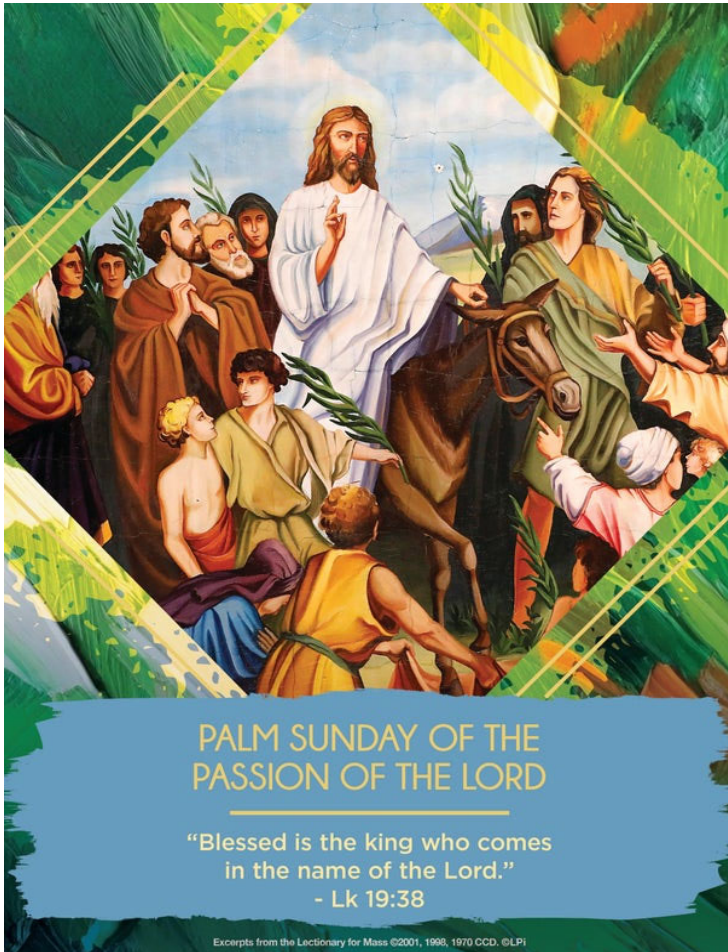


# Church of the Little Flower

April 13th, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



*“We Remember”*

*“We Celebrate”*

*“We Believe”*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Eucharistic Community of the Little Flower is to deepen the relationship of its members with God and with each other; to witness to and, therefore, to reveal Jesus Christ and His Good News to the local and wider communities; and to serve as a model of Catholic Christian community valuing the diversity of backgrounds and sharing the gifts of its varied members.*

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## MASS & SACRAMENTS

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm  
 Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am  
 Holyday Masses: Please check the bulletin for Mass schedule  
 Legal Holidays: 9:00am  
 First Saturday: 9:00am

Offered by Eucharistic Prayer Companions JMJ

### MORNING PRAYER of the LITURGY of the HOURS:

Monday through Friday: 7:30am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm or 6:45am-6:55am Monday thru Friday

### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Tuesday: 6:45am (before 7:00am Mass)

### ROSARY:

Saturday: 4:30am

### ADORATION: Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm

### BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are a cause for celebration and may be celebrated with the entire parish at one of the weekend Masses. Parents are asked to complete the preparation sessions prior to scheduling the date for the baptism. Please call the parish office to arrange the sessions. A baptism class will be offered monthly on the second Sunday after the 10:30 Mass.

### MARRIAGES:

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

**Friday at 10:00am**

## Calendar of Events

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
		7:00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>6:45-6:55</b>	<b>Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
		7:00am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 16</b>	7:00am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 17 (Holy Thursday)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayers</b>
		7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 18 (Good Friday)</b>	8:00am	Morning Prayers
		7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Passion
			<b>No Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 19 (Holy Saturday)</b>	8:00am	Morning Prayer's
		7:30pm	Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 20 (Easter Sunday)</b>	8:00am	Mass
		10:30am	Mass

## Ministers of Service April 19 & 20 2025

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

04/19 7:30pm ~ Malachi, Mattias & Anders Verry  
 04/20 8:00am ~ Austin & Annelise Reinagel & J. Waugh  
 04/20 10:30am ~ Clint, George, & Rosemary Woods

### LECTORS

04/19 7:30pm ~ C. Verry P. Keenoy M. Hazelwood  
 04/20 8:00am ~ J. Osterman T. Serena  
 04/20 10:30am ~ E. & Bill Carmody

04/17 Holy Thursday 7:30pm-M. Hazelwood L.Waugh  
 04/18 Good Friday 7:30pm M. Hazelwood J. Waugh

### THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

#### (Sacristan Helpers)

04/17 7:30pm ~ K. Toombs—B. Campeau & Torch Bearers  
 04/18 7:30pm ~ B. Campeau  
 04/19 7:30pm ~ B. Campeau **(Team C)**  
 04/20 8:00am ~ S. Condit  
 04/20 10:30am ~ Volunteer Reg. B. Campeau & Torch Bearers

4/17 Holy Thursday Servers—Clark, George, Rosemary Woods  
 4/18 Good Friday—A. Scherman & T. Sullivan

## *Palm Sunday: The Paradox of Triumph Through Suffering*

Most pilgrims are unable to visit the Holy Land at this time. Yes, it is largely due to the political turmoil engulfing Israel and the Gaza strip during these tumultuous times. Yet, for those who have visited the Holy Land there are profound memories of many holy sites. One such site is in Bethlehem in a place called the “Shepherd’s Field.” As you guessed it, this is where the angels announced to the shepherds the birth of a newborn king of Israel. If one were to walk into the church and look up at the phrase wrapped around the bottom of the main dome, it would say these words taken from the Latin text, “Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace to People of Good Will.” The first utterance of the “Gloria” was said on that Christmas night by angels; it certainly wouldn’t be the last the Gloria would be said so emphatically by voices of jubilation. Nearly three decades later, many of Jesus’ disciples—the twelve among, perhaps, thousands more—wave palm branches and shout, “Hosanna to God in the highest!” This is Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The “good news” of great joy proclaimed at Jesus’ birth by angels has its climatic exuberance in Jesus’ royal entrance into Jerusalem. The rightful Davidic king and the messianic hope of Israel is finally taking His rightful place; He will vanquish Israel’s enemies and reestablish David’s throne forever.

These thoughts, hopes, and dreams of Jesus’ disciples give clear evidence as to why they sing and shout for joy. He has entered Jerusalem riding on a colt, giving a clear allusion to Solomon’s coronation procession when he rode on David’s own colt before being anointed and crowned king of Israel (1 Kings 1:33). With such aspirations for Jesus to reestablish Davidic rule in Israel on a political front, most of Jesus’ disciples missed the true nature of His Davidic kingdom and triumph over Israel’s enemies. Had Jesus’ disciples paid close attention to the prophets, especially Isaiah, they would have come to realize that the way of triumph would come through suffering. Our Lord’s repeated prophetic utterances from the Mount of Transfiguration to His entry into Jerusalem would continually fall on deaf ears; Jesus’ disciples refused to grasp the meaning behind Our Lord’s words in order to understand its significance, especially in light of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Similar to Israel’s desert wanderings after their triumph over Egyptian captivity, Jesus’ disciples would be tested as the dramatic events of Our Lord’s Passion unfold in the events of Holy Week. The scandal of the Cross would scatter the thousands of disciples, including the twelve, to places far away from Jesus Himself. Many disciples would never return to following Our Lord in the ignominy of His crucifixion and death. It would take a humbled Simon Peter and the conversion of doubting Thomas to bring eleven of the twelve disciples back into seeing the fulness of Jesus’ messianic triumph, along with a meager 120 others from the thousands that flocked to Jesus as He entered Jerusalem.

This Palm Sunday teaches us a lot about Jesus’ triumph over humanity’s greatest enemy of all: sin and the power of the Evil One. Our Lord indeed is the Davidic king who conquers Israel’s enemies with swiftness and conviction, like King David did during his military campaigns against the Philistines. However, Jesus doesn’t conquer through a sword and shield, but with nails and a crown of thorns. He doesn’t reign triumphantly by forcing His enemies into humiliating submission; instead, Jesus triumphs through compassion, prayer, and intercession by saying from His throne of suffering: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said about this magnanimity of Jesus’ statement from the tortuous pains of the Cross, if those who put Jesus to death knew they were crucifying God Himself, with full and clear insight into the deicide they were about to commit, forgiveness would never be possible for them. It was their ignorance, says Sheen, that opened the door to forgiveness and mercy. The fact that the most heinous crime in human history can be forgiven and redeemed is truly the greatest triumph over the forces of evil.

From the jubilation of waving our palms on this Palm Sunday—commemorating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem—to soberly leaving Mass after walking through the Passion account in Luke’s Gospel, let us reflect during this Holy Week that there is no triumph without the blood, sweat, and tears of human suffering. There is no triumph of love in our lives without the pain of the Cross and fountain of mercy bursting forth from the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

In Christ the Savior,

*Fr. Rubie*

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day you will deny three times that you know me."

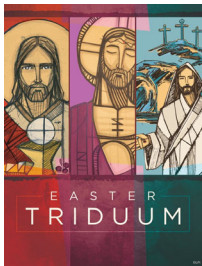
(Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we have the courage to defend our Catholic faith when the opportunity arises.

Amen



### Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayers  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

### Good Friday

8:00am Morning Prayers  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:30pm

### Holy Saturday

8:00am Morning Prayers  
Easter Vigil-7:30pm

**Easter Sunday:** 8:00am Mass 10:30am Mass



### OCIA-THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

#### WHEN DO WE CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY?

The high point of our faith—the Paschal Mystery—is celebrated at the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Easter is known as the “feast of feasts”.

The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ by which he heals us from sin and enables us to become children of God. Holy Thursday (the institution of the Eucharist), Good Friday (Jesus' sacrificial suffering and death by crucifixion), and the Easter Vigil (Jesus' rising from the dead), are our holiest days.

Please attend the celebrations. Check the Bulletin for the scheduled services of the Triduum. Bring the family to experience the Paschal Mystery.

Source: Evangelium

For more information about OCIA, call Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

Come celebrate our Risen Lord!

Our next **Holy Hour** will be **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7 pm due to Holy Week. Confession will be available. All are welcome.

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES!

Bulletin for April 13th is due Monday, April 6th

Bulletin for April 20th (Easter Sunday) is due Thursday, April 10th. Please get all notices for the bulletin in as early as possible.

### Did You Know?

The first school building was just 2 rooms. It was a combination church and school building where the sisters who taught there lived on the upper floor until 1942. The third floor was added in 1937. No wonder there is evidence of what were once stained glass windows in the front of the school building.

### Vocational Chalice



Stop by the All Souls Chapel to see the vocational chalice. It is on display there to remind us all to pray for our priests during this critical time for our parish and our archdiocese. We should pray for our current priests as well as young men and women who are discerning vocations. If you are interested in hosting the chalice in your home, simply sign the sheet and take it home with you for a week or two. It is a great prayer ministry for Lent. If you have questions, contact Jackie Waugh at 314-704-5619 or [jwaugh123@charter.net](mailto:jwaugh123@charter.net).





## THE LITTLE FLOWER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY



**FUN AT THE FISH FRY**



### First Saturday Devotions

April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd  
and continuing...

Mass at 9:00am  
followed by Rosary, Devotions  
and a Family Program



*Our Lady of Fatima spoke to Lucia:*

*"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

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For more information go to:  
[www.centreformercy.org/epc](http://www.centreformercy.org/epc) or contact  
[epc.jesumaryandjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:epc.jesumaryandjoseph@gmail.com)

### RETRouvaille ST LOUIS WEEKEND May 16-18, 2025

**Healing Your Marriage--** Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.

For more information or to register, call 314.453.0110 or visit website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

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Register early.

**Register now - 800-470-2230** (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)

Questions? Tom 314.409.4199 / Kerry 314.753.2022

Bishop DuBourg invites 7th & 8th grade students and transfer students to shadow for a day. Spend the day with the Cavaliers and see why many students call DB home! Visit [www.bishopdubourg.org](http://www.bishopdubourg.org) to select a date and register. All students will go on a tour, sit in on classes, have lunch in the Cavalier Cafe, and participate in DB activities. The shadow day begins at 8am and ends at 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Cass Gianino – [cgiani-no@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:cgiani-no@bishopdubourg.org)  
Bishop DuBourg's 2025 CAMP CAVALIER registration is open. Our camps run through the month of June and are full of fun and activities. Register now with the QR CODE. Questions? Contact Angela Calloni '98 - [acalloni@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:acalloni@bishopdubourg.org) or Christina (DeBarry) Bennett '10 [cbennett@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:cbennett@bishopdubourg.org)

## HOLY MASS

Is the Lord calling you to come to Mass an extra day of the week? Mass is prayed in the Little Flower chapel every week-day at 7:00am.



## Polyhymnia

### Choral Summer Camp

*Beginner to Advanced Singers, Ages 10-17*

Sacred Music, Vocal Technique, Choir Performance and More



**JULY 7-11 9AM -1PM**

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Simply scan with your smart device. It will take you to the on-line portal of our Website.



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Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers, and call-in programs. You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to play **Covenant Network Catholic Radio**, on our App, **Covenant Network**, online at **Our-CatholicRadio.org**, or on your local Catholic radio station, **AM 1460 / 96.7 FM**. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the **Visual Rosary** with sacred images for each prayer and the **Stations of the Cross**.

### Did you know that we have Benediction at the end of Friday Adoration?

Most Fridays we are now having Benediction at 5 pm. Please join us to receive a special blessing from our Eucharistic Lord. Even if you are there early in the day for Adoration, you can come back. And if you can only come at the end of the day for a few minutes with Jesus, you are welcome. Isn't receiving God's grace worth a moment of your time?

*"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."*  
 ~ St. Padre Pio



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held in the Little Flower Chapel from 8:00am to 5:00pm every Friday. All are encouraged to come and spend whatever time you are able to in the Divine Presence of God.

*For more information and/or if you are able to commit to your own weekly hour of adoration, please contact:  
 Jackie Waugh (314-704-5619) or Jane McCabe (314-605-6098)*

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 14</b> Betty Davis
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 15</b> Sp. Intention (Anna Lohmann)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am	<b>April 16</b> Jack Brady
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30pm	<b>April 17</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30pm	<b>April 18</b> Mass of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday)
<b>Saturday</b> 7:30pm	<b>April 19</b> Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>April 20</b> Noreen Herzog
10:30am	Bill & Betty Wells

**Interested in answering Jesus' call to serve others? Join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

The society of St. Vincent de Paul provides clothes, shelter, food, medicine and more -and pays for utilities for people in need throughout the St. Louis region. Our personal, one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and helps them to see a better tomorrow. We are a Catholic lay organization, leading men and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering service to the needy and suffering. **Join Us.** See Christ in the face of the poor and to bring the love of God to those who are in material or spiritual need. You'll grow spiritually and make friends. **How to join us? Call the rectory at 314-645-1445**

*In your charity,  
 please Pray for*

*All the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace...*

*The sick and shut-ins of our parish, especially:*

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| Maria Adderley       | Joyce Griffen        | G. Tracy Mehan        |
| Andrew Blum          | Beverly Haffner      | Mary Falk Mehan       |
| John Boland          | Mary Ellen Havard    | Peg Mango             |
| Maxine Borowiak      | Nancy Hawkins        | Helen Mango           |
| Jaxson Boyer         | Louise Haynes        | Stephanie Mortenson   |
| Frankie Boyer        | Adrianna Hubb        | David Nathe           |
| Steve Bradshaw       | ChrisLewisHutchcroft | Sr. Jo Ann            |
| Joanne Buchholz      | Stan James           | O'Connell, BVM        |
| Ellen Carmody        | Rebecca Jenson       | Lachlan Oddy          |
| Kathleen Carter      | Barb Jones           | Kristin Rafferty      |
| Rachelle Chaney      | Chad Keeven          | Christi Rice Blum     |
| Nicholas Coleman-    | Jeanne Kelly         | Sue Rice              |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Donald Kenney        | <b>Ken Roberts</b>    |
| Clare Crouch         | Mary Kinsley         | <b>Kenny Robinson</b> |
| Margie Curran        | Kevin Koeller        | Marguerite            |
| Helena Czosnyka      | Joanne Kraus         | Scheidegger           |
| Chandelor Davis      | Ken Kuhlman          | James Smith           |
| James Davis          | Jack Lally           | Tony Snider           |
| James E. Davis       | Julie Lally          | Hollie Soto           |
| Nathan Glore Davis   | Marianne Lally       | Matthew Stuart        |
| Patrick Dolan        | Jim LaMartina        | Gary Underwood        |
| Bill Edwards         | Patty LaRochelle     | Miriam Varas          |
| Carolyn Entrikin     | Mary Laws            | Margaret Verzino      |
| Kathryn Fischer      | Everleigh Lauber     | Charles Volk          |
| Bill Flottmann       | Sherry Lopez         | Billy Wells           |
| Peter Freundl        | Elizabeth Lyons      | Joseph Wheeler        |
| Ron Garnier          | Emma Lyons           |                       |

**Readings for the week of April 13, 2025**

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

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

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

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

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/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 (see 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, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12