

How a little girl's Eucharistic faith inspired Fulton Sheen

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Fulton Sheen was inspired to make a daily holy hour after hearing about the faith of a little girl in communist China.

Fulton Sheen was well-known for his habit of making a daily holy hour, no matter the time of the day. It was a permanent part of his schedule and reflected a deep love of the Holy Eucharist.

Sheen would often talk about a story of a little girl who was martyred in Communist China, reportedly dying at the hands of Communist soldiers.

He offers a version of the story in his autobiography, *Treasure in Clay*, that sets the scene of this heroic girl.

Elsewhere in China, a priest had just begun Mass when Communists entered and arrested him and made him a prisoner in a house adjoining the little church. From a window in that house he could see the tabernacle. **Shortly after his imprisonment, the Communists opened the tabernacle, threw the Hosts on the floor, and stole the**

Sacred Vessels. The priest then decided -- to make adoration to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as much as he could day and night. About three o'clock one morning, he saw a child who had been at the morning Mass open a window, climb in, come to the sanctuary floor, get down on both knees, press her tongue to the Host to give herself Holy Communion. The priest told me there were about thirty Hosts in the

ciborium. Every single night she came at the same time until there was only one Host left. As she pressed her tongue to receive the Body of Christ, a shot rang out. A

Communist soldier had seen her. It proved to be her Viaticum.

It is believed that this story inspired Fulton Sheen and renewed his love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The identity of this little girl has never been known, though some now call her, "Li," or "Little Li," and various versions of the story have been spread over the years.

Regardless, it is a beautiful story and can inspire us in our belief in the Eucharist, showing us how much love this little girl had, not wanting her greatest love in life to be disrespected or discarded.

Short reflection on :

Holy Monday—John 12:1-11: Reflect, today, upon the depth of your own adoration of our Lord. Are you willing to "spill" your whole livelihood upon Him? Is He worth more to you than 300 days' wages? Is He the most central part of your life? Do you daily humble yourself before Him and pour out your heart to Him in prayer? Reflect upon this humble act of worship that Mary offers Jesus and seek to imitate her beautiful example.

Holy Tuesday—John 13:21-33, 36-38: Reflect, today, upon the love Jesus had for Judas. It was His love for Judas, more than Judas' sin, that brought so much pain to Jesus' Heart. If Jesus didn't love him, the rejection would not have hurt. Reflect, also, on the love Jesus has for you. Ponder whether or not His Heart is also troubled as a result of the actions in your life. Be honest and do not make excuses. If Jesus is troubled in any way as a result of your actions and choices this is no reason to despair as Judas did. Rather, it should be the cause of rejoicing that you are aware of your weakness, sin and limitation. Turn that over to Jesus who loves you more than you love yourself. Doing this will bring your heart much consolation and peace. And it will also bring much consolation and peace to the Heart of our Divine Lord. He loves you and is waiting for you to come to Him this Holy Week.

Holy Wednesday—Matthew 26:14-25: Reflect, today, upon Judas saying to Jesus, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" This sad statement from Judas must have deeply wounded our Lord's Heart as He witnessed the denial of Judas. Reflect, also, upon the many times that you deny your sin, failing to sincerely repent. Make this Holy Week a time for honesty and integrity. The Lord's mercy is so deep and pure that, if you would understand it, you would have no need to remain in any form of denial of your sins.



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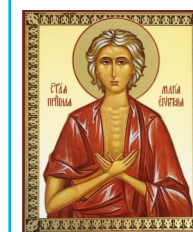
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All or Nothing

Who is your God? With this question often being uttered to Catholics, how many of us would immediately answer, "Jesus is my Lord!"? The lack of conviction to declare that Jesus is God tells us of our uncertainty and drought in our faith, drought because Jesus, as the living water, has not completely penetrated our trust, and because we have been hesitant to be fully submerged into receiving Him. In the first reading of this Sunday, we hear the third of the four Servant Songs from Isaiah. It tells us of the foreshadowing of the preaching mission of Jesus, and the tortures inflicted on Him during His passion - the price for completely surrendering to the will of the First Person of the Holy Trinity, God the Father. In a dramatic and yet fully convicted fashion, St. Paul summarizes the total self-emptying of Jesus and the supreme exaltation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, encouraging us to fully believe that Jesus is indeed our Lord and Savior.

This Palm Sunday, as we carry palm branches, we are not welcoming Jesus' riding on a donkey, an animal of less expectation. Instead, we are welcoming Him with victorious palm branches, a symbol of great expectation. When we see Jesus in the form of bread, we don't see Him as a symbol, but it is Jesus, Himself. Let us cast away our doubts, let us not hesitate to admit that Jesus is present in that bread, that it is Him who is our God, our Lord. As Jesus emptied Himself so that we could gain fellowship with Him, let us also empty ourselves of disbelief so that we may, as Jesus deserves, welcome Him.



St. Mary of Egypt—Feastday April 6

In Cyril of Scythopolis' life of St. Cyryacus, he tells of a woman named Mary found by Cyryacus and his companions living as a hermitess in the Jordanian desert. She told him she had been a famous singer and actress who had sinned and was doing penance in the desert. When they returned, she was dead.

Around the story was built an elaborate legend that had tremendous popularity during the Middle Ages according to which she was an Egyptian who went to Alexandria when she was twelve and lived as an actress and courtesan for seventeen years. She was brought to the realization of her evil life before an icon of the Blessed Virgin, and at Mary's direction, went to the desert east of Palestine, where she lived as a hermitess for forty-seven years, not seeing a single human being and beset by all kinds of temptations, which were mitigated by her prayers to the Blessed Virgin. She was discovered about 430 by a holy man named Zosimus, who was impressed by her spiritual knowledge and wisdom. He saw her the following Lent, but when he returned, he found her dead and buried her. When he returned to his monastery near the Jordan, he told the brethren what had happened and the story spread.

Mission Statement:

"Pascendi Dominici Gregis!"
(To feed the Lord's flock!)

Vision:

In the spirit of our Patron St. Pius X, we, the catholic community of St. Pius X Manoa aspire to live the happy and good witnessing of the Gospel through our Faith, Service, and Praise.



Fr. PJ Camiring
Interim Administrator

CHURCH SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closed all State & Federal Holidays

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Saturday
7:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays (by appointment only)
Saturdays (After 5:00 PM mass)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday
8:00 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

PADRE PIO DEVOTION

Third Saturday
After 4:00 p.m. mass

WEBSITE:

St Pius X Church
www.stpiusxmanoa.com



Upcoming Events
MARCH APRIL 11—17

11—MONDAY
Monday of Holy Week
7:30 AM Mass—Church
Food Pantry Closed

12—TUESDAY
Tuesday of Holy Week
Outreach Closed
7:30 AM Mass—Church

13—WEDNESDAY
Wednesday of Holy Week
7:00 Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:30 AM Mass—Church
Food Pantry Closed

14—THURSDAY
Holy Thursday
No 7:30 AM Mass
Outreach Closed
7:00 PM—Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

15—FRIDAY
Good Friday
No 7:30 AM Mass
Food Pantry Closed
Office Closed
3:00 PM Good Friday Service

16—SATURDAY
HOLY SATURDAY
No 7:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM—The Easter Vigil In the Holy Night

17—SUNDAY
EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 AM MASS (Church)
11:30 AM PRAISE AND WORSHIP MASS (Church) **Live-Stream**



Holy Week Schedule

April 10—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Vigil Mass—4:00 PM
Palm Sunday—8:30 & 11:30 AM
Blessings of Palms all three masses

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

***April 14—Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper:**
Holy Mass at 7:00 PM
Immediately after the mass—Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the back of the Church
Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

April 15—Good Friday Service at 3:00 PM
Seven Last Words at 7:00 PM

April 16—Easter Vigil Holy Mass at 7:00 PM

April 17—Easter Sunday Holy Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM
After the 8:30 AM mass blessing of children, followed by Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast in hall.

*** Rice Bowl collection on April 14**

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg you to bless our Diocese and our world with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church, especially the poor and the needy. Bless our families and our children, and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. Teach them to respond generously and keep them ever faithful in following your Son Jesus Christ, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the Inspiration of Saint Damien and Saint Marianne the Good News of redemption may be brought to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Ministry Fair:

Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be (Luke 12:34)



Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 10
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday, April 11
Monday of Holy Week
Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 12
Tuesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 13
Wednesday of Holy Week
Isiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 14
Holy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 15
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 16
Easter Vigil
Genesis 1:1-2:2
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Isaiah 55:1-11
Romans 6:3-11
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or 41:
Luke 24:1-12

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on April 22-24, 2022 (Arrival at 5:30pm on Friday/departure on Sunday at 5:00pm) Registrations are Strictly Confidential. To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com. A fee of \$175/person (covers room, meals/ refreshments and retreat materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Space is limited.

Mass Attendance:
April 1—Stations of the cross
6:00 pm = 21 Adults
April 2
4:00 pm = 86 Adults / 5 Children
April 3
8:30 am = 70 Adults / 10 Children
11:30 am = 50 Adults / 4 Children

MASS INTENTIONS

The best way to remember our dearly departed is by praying for them. And the best prayer we can offer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Masses can be offered for health and healing, birthday blessings, in thanksgiving, etc. So we encourage you to visit the parish office and register.

A priest is always free to accept an offering for less than or more than the standard amount.

Thank you: **St Pius X Church**
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OFFERING
April 2 and 3

Weekly Collection	2,162.60
Building Fund	392.00
Candles	43.05
Hall Usage	500.00
Gift Card	5.00
Donation Outreach	100.00
Donation	25.00
Easter	30.00
Good Friday	45.00
Rice Bowl	35.00
Total	3,337.65

On line Giving: 3/28/2022—4/1/2022
\$ 485.00

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Life In The HOLY SPIRIT Seminars
A Lent that will Change your Life Forever!
"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10a)
March 3, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 21, 28, 7-7:45 p.m.
Ke AKUA Aloha Ministries
• Seven Inspirational Talks
• Praise & Worship
• Inspiring Testimonies
• Fr. "PJ" Camiring
St. Pius X
Come and be renewed, restored, reignited, revitalized!

Mass Intentions:

4:00 PM—Saturday, April 9
Kaleb Suyat-HH

11:30 AM—Sunday, April 10
Pro Populo
Roberta Daniels-BB

7:30 AM— Wednesday, April 13
Donna Borengasser-BB