



# Palm Sunday

St. Therese Parish - April 5, 2020

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If you are a victim of sexual abuse by, or to report sexual abuse involving a cleric, diocesan volunteer or employee, contact Kathleen or or call 816.812.2500.

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### Mass Schedule

Due to various restrictions, Masses are not being offered at this time.

However, you may follow along with Saturday night live stream Mass at 6:30pm through Facebook. Additionally, it will be uploaded to our website.

### Confession

Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am  
Thursday evenings during Lent,  
6:00-7:00pm  
Saturday: 2:30-4:30pm

### Business Hours

At this time, the Parish Office is not able to offer regular business hours. You may reach the staff by their emails listed to the left.

School, Early Education, and Viking Voyager are currently closed.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD &amp; PARISH

Week Ending Friday, March 27, 2020  
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$56,179	\$3,085,830
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$2,951,975
Difference	(\$21,496)	\$134,180
Building Loan Balance		\$3,080,338
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$190	\$84,028
Principal & Interest payments		(\$254,899)
Difference		(\$170,680)



This weekend is Palm Sunday weekend, and we will bless palms and then await diocesan approval to distribute them. At this time of year, many of you bring

your old palms into the church so that we can properly dispose of them. **Since they are blessed, it is not appropriate to just throw them in the trash.** We collect them here at church and burn them. If you have old palms around your house and want to dispose of them, bring them by the church and place them in the basket in the center of the Narthex. Deacon Doug will collect them and dispose of them properly. (PS: When you drop them off between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m, you can stop inside the church and say a prayer!)

## From the Pope's Pulpit and the Pastor's Pen



From the Pope's Pulpit  
*In the context of the pandemic that threatens human life and the global economy, today we reiterate the teaching of Evangelium Vitae [The Gospel of Life] to transmit the culture of life to future generations: an attitude of solidarity, care, and welcome*

March 25, 2020

## From the Pastor's Pen

Welcome to a Holy Week like we have never had. This week is the only week of the year we call holy and in it we strive to share more deeply in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ—the movement from life through death into new life that Jesus pioneers and in which we all follow. Usually we do this in part by sharing in some of the liturgical celebrations. This year part of our suffering will be by not sharing in them, at least not in person. It will be hard for me to not see all of you.

However, the events will be livestreamed.

## Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 PM.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM

Solemn Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 PM.

Easter Sunday Mass—this time is yet to be determined.

On orders from the Vatican, since these celebrations will be without a congregation and during a time of pandemic, there will be some changes, i.e., no foot washing on Holy Thursday or kissing the cross on Good Friday.

Please continue to join us online and in spirit as we share in the Lord's Passion in a different way this year.

And continue to visit our parish website, Facebook page and Youtube channel for additional information.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for our suffering world.



Father Joe Cisetti

15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

## ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Zeigel W. Neff – April 5  
Norbert J. Bauer – April 7  
Grace Lillian Kreimer – April 8  
Frances V. Pasini – April 8  
Loyola C. Martin – April 9

## BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Donald E. Paige – April 6  
Marceline W. Winfrey – April 6  
Robert P. “Bob” Fisher – April 7  
Rev. Timothy Rooney – April 8  
Annette M. Younker – April 11

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry appreciates the support received regularly. We still continue to need personal hygiene items such as

**Toiletries - shampoo,  
conditioner, toothbrushes,  
toothpaste, etc.**

## Altar & Rosary

Greetings everyone. I hope everyone is well. Hopefully you're getting to enjoy the time with your families!

Meetings; Stay updated regarding the April 13 and May 11 meetings. These may need to be changed depending on our COVID-19 status. Members will be notified of changes by email.

**Contact** Amanda Bentley with meeting, membership, or ministry questions at 316.641.4955 or at [awbentley01@outlook.com](mailto:awbentley01@outlook.com). You may also register online at [www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society](http://www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society).

## Knights of Columbus

Watch for detail regarding the 40 Cans for Lent

For more information, call Bill Robinette at 816.520.5656 or email [billrob@kc.rr.com](mailto:billrob@kc.rr.com).

## St. Therese Connection - Updates and Resources

The Church is open for private prayer, 7:00am-6:00pm, 7 days a week

Adoration Chapel will remain Closed until further notice.

Confessions: Thursday evenings during Lent 6:00-7:00pm / Tuesdays and Wednesday, 8:00-8:25am / Saturdays, 2:30-4:30pm.

Check out our Facebook page and the Parish Website for more immediate updates and links to activities and resources.

## STAFF COLUMN - DYNAMIC PARISH - TRESSA COLLINS



One of the first things I learned from Matthew Kelly, was to spend 10 minutes a day in the classroom of silence.

These challenging times are ‘gifting’ us with time to be alone in silence. Bishop Johnston wrote a piece in early March called, *The Sound of Silence*. Here are a few excerpts that are so vital for today. In only weeks, his words touch us in a whole new way.

*\*Growing up in the late sixties as a child, I would listen to music with my father on our stereo, which were relatively new, and at the time was in an oblong hardwood cabinet that looked a bit like a credenza. Even though my father was born in the 1920s, and loved the music of his generation, he also took a liking to some of music of the 1960s, including Simon and Garfunkel. One of their most popular songs, The Sound of Silence, served as critique for the lack of*

*communication between people, communities, and nations in an age of increasing strife and civil unrest: "... People talking without speaking, People hearing without listening, People writing songs that voices never share, And no one dared, Disturb the sound of silence."*

*While silence can be a sign of a lack of communication, it can also serve it. A certain amount of silence is needed for us to hear another's voice. Recently, I was at a reception, and there was so much music and background noise from other conversations, that I could not hear the person speaking with me.*

*When it comes to prayer, silence serves the conversation.*

These next lines were written before we entered into this phase where the better use of technology has become our lifeline, so here we have found the blessings!

*\*Silence seems to have become a lot more difficult to find. Much of the reason is*

*found in our new technology, which like most technology, comes with both blessings and curses. I am often surprised at the end of a week when I look at my usage report for my cell phone and how much time I have spent on it. The same challenge is before most of us, which is why Pope Francis suggested that we give up time on our devices for Lent.*

*A friend of mine, commenting on a trend in our culture, rhetorically asked me last week, "How did we get to be so fragile?" Perhaps there are a variety of reasons, but among them is that we are not being attentive to matters of the soul. We are driven to live life on the shallow surface, and without attention, matters of depth and importance to our happiness and resilience do not develop. We can often forget the most important relationship which sustains and strengthens us—our friendship with the Father. We must attend to the soul. Which is why Jesus tells us to pray ... with the sound of silence.*

*\*Excerpts, Bishop's Blog, March 4, 2020, The Sound of Silence*



John 16:33

*"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

If we're being honest with ourselves, this is probably not how we saw ourselves celebrating Palm Sunday at the start of Lent.

Personally, I was looking forward to seeing a packed St. Therese, with the palm branches and procession and everything. Not to mention that Holy Week is going to be very different from any other Holy Week I've ever celebrated in my life.

This contrast can seem all the more striking for us, because the end of Lent is meant to be a victory celebration! Palm Sunday is liturgically and biblically meant to be Christ's victory march into Jerusalem, as evidence by the palm branches. Things certainly don't feel very victorious right now. All of our sports got cancelled! (time to rewatch that Chiefs' Super Bowl win). It can be easy to think that the great victory of Easter will especially feel particularly hollow with all of us still in quarantine and missing Mass because of the pandemic. This certainly doesn't come across as a time of great spiritual triumph, nor as a time of hope.

That is, unless, we remember the cross.

When Jesus marched victoriously into Jerusalem, He did so not with an army behind Him, but His twelve apostles and many disciples. He didn't process in on a grand elephant or a war horse or on a chariot, but on a lowly humble donkey. When he proceeded into the city, He wasn't met with the

tossing of coin or the gathering of arms, but the laying down of palm branches, a symbol of peace.

And a week later, He's horrifically crucified.

The people of Israel were expecting a war king. They were expecting banners, and trumpets, and armies, and great weapons of war. They were expecting a violent siege and conquest of their Roman oppressors, and a military dominion that would spread across the globe. They were expecting and celebrating a victory through power and might.

And Christ was celebrating a victory through humility and love.

Through sacrifice.

His.

The cross is our symbol of victory. It is our symbol of triumph. It is our fervent and constant reminder that from such a horrifically violent and humiliating end, Christ brought about the redemption and salvation of the world.

Thus, the cross is our symbol of hope, especially now.

This pandemic is providing us an opportunity to look for the victory of Christ as our Lord intends for us, not in wealth and power, but in humility and love and sacrifice.

Christ's victory was brought about through such intense prayer for Himself and others that He sweat blood. Christ's victory was brought about by willingly enduring physical pain and humiliation to save others. Christ's victory was brought about by His kingship mocked with a crown of thorns so

He could demonstrate He is the King of all our sufferings, sins, and pain. Christ's victory came about through willingly carrying His cross, because it meant saving us, whom He loves, and accepting the help of so many others to do so.

Christ's victory was brought about through His loving sacrifice on the cross.

And from the enduring of those great hardships and pains, and the making of that great sacrifice in love, Christ won for us the victory of redemption, the victory of salvation, and the hope of life eternal.

Christ conquered suffering, sin, and death through profound acts of humility and love.

That's our encouragement during this pandemic. That's our banner of virtuous hope.

The knowledge that Christ brought eternal victory from the bleakest darkness of sin, suffering, and death. He did that on the cross. He can do that for us in our own dark time.

Our invitation is, with the aid and grace of God, to see the opportunities during this pandemic in which we can willingly and joyfully take up our own crosses for the love of others. Our invitation is to trust and listen to God, and to joyfully allow him to help us carry this cross, so that, when this pandemic ends, the pains and hardships we endured were endured with such grace and such love, that it brought about salvific love for many.

Stay safe and God bless,

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

### Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from the Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing; for those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for the medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them; for those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy.

Amen - Pedro de la Cruz



## Census Day 2020 is approaching!

By April 1, every home in the U.S. will receive information from the U.S. Census Bureau on how to respond to the U.S. Census.

It is important that all Missourians are counted in the census so that our state may have accurate representation in Congress and adequate funding for local hospitals, first responders, and critical social programs. Your responses will be kept anonymous. The MCC has put together a one-page fact sheet on the 2020 U.S. Census that you can find at [mocatholic.org](http://mocatholic.org). For even more info on what to expect and how to respond, visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

### Little Sisters of the Poor - Thank You

It is with our sincerest appreciation that we thank you, the community of St. Therese for your support of the Little Sisters of the Poor when we visited last month. Such generosity makes our work possible and directly sustains the quality of life of each of our residents. And with \$9,138 received, it will make a real difference in this difficult time.

From the beginning of our congregation, Saint Jeanne Jugan chose St. Joseph to be the patron and provider of her "Little Family." On His feast day, Mass was offered at the Home for the intentions of all of our friends and benefactors.

And throughout this holy season of Lent, know that we thank God daily for you and your parish community, and ask for His blessing on all who share in our apostolate of hospitality to the elderly poor.



## SACRAMENTS / SUPPORT

### Baptism

Infant Baptisms-contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

Adult Baptism-contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

### Marriage

A 9-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). Contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

### Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-4:15pm

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00-8:20am

And by appointment

### Confirmation

Youth, grades 9-12, contact Tim Volk, 741.5400, ext. 119

Adult, contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

### Funeral Planning/Arrangements

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, ext. 212 or Karen Engebretson, ext. 258 through the Parish Office, 741.2800

### Prayer Lists / Bulletin Prayers

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

**Bulletin Submissions must be received 10 business days prior to the requested date of publication, submit to [tcollins@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:tcollins@sttheresenorth.org)**

At this time, all Masses are suspended, as well as all regular campus activities. The School, Early Education Center, and Viking Voyager are closed.

(Visit our website - [www.sttheresenorth.org](http://www.sttheresenorth.org) to stay connected through all our outreach programs and for updates)

As of March 30 -

The Church is open seven days a week for private prayer; the doors close at 6:00pm.

The Adoration Chapel is Closed.

Please contact staff member via emails.

**If bulletins cannot be viewed online, call Donna at 741.2800, ext 211 to have one mailed to you.**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL

Call the Parish Office to add or remove a name. (Due to confidentiality guidelines, only the person requesting prayer or a designated family member may place or remove a name)

Paula Acconcia	Rachel Day	John Lopez	Danielle Reeder
Eugene 'Bud' Anderson	Gayle Dean	Judy Louth	Pat Reeder
Nicole Aerts-Bramble	Ron & Betty DuPaul	Sal Lozano	Gina Reiter
Jay Atkinson	Anita Eastland	Ellen Madrick	Beverly Rietveld
Cynthia Barchesky	Charlene Fick	Arlene Marshall	Amy Roberts
Nathalie Blogin	Ken Finke	Betty McDonald	Larry Ryan
Debra Bommarito	Sandy Gardner	Wendy McKellar	Mary Ann Ryan
Bryan Bownik	Bert Giarraputo	Mike McKenna	Jossalyn Sainz
Art Braun	Pat Goss	Jessica McLain	Natalie Ann Salas
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Suzanne Grisham	David McPherson	Forrest Salyers
Ed Burgess	Doris Hahn	John Mikulic	Carmen Serrone
Daniel Burnos	William Hansford	Jerry Musil	Carolyn Shatto
John Burton	Grace Heater	Arlene Nadeau	Jim Soltis
Barbara Cahill	Mary Henke	Paul Neidig	James Spawn
Mike Callahan	Ellie Higgins	Nathan Newton	Ted Stephens
Frank Canino	Becky Isom	Cleo "Woody" & Rosemary Nollette	Joann Strever
Jim Carroll	Barbara Jordan	Linda Osterhaus	Rex Suman
Keith Carter	Vince Kehr	Doyne Parisi	Telsie Szabo
John Casey	Marcia Kenski	Jill Pehlman	Maureen Tejeda
Joe Cento	Glenda Kimsey	Barbara Personelli	Rosemary Van Haaren
Frank Cohara	Garrett Krier	Dorothy Porter	Donald Watson
Timothy Childers	Anna Lapuma	Jackey Pratt	Geri & Pat White
Larry Colling	Clara Lawson	Helen Prendergast	Lionel White
Janet Cozad	Natalie Lewis	Leticia Rabang	Kristi Widmer
Albert Daniels	Francis Logan		Nicholas Worth
			Dcn. Tony Zimmerman

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, April 5, Palm Sunday

Gene Peters +  
Robert "Bob" Medill +  
David Boes +

Mass for the People

#### MONDAY, April 6

Donald Paige +

#### TUESDAY, April 7

Anthony and Erin Kleine  
and family

Joseph DePetre, Sr. +

#### WEDNESDAY, April 8

Charles Fick +  
Sylvia Weichold +

#### THURSDAY, April 9, Holy Thursday

For our candidates/catechumens

#### FRIDAY, April 10, Good Friday

For our candidates/catechumens

#### SATURDAY, April 11, Holy Saturday

For our candidates/catechumens

#### SUNDAY, April 12, Easter Sunday

Jean Broussard +  
Charles J. Hellinger +  
Felton and Kielty Anderson  
Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)



### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST-

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

Ryan Ault son of Robert & Kristi	Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda	Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine	brother & sister-in-law of Michael O'Brien
John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy	Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy
Kyle Buehler, grandson of Darlene Buehler & Dave & Mary Thompson	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	James Pate husband of Jennifer	Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Laureen
	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	William Rory & Candice O'Brien	