **loved** us. There was no sin we could commit against her and no repetition of the same sin – that would prevent Mom from loving us. See, she **imitated** Jesus Christ with her life. If we are to imitate Jesus in serving the poor, **St. Teresa** says, we need the grace of **generosity**. And the more gracious you are to Jesus Christ for **loving** you – the more **generous** God will make your **heart** as you serve others. Because remember, we can't **imitate** our Savior, unless we ask our Savior to make our **hearts** like unto His.



Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. —Galatians 6:9

Zealous young professed, the sound of your footsteps in search for souls must be like a sweet music for Jesus. Keep the thirst for souls ever burning in your hearts, for only then will we be true Missionaries of Charity. —Mother Teresa (Instructions, 1966)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROMOTE GOOD FRIDAY'S VENERATION OF THE CROSS

- Even before the **Pandemic**, attendance at **Good Friday's liturgy** was low despite the day's central role as **the day of Salvation**. The **Knights of Columbus** are encouraging families to attend this liturgy and come to the aid of those living in the Holy Land by contributing to the Good Friday Collection.

- **The Pontifical Good Friday Collection** offers all **Catholics** an opportunity to express their solidarity with Catholics living in the Holy Land. A donation to **the Holy Father's** annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in **war, violence, and instability** in the land where Jesus walked.

GOOD FRIDAY



If you would like to **honor** a deceased loved one by dedicating an **Easter Lilly** in **the Sanctuary**—simply write their name on an **envelop** and place it in the offertory basket at the back of Church.

More and more people are coming to Mass, and this is of course a “great” thing, but we must remember that because of **the Pandemic**—we are still coming to Church **just to celebrate the Mass** and receive **the Eucharist**. Though we would **love** to stop and talk after **Mass** with our fellow parishioners that we have not seen for many, many months—we should simply return to our homes, and then **give them a phone call**.

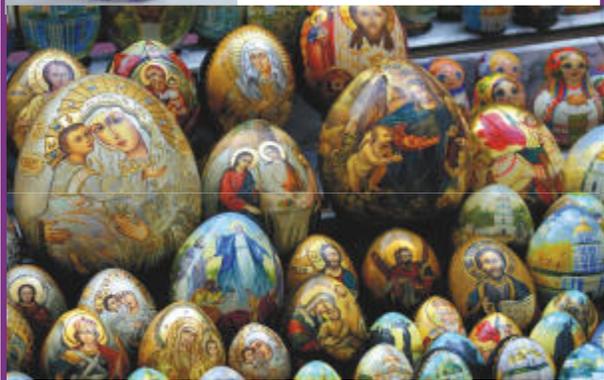
I know this will be difficult with **Easter** and the overwhelming **joy** that our **Risen Lord** has given us, but **the Bishops of Illinois** have promised **the Governor** that safety regulations will be kept.

Holy Thursday OLPH 7:00 pm

Good Friday SMA 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil St. Patrick 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday 8:00 am SMA, 10:30 am OLPH



Questions on Your Catholic Faith

Why Jesus Died Between Two Thieves?

We will find that when we look at things from **God's perspective** that Jesus is in **the middle**. God put His Son in the center, so that Jesus could reach out with His **right hand** and gather them into **the Kingdom** of His Father, and our Lord could reach out with His **left hand** and reap a rich harvest of one hundred-fold; that His Dad's banquet hall would be full. But because we have been **duped by Satan**,



some of us will slap at our Lord's **left hand**. I like this image of Jesus in **the middle** – **St. Thomas Aquinas** calls Him “the great divider.” (**I have come to bring not peace but the sword. Matthew 10:34**) Remember, the father stood between his two sons – one was already enjoying **the fattened calf** – the other would not enter. Didn't Jesus, by His birth, **divide time** into two parts? I.e. B.C. and A.D. Jesus is **a Judge**, and our Lord's position – being in **the center** is a physical sign that He is the judge of mankind. **St. Augustine** points out that Jesus is not to the right or to the left of either thief. No, one thief is to **His right** and the other is to **His left**! This calls to mind the parable of **the King at the Last Judgment** who placed the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. There is of course a **terrible irony** here, because the One who is dying was judged by men to be guilty – and He is really **the Judge of mankind**. Jesus pointed out this irony to Pilate in **John 19:10-11**. Pilate says, **do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?** To which our Lord replied, **you would have no power over Me if it had not been given to you from above**. It appears that **the most decisive question in the world** is: What do we think of Christ? Do we see Jesus as the One who can deliver us from **evil** (the good thief) or do we **mock** Him (the bad thief)? This is almost, but not quite – the greatest question. **The most decisive question in the world** is: What does the Christ think of us? In the language of **St. Mother Teresa**, the Lord says, **'I thirst. Give Me a drink.'** At **our judgment** Jesus will tell His Dad, **“this one gave Me a**



drink of their love,” and God the Father will say, **“well done My good and Faithful servant – come, share your Master's joy.”** Or at our judgment Jesus may be forced to tell His Dad, **“I asked this one for a drink of their love, but they would not satisfy My thirst,”** and God the Father will say, **“in that case, depart from Me you evil doer.”** And we will experience what **the rich man**, who **deprived** Lazarus of any good thing in his life – we will suffer **a sweltering tongue** and long for only one drop of **cool water**.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 27th

(+) Salvatore & Esther Falbo/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Richard Garland/ Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Klein & (+) Faye Leffelman/ Gene Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo

Sunday, March 28th 6th Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Henry Robinson/ Candy Robinson & Melissa Palucki

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Ronald Vaessen/ Mary Kuebel

Monday, March 29th

(+) Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Hoerner/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Weiler & (+) Fr. Hughes/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, March 30th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Urban Becker/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bresson

Wednesday, March 31st

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Clarence Wolf Family/ Mr. & Mrs. Louie Vaessen

Thursday, April 1st Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Robert Bonnell/ Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klein

Friday, April 2nd Good Friday

1:00 pm, **SMA** Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 3rd Easter Vigil

7:30 pm, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary Ann Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Ron Klein

Sunday, April 4th Easter Sunday

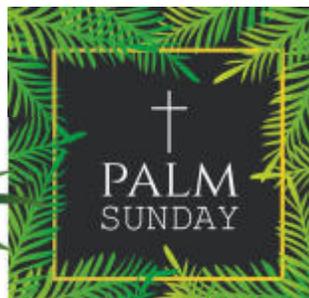
8:00 am, **SMA** Pro Populo

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Roland Schuhler/ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Heitmann

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