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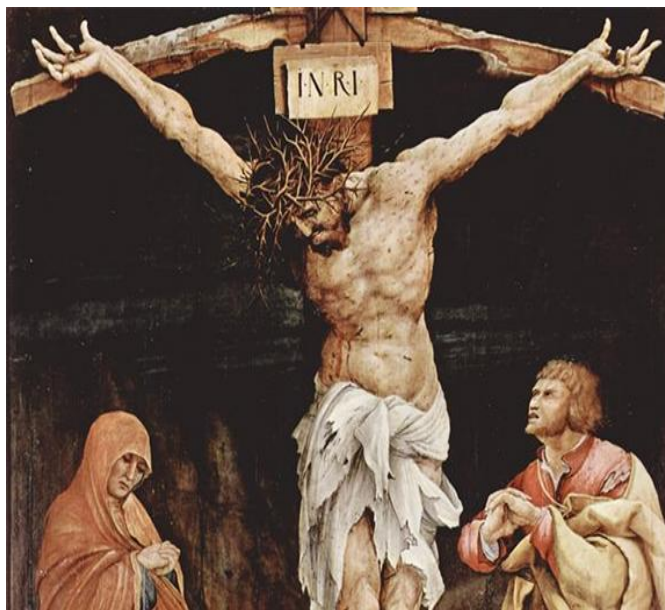
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“While the world changes, the Cross stands firm.” – St. Bruno

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”



“Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.”



The parishioners of St. Theresa and Fr. Paul Moody welcome everyone as we gather to worship.

Mass Times for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

April 12 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Intention: + Tim Ivers
Reader: Kate

April 13 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Intention: + Stanley Ciesla
Reader: Christina

April 14 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Monday of Holy Week

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla

April 17 Holy Thursday **Mass 6:00 pm**
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper **Adoration 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Int: + Anna Warpecha
Reader: Mark

April 18 Good Friday **Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm**
Friday of the Passion of Our Lord **Service 3:00pm**

Reader: Sal

April 19 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Intention: + Betty Renza
Reader: Kate

April 20 Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 am
The Resurrection of the Lord

Int: Msgr. Francis Szczykutowicz
Reader: Mark

Good Friday Fast and Abstinence: Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Church from age 14 onwards.

“Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and he never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart.” – St. Charles Borromeo

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS:

Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood. The spiritual formation and education of future priests for the diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is of utmost importance. The Holy Thursday collection is for this purpose.

“Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross and in this chalice what flowed from His side.” – St. Augustine

Good Friday, April 18, is the annual Pontifical Good Friday collection made on behalf of the Holy Father. This collection provides critical support for Christians on the Holy Land for schools, parishes, outreach to the poor, assistance to refugees and pilgrims as well as maintenance of the shrines. Through this collection we join with Catholics all over the world to stand in solidarity with the endangered Church in the Holy Land.

“The tragedy of the passion brings to fulfilment our own life and the whole of human history. We can’t let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls.”

–St. Josemaria Escriva

Prayer Requests: We continue to pray for all of our parishioners who are sick and for the people who care for them. Please pray for all of the members of our Armed Forces and for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy David Zurawska, as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Brian Paridon, Caroline, Fred Landgraf, Chris Andrews, Jessica Stephens, Janet Kaufman, Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, Lidia Kraj, David Hilty, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob & Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Albina Vysniauskas, Vida Nakas, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Stanley & Anna Jarzabek, Robert Espinosa, Winifred & Steve Flowers, and Bruce Paridon. Please remember to pray each day for the souls in purgatory and for our fellow parishioners at St. Theresa.

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.” – St. John Paul II

Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the twelve Apostles "on the night he was betrayed". On the eve of his Passion, while still free, Jesus transformed this Last Supper with the apostles into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for the salvation of men: "This is my body which is given for you." "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." [CCC – 610]

Christ's death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world", and the sacrifice of the New Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the "blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". This sacrifice of Christ is unique; it completes and surpasses all other sacrifices. First, it is a gift from God the Father himself, for the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself. At the same time it is the offering of the Son of God made man, who in freedom and love offered his life to his Father through the Holy Spirit in reparation for our disobedience. [CCC – 613-614]

“The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.” — St. Augustine

The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men". But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]", for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps." In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering. [CCC – 618]

**“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”
– St. John Paul II**