

Bulletin # 102656

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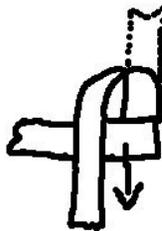
This Week, 24,300 More American Citizens were tortured to death in U.S. Abortuaries

Post-abortion healing: 814-884-8000 Confidential, compassionate. For women, men, relatives, friends hurt by abortion. Helpful websites: nparh.org; abortionchangesyou.com; menandabortion.info (not .org); rachelsvineyard.org.

~ cut 2 strands of palm (or paper) about 1/2" x 14"

~ follow instructions to form a palm cross

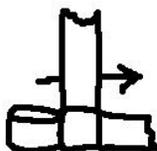
Weave a Palm Cross



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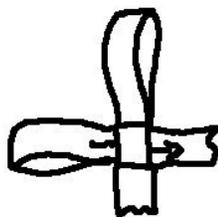
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The Week Men Call Holy 2009

Monday, April 6, 2009

08:00 AM Mass at OLF
08:30 AM Confessions at OLF
11:00 AM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (Altoona)

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

08:00 AM Mass at OLF
08:30 AM Confessions at OLF

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

08:00 AM Mass at OLF
08:30 AM Confessions at OLF

Thursday, April 9, 2009

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 10, 2009

GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 PM Passion/Cross/Communion
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday, April 11, 2009

VIGIL OF EASTER

8:30 Easter Vigil

(During which James Hosgood will be received into full union with the Church thru Confirmation and Communion)

Sunday, April 12, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 AM MASS

(one Mass only)

The entire parish will be praying to Saint Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower) this entire week for relatives and friends, fellow parishioners and all residents of the Fifth Ward who are suffering from bodily pain of any sort.

Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the "Little Flower", and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians.

Yet Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called "Story of a Soul." (Collections of her letters and restored versions of her journals have been published recently.) But within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonized.



Over the years, some modern Catholics have turned away from her because they associate her with over-sentimentalized piety and yet the message she has for us is still as compelling and simple as it was almost a century ago.

Therese was born in France in 1873, the pampered daughter of a mother who had wanted to be a saint and a father who had wanted to be a monk. The two had gotten married but determined they would be celibate until a priest told them that was not how God wanted a marriage to work! They must have followed his advice very well because they had nine children. The five children who lived were all daughters who were close all their lives.

Tragedy and loss came quickly to Therese when her mother died of breast cancer when she was four and a half years old. Her sixteen year old sister Pauline became her second mother -- which made the second loss even worse when Pauline entered the Carmelite convent five years later. A few months later, Therese became so ill with a fever that people thought she was dying.

The worst part of it for Therese was all the people sitting around her bed staring at her like, she said, "a string of onions." When Therese saw her sisters praying to a statue of Mary in her room, Therese also prayed. She saw Mary smile at her and suddenly she was cured. She tried to keep the grace of the cure secret but people found out and badgered her with questions about what Mary was wearing, what she looked like. When she refused to give in to their curiosity, they passed the story that she had made the whole thing up.

Without realizing it, by the time she was eleven years old she had developed the habit of mental prayer. She would find a place between her bed and the wall and in that solitude think about God, life, and eternity.

When her other sisters, Marie and Leonie, left to join religious orders (the Carmelites and Poor Clares, respectively), Therese was left alone with her last sister Celine and her father. Therese tells us that she wanted to be good but that she had an odd way of going about. This spoiled little Queen of her father's wouldn't do housework. She thought if she made the beds she was doing a great favor!

Every time Therese even imagined that someone was criticizing her or didn't appreciate her, she burst into tears. Then she would cry because she had cried! Any inner wall she built to contain her wild emotions crumpled immediately before the tiniest comment.

Therese wanted to enter the Carmelite convent to join Pauline and Marie but how could she convince others that she could handle the rigors of Carmelite life, if she couldn't handle her own emotional outbursts? She had prayed that Jesus would help her but there was no sign of an answer.

On Christmas day in 1886, the fourteen-year-old hurried home from church. In France, young children left their shoes by the hearth at Christmas, and then parents would fill them with gifts. By fourteen, most children outgrew this custom. But her sister Celine didn't want Therese to grow up. So they continued to leave presents in "baby" Therese's shoes.

MONEY MATTERS

Fifth Sunday in Lent (March 29)

241 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,929.46 of which \$ 217.35 accounted for "loose".

Envelopes In Circulation 232

Used 111

Unused 121

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH

And

8 oz TOMATO SOUP

\$5.00



Wednesday, April 15, 2006

from

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Pick up at the Rectory

2010 12th Avenue - Altoona - 942-0371

All orders must be received by Monday, April 13th, 12:00 Noon

Clipboard at end of pew **or** E-mail oloff10@hotmail.com **or** Phone 942-0371

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 6 - 12, 2009

Monday	04/06	08:00 AM	Pat Dennis, M/M Bill Haberstroh	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Tuesday	04/07	08:00 AM	Coy R. Smith, Sr., Anv., Family	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Wednesday	04/08	08:00 AM	Walter Bieniek, Bob & Jean Jones	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
Thursday	04/09	07:00 PM	Our Lady of Fatima Parish Community	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Friday	04/10	01:00 PM	Good Friday Services	<i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i>
Friday	04/10	03:00 PM	Divine Mercy Novena begins	<i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion</i>
Saturday	04/11	01:00 PM	Blessing of the Easter Baskets	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
Saturday	04/11	08:30 PM	Pope Benedict XVI	<i>Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil</i>
Sunday	04/12	10:00 AM	Liv/Dec Priests of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese	<i>Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord</i>