

## *Sacraments & Sacramentals*

### **Confessions**

Confessions are typically heard before all Masses: 30 minutes before weekday Masses and from 9:00 to 9:45 am on Sundays.

### **Baptism**

Baptisms are by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor(s) must be practicing traditional Roman Catholics. For further information please phone Father for arrangements.

### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered every year by Bp. Mark Pivarunas, CMRI.

### **Holy Matrimony**

If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with Father before setting a date.

### **Blessing of Expectant Mothers**

2nd Sunday of the month immediately following Holy Mass.

### **Funerals**

Simply call Father before calling the funeral director. Father will help you make all the necessary arrangements.

### **Last Rites and Sick Calls**

Father serves a wide area and must often travel far to administer these sacraments. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a church member is sick, hospitalized, or in danger of death.

### **Mass Intentions**

Envelopes for Mass requests are available in the vestibule. Please request particular dates for Masses at least one month in advance.

### **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communions will typically be made once a year.

### **Blessing of Religious Articles**

Every Sunday immediately following Holy Mass. Just come to the altar rail.

*More Information can be found  
on our web site:*

StThereseCMRI.org



St. Theresita the Little Flower Catholic Church  
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS



## *Saint Theresita the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church*

500 West Mulberry Street  
Lebanon, OH 45036

*March 15, 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent*

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# The Roman Catechism

Part III: The Decalogue — The Fifth Commandment (cont'd.)

## How to Persuade Men to Forgive Injuries

As the desire of revenge is almost natural to man, it becomes necessary for the pastor to exert his utmost diligence not only to instruct, but also earnestly to persuade the faithful, that a Christian should forgive and forget injuries; and as this is a duty frequently inculcated by sacred writers, he should consult them on the subject, in order to be able to subdue the pertinacity of those whose minds are obstinately bent on revenge, and he should have ready the forcible and appropriate arguments which those Fathers piously employed. The three following considerations, however, demand particular exposition.

## All We Have To Endure Comes From God

First, he who thinks himself injured ought above all to be persuaded that the man on whom he desires to be revenged was not the principal cause of the loss or injury. Thus that admirable man, Job, when violently injured by the Sabaeans, the Chaldeans, and by Satan, took no account of these, but as a righteous and very holy man exclaimed with no less truth than piety: *The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away*. The words and the example of that man of patience should, therefore, convince Christians, and the conviction is most just, that whatever chastisements we endure in this life come from the hand of God, the Father and Author of all justice and mercy. He chastises us not as enemies, but, in His infinite goodness, corrects us as children. To view the matter in its true light, men, in these cases, are nothing more than the ministers and agents of God. One man, it is true, may cherish the worst feelings towards another, he may harbor the most malignant hatred against him; but, without the permission of God, he can do him no injury. This is why Joseph was able patiently to endure the wicked counsels of his brethren, and David, the injuries inflicted on him by Semei.

Here also applies an argument which St. Chrysostom has ably and learnedly handled. It is that no man is injured but by himself. Let the man, who considers himself injured by another, consider the matter in the right way and he will certainly find that he has received no injury or loss from others. For although he may have experienced injury from external causes, he is himself his greatest enemy by wickedly staining his soul with hatred, malevolence and envy.

## Advantages Of Forgiveness

The second consideration is that there are two advantages, which are the special rewards of those, who, influenced by a holy desire to please God, freely forgive injuries. In the first place, God has promised that he who forgives, shall himself obtain forgiveness of sins, a promise which clearly shows how acceptable to God is this duty of piety. In the next place, the forgiveness of injuries ennobles and perfects our nature; for by it man is in some degree made like to God, *Who maketh his sun to shine on the good and the bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust*.

## Disadvantages Of Revenge

Finally, the disadvantages which arise from the refusal to pardon others are to be explained. The pastor, therefore, should place before the eyes of the unforgiving man that hatred is not only a grievous sin, but also that the longer it is indulged the more deeply rooted it becomes. The man, of whose heart this passion has once taken possession, thirsts for the blood of his enemy. Filled with the hope of revenge, he will spend his days and nights brooding over some evil design, so that his mind seems never to rest from malignant projects, or even from thoughts of blood. Thus it follows that never, or at least not without extreme difficulty, can he be induced generously to pardon an offense, or even to mitigate his hostility. Justly, therefore, is hatred compared to a wound in which the weapon remains firmly embedded.

— *March is the Month of St. Joseph* —

## Altar Server Schedule

**Sunday, Mar. 15**  
Patrick Bohman, Stephen Williamitis

**Saturday, Mar. 21**  
Joseph Lodrini

**Sunday, Mar. 22**  
Marquise Lodrini, Zachary Eilerman

# Mass Schedule & Liturgical Calendar

## Sunday, Mar. 15 - Third Sunday of Lent (St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, C)

9:00 am Confessions (until 9:45)  
9:30 am Stations of the Cross  
10:00 am Low Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)  
*Followed by offsite Parish Meeting (details below)*

## Monday, Mar. 16 - Lenten Ferial Day (St. Abraham, Hermit)

7:30 am Low Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Tuesday, Mar. 17 - St. Patrick, BC

7:30 am Low Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Wednesday, Mar. 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, BCD (St. Pancharius, M)

7:30 am Low Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Thursday, Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, CSpBVM

9:00 am High Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Friday, Mar. 20 - Lenten Ferial Day (St. Cuthbert, BC)

7:30 am Low Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Saturday, Mar. 21 - St. Benedict, AbC

8:30 am Low Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Sunday, Mar. 22 - Laetare Sunday (St. Isidore, C)

9:00 am Confessions (until 9:45)  
9:30 am Stations of the Cross  
10:00 am High Mass (For Robert and Susan Walz by Robert Walz)

## Announcements

Our long-awaited **Parish Meeting** is finally being held after Mass today, at the Rock School House at 1026 S. State Route 123 in Lebanon. All parishioners and visitors are invited. The potluck is on, too! One benefit to the last-minute cancellation last time has been that this time we are not being charged for the meeting rental, which saves a good chunk of money.

This week there will be a High Mass for the Feast of **St. Joseph** on Thursday at 9:00 am.

**Lent** is the perfect time to examine ourselves: Do we, as Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) once remarked, aim at pleasing God with our lives, or do we chiefly aim at pleasing ourselves, albeit without displeasing Him? This Thursday is **Mid-Lent Thursday** already, beginning the second half of the forty days. Let us make good use of our time, especially during this penitential season.

Easter Duty Reminder: By the law of the Church, all Catholics who have reached the age of reason and have made their First Holy Communion are required to receive **Holy Communion** worthily at least once a year during the Easter season, defined as beginning the First Sunday of Lent and ending on Trinity Sunday. Moreover, they must make a good **confession** of all mortal sins not previously confessed, at least once a year. Both of these precepts bind under pain of mortal sin.

**Last Sunday  
(3/8/20)**

Attendance: 60  
Collection: \$1,015.00