

MARCH 28, 2021 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



ST. THÉRÈSE *Little Flower*

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of evangelizing disciples being transformed by the Gospel in order to transform our parish, our neighborhood and our world. We will do this by cultivating faith formation, participating in spirit-filled worship, fostering stewardship, and reaching out in the name of Jesus to those in need.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.
St. Therese Novena
Monday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Holy days: see schedule inside
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

SACRAMENTAL AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office.

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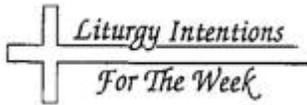
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.-NOON & 1-4:00 P.M.

**Monday, March 29**

8:30 +Julio Apancio

6-7:00PM Confessions

Tuesday, March 30

8:30 +Judy Stegeman

Wednesday, March 31

8:30 +Norma Jean Roskopf

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday**6:30PM** The Sisters of Divine Providence in Madagascar**Friday, April 2 - Good Friday****Noon** Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord**Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday**

No Confessions

8:30PM Members of the Rosegarden**Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday**

9:00 For the Spiritual Needs of the People of Little Flower Parish

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Due to an early bulletin deadline, the financial information for March 21 will be in the April 4 bulletin.

The Parish Office is closed from noon on Holy Thursday through Easter Monday and will reopen on Tuesday, April 6.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**Thursday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.**Lector 1 - Pat Kennedy, Lector 2 - Tiffany Nascimento
EME - Ray Feldman**Friday, April 2, 12:00 p.m.**Lector 1 - Nancy Robers, Lector 2 - Carl Roskopf
EME - Carol Stehlin**Saturday, April 3, 8:30 p.m.**Lector 1 - Ken Stehlin, Lector 2 - Betty Cepluch
Lector 3 - Debbie Otero
EME - Tom Cepluch**Sunday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.**Lector 1 - Evelyn Cruz, Lector 2 - Maria Campbell
EME - MaryBeth Brunsmann**Sunday, April 4, 11:00 a.m.**Lector 1 - Sandy Weinkam, Lector 2 - Nancy Berling
EME - Don Weinkam**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE****Saturday, April 3**

4:30 –

Sunday, April 4

9:00 – Abby and Zachary Campbell

11:00 – Amelia Hood and Kisanet Michael

This week we celebrate the most essential feasts of the Catholic faith. On each day, from Holy Thursday until the Saturday Evening Easter Vigil Mass, there is a portion of the celebration that we call the ***Triduum***, which consists in these parts named “*Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper*”, “*Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion*” and “*Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter*”. While it may seem like these are three separate liturgies, they are considered together as a single connected liturgical action. It is during this time that the whole community can gather as one in remembrance of Him. While we may have other prayer opportunities on these days and other traditions, nothing is more important to us than celebrating together at these three opportunities to gather as a full community.

**HOLY THURSDAY****MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

This evening ends Lent and the Church begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. This Mass commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Most people recall two unique parts of this liturgy. The first, which is now optional, is the washing of the feet by the priest as a remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of the apostles and His call to service of others. The second, is the solemn procession to the reservation chapel with the Blessed Sacrament that will be used for Holy Communion the next day on Good Friday.

**GOOD FRIDAY - THE LORD’S PASSION**

On Good Friday, the Church does not celebrate Mass, but a unique ritual to recall the Death of the Lord and to venerate the Cross as a sign of God’s mercy. The Lord’s Passion solemnity comes from the realization of the great Mystery that we recall; the meaning of the Lord’s death in expiation of our sins.

**HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL MASS**

The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful and important celebration of the liturgical year. The quiet of Holy Saturday is broken when the Church gathers around the Easter fire outside the church building. Here the Paschal Candle is inscribed, blessed and lit. It is the light of the Paschal Candle that leads everyone into the darkened church. The light of Christ dispels the darkness!



The Liturgy of the Word follows the Easter Proclamation. Since this is a Vigil, there are more readings from Scripture than usual. With each reading, the story of our salvation is unfolded until the Gospel proclaims that Jesus is risen from the dead. If there are any persons seven years of age and older being fully initiated into the Church as new Catholics, we then celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. During this evening of Light, the entire congregation renews their own baptismal promises.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF ABSTINENCE from meat and also a fast day, that is, limited to a single full meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

HOLY WEEK

MASS: Daily Mass, Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: Monday, March 29 from 6-7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: after 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday.

- The obligation to attend Mass, including Easter, continues to be dispensed.
- In order to get a rough number of people attending the three Easter Masses, **please call or email the Parish Office** to let us know which (if any) of the three Easter Masses you plan on attending and the number of people.
- The Easter Vigil is considered as the most important Mass and one of the most beautiful Masses of the liturgical year. Please consider attending this 1 1/2 hour service.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29 - Confessions from 6-7:00 p.m.

April 1 - Holy Thursday Mass at **6:30 p.m.**

April 2 - Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m.,
Liturgy at 12:00 p.m.

April 3 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.

April 4 - Easter Sunday, Masses at 9 and 11:00 a.m.

FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- *Thanks* to the generous donations of parishioners, we have exceeded our goal for the Fr. Hamann Scholarship!
- *Contribution envelopes error* - The envelope packets you recently received for March and April have the incorrect family numbers on them and some are missing last names. We changed census software and there were issues in the switchover. If you know your family number, please write it on the envelope. Or, put your name on the envelope.
- *Reminder* - All scholarship applications are due to the Parish Office by April 1.
- *Parish Grounds Clean Up Day* – Saturday April 10, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., with a rain out day of April 17, 9-noon. Drinks and snack will be provided. Jobs are available for all ages and skill sets. *Due to COVID, all jobs will be outside to help maintain social distancing. Sign-up is not required but to ensure there is enough work to go around, please contact Kelsey in the Parish Office to let her know you (and anyone coming with you) will be there to lend a hand.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPi

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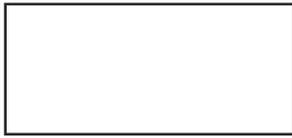


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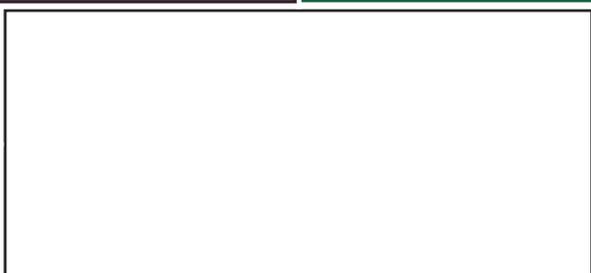
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