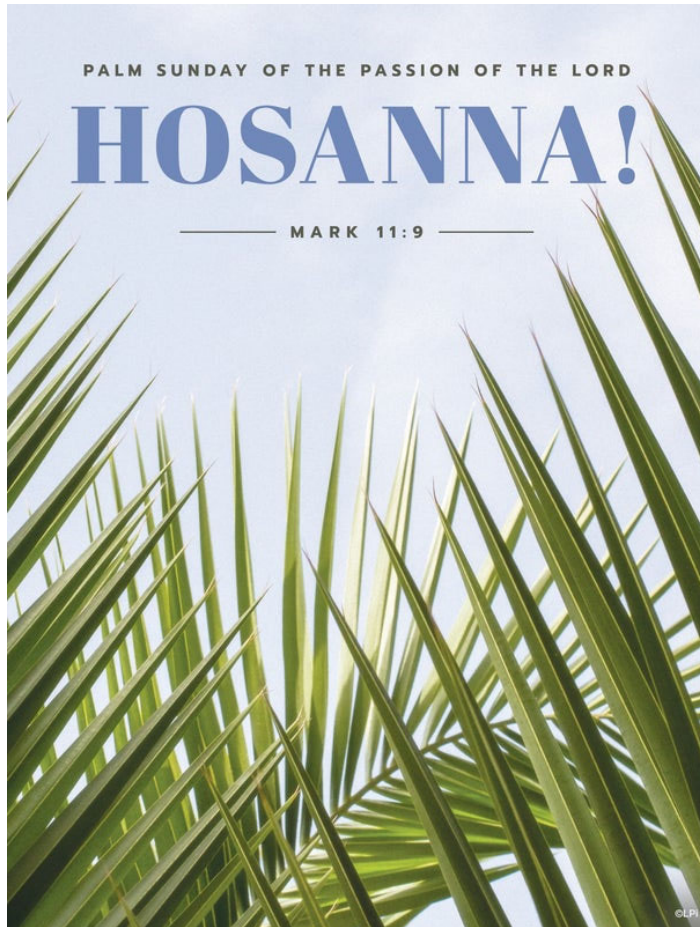


Church of the Little Flower

March 24, 2024



"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.

Palm Sunday

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
 Sunday, Latin Mass: 9:15am
 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass during the school year

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 7:00am
 Saturday: 8:00am
 Holyday Masses: Please check the bulletin for Mass schedule
 Legal Holidays: 9:00am
 School Mass: 8:15am Wednesdays (during school year)

MORNING PRAYER of the LITURGY of the HOURS:

Monday through Sunday: 7:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment and before every Mass

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

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

ROSARY:

Saturday: 8:30am

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.

Calendar of Events

MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Monday	March 25
7:00am	Mass
Tuesday	March 26
7:00am	Mass
10:00am	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	March 27
7:00am	Mass
8:15am	Mass
2:00pm	Living Stations of the Cross
Thursday	March 28 (Holy Thursday)
8:00am	Morning Prayers
7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	March 29 (Good Friday)
8:00am	Morning Prayers
7:30pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	March 30 (Holy Saturday)
8:00am	Morning Prayers
7:30pm	Easter Vigil
4:30pm	Rosary in Little Flower Chapel
Sunday	March 31 (Easter Sunday)
8:00am	Mass
9:15am	New Latin Mass
10:30am	Mass

Ministers of Service March 30 & 31 2024

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

03/30 7:30pm ~ J. Schibig L. Allman M. Husmann
 03/31 8:00am ~ A. & H. Reinagel A. Hornberg
 03/31 10:30am ~ A. Eppert G. & C. Woods
 03/28 7:30pm ~ M. Basi
 03/29 7:30pm Servers Needed

LECTORS

03/30 7:30pm ~ L. Bub M. Hazelwood P. Keenoy
 03/31 8:00am ~ T. Serena H. Fanega
 03/31 10:30am ~ R. Provaznik C. Flottmann
 03/28 7:30pm ~ P. Keenoy C. Verry
 03/29 7:30pm ~ J. Waugh C. Flottmann

THE GUILD of MOTHER ERNESTINE

(Sacristan Helpers)

03/30 7:30pm ~ Sacristan volunteer requested **Team C**
 03/31 8:00am ~ S. Condit
 03/31 10:30am ~ D. Koeller
03/28 7:30pm ~ Sacristan volunteer requested
03/29 7:30pm ~ Barb Campeau

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

03/30 7:30pm ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 03/31 8:00am ~ Volunteer Volunteer
 03/31 10:30am ~ Volunteer Volunteer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Without peace of heart, we may possess everything and yet not be happy; with it, we can bear the hardest trials and the approach of death—Blessed Frederic Ozanam

In the Passion of Jesus, it is proclaimed: “When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, truly this man was the Son of God!”

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week which ends with Easter the following Sunday, commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding his passion. This episode precedes the suffering and crucifixion, indicating Jesus as the King, the Messiah. As he entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their king, saying “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” The Gospels tell us how the people spread their clothes on the ground, made Jesus sit on an ass and took in procession waving the palm or olive branches. The church re-enacts this great act of triumphant entry of Jesus carrying the Palm leaves and meditatively reflects on the passion of our Lord. Actual ceremonies typically include a procession of palm fronds which are blessed and will later be burned, their ashes used in the next year’s Ash Wednesday.

The earliest evidence of Palm Sunday events can be traced back to Jerusalem in the 4th century and in the following century, we find this ceremony established, not only in the churches of the east, but also in the monasteries of Egypt and Syria. At the beginning of Lent, many of the holy monks obtained permission from their abbots to retire into the desert, that they might spend the sacred season in strict seclusion; but they were obliged to return to their monasteries for Palm Sunday. The significance of Jesus riding a donkey and having his way paved with palm branches is a fulfillment of a prophecy of Zechariah. The regional custom those days called for kings and nobles arriving in procession riding on a donkey. The donkey was a symbol of peace; those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions. The laying of palm branches indicated that the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph in the simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus’ life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection.

The liturgy of the day contains first the blessing of the palms; and we may have an idea of its importance from the solemnity used by the Church in this saved rite. This is included as a part of the Eucharistic celebration. Traditionally in the Western Church the Palm Sunday service begins with the “blessing of the palms,” which is used for the procession that follows. Then a procession into the church building follows. If there cannot be a procession from the outside of the church due to any reason or lack of space for the movement or the weather conditions, a solemn entrance, taking place entirely within the church. The hymns and psalmody are related to Christ’s office as King. Traditionally the hymn, All Glory Praise and Honor...

Our key to understanding this week is in today’s Second Reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. “Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.” Though Jesus was in the form of God, he “emptied” himself, and went down to the lowest depths of degradation and humiliation, dying naked and as a convicted criminal. The same idea is found in the First Reading from Isaiah which describes the “Suffering Servant” who does not resist the violence brought on him by his enemies. “For my part I made no resistance neither did I turn away.” Here there is an absolute refusal to meet violence with violence.

May Almighty God open our hearts and souls to this Holy Experience! Fr. Herzog



“Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again, “Crucify him.”

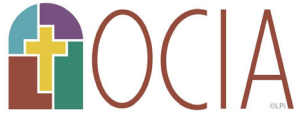
(Mark 15:12-13)

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me. Everyday we are presented opportunities to help someone. Everyday we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Everyday we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we have the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

Amen



WHAT IS THE RESURRECTION AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT?

The Resurrection is Jesus Christ's bodily rising from the dead after three days in the tomb. St. Paul writes: "He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive." 1 Cor 15: 4-6

St. Peter states that Jesus rose physically, "(we) ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." (Acts 10:41), but his glorified body had extraordinary new abilities. He appeared at different times and places at will, and his body still bore the wounds of the crucifixion. "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God." Jn 20:28

The Resurrection is important for us. By his Resurrection, Jesus Christ confirmed:

- That human life does not cease with death;
- The promise of a glorified risen humanity;
- The validity of all he taught and did.

[Source: Evangelium]

If interested in joining the Catholic church, please contact Debra at the Rectory 314-645-1445

We are currently holding the "Jesus and the Eucharist" series in the cry room on Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 10 am. Please feel free to join us for a session if you have the time. All sessions are available on YouTube if you want to watch.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday February 14, 2024) and Good Friday (March 29th, 2024) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

Little Flower on YouTube

Did you know the Little Flower parish is on YouTube? We livestream all of our Masses, Sacred Devotions and Morning Prayer. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel, **Little Flower Parish – Richmond Heights**. Be sure and **LIKE** our videos, and share this information with your family and friends.



Holy Thursday-Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday-Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Mass

8:00am & 10:00am
9:15 New Latin Mass

Holy Saturday-Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Easter Vigil-7:30pm

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Announcements for the March 31st Easter Bulletin are due in by March 22nd.

Please Join Us in Supporting BIRTHRIGHT

By Attending the St. Clement of Rome & St. Gerard Majella's Annual

GAME & CARD PARTY LUNCHEON

Come play any game you like or just come for **LUNCH!**
Raffle Items – Attendance Prizes – Pot of Gold

Thursday April 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Clement's Parish Center, 1508 Bopp Road, Des Peres, 63131
The cost per person is **\$30.00**. Make your **Reservation by April 4th**

by sending your name,

and those playing with you, along with your check made out to "Birthright" to:

Birthright, 2525 South Brentwood Blvd. #102, 63144 Attention: Card Party

OR click on https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html

to register & pay by credit card.

*** *If you have dietary restrictions, please inform us in advance!*
***If you cannot attend, but wish to make a donation, please send it to Birthright.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold at St. Clement & St. Gerard after all weekend masses on

March 17th, March 24th & April 7th

Questions? Jane @ 314-570-6880

The Pro-Life Committee at St Mary Magdalene has extended an invitation to any and all Little Flower Parishioners to join them.

They meet the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 in the SMM Church basement. This is an active and effective group who would welcome those who want to defend and support women and their unborn babies.



Little Flower
Catholic School

A LETTER FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER PRINCIPAL



Archdiocesan Elementary Instrumental Festival by Andrea Husmann

The LF violinists performed at the Archdiocesan Elementary Instrumental Festival on Saturday at Bishop DuBourg High School. They did a wonderful job of representing our school and showcasing their talents in the festival. Each school receives a rating for their instrumental class. Please take time review how well our students performed at the festival.

2024 Archdiocese of St. Louis Elementary Instrumental Festival

Little Flower received the ratings scores of the violin performance at the instrumental festival that is sponsored by the archdiocese.

Ratings are 1 to 5 with 5 being marked ineffective.

Little Flower Ratings are as followings:

Rating 1 Exemplary in Note Accuracy

Rating 2 Outstanding in intonation , Tone Quality/Position/Posture/ Phrasing/Dynamics/Ensemble Precision/Balance/ Blend

Rating 3 Satisfactory in Rhythm Accuracy and Dynamics.

We congratulate Mrs. Haferkamp and the Little Flower Violin Class for their first time participation in the music festival! Keep up the good effort and thank you!

Gloria Openlander

Principal

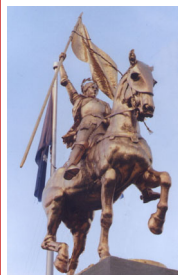
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Our parish is offering a convenient service for contributions! Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at www.littleflowerstl.org and select Online Giving or you can register at our parish app. Simply scan with your Smart Device. It will take you to the on-line giving portal of our website.



Where Art Serves the World: An Afternoon with Internationally-Noted St. Louis Sculptor Don Wiegand. Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household. Purchase tickets at MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG



Little Flower Parish invites you to join us for:

The Rosary Crusade for America and the Church will be prayed every Saturday at 4:30 in the Little Flower Chapel. Whether you attend the 5:00 Mass or just join for the rosary, everyone is invited.



Switch to Catholic radio for Lent. It's not a sacrifice. You can listen to the exceptional programming on Covenant Network Catholic radio by tuning into KHOJ 1460 AM, or anytime on our mobile app, or at OurCatholicRadio.org.
<https://ourcatholicradio.org/>

Did you Know?

If you are homebound or know of anyone in the parish who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion please contact the rectory office at 314-645-1445. We will be happy to arrange that.

Also if you are homebound and do not have access to a computer, we would gladly send you a weekly copy of the bulletin. Please let us know what we can do for you by calling the rectory office. 314-645-1445

CBC Summer Academy Registration now open for all boys entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Enjoy a premier summer experience held in CBC's theater, classrooms, science labs, art studios, sports facilities, and sports center by being part of our CBC Summer Academy. Register today at www.BeaCadet.org/summer. Contact Melissa Ryan at ryanm@cbchs.org or 314-985-6095 for more information.

April 20, 2024



5k Start Time: 8am
5k Awards: 8:45am
1/2 mile Fun Run: 9am
Post-race refreshments

<http://tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024>

PLEASE PRAY for our PARISHIONERS and/or LOVED ONES SERVING in the United States Military



*Allen Conrey
Mollie Conrey
Rebecca Conrey
Blaise Coultier
Alex Garofalo
Derek Hirtz
Brian Kloppenburg
Justin Kloppenburg
Alexander LaRochelle*

*Maurice Muro
Ashton Piper
Christopher Wamhoff
John Weber
Jonathon Habbe
Dashawn Arrendondo*

"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:
Margie Curran (645-1709) or Anita Blattenberger (644-4740)

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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| Amos James Becker | Beverly Haffner | G. Tracy Mehan |
| Andrew Blum | Mary Ellen Havard | Mary Falk Mehan |
| John Boland | Louise Haynes | Peg Mango |
| Maxine Borowiak | Adrianna Hubb | Helen Mango |
| Jaxson Boyer | ChrisLewishutchcroft | David Nathe |
| Frankie Boyer | Stan James | Sr. Jo Ann |
| Steve Bradshaw | Barb Jones | O'Connell, BVM |
| Joanne Buchholz | Chad Keeven | Lachlan Oddy |
| Marissa Campeau | Donald Kenney | Kristin Rafferty |
| Ellen Carmody | Mary Kinsley | Christi Rice Blum |
| Kathleen Carter | Joanne Kraus | Sue Rice |
| Rachelle Chaney | Ken Kuhlman | Ken Roberts |
| Nicholas Coleman | Jack Lally | Marguerite |
| Katie Crouch Willett | Julie Lally | Scheidegger |
| Clare Crouch | Marianne Lally | Tom Schuette |
| Helena Czosnyka | Jim LaMartina | James Smith |
| Chandelor Davis | Patty LaRochelle | Tony Snider |
| James Davis | Mary Laws | Hollie Soto |
| James E. Davis | Everleigh Lauber | Matthew Stuart |
| Nathan Glore Davis | Jean Leonhardt | Gary Underwood |
| Bill Edwards | Sherry Lopez | Miriam Varas |
| Kathryn Fischer | Greg & Shelley | Margaret Verzino |
| Peter Freundl | Lowrey | Charles Volk |
| Ron Garnier | Elizabeth Lyons | Billy Wells |
| Joyce Griffen | Emma Lyons | Joseph Wheeler |
| Linda Grobelny | Bob McShane | |
| | John McShane | |

Mass Intentions

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| Monday | March 25 | Rodney Flottmann |
| 7:00am | | |
| Tuesday | March 26 | Helen Miller |
| 7:00am | | |
| Wednesday | March 27 | Special Intention |
| 7:00am | | Souls in Purgatory |
| 8:15am | | |
| Thursday | March 28 (Holy Thursday) | Morning Prayers 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| 8:00am | | |
| Friday | March 29 (Good Friday) | Morning Prayers 7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion |
| 8:00am | | |
| Saturday | March 30 (Holy Saturday) | Morning Prayers |
| 8:00am | | Easter Vigil |
| 7:30pm | | March 31 (Easter) |
| Sunday | | Members of the Parish |
| 8:00am | | Bill Martin |
| 9:15am | | Ursula Hand |
| 10:30am | | |

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

- Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
- 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 (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)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
- 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 Mk 16:1-7