



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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September 1st, 2024 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 1 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (St. Giles, Ab)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Server: Jacob Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

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

Monday, September 2 – Feria (St. Stephen, KC)

9:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Tuesday, September 3 – St. Pius X, PC

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Wednesday, September 4 – Feria (St. Rose of Viterbo, V)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Thursday, September 5 – St. Lawrence Justinian, BC

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Friday, September 6 – Feria (St. Eleutherius, Ab)

6:00 pm Low Mass w/Holy Hour & Simple Benediction (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Saturday, September 7 – BVM Saturday (St. Cloud, C)

8:30 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor.)

Sunday, September 8 – Nativity BVM (16th Sunday after Pentecost; St. Adrian, M)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Victoria Omlor from Patrick Omlor)

Server: Andrew Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Xavier Wright

Announcements

† **First Friday Devotion:** Mass at 6 pm followed by Holy Hour & Simple Benediction.

† **Monthly Pancake and Egg Breakfast:** Will be held on **September 22nd** in the back of the church following the 10 am Mass. All are welcome! Free, but donations to help support the CMD Sisters and the Academy are appreciated!

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the week of (8/23 to 9/5) for the INTENTIONS of Ann Williamitis. The next sanctuary candle intention is for Connie Sellers (9/6 to 9/20). If you would like to donate to light the 14 day sanctuary candle for your intention, please let Father know. The **donation** for each candle is **\$25** (candles generally last 14 days, but sometimes they burn faster than expected).

† The Sisters will be having **catechism** for the children and teenagers on **September 8th** after each Mass.

† Please keep in your prayers the sick of the parish and those who Father goes to see. Also, please keep in your prayers a young man of the parish who will be receiving treatment for his cancer. Thank you!

Moral Questions: *Father Connell answers moral questions:* Chapter 1. **PRESENCE AT NON-CATHOLIC SERVICES:** Question 4: Is friendship a sufficient title to justify passive attendance at a non-Catholic funeral or wedding, in view of the fact that the Code (Can. 1258, 2) requires “a grave reason, civilis officii vet honoris causa”?

Answer: The mere fact that a Catholic has had a slight acquaintance with the non-Catholic whose marriage or funeral is taking place in a non-Catholic church is not sufficient reason to justify the Catholic’s attendance at the function. But intimate and long-standing friendship would be a sufficient reason, provided there is no danger of scandal or of perversion. The phrase *honoris causa* can be reasonably interpreted to include the expression of honor which we naturally wish to manifest to our intimate friends, especially on the occasion of a marriage or a funeral. Bouscaren-Ellis translate the phrase given by the questioner as “for the sake of civil courtesy, duty or respect, for a grave reason” (Canon Law [Milwaukee, 1946], p. 639). It should be remembered that under no circumstances may a Catholic participate *actively* in any public non-Catholic religious service.

CONTRIBUTING TO A PROTESTANT CHURCH: Question 5 (A): Some Catholic parents in this town recently allowed their children to sing at a concert, the purpose of which was to raise funds for the building of a new Protestant church. Could this be justified?

Question 5 (B): What should be said to a Catholic girl who brings her non-Catholic fiancé to Mass every Sunday, and then attends Protestant services with him?

Answer A: The participation of Catholic children in a concert to procure funds for a Protestant church is equivalent to the contributing of money by them for this purpose. Now, to contribute money toward the erection of a Protestant church is material co-operation toward false worship, which can be justified only for grave reasons. In 1822 a decree of the Sacred Penitentiary allowed Catholics to contribute funds toward the erection of a non-Catholic church in a particular locality where Protestants were permitted by civil law to use the Catholic Church for their services (Cf. Aertnys-Damen, *Theologia Moralis*, 16th. Ed. [1950], I, n.407). The grave reason justifying contributions in this instance was the liberation of Catholics from the obnoxious condition of having their church available to heretics. Some theologians teach that even the avoidance of a very grave personal inconvenience would justify such contributing—for example, if a Catholic storekeeper in a predominantly non-Catholic town would be boycotted and financially ruined in the event that he would not give something toward the building of a Protestant church (Cf. Nolan, *Summa Theologiae Moralis*, II, n. 122). But, apart from such extraordinary circumstances it would be forbidden to Catholics to contribute money or its equivalent (e.g. participation in the aforesaid entertainment) toward the erection of a non-Catholic house of worship. It could hardly ever happen that conditions would be realized which would merit children to take part in a concert for this purpose. Certainly, the mere fact that the parents wish to remain on good terms with their non-Catholic neighbors would not be a sufficient reason. Furthermore, the children might be placed in a circumstance that would endanger their Catholic faith, such as attempts at proselytizing on the part of zealous non-Catholics whom they would meet at rehearsals. Above all, they might become imbued with the principle, so widespread in our land today, that all religions are equally good. All things considered, it seems safe to say that practically always the participation of children in a concert such as that described by the questioner would be sinful co-operation toward false worship.

Answer B: The Catholic girl in question should be told that she may not continue her practice of regularly attending non-Catholic services on Sundays, even though she first assists at Mass, and even though her refusal may mean the breaking off of her engagement with the non-Catholic young man. The conditions for allowing passive attendance at a non-Catholic public service, as they are interpreted by theologians and canonists (Canon 1258, 2), certainly do not extend to the case of a private individual who seems to put the true religion on an equal basis with a false religion and whose regular attendance at false worship is directed merely to personal benefit. Moreover, in this case the danger of perversion and of scandal can hardly be absent. The most practical course for the young woman would seem to be to request a release from her present engagement and to wait for a proposal of marriage from a good Catholic boy.

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: Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.

**14th Sunday
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Collection: \$1260**