

Saint Teresa Parish

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

Mass Schedule: April 5-12

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

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.

Day	Time	Intention
4/4	4pm	Int. Sam & Rhonda Ganz
Sun Apr 5	8	+Deceased Members of the Theisen Family
	10	Pro Populo
	12	+Lewis, Rose, and Patrick Schafers
Mon Apr 6	6:30	+Bud & Shirley Minchow
	7:00	+Ray O'Hare
	8:15	Private Intention
Tue April 7	6:30	Int. Cindy Hight
	7:00	+Milan "Red" Anderson
	8:15	+Debbie Carson
Wed Apr 8	6:30	+Betty Murphy
	7:00	+Florence Jablonski
	8:15	+Martha Kuzma and Susan Barrett
Thu Apr 9	6:30	(No 6:30 Mass)
	7:00	In thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood
	8:15	(No 8:15 Mass)
	Xpm	Private Intention
Fri Apr 10	6:30	No Mass
	7:00	No Mass
	8:15	No Mass
Sat Apr 11	7:00	No Mass
	8:15	No Mass
	8:30pm	Easter Lily Donors
Sun Apr 12	8	Int. Jackson Family
	10	Int. Gregory Johnson
	12	Pro Populo

Holy Week Plans and announcements have been put into a calendar-chart on the right side of this bulletin. That said, a few things wouldn't fit:

- Remember that **Sacramentals** are available: **Holy Water**—with Exorcised Salt—is available in church (side chapel with red candles), and **Blessed Palms** are available in the vestibule.
- Normally, a **collection to benefit Christians in the Holy Land** is taken up on Good Friday. This collection has been moved to September.
- Easter Lilies:** We ask a \$20 donation which will be put toward Easter Lilies and, since there are fewer of them, other live plants for the sanctuary. You may write your intentions on a piece of paper, put it together with your donation, and mail in or put it into the rectory drop-slot. Easter Vigil Mass will be said for the intentions of the donors. *(I had said a form would be attached but think this way will be simpler—thanks for understanding.)*



Please remember to obey Nebraska's order and keep to **10 people or fewer** in the church at all times. In following this order, no (large group) activities will take place in April. For example, no Grand Group meeting and no Easter Egg Hunt.

SCRIP

We are working to streamline and simplify SCRIP orders because this income is important to our school, we are grateful for your participation, and we want to continue. Orders may be submitted online, or by form to school or to the rectory. Orders will then be filled off-campus. To make plans to collect your order or have it delivered, please contact Janel at 402-525-5500 or jeandreasen@me.com

Thank you for your patience! We know things have been tricky to figure out and are hopeful that this change will make things easier for everyone.

Parish Office is closed to the public. Please reach us by phone or e-mail: 402-477-3979

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Parish Website:
www.STLFchurch.org
which stands for
St. Teresa Little Flower Church.

Father Chris Goodwin's Palm Sunday Homily:

“Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

Those words of the prophet Zechariah foretold a Messiah who was “meek”. Six weeks ago in his general audience, Pope Francis spoke of meekness. He said that meek people “are not cowards, weak, looking for some fallback moral principle in order to steer clear of trouble. Quite the contrary! They are people who have received an inheritance [from God] and do not wish to squander it.” “Meekness,” the Pope said, “manifests itself in times of conflict. It can be seen by how one reacts to a hostile situation. Anyone can appear meek when everything is peaceful, but how does one react ‘under pressure’, if one is under attack, offended, threatened?” (Or if one is living through a pandemic?)

A crisis shows whether or not we are meek, because it reveals in what or in whom we really put our trust. When Jesus faced the ultimate crisis—the passion that led to his death—he put his trust completely in the Father’s promise to glorify him. Jesus had no need to “grasp”—for possessions, power, or prestige—because he possessed the one thing that mattered: the peace of God’s loving favor. He knew that God’s promise would not fail, no matter what else did.

By being meek, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.” To Jesus, such abuse was a small price to pay to achieve the glory of God. Also, he knew that his peaceful acceptance of suffering would inspire countless disciples who were similarly afflicted.

“The meek,” says Pope Francis, are Christ’s disciples who have learned how to “protect their peace”. “They protect their relationship with God and they protect his gifts, God’s gifts, preserving mercy, fraternity, trust, hope.”

Jesus was meek during his time of crisis. By the gift of Christ’s Spirit, we too can be meek in our time of crisis. We can protect our peace. We can preserve God’s gifts of mercy, human fraternity, trust, and hope. We can do these things *today*, within our own families, and with each person whom we encounter.

I know that we can do this, because I have seen so many of you doing it already, and it makes me happy to be among you!

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR & IDEAS

Date	Event/Activity	Details, Instructions, or Associated Activities
Sat 4/4	1:30-3pm Confessions in church 4pm Palm Sunday Mass will be streamed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember—blessed palms are available in the vestibule! The readings for Palm Sunday Mass can be found HERE. Participate in streaming or televised Mass. Visit THIS SITE for palm weaving ideas. Consider putting palms in your front window or on your front door as a sign of solidarity and hope.
Sun 4/5	Palm Sunday! 10am Mass will be streamed	
Mon 4/6	6:00-6:30am & 7:15-7:45am Confessions will be heard in the church	<p style="text-align: center;">Instructions for Confessions</p> <p>During the listed time (or until the last confession is heard), you may enter through the main (back) doors of the church (the side doors will be locked). One priest will be in each Sacristy. If a third priest is needed, he will be in the side transept (blue candles). Music will be played in the church in order to maintain privacy for the Sacrament.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There can only be 10 people at a time in the church. Please be mindful of this, and wait outside when necessary.</p>
Tues 4/7	6:00-6:30am & 7:15-7:45am Confessions will be heard in the church	
Wed 4/8	6:00-6:30am & 7:15-7:45am Confessions will be heard in the church	
Thu 4/9	HOLY THURSDAY 5:00-5:30pm Confessions in church 7:00pm Mass will be streamed 8:00pm—Midnight Adoration	On Tue (Apr 7), a Sign-up Genius link will be sent to all parishioners for today’s nighttime adoration with half-hour time slots. We want to allow people time for adoration while keeping our numbers at or below 10 at any given time. <i>Obviously, only very healthy people should come for adoration, and those who are susceptible to illness should join in this prayer from home.</i>
Fri 4/10	GOOD FRIDAY 8:15am Tenebrae will be streamed 11:30 Chaplet of Divine Mercy—streamed Noon Stations of the Cross—streamed 12:30-1:00pm Confessions in church 7:00pm Passion of the Lord—streamed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday is a penitent day of fasting and abstinence. Catholics 14 and older should abstain from meat. Catholics ages 18-59 should fast: limiting oneself to one full meal (two additional half-sized meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. Pregnancy, breastfeeding, and illness, etc., excuse one from fasting. Please see attached pdf for other Holy Week suggestions. The Divine Mercy Novena begins today (Information is HERE)
Sat 4/11	HOLY SATURDAY 8:15am Tenebrae will be streamed 11:00am-Noon Confessions in church 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass will be streamed	If possible, the Paschal Fast should be continued from Good Friday through nightfall today (Saturday). This is a quiet day of waiting.
Sun 4/12	EASTER! 10am Mass will be streamed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be sure to dress up and celebrate Easter! Please see attached pdf for additional suggestions.

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 of March by the week

Our budget requires us to bring in \$22,100 weekly.

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
March 29-Apr 4	No public Masses	\$16,106	-\$5994