

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE



Little Flower



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint Therese Parish

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30am, 9:00am (Español), 11:00am, 1:00pm,
6:30pm (Español).
(Disalced Carmelite Nuns at 7am)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ~ Friday: 12:00pm & 5:30pm
(Disalced Carmelite Nuns at 7:00am)
Saturday: 8:00am & 5:30pm (Vigil)
(Disalced Carmelite Nuns at 7:00am)

SPECIAL MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30pm Carmelite Community Mass
Thursday: 8:30am Little Flower School Mass
1st Friday: 5:30pm Mass for the Sick

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: 6:00pm~7:00pm Holy Hour
Monday ~ Sunday Our St. Elias Chapel is
open for Adoration from 8:00am to 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS~CONFESIONES

Tuesday: 6:00- 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:00- 5:00pm & 7:00- 8:00pm
By appointment, call the parish office.
Spiritual Direction, call the parish office.

BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Second Sunday of the month
Spanish: Third Sunday of the month
For more information: www.littleflowerbasilica.org

WEDDINGS~ BODAS

At least six months prior to wedding date.
View requirements on website:
www.littleflowerbasilica.org

VISITING THE SICK

Call the parish office (210) 735-9126.

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Rector: Fr. Gregory Ross, O.C.D.
Pastor: Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte-Luna, O.C.D.
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Fr. Luis Joaquin Castaneda, O.C.D.
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From the Pastor's Desk,

Dear Little Flower Family and Friends,

Happy and Blessed Easter to all of you!
After the forty days of constant prepara-
tion for this celebration we raise our hearts
full of hope and joy for the Resurrection of

our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter is not just another celebration of the Church. It is the celebration of Jesus' triumph which reminds us that our Lord is a living and true God. Easter gives us the opportunity to once again begin our journey over the liturgical year where we celebrate His mysteries. Easter is a time of joy, the spring of our Christian lives that encourages us to see the Cross as a sign of love and not death. The Alleluia resounds again along with the bells, they proclaim the happiness and invites us to join our voices of thanksgiving.

May Jesus who destroyed death and restored life be with you and remain with you and your loved ones as we celebrate His glorious Resurrection and shows us the way to His eternal Glory.

May the Lord bless you,

Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte-Luna, O.C.D.
Pastor

Basilica of the National Shrine of The Little Flower

Easter 2017

Liturgical Services-Servicios Liturgicos

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am (Spanish), 12:00 pm,
2:00 pm and 6:30 pm (Spanish)

Octave of Easter. Monday April 17th—Saturday 22nd

Sung Masses 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 8:00 am (Saturday)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd

10:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet and Solemn
Mass at 11:00 am





EASTER

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of **the Lord's resurrection** from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are **50 days** of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

Liturgical Notes for Easter

From *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*:

22. The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung.

23. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

24. The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

25. On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, except where, not being observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it has been assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (cf. no. 7).

26. The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

The liturgical color for Easter is white. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (no. 346) also states: "On more solemn days, festive, that is, more precious, sacred vestments may be used even if not of the color of the day. The colors gold or silver may be worn on more solemn occasions in the Dioceses of the United States of America."

Especially during Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

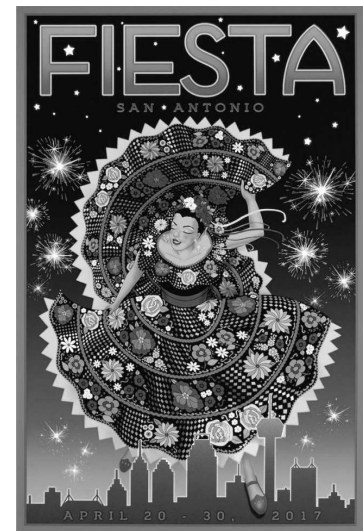
There are six metropolitan sees and their suffragan Dioceses which maintain the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday: Boston, Hartford, Newark, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia. Every other region of the United States has opted to transfer the Solemnity to the following Sunday (the Seventh Sunday of Easter).



**Sunday,
April 30, 2017**

Schedule of Activities:

- 9:00am Children's Mass and Consecration to the Infant Jesus of Prague
- 10:30am Procession w/Infant Jesus of Prague
- 10:45am Welcome
- 10:50am Balloon Release



Mother's Day - Día de las Madres
Sunday, May 14, 2017

Mother's Day Mass is on Sunday, May 14th, at 9am. To celebrate and remember our Mothers, submit your intentions:

Name: _____

Living Deceased

Offered by: _____

Offering: \$ _____

Please detach and send to Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte-Luna, O.C.D.
824 Kentucky Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78201

Please make checks payable to: Little Flower Parish





Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings: April 16, 2017 The Resurrection of the Lord: The Mass of Easter Day

Two years ago on Easter Monday (the day after Easter), some 40,000 people gathered on St. Peter's Square in front of the Basilica to pray with Pope Francis, and to hear another Easter message from him. The Pope said, "In Him, through our Baptism, we are risen; we have passed from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love. This is the Good News that we are called to carry to others in every environment, animated by the Holy Spirit. Faith in the resurrection of Jesus and the hope He has brought to us is

the most beautiful gift a Christian can and must offer his brothers and sisters. To one and all, therefore, do not tire of repeating: 'Christ is Risen'."

Then the Pope invited the crowd to repeat the phrase with him, and they all chanted under the leadership of Pope Francis "Christ is Risen" over and over. Maybe that is what we should do on this glorious Easter Sunday as that is what this day is all about. It can all be summed up in those three words: "Christ is Risen."

Of course, all of our readings on this day of rejoicing reflect that reality. Our First Reading comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, more commonly called just Acts. It is the fifth Book of the New Testament and comes immediately after the four Gospels. Scholars seem to agree that Acts was written by Luke and might be considered in fact a second Book of his Gospel.

Today's passage reports a sermon given by St. Peter in which he strongly confirms and witnesses to the resurrection of Christ. Peter, like the other apostles, always concentrated on the resurrection as the key to everything else, the real Good News. Naturally that is why we hear this reading on Easter Sunday. Peter says, for example, "This man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible, not to all people, but to us, the witnesses chosen in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead." We, too, are called to be witnesses to Christ's Resurrection and our hope. That is part of what stewardship is all about.

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians is another witness to the Lord's Resurrection. This is a very short reading (only four verses), but it is filled with the same assurances and hope found in Peter's brief sermon in Acts. Paul states, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." This also affirms why we celebrate so much on Easter. Christ being raised from the dead is the sign to us that we do have hope.

As Paul indicates, we were raised with Christ; therefore, we should act as He did after He was resurrected. He left the tomb; so should we. He spent His time ministering to His disciples. We, too, need to live our lives serving others. Jesus looked forward to heaven, and so should we, recognizing that our citizenship is in heaven. As Paul reminds us, "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

Our Gospel on this Easter Sunday is drawn from the Book of John. It is John's perspective of what happened on Easter morning. He reports that Mary of Magdala "came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark." Other Gospel writers report that she was not alone but accompanied by other women. The point nonetheless is that she rushes back to inform Peter and John of what she has seen. Since John is the author of this, he humbly refers to himself as "the other apostle."

Then, he, being younger than Peter we suspect, outruns Peter to the tomb and gets there first. It is at this point that we must point out some of the subtleties of this reading. It says that John, arriving first, stooped down and "saw." The Greek word translated as "saw" is *blepo* meaning "to clearly see." When Peter arrives, he saw, but the Greek word translated as that "saw" is *theoreo* meaning to contemplate and observe. They both grasp that there is more here than merely an empty tomb. The fact that the grave clothes were neat and orderly would indicate that this was not a grave robbery, that something absolutely amazing had happened here.

Now John saw but did not enter the tomb. Then Peter saw after entering the tomb. And finally John entered the tomb and "saw" again. It says, he "saw and believed." Another Greek word was used for this third "saw." It is *eido*, which means to "understand and perceive the significance of." These men are witnesses of the resurrection. We are witnesses of the resurrection and just as they share their experience and their belief and their faith with others, we are called to do the same. Christ is Risen. Let us rejoice!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint Therese Parish

The Little Flower Gift Shop – New Hours!

(210) 736-3889

Store Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 10am to 3pm, &

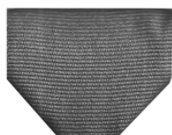
Sunday 9am - 3pm

This month's special offer:

20% off on all Holy Communion and Confirmation items.



Little Flower 2017 Fiesta Medal



Limited Edition Pin

\$10.00

Available now at the Parish Office and our Parish Gift Shop.



Little Flower School News

Enrolling Now!

Call us at 210-732-9207

Battle of Flowers and the Flambeau Parade tickets are still available for sale at the Little Flower School office. Please call at (210) 732-9207 or stop by the school office.

All proceeds benefit the Little Flower School.

Altar Society News - Today

Palm Sunday Bake Sale: Please join the Altar Society on this Annual Event to benefit the Basilica of the Little Flower. The bake sale today, April 9th, is from 8:30 until all baked goods are sold. Stop by the Parish Hall, 907 Kentucky Ave. No need to bake for Easter! Our selection of cakes and cookies reflect our Easter celebration and support the needs of the Basilica. We hope to see you and thank you in advance for your support!

Our regular business meeting is planned for Sunday, April 23rd, at 9:00am at the Parish Pastoral Center, 824 Kentucky Ave. To be a visible sign of our commitment and service to the Parish and community, members are invited to attend Holy Mass together on Saturday, April 22nd, at 5:30 P.M.

Thank you and God bless you,
Annette Vallejo, President

Archbishop's Appeal

Our Parish Goal for 2017 is \$23,018

2017 Archbishop's Appeal Prayer

Merciful God, You call us to be your disciples to proclaim the Good News to all we meet. You sent us your Holy Spirit to guide us as we carry out your sacred work.

Help us to respond to your people in need through the Archbishop's Appeal, Use our ready hearts and our willing hands to show them the face of your Son Jesus. Unite us as one in mind and heart as we work together to build your kingdom. Bless us as shepherds of your good will and fill us with your Spirit's gifts. Help us to remember that, like Peter and Andrew, James, John, Mary Magdalen, and like the mother of your Son Jesus, we too are called to be your Disciples, Sent by the Spirit! Amen.

PLEASE HELP US DEFRAY THE COST OF THE EASTER LILIES.

Name: _____

Offering: []\$10 []\$20 []\$50 []\$10
[]Other \$ _____

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Thank you for your support!



Lectors /Commentators**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

5:30pm Randy Christilles, Yvonne Gunderman / Nick Christilles

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30am Christine Hammes, Lilly Berry / Alois Iltis

9:00am (S) Ma. Luisa Villalon, Cinithia Lazaro/Maribel Martinez

11:00am Tony & Carolyn Valek / Maria Gonzalez

1:00pm Children's Mass / Colleen Ortegon

6:30pm Anita Parral, Lucy Torres / Martha Martinez

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

5:30pm Laura Christilles, Imelda Garcia

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30am Jaime Macias, Santos Ipina

9:00am (S) Maria Medina, Lilia Barocio, Mari Berumen

11:00am Annie Cadena, Yolanda Luna, Fred Garcia

1:00pm John Cantu, Imelda Muro, Dr. Douglas Dionne

6:30pm Pedro Martinez

Mass Intentions**SUNDAY, APRIL 16 EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00am +Inocencia Ramirez

10:00am For Our Parishioners

12:00pm Little Flower Mass Association

2:00pm +Joe Castillo, Jr.

6:30pm Anna Peterson - Happy Birthday!

MONDAY, APRIL 17 EASTER MONDAY

12:00pm +Maria Concepcion Presa

5:30pm Fr. Jim Barlow— Health

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 EASTER TUESDAY

12:00pm Eloise Moran & David Sanchez - Happy Birthday!

5:30pm Enriqueta Zaldivar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 EASTER WEDNESDAY

12:00pm Michael Flagmeier

5:30pm +Steven Ladner

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 EASTER THURSDAY

12:00pm +Salvador & +Louisa Campos

5:30pm +Marion Keller

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 EASTER FRIDAY

12:00pm +Eustolio & +Guadalupe Martinez

5:30pm Amparo Hernandez

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 EASTER SATURDAY**/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (VIGIL)**

8:00am Melissa Bartucci -

For God's mercy & guidance

5:30pm Altar Society Members

(Living & Deceased)

*Christ
is
Risen!***Second Collection:****Rice Bowl –Archdiocese Collection**

April 23rd - Easter Lilies

Weekly Collection**April 2, 2017**

First Collection:	\$ 5,617.35
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	\$ 1,524.85
Online Giving:	\$ 725.00
Candles	\$ 168.00
Other:	\$ 72.00

Total \$ 8,107.20**Registered Online Supporters: 63****www.littleflowerbasilica.org****Thank you for your support!****Lord, hear our prayers.....**

The following friends and members of the Parish need your prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the Parish Office 735-9126 to have names added to the prayer list.

Jane Bernal, Dorothy Vasquez, Anna Maria Martinez, Deacon James Garza, Julie Vasquez, Jose Ramirez, Mari Ramirez, The Ramirez Family, Clara Ondarza, Arturo Rodriguez, Mary Curiel, Richard Jesse Ortegon, Pat Ybarbo, Rodolfo Ruiz, Alice Forehand, Carroll & Alicia Hendrix, Fernando Martinez Sr., Yolanda A. Leos, Ernestina Silva, Kay Shaw, Gloria Shaw, Julie Shaw Akins, Manuela Hernandez, Kenneth Narendorf, Michael Narendorf, Homer & Maria Idalia Gaytan, Zachary Casarez, Soledad Corderas, James E. Gillette, Gim & Elizabeth Ng, Carlos Garcia, Hermelinda & Raymond Guadiano, Leticia Guadiano, Sue Ruiz, Evangelina Gamboa, +George Zentella Sr. & Family, George Zentella, Jr., Lucy Phalen, Chad Hammes, Christina Polanco & Baby, Kim Nester-Atiee, Sr. Anne Marie, OCD, Sr. Teresa, OCD, Mary Bustos, Richard Joseph Corbett, Cielo Salinas Sanchez, Deborah Vara, Maria Gamez, Rosamaria Garcia, Baldo Ollerbidez, Ana Cano Hernandez, B.Ortiz, Henry Garcia, Rosa Maria Alfaro, Elisa Valdez & Family, Michelle Guillen, Pat Gallaher, Patrick Goldbach, Renato dePiccoli, Austin Atiee, Gina Gonzalez, Miguel Silva Castillo, Michael Daratt, Virginia Casas, Jesse Villegas, Patricio Reis, Guadalupe Olguin, Roberto Flores, Imelda Tamez, Nick Stromboe, Serenity Bogert & Family, Parvaneh Daneshmand, Angelita Barrera, David Lope, Jesse Barrera, Clemente Gonzales, Jr., Ann Marie Lozano, Antonia Vasquez, Aurelio Jimenez, Rogelio Acosta, Homer & Annie Cadena, Nancy Hernandez, Felix Hernandez, Ronnie, Isaac, Jeffrey, Rosie, Rosa, Isaiah, Chuck, Janice, Miranda, Melody, Leticia Yvonne Pena, Daniel C. Pena, Benito Rojas, Luis Rojas, Rosie Cardenas, Griselda Arragon, Janie Quintero, Consuelo Luna, Rodolfo Ruiz, Celina Gonzalez