

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion | April 2, 2023  
**Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church**

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm (Closed from 12-1:30pm for Mass)

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm – Donna Roberts (RIP)

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm – Brandon Linderman (RIP)

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm (Holy Thursday) – Richard Kurant (RIP)

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday, No Mass

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm – **Holy Saturday No Noon Mass** | 7:00pm (Easter Vigil) – St Theresa Confirmation Class 2023 (SI)

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** 8:00am – Donna Roberts (RIP) | 10:30am – Mary Ann Sciro (RIP)

**HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:** Tuesday-Friday, 12:00pm | Saturday, 12:00pm, 4:00pm  
Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

**BILINGUAL EUCHARISTIC SERVICE:** 6:30pm every Tuesday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday-Saturday 11:15am | Sunday 9:00am | Wednesday 5:30pm

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Following Mass for 30 minutes: Tuesday-Friday | Wednesday at 5:30pm

**HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Weekdays: Tues-Friday 11:20am | Weekends: Saturday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior | 20 Decade Rosary: Wednesday 10:30am

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS:** 9:00am every Sunday in the Parish Life Center

**LEGION OF MARY:** 10:00am in Parish Life Center Library every Tuesday

**FATHER BEAN'S BOOK CLUB:** 10:00am in Martin Hall every Thursday

**FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE:** 1:30pm every Tuesday, following Mass and Adoration

**DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY:** 6:00pm Every other Sunday. Schedule on the back of the bulletin!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Parish Mission led by the Fathers of Mercy, April 23 – 27  
More information to come!

### **PASCHAL TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 6:30pm**

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> | 3:00pm**

**Note: The parish office will be closed on Good Friday!!**

**Easter Sunday Vigil, April 8<sup>th</sup> | 7:00pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> | 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm**

**Father Bean will hear confessions on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 11:00am!!**

### **FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

**Saturday, May 6: English First Communion Mass at 12:00pm.**

**Sunday, May 7: Spanish First Communion Mass at 2:00pm.**

**Thursday, May 11: Confirmation Mass at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church at 6:00pm.**

**Saturday, April 8: Catechumens will be brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil at 7:00pm.**

**Please pray for all of our Confirmands, Catechumens and Communicants!**

### **DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY**

DTS is for high schoolers and young adults. Our time starts at 6:00pm in the Martin Hall with a meal followed by a discussion of the Saint and topic for the day. We end with a guided meditation. Hope to see you there!

**Sunday, April 2: Saints Felicity and Perpetua – the Passion and Death of Jesus**

**Sunday, April 16: Saint Faustina – the Divine Mercy**

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

**Divine Mercy Sunday is on Sunday, April 16**

**There are copies of the Divine Mercy Novena by both entrances to the church.**

**This will begin on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday!**

### **LENTEN REFLECTION**

Trusting in the Lord's Saving Word, Servant of God Luis Maria Martinez

“We are so inclined to mistrust; to be anxious seems to us so natural a thing that often we try to withdraw from the peace that God has given us. We wonder if it can be an illusion, we scrutinize to see if we may not have reason to be disturbed.

Perhaps it occurs to us to say: ‘How is it possible to live in peace, without uneasiness, in this sad exile so far from our blessed fatherland, exposed to the loss of our happiness forever? Could the Israelites live without worry when they were wandering over the desolate sands of the desert, so far from the Promised Land and so exposed to the possibility of never reaching that land overflowing with milk and honey? There are at least two justifiable motives for anxiety. First, will that happy day ever come in which the Will be satisfied? Or shall I remain like Moses, contemplating the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, without ever setting foot therein?’

A second apparently legitimate reason for anxiety is this: If God loves me, if I am in his arms, from this viewpoint I should have no fear; but my frailty and my malice, which daily become more evident to me, will they not withstand the holy security of divine love? It is true that Jesus carries me in his arms, but do I not have the unfortunate prerogative of extricating myself? Jesus certainly loves me, but shall I also love him? Shall I be faithful?

Do these causes of anxiety exist in reality? No. At first sight they seem warranted, but our Lord placed in our soul some gifts so rich that they of themselves establish us in peace. One of these gifts is the divine virtue of hope, a heavenly virtue, yet a forgotten virtue. How few souls give this neglected virtue the importance that it deserves! Practically minded, we are preoccupied with more human virtues, more in touch with earth: mortification, humility, obedience. Some persons look upon hope as an impractical virtue, almost useless.

Nevertheless, hope is an eminently practical virtue; it is the virtue that drives far from our heart the specter of discouragement, the most frequent dangerous temptation in the spiritual life. As the inseparable companion of suffering, it confirms and strengthens peace in our soul.”