

Christ became obedient to the point of death,



*even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is
above every name.*

Philippians 2:8-9

April 10th, 2022 | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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My dearly beloved parishioners,
We are in the home stretch of the Lenten season, which ends before our celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. The church commemorates during this week, which we call "Holy Week" the paradox whose fruit would be the salvation of the world. The God of life stands in trial and is condemned to death; the Creator is judged by his own creatures; and the author of love meets with the hatred of those he came to save. Thank God, human hatred could not stop love from pouring itself freely. Before our Lord goes to his passion, he would leave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist and institute the priesthood of the New Covenant for the perpetuation in time of this great mystery. He, the master, would stoop to serve his brothers by washing their feet, and thence after command them to do likewise. This is the week when the God who made the universe sleeps in death, and the whole earth is shrouded in darkness. This is the week when Heaven is wedded to earth, and humanity is rescued from the grips of the devil, the deceiver, who has held humanity captive since the "happy fault, and necessary sin" of Adam.

This Week begins with Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem on the back of a colt with the people singing Hosanna to the Son of David. He goes to the city of David, fully aware of what awaits him. The crowds acclaim him king, and spread their clothes on the road for him to ride amidst loud acclaim and praises. This fame would however be short lived, as Jesus would meet with searing suffering and a terrible death. Worst would be the pain of abandonment. He would die abandoned. His friends and disciples would run away and leave him alone. He would be turned over to the authorities by one of his very best friends; another would deny knowing him. This sense of abandonment would seem to be extended to his Father: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" We would see this great miracle worker who while he lived drew many crowds be abandoned to die in the company of two thieves.

Although abandoned to a lonely death on the cross, Jesus would bring salvation to everyone, including those who abandoned him, and those who participated in the most gruesome evil in human history. This salvation is also for all those who by their life situation are most identified with the Lord in his abandonment. My heart goes out to the many who are abandoned in the world, the nobody(s) in our world, those with little or no economic significance: the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, the lonely elderly, those suffering from communicable diseases, the hungry, drug addicts, political prisoners, prostitutes, victims of abuse and

trafficking, refugees, victims of war, those on death row, the list goes on... Jesus died so that they too might be liberated from their abandonment.

My prayer is that Lent has been a time of true renewal for us, and has helped us in our quest to acquire the mind of Christ. I hope these weeks of Lent have challenged us to go beyond looking to truly seeing our brothers and sisters in need, and doing something, no matter how little, to ease their pains and suffering. I am grateful, once again, to the members of the Social Justice Commission of our parish for calling our attention to our brothers and sisters on the fringes. Regrettably, these are the "expendables." They get easily ignored or forgotten in a 'throwaway' culture like ours, where a person's worth is in what they contribute or how useful they are to society. In his passion and death, Jesus identifies with these nobody (s). Christ's passion and resurrection challenges us to have the mind of Christ. This means a whole new vision for engaging the world. A Christian sees the world with the eyes of Christ, and not through lenses informed by the political ideals of any party. The question that we must always ask is: What would Jesus do? What would his response be to the suffering around him? I found these words from a 1986 document by the U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All moving:

"Your attitude must be Christ's," we are told by St. Paul. We must empty ourselves and take the form of slaves on behalf of those who are abandoned by the world. The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were nonmembers of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings (no. 77).

I owe a debt of gratitude to the Knights of Columbus and the wonderful ladies of our parish who helped host successful soup dinners on all Fridays of Lent. The huge attendance at these dinners speak to parishioners' appreciation of your generosity and sacrifice. Thank you.

Finally, I am grateful to the anonymous donor who sent me a bag of dark chocolate. I shared it with friends. And the joy went round.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and joyful Easter!

Fr. Julius

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT WORSHIPS TOGETHER

Reading for the week of, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49

Monday Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass

Is 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 & 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; Ps 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or Gn 1:1,26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 & 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1;

Ex 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a,18-28; Ps 42:3,5;43:3,4 or Is 12:2-3,4 bcd,5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday- The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8a; Jn 20:1-9

Notre Dame Folk Choir premieres 'The Passion'

Palm Sunday, April 10 at 8 pm in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

"The Passion" is a newly composed musical and dramatic performance of Christ's Passion. Emerging from a collaborative process between students in the Folk Choir and professional artists, the piece combines Scripture drawn from all four Gospels with original poetry, all set to newly composed music.

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9

5:30 pm †Jim Smith

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am †Vu Phon Pham

11:30 am †Norma Miller

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

Monday, April 11

8:30 am †Fr. Clement Lattyak, OFM

Tuesday, April 12

8:30 am †Luicille & Clem Dygulski

Wednesday, April 13

8:30 am †Sandra Tirotta

Thursday, April 14 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm †Maurice Scheessele

Friday, April 15 Good Friday

3:00 pm Intentions of James Perkins

Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday

9:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Sunday, April 17 Easter Sunday

9:00 am †Mr. Vincent Dinh

11:30 am †Betty Gough

Holy Week Schedule

April 14 - Holy Thursday

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Hours

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 pm - 12:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(in the Parish Center)

April 15 - Good Friday

8:30 am - Liturgy of the Hours

3:00 pm - Good Friday Service

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

April 16 - Holy Saturday

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

8:30-9:30 am - Reconciliation

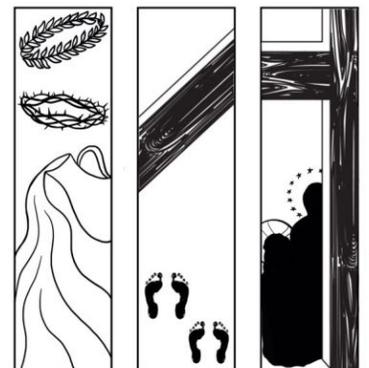
9:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

April 17 - Easter Sunday

9:00 am - Easter Sunday Mass

11:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass

*No 8:00 pm Mass



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An Invitation

Everyday we have the opportunity and call to share with others the love of Jesus and the Good News He brings. The urgency of this task should come to the forefront of our minds as we enter into the holiest week of the year and anticipate the joy of Easter. In many ways, our world is primed for this message: the violence, war, suffering, and division seen daily in the world around us makes it all too easy to give in to hopelessness and darkness.

If we truly believe what we stand up and say we believe each Sunday in the Creed, then we should feel compelled to share the message that Jesus, out of love for us, conquered sin and death and darkness by His death and resurrection, with everyone! We cannot keep it to ourselves, people must know!

We are inviting you to share in Christ's victory this year by inviting 2 (or more!) people to come to Easter Mass with you. It could be a family member, your waitress when you are out to eat, the cashier at Target, whoever the Holy Spirit nudges you to invite. Say yes, step out of your comfort zone, and wholeheartedly invite them to join us on Easter, invite them to celebrate the love of Jesus who is truly alive, who died and rose again for them.

This year we have printed invitations for you – all you have to do is cut them, circle the Mass date and time you will be attending and give them to whoever you feel called to invite! You can also find digital invitations on our website: littleflowerchurch.org/living-the-liturgical-year.

In the peace of Christ,



Megan Gettinger

Communications Coordinator
Megan@littleflowerchurch.org

Ablaze Bible Study – Easter Edition

Wednesdays, April 13 – June 1, 7-8:30pm
St. Therese Little Flower – Parish Center

The Easter season brings us fascinating readings about life for the early Church as recorded in Acts of the Apostles. Join in this weekly Bible Study for young adults (age 18-30s) to explore the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday Mass, focusing on how they relate to you and your life. Bring a Bible if you have one, any version.

Contact: Sean Allen – sallen@ablazemission.org or 858-354-9006

Stay Connected

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Household Life: April Dates

Households are **medium-sized intentional communities** of parishioners (and their families) gathered under a particular charism and united under a community covenant. Households **gather monthly in homes** to eat, pray, and 'do life together'! Monthly gatherings are open to anyone! Have questions?

No problem- just email abby@littleflowerchurch.org.

The motto of household night is: "Be loved and be fed." We hope you will join us!

Upcoming Household dates:

Rooted in Love – Monday, April 18th, 6:00 pm

Jireh – Wednesday, April 20th, 6:30 pm

House of Praise – Friday, April 29th, 6:30 pm

Sign up for the Household newsletter to receive monthly gathering details by scanning the code or visiting bit.ly/3dK45oi



Healing Prayer Corner:

Be Absorbed

In his Wednesday talk at the parish mission, Mike said, “Our wounds serve a purpose.” Perhaps we think of them only as crosses to bear. They are that, but much more. As crosses to bear they are not meant to drag us down, beaten and defeated. God is love and cannot do that? Know that he does not subject us to affliction. But by permitting affliction, he is inviting us, indeed pleading with us, to turn our hearts fully to him. To be absorbed by his love, tenderness, and compassion.

In her Thursday talk, Monica said, “God does not want us to be the walking wounded, pretending our wounds aren’t there.” And so important, “If we don’t want God to come close, he won’t.” “His voice of love and tenderness invites; he won’t pillage us to get close to us.”

Finally, God wants to heal us. Receiving healing isn’t some magical thing. We must know the Father, not just know about him. As Monica says, “our number one job is to let ourselves be known by him.” Yes, he is omniscient, he knows us, but the important words are, “let ourselves.”

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Whatever You Do : March Outreach Report

In March, the Outreach Program provided \$8,433.25 in assistance to 39 families or individuals for 42 accounts. The significant increase from last month is attributed to the end of much government assistance, high utility bills, and increased threat of eviction.

One woman with four children lost everything they had in a house fire. They couldn't move into another living space until they paid off their considerable water bill. What she didn't know is that the city program to assist families with unmanageable water bills covered a large portion of her bill. We were able to cover the remaining balance. Many continue to struggle with the impact of Covid, lost hours at work or loss of job, oftentimes combined with unaffordable childcare for their children. For one couple, it was health issues. The wife had double hip surgery; her husband had stage-four lung cancer. Disability insurance stopped in November.

Thank you for your generosity that brings a lifeline to many suffering people.

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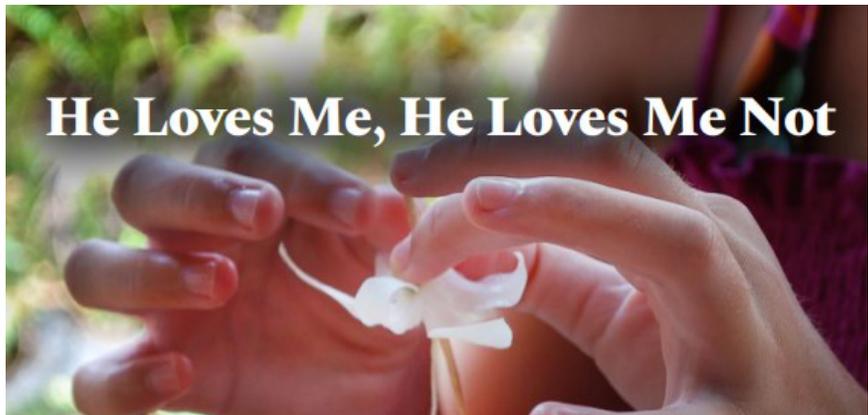
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Fit for Life

Tuesday and Thursdays, 8:00 am, Little Flower Wellness Center

Come join us for fitness and fun!! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:00 am in the wellness center for fellowship while exercising. Park in the lower parking lot by the Redeemer Radio white banners. The wellness center is located in the lower level of the parish center (gym). All are welcome!



He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

Ladies, sometimes we can believe that we must earn God's love. The constant "doing, doing, doing" in our busy lives is exhausting. Come and rest in His love. Join us at our next Gathering:

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church
Thursday, April 28th, 7:00-8:30 pm



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