

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Mass times: Tuesday-Friday at 9:00 AM, Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM (in Spanish) and every First Saturday at 12:30 PM

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 PM, Sunday, 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM and First Saturday, 11:30 AM

Weekly Mass Intentions: March 18 (5:00 PM) Robert Bessette (RIP), March 19(8:00 AM) John J. Lewandowski (RIP), March 19 (10:30 AM) For the closure of the Birmingham abortion clinic and the conversion of the staff, March 21 (9:00 AM) Nancy Long (RIP), March 22 (9:00 AM) Julian Soto (RIP), March 23(9:00 AM) Mary Lee Bowers (SI), March 24 (9:00 AM) For persecuted Christians throughout the world, *Don't forget to pray for the Pope's prayer intention for March: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.*

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, Anna Smith, John Joyner, Janet Bean, Bill Fager, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, France Ragsdale, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Sprueill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Rebecca Liechty, 7th grade PSR Prayer- Box, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Rex Ziegenbein, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell, Weston Ross, Tommy Priola

Just a reminder that we are no longer collecting aluminum cans for the Youth Group. Please do not leave cans outside the rectory. Thank you!

LEGION OF MARY TO HOLD SECOND MEETING IN OUR PARISH this Tuesday, March 21 following the 9:00 AM Mass. The meeting will take place in the Library/Conference Room in the Parish Life Center. If you are interested, please try to attend Mass and then come over for the meeting. We had over twenty people at our first meeting! Perhaps the Lord wants you to serve Him in this way.

The Ladies Auxiliary will offer Easter Baskets the weekends of April 1-2 and April 8-9. Proceeds will go to our Seminarian Daniel Sessions and the Building Fund. If parishioners would like to donate a business service, gift certificate, or other item(s) that can be included in our baskets, please call Boots Barnard at 640-3350. Basket winners will be picked April 9 and winners will be contacted that week.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Theresa parish is offering a \$500 scholarship to any parish member currently in or entering college or other advanced educational facility. Applicants should send resume showing: GPA, school, church and community activities, letter of recommendation from their priest and from one other person. Send or take info in an envelope marked 'LA SCHOLARSHIP' to the church office. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2017. Scholarship will be awarded in early June. For more information or questions, please contact Dee Watkins 205-640-7788.

***FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:** No PSR on Sunday, March 26, Spring Break, For more information on Faith Formation in our parish please call Samantha Wadsworth, DRE, at 352-3741.*

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS: Wednesday, March 29, Regular Youth meeting @ 6:00 PM, Wednesday, April 10 @6:00 movie night- The Passion of the Christ- bring a drink and we'll provide the popcorn!! (For more info, please contact Youth Group Coordinator Andrea Booker at 914-7884)

RCIA (Adult Education) will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Parish Life Center Library. The topic is "The Lord's Prayer" Dave Vacheresse is the instructor this week. Everyone is welcome to attend!

LENTEN PRAYER: Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM. There will be a soup meal in the new Parish Life Center Hall following the Stations. We rotate each week to offer a different "Way of the Cross". This Friday we will be praying the deeply reflective "Everyone's Way of the Cross" by Clarence Enzler.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring "10 Cans for 10 Days" program during Lent. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Hallway outside of the old Parish Hall (Martin Hall). These items will be given to Leeds Welfare and the Holy Rosary Food Pantry. Thank you for your concern for the hungry!



Some of our youth and confirmation class toured "Her Choice" this past week. They learned about this wonderful ministry and how it helps to save the lives of unborn babies. On Palm Sunday and Easter weekends the students will begin passing out empty baby bottles; please fill them up with your spare change, cash and even checks. Keep the bottle for a couple of weeks, we will let you know when to return them. After being collected the bottles will be given to Her Choice. Thanks in advance for your generosity to help save the lives of the defenseless unborn!

BEAN'S BOOKS: Fr. Bean recommends the following book for Lent: The Spiritual Combat by Lorenzo Scupoli. Salvation and spiritual perfection should not be sought haphazardly; a strategy is needed to win the battle for our souls. This book, first published in 1589, provides timeless guidance in spiritual discipline. St. Francis de Sales (1576-1622) read from it himself every day and recommended it to everyone under his direction. Vigorous, realistic and full of keen insight into human nature, The Spiritual Combat consists of short chapters based on the maxim that in the spiritual life one must either "fight or die". Fr. Scupoli shows the Christian how to combat passions and vices, especially impurity and sloth, in order to arrive at victory. This book can be easily found and purchased online! Get your copy and start reading today!