



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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March 9th, 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 9 – 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Frances of Rome, W; St. Dominic Savio, C)

8:00 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Server: Alex Sellers

9:35 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: Xavier Wright

Monday, March 10 – Feria (Forty Holy Martyrs)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Tuesday, March 11 – Lenten Feria (St. Eulogius, M)

7:00 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Wednesday, March 12 – St. Gregory the Great, PCD (Ember Wednesday)

7:00 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Thursday, March 13 – St. Lenten Feria (St. Euphrasia, V)

6:00 pm Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Friday, March 14 – Ember Friday (St. Matilda, Q)

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Saturday, March 15 – Ember Saturday (St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, C)

8:30 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Sunday, March 16 – 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Abraham, Hermit)

8:00 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Server: Issac Smith

9:30 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Michael Peck

Announcements

† **Ashes** will be distributed after Mass today for those who were not able to receive ashes on Wednesday. Please approach Communion rail after Mass.

† **Rules of Abstinence & Fast during Lent** (Handbook of Notes on Theology):

Abstinence: 1) Everyone over seven years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence during Ember Days. 2) Complete abstinence is to be observed on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Saturday. On days of complete abstinence, meat and soup or gravy made from meat may not be used at all. 3) On days of partial abstinence, meat and soup or gravy made from meat may be taken only once a day at the principal meal.

Fast: 1) Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast. 2) The days of fast are the weekdays of Lent (except Sundays), including Holy Saturday (Fast ends at Midnight on Holy Saturday). 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 (we also think vegetable juices), are allowed. Malted milk, milkshakes etc., are not permitted. 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.

† **Lent:** During the **season of Lent**, there will be **Stations of the Cross** on **Fridays** at **6:00 pm** and **Mass** at **6:30 pm**.

† There will be **Catechism for the children** after Mass today. Next classes will be March 23. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Josepha at 719 342 9131.

† Please keep in your **prayers** the sick and those who Father goes to see: Jackie Kroger, Connie Sellers, Megan Mann.

† **March 16th** will be the **Parish Talent Show** after the 10 am Mass. The location will be at the American Legion Post. The address is 620 N. Broadway St, Lebanon 45035. If you are planning to perform, please clear it with Father first. Please bring a **main dish to share!**

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (3/6 to 3/20) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Ann Williamitis**. 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).

Reflection: *The Catechism Explained By Stories and Examples by Fr. Francis Spirago. Third Lesson: On The Unity And Trinity of God*

Question: Can we fully understand how the three Divine Persons are one and the same God?

Answer: We cannot fully understand how the three Divine Persons are one and the same God, because this is a mystery.

St. Augustine and the Sea: The mystery of the Trinity is incomprehensible. The following anecdote is related of St. Augustine, the great theologian and Doctor of the Church. For many nights and days he had been meditating on the mystery of the Holy Trinity; he was of the opinion that one must at length attain thorough knowledge and understanding of the doctrine. One day he was walking on the sea-shore, pondering on this subject, when he saw a little boy who was engaged in carrying some of the sea-water in a shell to a trench which he had dug. St. Augustine stopped and asked the child what he was doing. He answered: "I want to empty all the water of the ocean into this pit." The saint shook his head, and said: "My child, that is impossible." The boy looked up and smiled. "It would be easier," he replied, "to empty all the sea into this trench than to fathom the mystery of the Holy Trinity." Our finite intelligence can no more comprehend the nature of the infinite Deity than the waters of the ocean can be confined in a vessel of human manufacture.

Question: What is a mystery?

Answer: A mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand.

The Word of a Missionary: If we believe man, how much the more ought we to believe God! A missionary from Europe went to preach the Gospel in a heathen country situated in the tropics. Once upon a time he told the natives that in his country during winter the water became so hard that an elephant could walk on it. The natives, who only knew water as always warm and even boiling in certain springs, could not imagine such a thing to be possible. Yet as they knew the missionary to be an upright and honorable man, they did not doubt him but believed his statement. If we give credence to the word of a man of known integrity, how much more ought we unhesitatingly to believe the word of God.

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 Maria Josepha, 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.

**Quinquagesima
Sunday
(3/2/25)
Collection: \$1230**