



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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March 31st, 2024 Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday (St. Benjamin, M)

9:00 am Low Mass (Brigitte Holsapple & family from Maria Tumbusch)
Server: Volunteer

Monday, April 1 – Easter Monday (St. Hugh, BC)

8:00 am Low Mass (In honor of St. Telesphorus for the poor souls in purgatory from A.M.O.)

Tuesday, April 2 – Easter Tuesday (St. Francis of Paola, C)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (In honor of the Infant of Prague for Janice West from A.M.O.)

Wednesday, April 3 – Easter Wednesday (St. Richard, BC)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Norman West from The Omlor Family)

Thursday, April 4 – Easter Thursday (St. Isidore, BCD)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Norman West from The Omlor Family)

Friday, April 5 – Easter Friday (St. Vincent Ferrer, C)

6:00 pm Low Mass (Norman West from The Omlor Family)

Saturday, April 6 – Easter Saturday (St. William, Ab)

8:30 am Low Mass (Drew Emmas and family from Mike & Erin Ribar)

Sunday, April 7 – Low Sunday (St. Herman Joseph, C)

8:00 am Low Mass (Eliza, Lana, & Dominic Safarik from Christy Safarik)
Server: Jake Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Paddy Omlor

Announcements

† On this glorious feast of the **Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord**, Father wishes to extend **A Blessed Easter** to all the Faithful!

† **NOTE: Father** will be **out of town** (4/2 to 4/5) for a few days on Mission. There will be **NO MASS SCHEDULED** from Tuesday (4/2) to Thursday 4/4). There will be **Mass on First Friday at 6 pm**, but there will be no public Holy Hour, although you may do your own private Holy Hour. During Father's absence, Fr. Thielan will say Mass for First Friday (4/5) at 6 pm.

Palm Sunday
(3/24/24)
Collection: \$1635

† The next **Catechism Classes** with the **Sisters** will be **April 14 and 28**.

† **Adult Catechism** will be moved to Wednesday (4/10). No Catechism on Wednesday (4/3).

† **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.

Reflection: "Resurrection, victory, light, life—that is the joyous message of Easter. Christ rises from the dead first in His person and then in His members. The resurrection of Christ is the resurrection of His Church, too; His victory for His members. This doctrine is made clear to us through the close association of baptism with the celebration of Easter. In ancient times there was no celebration on Holy Saturday as there is today. This day was a day of silent mourning for the dead. Only late in the evening, at dusk, the faithful and the catechumens assembled in the house of God. They proceeded at once to bless the light with which the church was illuminated (now the blessing of the fire). From the new light the Easter candle and the other lights in the church were lighted. Readings from Scripture followed. The meaning of Christian baptism became clearer with the reading of the twelve prophecies from the Old Testament. The catechumens were to receive baptism at dawn. They watched with throbbing hearts as the water was blessed in the baptismal font. One after another they descended into the baptismal water, were submerged three times, and received the sacrament of baptism from the hands of the bishop. With Christ they had descended into the tomb (the baptismal water) and had obtained new life. They were now Christians, new men with a new faith, a new plan of life, and the new ideals. They now had a new spirit and had obtained a new strength, for they had been reborn of the Holy Ghost. In their garments of light, their new, white baptism robes, the catechumens participated in the Mass of the faithful and received Holy Communion for the first time. This is Easter, a time of resurrection, an experience of eternal importance. Easter means new life. Before an Israelite could eat the paschal lamb, he had to rid his house of all leaven. The Apostle concluded that only he may eat the paschal lamb of the Christians who has put off the old man (Epistle). He must become a new man who feasts "with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Only if he has overcome the darkness of sin can he gaze on the glory of the risen Christ, who appears in our midst in the celebration of the Mass. As Magdalen found Him in the garden on Easter morning, so we find Him this morning in the house of God. Here on our altar He becomes our paschal lamb. We take Him into our hands and offer Him to the Father as our Easter gift, "a pure, holy, and unspotted host." But we know that this gift of ours, pure and holy as it is, can profit us only if we are united to it spiritually; that is, only in so far as we share in the life of the risen Christ, having overcome sin, the world, and devil. Easter reminds us not only of the paschal lamb, but also of our baptism. It commemorates not only something that happened to Christ, but also something very important that happened to us. By baptism we obtained a new life, the life Christ merited for us by His death; and we nourish it by the reception of Holy Communion. We are no longer what we were yesterday. We have been changed, we have risen from the grace of our sins, our negligence, our avarice, our selfishness, and our past life. We have died to sin once for all; and now we live to Christ. We lift ourselves above the purely natural thoughts and acts of the present to turn our attention to the "things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth" (Col 3:2). The proof of our union with Christ is in our reception of Holy Communion, by virtue of which we are "of one heart" with one another, and filled with the "spirit of Thy Love." In the Postcommunion we ask that this spirit may be increased. "He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. "

— *Light of the World* by Dom Benedict Baur

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 Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.