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APRIL 7, 2024

“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (Jn. 14:3)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

During this season of resurrection and having experienced several deaths from our parish community recently, I would like to offer you a timely reflection on the Catholic Funeral Rites as they parallel to the Sacred Triduum.

We began the Sacred Triduum by commemorating the moment when Jesus gave us himself in the Holy Eucharist. This “food for the journey,” given to the Church at the Last Supper is the sustaining heavenly bread that fills our soul with grace and is God’s pledge to us of future glory. After recalling the Last Supper, we followed Jesus and His apostles into the garden of Gethsemane, witnessed His arrest, trial, torture, and death on the cross, only to arrive at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday to hear the angel announce that He has risen from the dead as the glory of God was proclaimed in word and deed.



As Catholic Christians we should never be afraid to talk about death, the death of Jesus in the light of his resurrection or our own eventual death. By our baptism we have become heirs to eternal life through the resurrection of Christ. The letter to the Roman reminds us of this promise, “are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? So that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.” (Rom. 6:3-4)

The ancient funeral rites of the Church, handed on to us through the centuries, has much to teach us about death. These rites are divided into three distinct liturgies: the Vigil Service, the Funeral Mass, and the Committal or Burial. I would like to explore these three distinct sections according to a parallel within the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday and the Vigil Service, Good Friday/ Easter Vigil and the Funeral Mass, and Easter Sunday and the Committal or Burial.

The readings of Holy Thursday recall the Jewish Passover preparations and Jesus, while celebrating Passover, gave his disciples the first Eucharist and the command to do this in his memory. The Passover meal is a prayer that begins by asking the question, “Why is this night more important than any other night?” From that question the meal tells the story of the Exodus. As the Exodus story is told, a main theme surfaces: God faithfulness to His people and the people’s faithfulness to God on their earthly journey to the promised land. In short, the Passover ceremony is a re-telling of how people lived out their faith amid the day to day.

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<u>Daily Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>
Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m.	Monday –Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon
1st Saturday 7:00 a.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.(Livestream to YouTube) & 11:00 a.m.	Or by appointment	& Monday-Thursday 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
<u>Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer Monday—Friday 6:30am</u>			
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday—Friday; 7:30am to 6:00pm. Rosary & Benediction begin at 6:00pm			

During the Vigil Service, we gather the night before the Funeral Mass for a prayer service. At this service sacred scripture is read, often the litany of saints is prayed, and the earthly life of our loved one is remembered and celebrated as a member of the family, or a friend speaks about the loved ones lived-out faith: known as a eulogy. A rosary may also be prayed at this time; however, it really should not take the place of a Vigil but may be added to it. After the vigil has concluded, all are invited to return to the church the next day for a funeral Mass.

On the day John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, Cardinal Ratzinger taught, that as our Lord came out of the water, He united Himself in a profound way to humanity. Jesus united Himself to us, to the point of accepting death on a cross, to save all humanity. By joining us in our suffering and sin, Jesus, the sinless lamb, takes our burdens and carries them to the cross on Good Friday. The Easter Vigil is the traditional time when adults are baptized. Through baptism, we are united to Christ and made heirs to the promise of eternal life. So as Jesus united Himself to us by his baptism, through ours we are united to Jesus.

At the Funeral Mass, a major theme is baptism: the sprinkling with holy water, lighting of the Paschal candle, and a placing of the funeral pall (white garment) over one's casket—symbolic of the white garment given to the newly baptized as a symbol of being made new in Christ. This theme is meant to foster remembrance of our loved one's connection to Christ, and our own connection with Him through baptism. This connection is so strong that it even extends into eternal life. By our relationship with Christ, and Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, even in the face of physical death we live in the truth that Jesus has conquered the finality of death, and by our baptism we are made recipients of eternal life.

Recall on Easter Sunday we celebrate the glory of God, as Jesus conqueror of sin and death, broke death's hold. The image of Mary of Magdala is one that offers us great hope as Jesus says he is ascending to His Father. She then tells the apostles all that she had seen (Jn. 20:11-18).

The final part of the funeral rites is the committal or burial at the cemetery. The cemetery stands a place of reverence and prayer where our loved one is laid to rest until Christ comes again. The prayers of this service leave us with a great vision of hope as we look forward to the time when Jesus will return. Until the day of Christ's return the cemetery stands as a perpetual announcement of Jesus' promise, "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself." (Jn. 14:3)

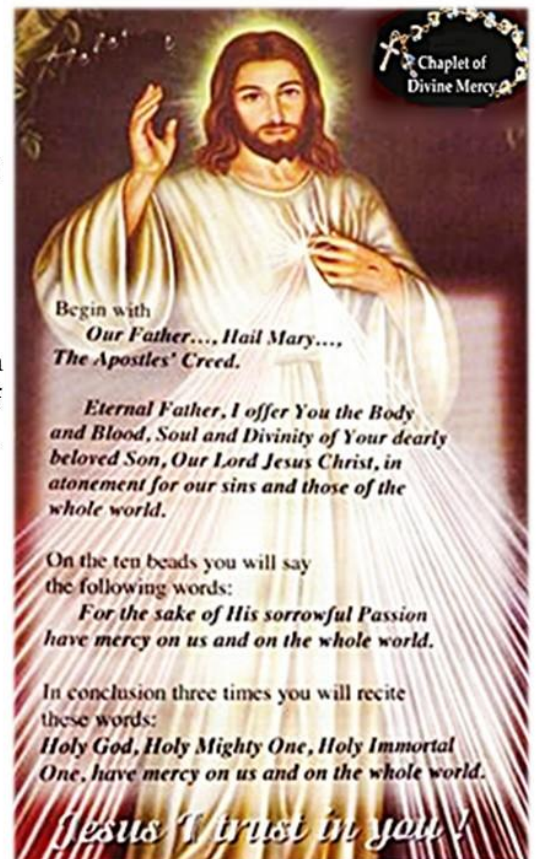
The beauty of the ancient funeral rites and their Holy Week parallel remind us of what the prayer of vigil service exhorts, "we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death." The inspiration of our loved one's Christian life of faith lived among us, the power of the unbreakable bond of baptism strengthened by the Eucharist, and the hope of the glory of Jesus' second coming invite us into the promised vision of a glorious reunion in God through the ancient rites.

If you have not considered making plans for your funeral liturgies give us a call in the office, we can meet with you to help plan a wonderful celebration of light, happiness, and joy.

May you have a wonderful and blessed week.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Chrisman



Congratulations to the children in OCIC who were received into the church at the Easter Vigil:

Jonni, Rozilee, Noah, Andrew, and Ezra.

Sunday, April 7th

Classes resume

Circle of Grace Review

Saturday, April 13th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm - Mass 101 in the church

Sunday, April 14th

No classes

Friday, April 19th & Saturday April 20th

Confirmation interviews with Father Michael

Child’s sponsor to attend as well.

Sunday, April 21st

Class Youth Mass 11:00am

Monday, April 22nd

Confirmation Mass @ Holy Family – 5:30 pm

Children and sponsors to be at the church by 4:15 pm

Sunday, April 28th


Last Day of Class

First Communion Interviews during class.


MASS 101

APRIL 13, 2024 9:00AM—12:00PM


ALL our parishioners are encouraged to attend as we explore each part of the Mass.




Introductory Rites



Liturgy of the Word



Liturgy of the Eucharist



Concluding Rites

Ministry Schedule for April 13th & 14th

Saturday, April 13th 4:30 pm

- Lector – Kathy Beichrodt
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Manalo Brothers
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Cindy Elliot, Vince Perez, Dave Bleichrodt
- Porter - Mary Lou Haering

Sunday, April 14th– 8:00 am

- Lector – Ed Perry
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Michelle Caligaris
- Porter—Carl Amato
- Coffee & Donuts— Doug & Barbara Berg

Sunday, April 14th 11:00 am

- Lector – Jarrod Sandoval
- Altar Servers - Theodore Sandoval
- Sacristan - Al Pearson
- EMHC— Tom & Isabel Starnes, Noelle Sandoval
- Porter - Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval

ALL LADIES of THE SHRINE of ST THERESE

The Shrine of St. Therese CCW will be meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 11:30 am in the hospitality room.

Please join us.



Please pray for the deceased of our parish

Donato Colalancia

Patricia Pershin

Heraldo Acosta

Helen Wermers

Ed Sanchez

Telsie Metoyer

Tom Pomeleo

Rosary 4/9/2024 6:00pm

Funeral 4/10/2024 10:00am

Ed Skerjanec

Rosary 4/11/2024 9:30am

Funeral 4/11/2024 10:00am

Myrna Zanetell

Funeral 4/12/2024 10:00am

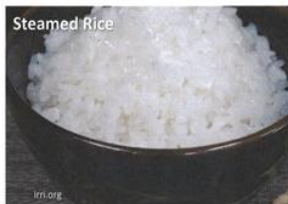
Roland Dent

Funeral 4/19/2024 10:00am

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

307 East Mesa Avenue, Pueblo | 719-296-8778

Filipino Dinner for a Cause



April 21, 2024 Sunday

11:00 am—3:00 pm

Parish Hall

Proceeds will help pay our AMD dues.

Disclaimer: Images above are not the actual servings.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK Apr 8—Apr 14

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9,10,11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 3:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9;
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2&9,17-18,19-20;
Jn 20:29

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 118:1-2,4,22-24,25-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Ps 2,4,7-8,9;
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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EWTN features UCE in interview April 9



Universal Chastity Education (UCE) announces that an interview of longtime UCE volunteer Ugandan, Walubo Jude, will air April 9th at 3:30pm MDT on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) channel and online. Jude served UCE as a co-founder in 2004 through his term as UCE-Uganda National Coordinator in 2017. He is interviewed by "Uju" Ekeocha on *Catholic Lives Africa* and describes UCE programs and how they encourage respect for sexuality and saving sex only for a faithful marriage, principles that are helping save lives. For more information: Call Sarah Smith at 719-248-8828 or contact@uceglobal.org or visit www.uceglobal.org

Shrine of St. Therese ENCOUNTER NIGHT APRIL 17, 2024 6:00pm-7:30pm



"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints." Pope Benedict XVI

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Therese Catholic School is now accepting applications for the upcoming school year, grades Kindergarten -8th. We are a great choice for parents who want a spiritual and a rigorous academic option to public schools. Call the office at 719 561-1121 for tuition information and to request a tour of the school.

Dennis Vigil--Principal



Offertory Summary Ordinary Time (3/30/2024-3/31/2024)
Stewardship all Masses: \$13,619.04
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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Cooperative Care Center's wish for the month of April is for:
Rice, Pasta & Pinto Beans
Put your donation in the food cart. Thank You!