



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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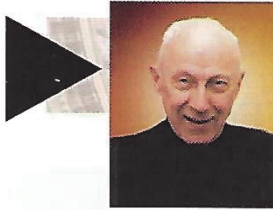
### OUR PARISH MISSION

*We are a welcoming Christian family committed to Catholic values, responding to the call of Christ revealed in the diversity of human need. We practice a conscious, living, active faith in a community whose source of strength is the Eucharist.*

### **Miraculous Prayer to the Little Flower**

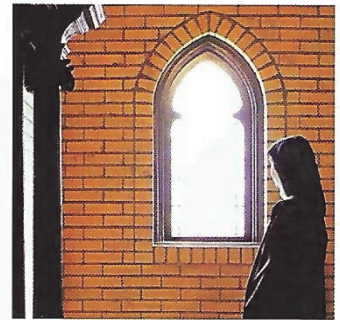
*O Little flower of Jesus, ever consoling troubled souls with heavenly graces, in our unflinching intercessions I place my confident trust. From the heart of our Divine Savior, petition the blessings of which I stand in greatest need.....Shower upon me your promised roses of virtue and grace, Dear St. Therese, so that swiftly advancing in sanctity and perfect love of neighbor, I may someday receive the crown of life eternal.  
Amen*

April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter



## Theological Reflections

BY REV. JOHN A. HARDON, S.J.  
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# Mental Prayer as the Means to Sanctity and Sanity

It seems worthwhile to look at mental prayer as closely as we can so that we might better appreciate what a treasure it really is and, appreciating its value might engage in what some saints, like St. Teresa of Avila, have said is absolutely necessary to achieve sanctity: *No mental prayer, no holiness*. And I would add it is necessary not only to achieve sanctity, but sometimes even to preserve one's sanity.

Mental prayer is the prayer in which the sentiments we express are our own and not those of someone else. Thus understood, it is actually the heart and substance of all prayer worthy of the name, because even when, as generally happens, the words we use in vocal prayer are those of someone else—of the psalmist, or even of Christ or the Church—we must still somehow make these words our own, appropriate them, and identify ourselves with what we are saying.

However, the prayer of which we are here speaking is something more refined. It is that form of prayer in which we ourselves, under the impulse of grace, make up the words we use as expressions of what is already in our hearts. The degree of this internal expression of our sentiments is a matter of taste or temperament. In essence, however, mental prayer is interior prayer. We

interiorly vocalize what is inside of us in such language as we may use to tell God what is in our hearts.

All prayer from the highest raptures of mysticism to the lowly fingering of the beads is a conversation with the invisible world of God, His angels and the saints. As conversation, it is therefore a communion of mind with mind, and of spirit with the spirit world that is unseen by the senses, but ever so seen by the eyes of faith.

In mental prayer this conversation has certain qualities that make it distinctive. The conversation with the invisible world is *my* conversation. The conversation is spontaneous. It arises by a kind of heavenly instinct in words and terms of thought that are quite unrehearsed. In mental prayer we are not exactly making a speech to God. Moreover, the conversation is a real dialogue between myself speaking and my invisible Auditor listening.

Mental prayer is not, if it is for real, a monologue. It presumes that as I pray mentally I am both active and passive, both talker and hearer. It is a two-way process, from us to the real world of faith, where God and those in His glory abide, and from Him and them back to us who so desperately need their guidance and inspiration. Needless to say, we should give God a chance to talk back. The art of listening in prayer is a fine art.

Finally, conversation in mental prayer is to be an experience. In it we are to be, as it were, immersed in what we are doing and involved in our whole being, depending on the degree of intensity we put into prayer and especially on the grace that God gives us when we are in contact with Him and with those who behold Him face to face

Mental prayer, we might say, is *total* prayer where the whole of us and not only part of us is consciously and deliberately conversing with God and His friends in glory. You may do other things thoughtlessly or casually but you do not pray mentally without realizing what you are about. We might compare it with the intense conversation we sometimes have with some person about matters that deeply concern either or both of us.

Again the depth of this intimacy in mental prayer depends mainly on God's grace. But it also depends on us, so much so that we can safely say if we do not more often pray this way the fault is our own. Why our fault? Because being lost in conversation with God in prayer has to be merited. This means it has to be worked at; it means making the effort to concentrate on whom we are speaking with when we pray rather than on ourselves as doing the praying even when as so often happens, the object of our prayer is our own grave needs. ☪

Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study** will meet using ZOOM. Bring a Bible & *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The **MARIAN HOUR** with Fr. Campbell **WSFI 88.5 FM Wed. April 28 at 2:00pm.**

**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH**, and visit them if possible: Germaine Brennan, Gerry Buhnerkempe, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Billie Lou Knutsen, Jean Amendola, Maria Koble. Please call the rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.

**Emergency Assistance Fund:** Contact Fr. Campbell if you need financial assistance (652-7660).



**Mt. Carmel/St. Therese Youth Group Nerf Gun Party April 10 w/Fr. Campbell**

**THANKS** to all who worked on our Lenten Fish Fries and made them a great success. We made a profit for the Parish of \$12,815!

**Sunday April 25 – 10:30am Mass  
First Holy Communion**

We have two Religious Education students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. They have prepared over the last two years. Please pray for them.

**Parish Support**

Weekend of April 4, 2021

**\$7,483.00**

Budgeted weekly need...	\$4,865.00
Weekly offertory	\$7,483.00
<b>Over/Under budget</b>	<b>\$2,618.00</b>
Plan YTD	\$189,750.00
Actual	\$213,156.00
<b>Excess (9 months)</b>	<b>\$23,406.00</b>

**Course on Critique of Evolution: "FOUNDATIONS RESTORED: A Catholic Perspective on Origins":** Next class Tues. April 20, 7pm, St. Therese Church. "Foundations Restored" is series of presentations on DVD defending the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation of the universe and of human life, as well as a refutation of Darwin's theory of evolution which has ushered in the world-wide culture of death.

**Poland Leads the Way**

**Recent Court Decision Reaffirms the Polish People's Commitment to Life**

Katarina Carranco (Population Research Institute  
<[pri@pop.org](mailto:pri@pop.org)> March 23, 2021)

Poland is among the most Catholic and pro-life countries in Europe, so much so that even the Polish constitution declares that the state "shall ensure the legal protection of the life of every human being."

Despite this provision of the Polish constitution, Polish law up until recently has allowed abortion in cases of fetal abnormalities, rape, incest, and risk to a mother's life.

In 2019, however, a group of 119 MPs from three different Polish parties decided to challenge these exceptions. They argued that the law permitting abortion in cases of fetal abnormality was incompatible with the above constitutional provision protecting "the life of every human being." They asked the Polish constitutional court, called the Constitutional Tribunal, to overturn the law dating from 1993 that permitted abortion in cases of fetal abnormalities.

The Constitutional Tribunal handed down its ruling in October 2020, finding that abortion – even in the case of a high probability that a baby would be born with severe and irreversible impairments, or an incurable condition that threatens its life--was incompatible with Poland's constitution.

This landmark court ruling on abortion from Poland's highest court cannot be appealed. It will close a loophole used to justify abortions in the country and save countless unborn lives.

St. Therese Church will again be selling Roses on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th** for \$2.00 each in support of the Wisconsin Right to Life program.



**May Crowning**

**Saturday May 8th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Immediately following the 8:30am Mass**

*All youth of OLMC and St. Therese Parishes Are invited to participate in a special May Crowning event.*

*\*It will not replace the Crowning events traditionally held at each parish.*

*\*The First Communicants are invited to wear their FHC attire.*

*\*Fr. Campbell will pick one young lady to crown Our Lady.*

*\*Every participant will present Our Lady with a flower.*

**\*\*Please RSVP: [religiouseducation@olmckenosha.org](mailto:religiouseducation@olmckenosha.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, April 19**

8:00 AM † Joseph & JoEllyn Sturino (Family)

**Tuesday, April 20**

8:00 AM † Patricia Ngoma (John & Sharon Kirsch)

**Wednesday, April 21**

5:45 PM † Priest Intention

**Thursday, April 22**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, April 23**

8:00 AM † Ruth Kmacbert (Jody Tremear)

**Saturday, April 24**

4:00 PM † Shirley Bonn (Kevin & Gina Bonn) †

Betty Weinberger † Jammi Hui

**Sunday, April 25**

8:30 AM † John Ruggiero † Joseph & Regina Pumpera

† Mary Marasa

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:  
Week of April 18, 2021**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day, Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Earth Day, Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr, Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr, Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 2:45 pm  
Closed Friday**

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to [valang@tds.net](mailto:valang@tds.net) by 9:00 AM Thursday of the week before publication.

**PRIVACY LAWS:** Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, hospice, etc. With the new privacy laws, medical institutions will not call unless you ask them to notify the Parish. If you would like a home visit, please call the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

**Parish Directory**

Weekend Masses	Saturday Evening	4:00 PM
	Sunday Morning	8:30 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday & Friday	8:00 AM
	Wednesday	5:45 PM
	No 8:00 AM Mass on Thursday or Saturday	
Holy Day Masses	Please consult Sunday bulletin.	
Confessions	Saturday	3:00 to 4:00 PM
	Sunday	
First Fridays	Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 AM Friday to 6:00 AM Saturday	
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions (Follow the Wednesday 5:45 PM Mass)		
Parish Telephones	Parish Office	262-694-4695
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Rel. Ed. Coord.	262-705-9097
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster	262-331-4734
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All Saints Catholic School		262-925-4000
St. Joseph Catholic Academy		262-654-8651

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 Liturgical Musician.....Jan Sleyster  
 Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....Mary E. Vestal

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Adults or children interested in baptism, reception into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and/or First Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism** Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Baptism. Those who wish to have a child baptized must be attending Sunday Mass regularly for at least four months.

**Marriage** Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements. Couples who are sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage.

**Home Visitation** Anyone unable to attend Mass because of sickness/old age, contact the Parish Office.

**Estate Planning** Please keep St. Therese in mind when planning your estate. This is a wonderful gift that will last many years.