

Saint Teresa Parish

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule: March 22-29

Note: the 7:00 daily Mass takes place at the Pink Sisters' Chapel: 1040 S Cotner Blvd

+ = repose of the soul of
Int. = intentions of
Pro Populo = for the people

Day	Time	Intention
3/28	4pm	+Deceased members of the Theisen Family
Sun Mar 29	8	Pro Populo
	10	Int. Aubrey Potter
Mon Mar 30	6:30	+Charles O'Grady
	7:00	+Mary Fitzgerald
Tue Mar 31	7:00	Int. Nancy Giron
	8:15	+Greg Fraser
	8:15	+Rose Hanzlicek
Wed Apr 1	6:30	Int. Fr. Hottovy
	7:00	Int. Benjamin Love
	8:15	+Martin Posphasil
Thu Apr 2	7:00	Int. Bill Gearheart
	8:15	+Orlan Pape
	8:15	+Living & Deceased Members of the Boever & Hart Families
Fri Apr 3	7:00	Special Int of Donor
	8:15	Int. Altar Society
	8:15	Int. Peter Burke
Sat Apr 4	7:00	+Ann Burda
	8:15	+Robert Schubert
	4pm	Int. Magnificat Group
Sun Apr 5	7:00	+Ed, Elaine, and Mike Zach
	8:15	Sam & Rhonda Ganz
	8:15	Deceased Members of the Theisen Family
	10	Pro Populo
	12	+Lewis, Rose, and Patrick Schafers

UPDATES & CHANGES

- The Pink Sisters Chapel is closed to the public indefinitely.
- Our parish office is closed to the public but we will still answer phone calls and e-mail. Our hours have been shortened. Please see the box in the lower-left hand corner of this page.
- Bulletins will not be printed except for those who do not use internet and have requested copies.
- Although there are no public Masses, our parish is streaming its 4pm Sat and 10am Sun Masses.
- The church building is open for prayer. Be sure to give 6 feet of space to one another and to make sure that there are no more than 10 people at a time.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES BEING SAID. THIS SCHEDULE IS PUBLISHED SO THAT MASS INTENTIONS ARE VISIBLE. OUR PRIESTS WILL OFFER PRIVATE MASSES FOR THE INTENTIONS THAT ARE LISTED HERE.



Please see the attachment for announcements about video try-outs for the upcoming production.

Yes, the office is closed to the public, but **SCRIP is still available**. Please either mail orders or place them in the drop slot. We will fill the orders at the rectory and will distribute them on Fridays between 9 and 11 (please call us if that won't work for you and we'll make other arrangements). It's a great way to earn money for the school while doing your regular shopping. A pdf of the SCRIP form is attached.

Homily for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I am the resurrection and the life"
These words of Jesus from today's gospel seem particularly ironic when America now has the most confirmed cases of coronavirus in the world and our country's death toll is over 1,300 and quickly increasing. But the fact of the matter is that as we face very challenging days ahead these words of Jesus are exactly what we need to hear at this moment and to be assured that our Lord hears and responds to the deepest cries and pains of the human heart.

We are reminded that even Jesus experienced the suffering of the death of his close friend Lazarus. Jesus is not immune to our fears, concern, suffering and pain. He meets us and joins us exactly where we need strength and healing most.

In this gospel we are reminded of the reality of our own mortality and that the worst thing that can happen to us is not physical death but spiritual death that is eternal. But even death we are not to fear. Christ is the antidote to death as he robustly declares, *"I am the resurrection and the life"*. If we cling to him, we have nothing to fear. He reassures us: *"whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die"*.

Please let us know if any family member or neighbor is hospitalized so as we can all keep them in our prayers. If anyone is in need of a helping hand there is a whole list of parishioners willing to volunteer in whatever way is needed. Many thanks to those who have made contact in this regard. I also wish to thank those who have very kindly touched base with me, checking that the priests here and I are doing ok! We are all in this together, so let us say a special prayer each day for everyone in the parish and our loved ones.

*Jesus, our Resurrection and Life, have mercy on us
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.
St. Corona, Patroness against pandemics, pray for us.
St. Teresa, pray for us.*



Saint Teresa School Announcements

School Office: 402-477-3358

School is closed at least until May 6.

Remember to apply for both the Good Shepherd Scholarship and Parish Scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. Deadline is Mar 31st

Confession

On **Saturdays from 1:30pm-3pm** (or until the last confession is heard), at least two priests will make themselves available in the church. One will be in the North Transept (side chapel – blue candles); one will be in the Servers' Sacristy. There will be signs to direct you. Music will be played in the church in order to maintain privacy for the Sacrament.

There can only be 10 people at a time in the church. Please be mindful of this, and wait outside when necessary.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
40 Days for life has been canceled.



The Thrift Store is Closed

The thrift store is closed for business and is **not** accepting donations at this time. Please do **not** leave donations, as they will have to be thrown away. Thank you!

Palms will be blessed in anticipation of Palm Sunday, which is April 5th. They will be available in the vestibule of the church beginning Wed Apr 1st at Noon.



Holy Water is available in the large font near the red candles. It is exorcized water and salt—an extra-strong blessing, if you will—which is intended to ward off disease and evil as well as impart blessing. We encourage you to take home and use Holy Water.

Holy Week is approaching. You can expect to receive e-mails with updates. Please remember to check the parish's website for announcements, and its Facebook page. You do not have to be a Facebook member to view the parish's page and see Services (Mass, Stations, etc.) that are streamed on it.

Weekly Parish Calendar

Date	Event/Activity	Recommended Home Activity
Sun 3/29	Mass will stream at 10am	Participate in streaming or televised Mass.
Mon 3/30	*No events are planned today	Pray the Angelus and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Tues 3/31	*No events are planned today	Share with your family how the experience of a sacrament impacted your Faith.
Wed 4/1	*No events are planned today	Pick up palms from the Vestibule
Thu 4/2	*No events are planned today	Pray a family rosary with the intention of deepening your Marian Devotion
Fri 4/3	Stations of the Cross will stream at 6pm	Pray the Stations of the Cross
Sat 4/4	1:30pm-3pm Confessions (please see instructions to the left)	Read the Mass readings for Sunday. Participate in streamed Mass at 4pm
Sun 4/5	Palm Sunday Mass will Stream at 10am	Participate in a streamed or televised Mass.

Financial Support

Please remember to continue your giving during this time that we will not have public Masses. Our parish must still pay its expenses (including payroll) and we need your continued help to do this. If you take a minute to look at the charts below, you will be able to see how giving has dropped off during the last several weeks as public Masses became optional, then unavailable.

The drop box is a safe place to leave one's envelopes, or they can be mailed. This might be a good time to consider online giving. The link for that is in the upper right hand corner of the homepage of our parish's website. (It's a little black heart near the Facebook and YouTube icons.) Please call the parish office if you have questions or need help. Many people have been mailing or dropping off their contributions and we are grateful!

Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Parish Giving & Income

Month	Budget Requires	Amount Collected	Difference
	\$22,100 weekly		
January	\$88,400	\$92,078	+\$3678
February	\$88,400	\$78,621	-\$9779

Parish Giving & Income | Month of March by the week

Week	Status of Masses	Amount Collected	Difference
March 1-7	Masses were held	\$27,886	+\$5786
March 8-14	Masses were held	\$20,685	-\$1415
March 15-21	Masses were held but were optional	\$14,168	-\$7932
March 22-28	No Public Masses	\$13,962	-\$8138

Parish Office Hours

402-477-3979

Mon-Thu | 9am-3pm

Friday | 9am-Noon

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Parish Website:

www.STLFchurch.org

which stands for

St. Teresa Little Flower Church.

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