# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Saturday: Sunday: Weekdays and Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

**Communion Services** 

Diocesan

Check inside the bulletin.

Little Flower Church Mission Statement

Little Flower Church (St. Therese of the Infant Jesus) is a vibrant faith community in the Roman Catholic Tradition, striving to live out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist. we are called by God to look beyond ourselves to respond compassionately to the needs of others.

# The Theresean

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER 317-357-5316

SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702 The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8. Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM. Contact the school for more information.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on most Sundays during the year. Baptisms are held after the 9:30 am Mass. If you prefer to have your child's baptism scheduled during Mass, you may request this at the time you return the baptism information form. Requests for the date and time specified will be honored to the extent possible. Parents who have not yet received pre-baptismal instruction are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class that is held 5 times per year. Call the Parish Office well in advance so that class arrangements may be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Contact the priest 9 to 12 months in advance. A Wedding Handbook is available from the Parish Office which provides the necessary information on arranging for a marriage.

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/MINISTRY TO THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the parish at any time. Please contact the Parish Center if you or a loved one are hospitalized, or are confined to home or a nursing facility, to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing. Hospitals and healthcare facilities no longer routinely inform churches when a negrishionari is admitted. when a parishioner is admitted.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS Priesthood or Vocation as a Religious Sister or Brother. Those considering entering the Priesthood or a religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 317-236-1490.

LITTLE FLOWER COUNSELING CENTER Counseling services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

#### INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all those visiting with us today. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish or wish to register for membership, please call the Parish Office. Registration forms are also available at each of the church doors.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish center or by email to lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For Christians, and especially for Catholics, Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year. According to Nathan Mitchell, in the earliest days of Christianity, there were no elaborate Holy Week rituals. Instead, the early Christians celebrated Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection in one unified service called the Pascha, i.e., the Christian Passover, or Easter. This was preceded by a short time of fasting in preparation for Easter.

However, already in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the unified Easter Liturgy was split into separate Liturgies that celebrated the principal events of Jesus' final week.<sup>1</sup> On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate his Last Supper with his disciples during which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. On Good Friday, we commemorate his Passion and Death. Finally, on

Holy Saturday, we celebrate his triumphant resurrection from the dead and celebrate the sacraments of initiation with our Elect.

Our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies will be as follows:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday	8:00 p.m.
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday	8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass will be live streamed. You are invited to attend all of these Liturgies, but you will need tickets for each of them. See information about tickets elsewhere in *The Theresean*.

One of our traditions is to commission or recommission Eucharistic Ministers at the Holy Thursday Mass. This year we will commission or recommission those who are present in person or virtually.

At the Easter Vigil, ten of our Elect will be baptized, confirmed and receive First Communion, one will be received into the Church, confirmed, and receive First Communion, and two already baptized Catholics will be confirmed and receive First Communion. Five are grade school students, and two are high school students. We are delighted to welcome so many into our parish community in the midst of the pandemic.

Lenten promises should be kept until after the Easter Vigil!

**Easter Sunday Masses** will be at **8:30 and 10:30 a.m.** There will be **NO** 6:00 p.m. Mass. There will be **NO** 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. Also, there will be **NO** confessions on Holy Saturday.

The parish office and Little Flower Catholic School will be closed on Monday, April 5.

As Lent concludes, special thanks to the Men's Club, especially Drew Torzewski, for continuing to host the Fish Frys and thanks to all the regular volunteers, all the weekly volunteers, all those who dined in or picked up dinner, and all those who invited and encouraged others to dine in or pick up dinner.

Have a blessed Holy Week.

fr. Bob

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Nathan Mitchell, "Holy Week," *The HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, ed. by Richard P. McBrien, (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1995), p.'s 636f.



#### For the Week of March 29 – April 4, 2021

29	March	Monday
30	5:30 p.m. <b>March</b>	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman <b>Tuesday</b>
		No Mass
31	March	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Royce Morelos by Ma. Cynthia B. Morelos
01	April	Holy Thursday
	7:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Supper –
		Fr. Kevin Morris
02	April	Good Friday
	7:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
03	April	Saturday – Easter Vigil
	8:00 p.m.	Harriett Hamilton by Jerry & Joan Bullock
04	Apri	Sunday – Easter Sunday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Lou Mackell by the Ladies Club
	10:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	No Mass
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### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### March 28 – April 4, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Palm Sunday		
Monday	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Gabriel Project
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	The Search (In-
			Person)
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Music Practice
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday	Holy Thursday		
	Duffey Hall	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
Friday	Good Friday		
Saturday	Parish Lawn	10:00 a.m.	LFAC Easter Egg
-			Hunt
	Duffey Hall	10:00 p.m.	RCIA Reception
Sunday	Easter Sunday		

Permission has now been granted for the homebound to receive Communion. If you are not able to attend Mass due to being over the age of 65 or immunocompromised, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x 106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org and every effort will be made to find someone to bring you Communion.



We are looking for one more volunteer to join our IU Health Little Flower Congregation ministry. Training will NEECEC start in a few weeks and will be done

via zoom. The class lasts only an hour once a week for 4 weeks. You will learn five practices of companionship and be able to connect patients with a network of community resources. We are learning how to address issues of social isolation and loneliness, especially for persons with chronic illnesses. If you would like to join our ministry or learn more about it, please contact Chris Arvin at 317-270-2930.

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER Your Gifts of Treasure**

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Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00	
Collection of March 20 and 21		9,891.00	
Electronic Contributions 3/15-3/19		8,947.34	
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual		491,753.39	
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget		494,000.00	
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,246.61	
Home Improvement Fund			
January Contributions		2,163.65	
February Contributions		1,909.32	
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,809.99	
United Catholic Appe (gifts processed as of 3/18)	eal		
Parish Goal		\$ 55,359.00	
# of gifts received or pledged		109	
		27,597.00	
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If you have not returned your annual stewardship intention card, please return it as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if needed.

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

In the interest of safety for everyone, we will utilize a ticketed reservation system for the following Holy Week and Easter services/events. A letter has been mailed to all parishioners with detailed information. The full text of the letter is available via the link on the main page of our website, www.littleflowerparish.org.

- Holy Thursday Soup Supper, April 1, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday Mass, April 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Good Friday, April 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

We have no idea what to expect for attendance, so we must try to ensure that we don't have more attendees than can safely socially distance in church. You may follow the link below to a page on our website where you can easily select the services for which you want to make a reservation.

http://www.littleflowerparish.org/prayer-and-liturgy/holy-week-and-easterreservations/

Please reserve as soon as you are sure when you would like to attend as we anticipate Masses for Easter Sunday may be full. You call the parish office may or email tom@littleflowerparish.org if you have questions. If you don't have access to a computer and wish to make a reservation, please call Jeannie at 317-357-8352. She will take care of your reservation and mail you your tickets. Thank you for your patience and understanding.





Readings for April 1 Holy Thursday Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15 To read the readings on-line, go to

<u>https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040121-</u> <u>Evening.cfm</u>

Readings for April 2 - Good Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040221.cfm

#### Readings for April 3 - Easter Vigil

Genesis 1-2:2 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 55:1-11 Romans 6:3-11 Mark 16:1-7 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040321.cfm

Readings for April 4 – Easter Sunday Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 Mark 16:1-7 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040421.cfm



The Parish Life Commission will once again hold a Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall. Due to COVID restrictions there will be some changes in this event, tickets will be required, and seating is limited to 90 people. Please go to

http://www.littleflowerparish.org/prayer-and-liturgy/holyweek-and-easter-reservations/ or call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, to obtain tickets. The menu will include vegetable soup, roll/butter, salad, applesauce, hot dogs, and drinks.



#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 27/28 – Palm Sunday - Regular Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Reservations/Tickets NOT required

April 1 – Holy Thursday

Soup Supper in Duffey Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. with serving until 6:30 p.m Mass at 7:00 p.m. (will be live-streamed) **Reservations/Tickets required for Mass AND Soup Supper and must be reserved separately.** Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned. (Any present in person as well as those attending virtually.) Adoration will take place in church when Mass is concluded, and will close with Night Prayer in Church at 9:00 p.m.

#### April 2 – Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m. (will be live-streamed) Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m. Tickets not required, but parishioners & parents are asked to attend afternoon service to allow more room for students in the morning.

> Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m. (will be live-streamed)

**Reservations/Tickets required for evening service.** Those watching this service virtually are encouraged to have a crucifix from their home with them for the Veneration of the Cross.

April 3 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m. Reservations/Tickets required for Easter Vigil NO 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions

#### April 4– Easter Sunday NOTE SCHEDULE – THERE WILL BE TWO SUNDAY MORNING MASSES.

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m (8:30 a.m. will be live-streamed.) Reservations/Tickets required for Easter Sunday Masses. No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

If you have forgotten to return your Baby Bank to church this weekend, please do not return it on Easter. Please bring it to the parish center or to church on the weekend of April 10 and 11. Please return the banks even if they are empty to save the cost of replacing them for next year. Thank you for your support!



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is Monday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their

child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until June.



#### The Search: Week 7

How do I access this man who lived 2,000 years ago? How do I live this call of love? We uniquely encounter the love of God in his Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church. It's out of touch. It's full of bad people. It's just too boring. Maybe when we say "the Church" we mean a little more. The Church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. It's the place where we were meant to

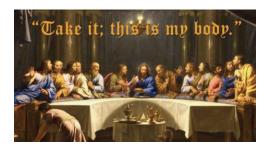
encounter his grace that prepares us for every step of life. The God that is love knows how we're made material and spiritual—and we need tangible ways to live our faith. We can't be spiritual but not religious. This is where we'll find ultimate happiness in life. This is where the God that has been seeking humanity, who wrote the deepest desires onto our human hearts, encounters us. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer—he is the answer. The answers to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in his Church.



#### Mother's Day Breakfast Save the Date

The Men's Club is planning the return of the annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 9, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. <u>Due to</u> <u>COVID restrictions, this</u>

event will require reservations. Also, to comply with Indiana liquor laws, all guests must be <u>at least 21 years of age</u>. More information to follow in future issues of *The Theresean*.



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Charlie Goodman, Bobbie Lawless, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Joe Clegg, Mary Skinner, Carol Freeland, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Lourdes Riedeman, and the Forestal Family.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

#### Alberta Peters

8811 Madison Ave, Apt 201A, Indianapolis, IN 46227



Pray for our active military family/friends:

**Brian Ledgerwood**, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson.

Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

Christopher Torzewski, currently deployed in the United States Army.

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

On Tuesday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m., Bread for the World Indiana, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad, hosts a virtual, free, one-hour conversation on how and why governments should invest in accessible, equitable, and nutritious food systems. The panel of speakers includes U.S. Senator Mike Braun, a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Dr. Heather Eicher-Miller, Purdue University Department of Nutrition Science; Eric Halvorson, Kroger Corp., and Michelle Hummel, formerly a WIC staff member. Tickets are free but registration is required. Sign up at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feeding-our-economytickets-141487076655</u>.



**Trash Bag Sales:** Ready for your spring cleaning? Our school trash bag fundraiser is in full swing. Forms are available at entrances to church and digitally on the school website and Facebook. Proceeds from sales pay for field trips, class experiences, teacher enrichment, scholarships,

and more. Trash bags are \$12 per roll and made in Indiana from Indiana recyclables. Forms along with payment (cash or check made payable to "Little Flower PTO") are due at the school or parish center by Tuesday, April 6, or in the collection basket by April 4. Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!

#### FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2021 June 4, 5, and 6 Our next leadership team meeting is Wednesday, March 31, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

We are moving full speed ahead with festival plans! If we are able to receive permits for the event, the festival will take place on these dates as planned. We will work closely with the Marion County Department of Public Health to make sure Summerfest is safe for all attendees.

**Booth Chairs Needed!** We have a few empty booth chair positions available. Please search your heart and email Angie at <u>amackell@littleflowerparish.org</u> if you would be willing to step up and chair one of these areas at the festival this year:

- Food Walking Tacos/Nachos
- Entry Gates
- Main Raffle
- Ride Ticket Booths

**The Silent Auction** team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or <u>edeputy1@yahoo.com</u>), or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate!

- Are you an artisan or just plain crafty? Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.
- Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25? Consider donating them!
- Are you a Colts or Pacers season ticket holder? Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.
- **Do you have a timeshare or vacation property?** Consider donating a week this year.

**Used Book Sale** – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00, and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie, and she will mail information to them. **Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!** 

#### Stained Glass Raffle

Exciting news! Along with our festival planning, we will also have our yearly stained glass raffle! This year we will have 3 beautiful pieces to give away to the lucky winners. BUT we need your help. We are asking anybody that has a social media account (Facebook, Instagram, or even email) to help promote the raffle. You DO NOT have to collect any money or do any work. All you need to do is post or share the ads. All money will be sent to the LF office, and we will do all the work. Since we didn't have a raffle last year, our goal this year is to raise \$8,000.00. We can do this with your help. The ads will be made up for you, and all you have to do is post them, email them, etc. We ask that you post them as often as possible. *CAN YOU HELP???* LET'S MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS. Please contact Steve Wright at trading915@aol.com if you will help. We will start about the second week of April, and the drawing will be the last day of the festival.



LET'S MAKE SOME

### Work at Day Camp in Indy

- · Ages 16 and older.
- Two weeks of employment.
- Earn \$200 per week
- · Training provided.
- Day Camps are held at Roncalli & Bishop Chatard.
- · Apply online at campranchoframasa.org.

## Learn to be a Leader at Camp

Junior Counselor Program

- Ages 16-18.
- Seven sessions available.
- · Hands-on Leadership Training.
- · Hang out with cute kids.
- · Participate in camp activities.
- Sign up online at:

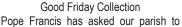
www.campranchoframasa.org.



Covid-19 Safety Guidelines are in place.







Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday

Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

# FORMED<sup>®</sup> PICK OF THE WEEK

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#### TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



#### FORMED LIVE!

## Jesus' Descent into Hell

#### FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY-JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

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#### HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

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