

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Lent

April 2, 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: April 1, 12:00: Fr. Andy Kennedy (RIP), 5:00 PM: Evelyn and Ernest Paffumi (RIP), April 2, 8:00 AM: Maisy Schumann (RIP), 10:30 AM: For the closure of the Birmingham abortion clinic and the conversion of the staff, April 4, 9:00 AM: Helen Strawn (RIP), April 5, 9:00 AM: Galloway Family (SI), April 6, 9:00 AM: George Huffman (RIP), April 7, 9:00 AM: Earl Bean (RIP)

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, Frances 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, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna & Rex Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell, Weston Ross, Tommy Priola, Marvin McCombs, Michael Bean

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of April...**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

LEGION OF MARY TO HOLD FOURTH MEETING IN OUR PARISH this Tuesday, April 4 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 ARE APPROACHING "MAKE OR BREAK TIME" if attendance does not increase soon, this group will not continue.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS this Friday, April 7: Mass at 9:00 AM followed by exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Novena and Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS: This past week the Youth Group visited Sonic and came back to the Church to pray the Station of the Cross. Our next event is on **Wednesday, April 12 @6:00** movie night- **The Passion of the Christ**- bring a drink and we'll provide the popcorn!! (For more info. contact Youth Group Coordinator Andrea Booker at 914-7884)

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS: Attention parents! The First Communion Retreat is on April 22, 2017, 9-12 in the new Parish Life Center. All First Communicants should attend.

Thank you!!!!!! The PSR Program would like to extend their appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for their gift of storage cabinets for each classroom. Your kindness and generosity mean so much to all of us. For more information on the PSR program please contact Samantha Wadsworth, DRE, at 352-3741.

RCIA will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Parish Life Center Library. The topic is "The Wonders of Holy Week" Fr. Bean is the instructor this week. Everyone is welcome to attend!

LENTEN PRAYER: Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM followed by a soup meal. We rotate each week to offer a different "Way of the Cross" This week: "Everyone's Way of the Cross".

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring "40 Cans for 40 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!

COMING SOON/CHECK BACK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION: The official opening of the new Parish Library dedicated to Fr. Peter McCarthy and the blessing of the new Youth Room dedicated to Fr. Jim Naughton, SDB.....After Lent is over Fr. Bean will be offering a lecture series on Wednesday mornings dedicated to Christian Mysticism.....Monthly evening BOOK CLUB to begin very soon!.....Volunteer sign up drive for new Library coming up.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus 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. Scholarship will be awarded in early June. For more information or questions, please contact Dee Watkins 205-640-7788.

The Ladies Auxiliary will sell raffle tickets for 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

MEET THE SAINT: St. Isidore of Seville (560–636), a scholar and, for over three decades, Archbishop of Seville, is widely regarded as the last of the Fathers of the Church, as the 19th-century historian Montalembert put it in an oft-quoted phrase, "The last scholar of the ancient world." At a time of disintegration of classical culture and aristocratic violence and illiteracy, he was involved in the conversion of the royal Visigothic Arians to Catholicism, both assisting his brother Leander of Seville, and continuing after his brother's death. He was influential in the inner circle of Sisebut, Visigothic king of Hispania. He played a prominent role in the Councils of Toledo and Seville. The Visigothic legislation that resulted from these councils influenced the beginnings of representative government. His fame after his death was based on his *Etymologiae*, an etymological encyclopedia which assembled extracts of many books from classical antiquity that would have otherwise been lost. His feast day is April 4. He is a DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

What is a Doctor of the Church? This is a very special title accorded by the Church to certain saints (presently there are 35 of them). This title indicates that the writings and preachings of such a person are useful to Christians "in any age of the Church." Such men and women are also particularly known for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings. While the writings of the Doctors are often considered inspired by the Holy Spirit; this does not mean they are infallible, but it does mean that they contributed significantly to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one area.

DON'T FORGET that Holy Week is April 9-16. Copies of the schedule of events can be found in both foyers. Pick one up today. Make a special note of the times for Confessions and Mass time changes during the Triduum!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Sunday, April 23...Confessions will be offered one hour before every Sunday Mass. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayers for the Holy Father and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image will be celebrated after every Sunday Mass. Don't miss out of this chance to gain a Plenary Indulgence! More info. next week.