

A close-up photograph of several purple crocuses in bloom, with green grass and some brown leaves visible in the background. The image has a soft, slightly blurred quality.

Lent

JESUS WEPT.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29th, 2020

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From Father Terry

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you. Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Dear Parishioners of Saint Thérèse,
Little Flower:

We heard these words at the beginning of the season of Lent. Every Ash Wednesday St. Paul urges us to "be reconciled to God," "as if God were appealing through" him. Little did we know then what that would mean for us now. Indeed, now is a very special time. Certainly it is a unique time.

This has been challenging for all of us. It is only in times like this that we realize how true it is that "man is a social animal," as Aristotle said, meaning we were created for relationship: with God and with other persons. We know this from the revelation of God as well: we were made by love, for love - and to love is to give oneself and give everything. So perhaps our lives seem less full at this time since we may be apart from so many that we love.

But not all. Many of us have others under the same roof whom we can care for and reach out to. God wants us to continue to live concretely His command to love your neighbor even in the home, when our neighbor is our relative or housemate. So I need to really love well Seminarian Vince

Faurote (who just got back from seminary to do "homeschool") and Fr. William Orbih. For those traveling out for groceries or other necessary excursions, you may encounter others you are called to love. In fact, even keeping our six feet from others is an act of love of neighbor.

One important note, the church will remain open for prayer from 8 am to 10 pm, daily. It is one of the "essential entities" that our governor Eric Holcomb has allowed to remain available to the people, as long as the CDC's regulations for social distancing are observed and no official gatherings are occurring. So come individually or as a family for some quiet time in church. I bet it is the quietest you will ever find it!

And in truth, distance cannot fully separate us. Our hearts may be of one accord, even when we are not physically close, as our global Catholic communion of faith attests, and that is the unity that matters most in God's eyes. Thanks be to God, technology can also have a good side to it. There are many ways to stay connected to your parish family. Please see below the ways you can keep up with what is happening in the parish through the website, bulletin, and social media. (Although the bulletin will not be printed for at least the next two weeks, we will still have the digital copy online).

I continue to post regular videos each day, as well as many other great things from our parish staff. We hope you may consider

joining in our book study of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, the series by C.S. Lewis that is as entertaining and beneficial for adults as it is for children. Keep your eye out for all the other things we are doing to stay connected.

Many people will struggle with this time of separation, when many of their ordinary ways of living are curtailed or gone. Now is the time for us to share the joy that we have in Christ, for now is a time when people can really be open to receiving the good news that can shine from our lives. Live the quiet, peaceful joy that is shown in forgiveness, patience, thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity. The fruits of the spirit should be alive in you, and "where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom," a freedom that does not feel "trapped" in this time of social isolation, a freedom that makes others want the same. Don't forget to sing, to garden, to play games, to laugh and tell jokes, to show forth the joy of a life that knows God is still God, and He is here.

And above all, keep praying, placing yourself before the gaze of love that God wants to shower over you and bring healing to your soul.

Sincerely yours in the loving heart of Christ Jesus,



Resources for Staying Connected and Informed

Bulletin: Visit <https://discovermass.com/church/little-flower-south-bend-in/#bulletins> to sign up to get the weekly bulletin sent directly to your inbox.

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Email: We hope to make use of email as a consistent form of communication, especially for those who may prefer it to social media, however, we need your help! If we do not have an email address for you on file please reach out to the Parish office by phone (574-272-7070) or email (bulletin@littleflowerchurch.org) so we can update your contact information. Also, if you would be so kind as to encourage your friends and family in the parish to do the same we would appreciate it!

Website: www.littleflowerchurch.org

Office: The office is currently closed to the public. You may call the office between 11am and 3pm to speak with a staff member.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28

5:30 pm Florence Bilinski

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am †Mary Romak & Walter Romak

11:30 am †Agnes Jones

8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, March 30

8:30 am †Evelyn DuBois

7:00 pm †Bea Ruggieri

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 am †Andrew Keber

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 am †James Coonan

7:00 pm †Mary Hodges Neftel

Thursday, April 2

8:30 am Belated Birthday Blessings for Esther Pasman

Friday, April 3

8:30 am †Mark Coonan

Saturday, April 4

8:00 am †John Bycraft

5:30 pm †John Bycraft

Sunday, April 5

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham

11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

8:00 pm †Robert Good

Please join us in also praying for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various ways.
Lord, hear our prayer!

Be assured that during this time Fr. Terry is continuing to offer daily private Mass for the intentions listed here.



Online and Televised Masses

Join Bishop Robert Barron, or Word on Fire CEO Fr. Steve Grunow, as they offer daily Mass online for the foreseeable future:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.

For more televised or online Mass options visit

<https://fwsbhealth.weebly.com/mass.html>



Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11; Ls 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

*Lord, make us ever more aware of the gift of your presence in
Sacred Scripture.*



I believe that You are present

in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and

I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were

already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

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LECTIO DIVINA "divine reading"

1. Lectio

Choose a reading, and read it
several times, leaving room for
the Holy Spirit to call your
attention to a word, phrase, or
line that God wants you to hear.

2. Meditatio

A reflective dwelling on the
text—think about the word
or words that the Holy Spirit
has called to your
attention, holding them in
your mind and considering
them from different angles.

3. Oratio

Responding to the
sacred words in prayer, either
silently or out loud, or in
writing.

4. Contemplatio

Resting in God's presence &
love, quieting yourself &
listening for God's response
to your prayer.

Sit.

Rest.

Be in His presence.

Receive His love.

That is what is most important.

—
FATHER TERRY COONAN, JR.

Healing Prayer Corner: Say Yes To Love

The impact of the plague of COVID-19 deepens. The economic fabric is tearing. One business is thriving; there has been a rush on guns and ammunition. The status of the social fabric is mixed; there are both signs of hope and cause for concern. A little understanding is in order.



“Plague in the Bible is not a storm weathered before a return to normalcy. It’s a call to come together in new ways in order to survive, hold the powerful responsible for their unjust policies and the lies they’ve told to cover up injustice, and rebuild on foundations of love and justice.”
– Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign.

There are little glimpses of change even now, people communicating with each other as never before, loving each other a little like Jesus loving Martha and Mary in today’s Gospel. There is healing in this. But when this plague passes, and it will, let’s not return to old ways. No, let’s think big. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.” That would unleash a great healing.





ST. THERESE'S MORNING OFFERING

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity.

Amen.

Racism Illuminated by Humor

I was not aware of how much racism there is all around us, until I was challenged to write an article for the bulletin. I searched the internet and it was an eye opener. This article by Shreya Sharma caught my eye.

“A white woman arrived at her seat and saw that the passenger next to her was a black man. Visibly furious, she called the air hostess. ‘What’s the problem, mam?’ the hostess asked her. ‘Can’t you see?’ the lady said. ‘I was given a seat next to a black man. I can’t seat here next to him. You have to change my seat.’ ‘Please, calm down, mam, said the hostess. ‘Unfortunately, all the seats are occupied, but I’m still going to check if we have any.’

“The hostess left and returned some minutes later.

“Madam, as I told you, there isn’t any empty seat in this section. We only have seats in first class.’

“And before the woman said anything, the hostess continued. ‘Look, it is unusual for our company to allow a passenger from economy class change to first class. However, given the circumstances, the commandant thinks that it would be a scandal to make a passenger sit next to an unpleasant person.’

“And turning to the black man, the hostess said: ‘Which means, Sir, we have reserved you a seat in first class.’”

– Lynn Blessing

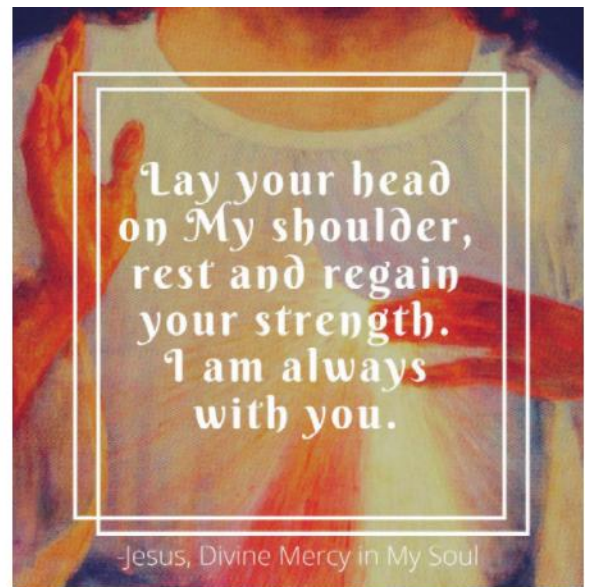
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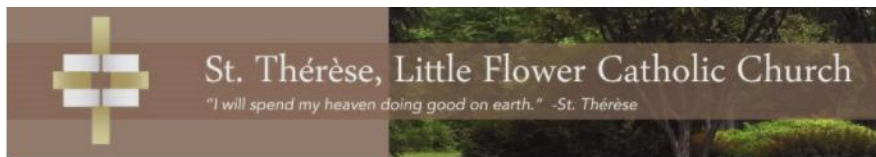


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 Saturday.....Vigil 5:30 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am, 11:30 am, 8:00 pm
 Monday–Friday.....8:30 am
 Monday & Wednesday.....7:00 pm

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....After 8:30 am Mass
 Monday & Wednesday.....6:30 pm
 Saturday.....8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm
 (Or By Appointment.)

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Saturday.....8:30-9:30 am
 Most Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays.....9:00-10:00 am
 First Friday of Each Month.....7:30-8:30 pm

Additional Sacraments

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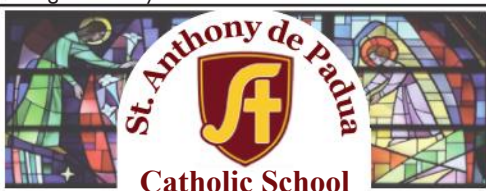
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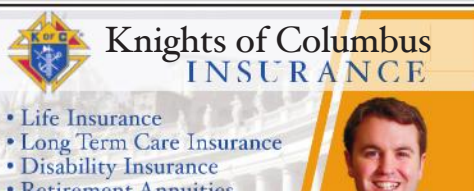
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