



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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September 21st, 2025 St. Matthew, ApEv

Sunday, September 21 – St. Matthew, ApEv (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

8:00 am Low Mass (Matt Davis & Lewis Family from the Lewis Family)

Server: Andrew Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Blane Straight & Xavier Wright

Monday, September 22 – St. Thomas Villanova, BC (Holy Theban Legion, Mm)

NO MASS SCHEDULED (RIP Vanessa Stassen from The Stassen Family)

Tuesday, September 23 – St. Linus, PM (St. Thecla, VM)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Vanessa Stassen from The Stassen Family)

Wednesday, September 24 – Our Lady of Ransom

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Vanessa Stassen from the Stassen Family)

Thursday, September 25 – Feria (St. Firmin, B)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Vanessa Stassen from the Stassen Family)

Friday, September 26 – Ss. Isaac Jogues & Comp., Mm (Ss. Cyprian & Justina, VMm)

6:00 pm Low Mass (Poor Souls from Matt Davis)

Saturday, September 27 – BVM Saturday (Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Mm)

8:30 am Low Mass (Clergy, religious, & increased vocations from The Kennedys)

Sunday, September 28 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost (St. Wenceslaus, DukeM)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Patricia (Joles) Peck from Daniel Peck)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:30 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Peter Creighton

Announcements

† **Annual Parish Picnic:** will be held today at **ARMCO Park** (1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45306) after the 10 am Mass. The Parish will provide the main dish, but please bring a side dish to share with others. **Directions:** Enter the main entrance, make a right, make another right, and drive along the curved road until you see **Shelter #33** on the right side.

**Exaltation of the
Holy Cross**
(9/14/25)
Collection: \$1545

† **Candle Light Rosary Procession on October 7 in the evening:** Please sign up in the vestibule so Father knows who would be interested in attending. Will need four men to volunteer to help carry the Our Lady of Fatima statue. If there are enough participants (at least 25 people), we can do the candlelight rosary procession. **FIVE decades** of the holy rosary will be prayed. **TIME IS TO BE DETERMINED** (preferably when it begins to get dark, possibly at 7:30 pm).

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (9/20 to 10/3) 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).

† In your charity, please **pray for the sick** of the parish and those whom Father sees: Keith Sellers, Hope Wright.

† The **Novena to St. Theresa** after the Low Mass will be said for the **INTENTIONS** of obtaining a Hall, classrooms for the school, and a Priest Rectory.

Reflection: *The Catechism Explained By Stories and Examples by Fr. Francis Spirago. Eight Lesson: On Our Lord's Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension*

Question: What did Jesus Christ suffer?

Answer: Jesus Christ suffered a bloody sweat, a cruel scourging, was crowned with thorns, and was crucified.

The Sick Child & the Bitter Medicine: The contemplation of Christ's sufferings should enable us to bear our own trials more patiently. A child who was very ill had to take a peculiarly nauseous medicine. He took it once, but refused to take it a second time. Then his mother brought a picture of Our Lord in the Garden of Olives and the angel offering the chalice to Him. "Look," she said to the sick child, "Our Saviour drank the chalice of suffering not for His own sake, but for yours, and you will not drink your medicine for your own sake. At least take it for the love of Christ." "Very well, then, for the love of Our Lord Jesus," the child rejoined, and swallowed the bitter potion without a murmur. We, too, should find it easier to bear our sufferings if we fixed our eyes on our suffering Lord.

Question: On what day did Christ die?

Answer: Christ died on Good Friday.

The First Good Friday: The first Good Friday most probably fell on Friday the 25th of March, 782 A.U.C., — that is, 29 A.D. Tertullian and Lactantius, writing within a century of the event, say: "The Jews crucified Christ on the seventh day before the Kalends of April (March 25th), in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, and in the consulship of the two Gemini." From the history of pagan Rome, it is known for certain that Rubellius and Fucius Geminus were consuls in the year 782 A.U.C. or 29 A.D.

Question: Why do you call that day "good" on which Christ died so sorrowful a death?

Answer: We call that day good on which Christ died because by His death He showed His great love for man, and purchased for him every blessing.

St. Andrew the Apostle: St. Andrew, brother of St. Peter and the first apostle called, also suffered death by crucifixion. It is related that when he was led out to die and saw the cross, he cried out: "O precious cross, that hast been consecrated by the body of my Lord, and adorned with His limbs as with rich jewels, receive me into thy arms, and present me to my Master, that He, who redeemed me on thee, may receive me by thee!"

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 Goretti, 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.