



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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February 11th, 2024 Quinquagesima Sunday

Sunday, February 11 – Quinquagesima Sunday (Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes)

8:00 am Low Mass (In Honor of St. Joseph from Bohman Family)

Server: Jake Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Xavier Wright

Monday, February 12 – Seven Holy Service Founders, Cc

8:00 am Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jamie Kennedy)

Tuesday, February 13 – Feria (St. Catherine of Ricci, V)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from Williamitis Family)

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday (St. Valentine, PrM)

6:00 pm Low Mass (Shannon Ribar from Hille Family)

Thursday, February 15 – Lenten Feria (Ss. Faustinus & Jovita, Mm)

7:00 am Low Mass (Unsaved family members, friends & relatives from Jamie Kennedy)

Friday, February 16 – Lenten Feria (St. Onesimus, BM)

8:00 am Low Mass (Philomena Creighton from Alexa Creighton)

Saturday, February 17 – Lenten Feria (Flight into Egypt)

8:30 am Low Mass (Andrew Otworth from Peter Creighton)

Sunday, February 18 – 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Simeon, BM)

8:00 am Low Mass (Mike Williamitis from Williamitis Family)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: MC: Paddy Omlor. Acolytes: Clayton Wright & Michael Peck. Thurifer: Peter Creighton.

Announcements

† The **Talent Show/St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's** celebration will be on **March 17th** after the 10 am Mass. The location will be at the hall of the Lebanon Christian School (15 E. Warren St. Lebanon, OH 45036). Please bring a **main dish** to share.

† There will be **Catechism Classes** with the **Sisters** after Mass today. The next classes will be on the 25th.

† The Mass time for **Ash Wednesday** (2/14) will be at **6 pm**. There will be distribution of ashes on Sunday (2/18) for those who are not able to make it on Ash Wednesday.

† During the Lent Season, there will be **Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 2 pm and on Sundays a half-hour before the 10 am Mass.

† **Petition to St. Therese** to help find a building for the school, convent, and rectory. The Novena Prayer to St. Therese after each Low Mass will be said for these intentions.

Church Laws of Fast and Abstinence for Lent:

ABSTINENCE: 1). Everyone over seven years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. 2). Complete abstinence is to be observed on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday. On days of complete abstinence, meat and soup or gravy made from meat may not be used at all.

FAST: 1). Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is also bound to observe the law of fast. 2). The days of fast are everyday during Lent, except Sunday. 3). On days of fast, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. 4). Meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of fast except on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Saturday. 5). Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices (no pulps), are allowed. 6). Where health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday Reflection: "The enemies we have to fight with, are of two kinds: internal and external. The first are our passions; the second are the devils. Both were brought on us by pride, and the man's pride began when he refused to obey his God. God forgave him his sin, but He punished him. The punishment was death, and this was the form of the divine sentence: "For dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return" (Gen. 3:19). Oh, that we had remembered this! The recollection of what we are and what we are to be, would have checked that haughty rebellion, which has so often led us to break the law of God. And if, for the time to come, we would persevere loyalty to Him, we must humble ourselves, accept the sentence, and look on this present life as a path to the grave. The path may be long or short; but to the tomb it must lead us. Remembering this, we shall see all things in their true light. We shall love that God, Who has deigned to set His Heart on us, notwithstanding our being creatures of death: we shall hate, with deepest contrition, the insolence and ingratitude, wherewith we have spent so many of our few days of life, that is, in sinning against our Heavenly Father: and we shall be not only willing, but eager, to go through these days of penance, which He so mercifully gives us for making reparation to His offended justice. This was the motive the Church had in enriching Her liturgy with the solemn rite, at which we are to assist today. When centuries ago She decreed the anticipation of the Lenten fast by the last four days of Quinquagesima week, She instituted this impressive ceremony of signing the foreheads of Her children with ashes, while saying to them those awful words, wherewith God sentenced us to death: "Remember man that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return!" But the making use of ashes as a symbol of humiliation and penance, is of a much earlier date than the institution to which we alluded. We find frequent mention of it in the Old Testament. Job, though a Gentile, sprinkled his flesh with ashes, that thus humbled, he might propitiate the Divine mercy (Job 16:16): and this was 2,000 years before the coming of the Savior. The royal prophet tells us of himself, that he mingled ashes with his bread, because of the Divine anger and indignation (Ps. 101: 10,11). Many such examples are to be met with in the sacred Scriptures; but so obvious is the analogy between the sinner who signifies his grief, and the object whereby he signifies it, that we read such instances without surprise. When fallen man would humble himself before the Divine justice, which has sentenced his body to return to dust, how could he more aptly express his contrite acceptance of the sentence, than by sprinkling himself, or his food, with ashes, which is the dust of wood consumed by fire? This earnest acknowledgment of his being himself but dust and ashes, is an act of humility and humility ever gives him confidence in that God, Who resists the proud and pardons the humble." — *Adapted from the Liturgical Year by Abbot Gueranger*

Confessions: 45 minutes before Sunday Masses. 30 minutes before weekday Masses. Father will stop hearing confessions 10 minutes before Mass. Confessions could be heard after Mass as well.

Baptism: Please call Father to make arrangements. At least one parent and the sponsors must be practicing traditional Catholics. It is a serious obligation for Catholics to have their newborns baptized within two weeks.

Matrimony: For practicing registered parishioners only. Please contact Father at least six months before the wedding date for marriage instructions.

Mass Intentions may be submitted for a stipend of \$25.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Sunday Catechism Classes for children: Please see Sister Rose Marie, C.M.D.

Blessing of Religious Articles: Please bring item(s) up to Communion Rail after Holy Mass.

Adult Catechism: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm.

**Sexagesima
Sunday**
(2/4/24)
Collection: \$ 2103