



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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March 16th, 2025 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16 – 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Abraham, Hermit)

8:00 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Server: Isaac Smith

9:35 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Michael Peck

Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick, BC

8:00 am Low Mass (Relief of all the faithful departed from Patrick Omlor)

Tuesday, March 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, BCD

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Frank Beaver from The Hille Family)

Wednesday, March 19 – St. Joseph, CSpBVM

8:00 am Low Mass (Clergy & religious & increased vocations from Jamie Kennedy)

Thursday, March 20 – Lenten Feria (St. Cuthbert, BC)

6:00 pm Low Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jamie Kennedy)

Friday, March 21 – St. Benedict, AbC

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Low Mass (Eliza, Lana, & Dom Safarik from Christy Safarik)

Saturday, March 22 – St. Isidore, C

8:30 am Low Mass (All our Grandparents living and dead from The Straight Family)

Sunday, March 23 – 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Turibius, BC)

8:00 am Low Mass (Juan Jimenez Alvarez from Mirna Harper)

Server: Aiden Sellers

9:30 am Stations of the Cross

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Paddy Omlor

Announcements

† **School Mass** will be moved to Wednesday at 8 am during Lent.

† **Today, the Parish Talent Show** will take place after the 10 am Mass. The location will be at the American Legion Post. The address is **620 N. Broadway St, Lebanon 45035**. Hope to see you there!

† **Feast of St. Joseph** is on **Wednesday** and **Mass** will be at **8 am**.

† **Rules of Abstinence & Fast during Lent** (Handbook of Notes on Theology):

Abstinence: 1) Everyone over seven years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence during Ember Days. 2) **Complete abstinence** is to be observed on **Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Saturday**. On days of complete abstinence, meat and soup or gravy made from meat may not be used at all. 3) On days of partial abstinence, meat and soup or gravy made from meat may be taken only once a day at the principal meal.

Fast: 1) Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast. 2) The days of fast are the weekdays of Lent (except Sundays), including Holy Saturday (**Fast ends at Midnight on Holy Saturday**). 3) On days of fast, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. 4) Meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of fast except on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Saturday. 5) Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices (we also think vegetable juices), are allowed. Malted milk, milkshakes etc., are not permitted. 6) Where health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest should be consulted.

† **Easter Duty: Confession:** All the faithful who have reached the use of their reason must sincerely confess their sins at least once a year (C.906). One's obligation is not fulfilled by a sacrilegious confession (C. 907). **Easter Communion:** All the faithful who have attained the use of their reason **must receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season**. The obligation is not satisfied by a sacrilegious Communion (C.861). If someone has not made his Easter duty for along time, and this be publicly known, he is thereby a public sinner who loses his right to ecclesiastical burial. (C.1240).

† **Lent:** During the **season of Lent**, there will be **Stations of the Cross** on **Fridays** at **6:00 pm** and **Mass** at **6:30 pm**.

† There will be **Catechism for the children** after Mass on **March 23**. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Josepha at 719 342 9131.

† Please keep in your **prayers the sick** and those who Father goes to see: Jackie Kroger, Connie Sellers, Megan Mann, Hope Wright.

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (3/6 to 3/20) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Ann Williamitis**. **Next Intentions** will be for **Connie Sellers**. If you would like to donate to light the 14 day sanctuary candle for your intention, please let Father know. The **donation** for each candle is **\$25** (candles generally last 14 days, but sometimes they burn faster than expected).

Reflection: *The Catechism Explained By Stories and Examples by Fr. Francis Spirago. Fourth Lesson: On Creation*

Question: Who created heaven and earth, and all things?

Answer: God created heaven and earth, and all things.

The Acorn and the Pumpkin: The wisdom of God is displayed in creation. A man was lying in the shade of a spreading oak tree one hot summer's day. As he looked idly about him, he saw a pumpkin vine trained on a fence, from which large, heavy pumpkins were hanging. "That is a very bad arrangement," he said to himself. "That slender, fragile plant bears such large fruits, while a stalwart tree, such as this oak beneath which I am resting, only bears tiny acorns. If I had made the world, I should have ordered things more wisely." As he finished speaking an acorn fell from the tree, and smote him on the nose so sharply that his nose began to bleed. This unexpected blow taught the conceited man a lesson. "I must acknowledge," he said, "that God has arranged everything very wisely. Had the acorn that fell been the size of a pumpkin, and dropped from the height it did, I should have been stunned, or at least my nose would have been broken. What we learn at school is quite true: God has ordained all things in creation with wisdom and forethought." How foolish are those who think they know better than the all wise Creator!

Question: How did God create heaven and earth?

Answer: God created heaven and earth from nothing by His word only; that is, by a single act of His all-powerful will.

The Firmament Is Upheld by Divine Power: If we consider the universe, we shall assuredly be compelled to admire the omnipotence of God. A German prince was one day conducting a foreign ambassador over his palace and calling his attention to the strength of its walls, the beauty of its architecture and decorations. The court fool who, according to the custom of former days, followed his master everywhere and was allowed perfect liberty of speech, put in his word. "Your Highness," he said, "do not boast too much about your palace. It may well stand firm and strong; it has massive columns to uphold it, it rests upon solid foundations. But just look up to heaven. The Lord who reigns above needs neither pillars nor foundations to support the immeasurable dome. He constructed; He upholds it by His omnipotent will alone. One must needs respect so great a Potentate!

Confessions: 45 minutes before Sunday Masses. 30 minutes before weekday Masses. Father will stop hearing confessions 10 minutes before Mass. Confessions could be heard after Mass as well.

Baptism: Please call Father to make arrangements. At least one parent and the sponsors must be practicing traditional Catholics. It is a serious obligation for Catholics to have their newborns baptized within two weeks.

Matrimony: For practicing registered parishioners only. Please contact Father at least six months before the wedding date for marriage instructions.

Mass Intentions may be submitted for a stipend of \$25.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Sunday Catechism Classes for children: Please see Sister Maria Josepha, C.M.D.

Blessing of Religious Articles: Please bring item(s) up to Communion Rail after Holy Mass.

Adult Catechism: Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.

**1st Sunday of
Lent
(3/9/25)
Collection: \$2290**