

# Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**April 9, 2017**

The story of Holy Week, of Christian reformation, revival, and renaissance, underscores that the darkest hour is often just before the dawn, so we should always be people of hope and prayer, not gloom and defeatism. God can turn the situation around in five minutes. The full story of the Paschal Mystery encompasses the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Suffering, pain and death are always the middle of the story...not the end!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Tuesday, April 11: Mass @ 9AM, Chrism Mass @ 11AM (Cathedral of St. Paul)**
- **Wednesday, April 12: Mass @ 9AM, Confessions @ 6PM**
- **Holy Thursday, April 13: Confessions @ 6PM, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7PM**
- **Good Friday, April 14: Processional & Seven Last Words (in Spanish) @ 12PM, Stations of the Cross @ 3PM, Confessions @ 3:30PM, Confessions @ 6PM, Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death @ 7PM**
- **Holy Saturday, April 15: The Great Vigil of Easter @ 7PM**
- **Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection: Masses @ 8AM, 10:30 AM & 2PM (in Spanish)**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS ARE OFFERED FOUR TIMES DURING HOLY WEEK, BUT NOT ON HOLY SATURDAY OR EASTER SUNDAY. THERE ARE NO MORNING MASSES ON HOLY THURSDAY OR GOOD FRIDAY. THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY. HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!!!!!!!!!!***

**Weekly Mass Intentions:** Saturday, April 8, 5PM: Rev. Andy Kennedy (RIP), Sunday, April 9, 8 AM: Emily Adams (RIP), 10:30 AM: For the closure of the Birmingham Abortion Clinic and the conversion of those who work and volunteer there, Tuesday, April 11, 9AM: Robert Bessette (RIP), Wednesday, April 12, 9AM: Don Reed (RIP), Thursday, April 13, 7PM: Joe Batton (RIP), Saturday, April 15, 7PM: Anthony Fiore (RIP), Sunday, April 16, 8 AM: Steve Falletta (RIP), 10:30 AM: For the people of the Parish (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.

**YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:** 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) **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

***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.*

*PRO-LIFE ACTION: This weekend the Confirmation students will be passing out empty baby bottles from Her Choice Catholic Women's Center. Please fill the bottles with your loose change, cash and checks. Please return the bottles on the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday (April 22-23). All monies collected will go to Her Choice to help save the lives of the innocent unborn. Thank you for your support!*

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.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Saturday, April 22 & 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!**

What is an indulgence? An indulgence is defined as "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned." The first thing to note is that forgiveness of a sin is separate from punishment for the sin. Through sacramental confession we obtain forgiveness, but we aren't let off the hook as far as punishment goes. Indulgences are two kinds: partial and plenary. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due for sins. A plenary indulgence removes all of it. This punishment may come either in this life, in the form of various sufferings, or in the next life, in purgatory. What we don't get rid of here we suffer there.

I. The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence:

- sacramental confession [within 20 days before or after the event]
- Eucharistic communion [preferably on the day, or the days before or after the event]
- prayer for the intentions of the Pope [certain prayers are not specified]

II. The specific conditions for this Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday:

- in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy
- or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

NEW LECTURE SERIES WITH FR. BEAN: "Exploring the Lives and Writings of the Catholic Mystics" 10-11:30AM each Wednesday in the Parish Life Center Hall. First lecture is on Wednesday, April 26.

LEGION OF MARY MEETING this Tuesday following the 9AM Mass in the Parish Life Center Library. The Legion Mary meets every week for Prayer and spiritual formation. The members of the Legion make a weekly visit to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. Fr. Bean meets with this group weekly as spiritual director. The Legion is open to everyone.....men and women! Please prayerfully consider joining us.

**RCIA MAKE-UP CLASS! This Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:00 PM in the Parish Life Center Library...the topic is "Three Miraculous Days: The Sacred Triduum" and the speaker is Fr. Bean.**