



*A note
from our Pastor*

If the two paper recycling bins have not yet been removed, they should be departing shortly. Although the company that empties the bins is making money off our recycling efforts, the checks that they're supposed to send Sacred Heart do not get issued. Since September I've made regular requests of the company for compensation – and gave them a deadline for action or removal. After 4 months of phone calls, I've directed that the company remove the bins; it's apparent that the fundraising the recycling bins are intended to provide isn't a reality.

The City of Oberlin is extremely forward thinking in the recycling endeavor, and every resident has a city-issued recycle bin – into which paper and other recyclables may be placed. This means that the removal of the paper recycling bins from the Sacred Heart lot should have absolutely no negative impact on resident's ability to recycle; the city itself is promoting the endeavor!

If you'd prefer to deposit your paper and cardboard products in a "fundraiser" bin, rather than in the city-issued recycle containers, there is a paper recycling bin at Prospect School here in Oberlin.

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Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, January 6

8:45 am at St. Patrick Al Kelling

Tuesday, January 7

8:00 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 pm at St. Patrick George Schneider

Thursday, January 9

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, January 10

8:45 am at SH Leonardo Leocadio

Saturday, January 11

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, January 12

8:15 am at St. Patrick Rosemary Eyer

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Punnell Gray



The Healing Prayer Team will be available after Mass. Look for the people wearing the red ribbons in the back of the church. They are available to pray with you or for you.

Donations for Christmas flowers in memory of:

Charles Stimak

Thelma Bowman

Marie Stock

Anna Mae Kolasa





Thank you!

"Thank you very much for the delicious Christmas cookies. Especially during the final weeks of the semester, we all greatly appreciate the morale boost in knowing that we are prayed for. Know that you are in our prayers. All of us here at the seminary wish you and all the bakers of Sacred Heart Oberlin, NBVM South Amherst, and St. Patrick's Wellington a happy new year. May you be surrounded with warmth and love throughout this holiday season!" (A thank you from the men at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminary.)

Our January prayer meeting, usually the first Wednesday of the month, has been moved to January 8, at 7:30, the usual time. Please come and join us in praising God, praying together for our needs, and hearing an inspiring teaching — "The Spirit and the Bride Say Come," by Patti Mansfield.



2020 Calendars are still available in the entranceways. These calendars are provided to us free of charge by the Laubenthal-Mercado Funeral Home. Please take a moment to thank them via mail or email.



January

5, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Healing Prayer

6, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

7, Tuesday

7:00 pm LIFT Meeting

8, Wednesday

7:30 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

11, Saturday

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
" " Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

12, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
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We are having a special collection for a Christmas Layette for the Baby Jesus. It started Christmas day and will continue through the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2020. The Christmas Layette has been quietly going on for a few years. Parishioners voluntarily bring baby clothing items and placed them in a container close to the manger. The layette goes to Birthright where it is put to good use. We would like to make this a regular parish activity and another way of celebrating Christmas. We have selected 6 most needed items; they are: receiving blankets, baby afghan and quilts, winter weight sleepers -0 to 6 months, Onesies -0 to 6 months, outfits for baby boys -0 to 6 months, and outfits for baby girls -0 to 6 months. You are encouraged to pick one of those items for your gift to the Baby Jesus. Thank you for being Christ's gift to children in need.

† Spend some quiet time with the Lord †

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| Sunday | Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12 |
| Monday | 1 Jn 3: 22—4: 6/Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25 |
| Tuesday | 1 Jn 4: 7-10/Mk 6: 34-44 |
| Wednesday | 1 Jn 4: 11-18/Mk 6: 45-52 |
| Thursday | 1 Jn 4: 19—5: 4/Lk 4: 14-22a |
| Friday | 1 Jn 5: 5-13/Lk 5: 12-16 |
| Saturday | 1 Jn 5: 14-21/Jn 3: 22-30 |
| Sunday | Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Acts 10: 34-38/Mt 3: 13-17 |

The full text of readings at: usccb.org

Liturgical Ministers - 11/12 January 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|--|---|
| LECTOR | Cherie Parrish | Carol LaLonde |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Marianne Clary Nicholas Gulish Jack Secrist Kathy Secrist | Judy Pickworth Connie Loflin Chuck Leverknight Tracy Leverknight |
| SERVERS | Gabriella Rimbart Julius Rimbart | Linus Mutnansky Jayden Strayer |

A note from Deacon Tom Daw



Each year Margee and I do much traveling from mid-January to early March; this year will be no

different. You'll see me briefly in early March, but we'll be back in time to celebrate the Holy Week liturgies as we prepare for Easter. Some of our time away is for vacation, some time for retreat, and some time attending a significant military event for our Grandson.

I am looking forward to being back in time to spend Holy Week with all of you as we all spend our final days preparing to celebrate Easter.

Lastly, there has been a change to my last weekend of preaching, and last Masses here at



Sacred Heart. Due to several factors, this has been advanced by one weekend to the weekend of May 23/24.



A note from our Pastor

In years past I've served as spiritual director on pilgrimages to Italy, to Ireland, and one that visited the shrines of France, Portugal, and Spain.

One shrine I have yet-to-visit is that of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) in Mexico. (It seems rather ironic that I was pastor of OLG Parish for 16 years, but never was able to visit her shrine during that time.)

The pilgrimage to OLG, on which I will be spiritual director, is May 30-June 5, 2020 and is coordinated by Proximo Travel. For more details or to sign up, visit: Guadalupe.SacredHeartOberlin.org

I am deeply grateful to Deacon Tom for suggesting (almost insisting) that we reschedule his final preaching weekend in order to allow me to make this pilgrimage.



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, January 13

8:45 am at SP Most Rev. Donald Pelotte

Tuesday, January 14

8:00 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Angela Pena

Thursday, January 16

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, January 17

8:45 am at SH Giving Participants

Saturday, January 18

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart John Leek

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, January 19

8:15 am at St. Patrick Dorothy Ott

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Patricia Wilhelm



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We would like to thank everyone who helps in any way for the funerals and funeral luncheons here at Sacred Heart. Without you, we wouldn't be able to serve our parish family during difficult times. If you would like to become involved by helping during the funeral Mass, preparing food and/or desserts, serving the luncheon, etc., please call the church office and leave your name. More help is always appreciated.

Thank you



Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Charismatic Mass** on **Friday, January 31st**, at **7:00 p.m.**, at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

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| Sunday | Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Acts 10: 34-38/Mt 3: 13-17 |
| Monday | 1 Sm 1: 1-8/Mk 1: 14-20 |
| Tuesday | 1 Sm 1: 9-20/Mk 1: 21-28 |
| Wednesday | 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20/Mk 1: 29-39 |
| Thursday | 1 Sm 4: 1-11/Mk 1: 40-45 |
| Friday | 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2: 1-12 |
| Saturday | 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1a/Mk 2: 13-17 |
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January

12, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
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13, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

16, Thursday

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

19, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

20, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

23, Thursday

7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting

26, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Advent "Giving Tree" endeavor for the Welcome Nursing Home residents and our parish shut-ins. Thanks, also, to all who embrace the various giving opportunities not only at Christmas but throughout the year. A Mass for the intentions of all who participated in these opportunities for generosity will be offered on Friday, January 17th, at 8:45 am.



Liturgical Ministers - 18/19 January 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|---|--|
| LECTOR | Kathleen Schreiber | Cindy Sanders |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Tyler Wakefield Shelly Bussard Harry Belizaire Shirley Belizaire | Lori Taylor Mary Ann Diedrick Barbara Mohrman Maria Mutnansky |
| SERVERS | Tyler Wakefield Amanda Mitchell | Jessie Boonekamp Milou Boonekamp |



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On Oct 2, 1998, Pope John Paul II spoke to the Bishops of California, Nevada, and Hawaii on the defense of life, and the building of "a genuine culture of life."

Addressing them he said: "society must learn to embrace once more the great gift of life." He told them that as bishops they must "stand firmly on the side of life, encouraging those who defend it and building with them a genuine culture of life."

He said that as bishops they must "find the right language and imagery to present" the Church's teaching on life, married love and the dignity of women "in a comprehensible and compelling way." He said: "Despite the generous efforts by so many ... the idea that elective abortion is a 'right' continues to be asserted." And, he said, there is "an unimaginable insensitivity to the reality of what actually happens during an abortion. A society with a diminished sense of the value of human life has already opened the door to a culture of death."

The Pope pointed out the need to make alternatives to abortion available: supporting women in crisis pregnancies; providing counseling services; opening hearts and homes to "'unwanted' and abandoned children, young people in difficulty, to the handicapped, and to those who have no one to care for them." He then addressed "the morally objectionable nature of campaigns for the legalization of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. Euthanasia and suicide are grave violations of God's law." He cited the need "to clarify the substantial moral difference between discontinuing medical procedures that may be burdensome, dangerous or disproportionate to the expected outcome - and taking away the ordinary means of preserving life, such as feeding, hydration and normal medical care. The omission of nutrition and hydration intended to cause a patient's death must be rejected and the presumption should be in favor of providing medically assisted nutrition and hydration to all patients who need them."

In concluding remarks, Pope John Paul told the bishops that "an essential feature of support for the inalienable right to life, from conception to natural death, is the effort to provide legal protection for the unborn, the handicapped, the elderly, and those suffering from terminal illness. Catholics, and especially Catholic legislators, must continue to make their voices heard. . America must become, again, a hospitable society, in which every unborn child and every handicapped or terminally ill person is cherished and enjoys the protection of the law."

As we get ever-closer to the sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade, please pray that we, as a nation, may show a greater respect for all life: the unborn, the aged, the physically or developmentally disabled, those on death row, etc. It is the Lord who gives us life, and as giver of that gift, He is the only one who may rightly call us to that which lies beyond life in this realm.



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, January 20

8:45 am at St. Patrick Molly Wiles

Tuesday, January 21

8:00 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Grafton

Wednesday, January 22

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Jim Downs

Thursday, January 23

6:30 pm at SH..... Beatrice & Ray Bucholz

Friday, January 24

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Richard Muzilla

Saturday, January 25

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Steve Verda

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, January 26

8:15 am at St. Patrick Molly Wiles

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Bea Bucholz



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The Nativity Altar & Rosary Society invite you to come to the Social Hall at Nativity BVM Church in South Amherst on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7:00 pm to hear ladies who, in costume, portray the lives of the eight First Ladies of the Ohio Presidents of the United States. These first ladies include Caroline Harrison, Ida McKinley, Julia Grant, Lucy Hayes, Anna Harrison, Lucretia Garfield, Helen Taft and Florence Harding. They will share some stories and "little told facts" of the life and times of each of these First Ladies. Donations, if desired, will be forwarded to a local charity. Light refreshments will follow the presentation.



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| Monday | 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 |
| Tuesday | 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wednesday | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thursday | 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 |
| Friday | 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 |
| Saturday | Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 |
| Sunday | Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 |

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20, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

23, Thursday

7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting

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27, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

February

2, February

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

After Mass—Healing Prayer

3, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study



Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm will be the annual **SEPA (Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment)** **Guatemalan Dinner**. This

year it will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. We at Sacred Heart have a special relationship to Santa Elena in Guatemala because a few years ago (2013), we helped the village build a new church. They were so appreciative, they named their new church Sacred Heart Church of Santa Elena. If you would like tickets to the dinner of enchiladas, beans, rice, guacamole, etc. (ALL vegan), please buy your tickets at Ben Franklin or contact Lori at 440-213-7991. The cost is \$12.50 and children under 12 are free. There will be a program and a dessert auction to raise money for scholarships, special projects and teachers' salaries in Santa Elena and CopalAA.

Liturgical Ministers - 25/26 January 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|---|--|
| LECTOR | Barbara Cummings | Diane Vreuls Frieibert |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Eric Carpenter Kathy Carpenter Cherie Parrish Linda Butler | Jessie Ferriols Sue Palmieri Ruth Steinacker Jackie Findish |
| SERVERS | Gabriella Rimbart Julius Rimbart | Jayden Strayer Linus Mutnansky |



*A note
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At our January Parish Pastoral Council meeting we discussed whether the Thursday 6:30pm Mass, with preceding confessions, is truly meeting the need of the parishioners. I only considered the timeframe for Sacred Heart since a similar schedule works well on Wednesday's in Wellington.

The general discussion resolved that the needs of the parish would be better met by moving the Thursday Mass to 8:45am – which we'll do when we embark upon the season of Lent.

Also discussed was the best time to offer the Sacrament of Confession, which is also presently scheduled for Thursday evenings before Mass. As of Lent, confessions will follow the 10:30 Sunday morning Mass – except on Christmas, Easter, and the Advent/Lenten Sundays on which we have our Advent/Lent Communal Penance Service at 1pm. Hopefully this opportunity to share in the Lord's forgiveness, at a time when you are already at the parish, will encourage regular reception of the Lord's merciful forgiveness.

For the first time ever, the Diocese of Cleveland is offering a Eucharistic Minister orientation for those who bring the Eucharist to the homebound – whether the recipient be at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing home. You must already be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in order to participate in this class.

The closest program for the Pastoral Care for the Sick will be offered at St. Jude Parish in Elyria on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm; pre-registration is required. To register, please call (440.707.6707) or email (secretary@sacredheartoberlin.org) the parish secretary and she'll make sure you're signed up. The parish will pay the fee for those who pre-register; if you simply show up to St. Jude's on 4/21, you'll be responsible for the \$15 non-registered participant fee.



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, January 27

8:45 am at St. Patrick Jane Drennen

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, January 29

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Dave Hoffman

Thursday, January 30

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Elsie McCormick

Friday, January 31

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Saturday, February 1

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Joseph L. Findlan

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, February 2

8:15 am at SP Sr. Loretta McManaman

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Bea Bucholz



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We will once again be collecting for the **SOUPER BOWL of CARING** at the exit doors after both masses the weekend of the **SUPER BOWL, FEBRUARY 2**. Joining a tradition since 1990

across the country, we will ask for **cash donations** to support the 2 main food pantries in Oberlin: Oberlin Community Services on S. Pleasant St. and Oberlin Hot Meals program held at Christ Episcopal Church each weekday evening. This is a national day where traditionally youth have collected donations. Since 1990, over \$90,000,000 has been collected for local food banks in local communities across the country. Check out souperbowlsunday.com.

The Sacred Heart Food Pantry could use donations of the following items: ramen noodles, condiments and rice or potato-style side dishes. Thank you for your continued support.



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| Sunday | Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 |
| Monday | 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 |
| Tuesday | 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 |
| Wednesday | 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 |
| Thursday | 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25 |
| Friday | 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34 |
| Saturday | 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 |
| Sunday | Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 |

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26, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

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27, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

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3, Monday

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From the Peace and Justice Committee: The Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County invites everyone to **'STORIES FROM THE BORDER'** presented by

Jeff Campbell and Jose Mendiola. It will be held on **February 20, 2020 at 7:00PM at St. Jude's Family Center** located at 590 Poplar Street, in Elyria. Late last year, the Social Action Office of the Diocese of Cleveland sent a small fact finding delegation to look into what is really happening at the US-Mexico border and to help in providing assistance to immigrants at the detention centers. Jeff Campbell, Director of Summit Co. Catholic Action Commission led the team, and Jose Mendiola, who was born in one of the border towns and CACLC member was in the team. They will share powerful stories and moving images of their experience at the border and provide concrete action steps to respond to this challenge to our humanity and to who we are as children of God. Bring your family and friends.

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The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin for an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities throughout northeast Ohio. This year's appeal theme is *Faces of Hope*. Your generous support will help transform the lives of those who are most in need and most vulnerable.

Many received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Appeal: to those who have already replied to that invitation, *thank you*—to those who might've misplaced the invite, or who did not receive a pledge request, please prayerfully complete the pledge form on the last page of today's bulletin. The completed form may be placed in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

This year Sacred Heart Catholic Church has been asked to pledge \$32,019 toward this year's appeal. We've been given this goal because of our extreme generosity toward the need in the past. In so many ways we, as a parish, have taken the Gospel mandate as recorded by Matthew, seriously: *Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.* When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus Himself.

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Tuesday, February 4

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, February 5

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Mary Baker

Thursday, February 6

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart John Leek

Friday, February 7

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

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4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Marion Campbell

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8:15 am at SP Dianne Marie Barman

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For the February 4th meeting, the Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) will be attending the live presentation on the First Ladies of the eight U.S. Presidents that hailed from Ohio, being given at the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church in South Amherst. The event starts at 7 P.M. and LIFT members should plan on going directly to the Social Hall at Nativity, located at 333 S. Main St. in South Amherst.

Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm will be the annual **SEPA (Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment) Guatemalan Dinner**. This year it will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. We at Sacred Heart have a special relationship to Santa Elena in Guatemala because a few years ago (2013), we helped the village build a new church. They were so appreciative, they named their new church Sacred Heart Church of Santa Elena. If you would like tickets to the dinner of enchiladas, beans, rice, guacamole, etc. (ALL vegan), please buy your tickets at Ben Franklin or contact Lori at 440-213-7991. The cost is \$12.50 and children under 12 are free. There will be a program and a dessert auction to raise money for scholarships, special projects and teachers' salaries in Santa Elena and CopalAA.

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Sunday Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Monday 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

The full text of readings at: usccb.org

Liturgical Ministers - 8/9 February 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|--|---|
| LECTOR | Jack Secrist | Chuck Leverknight |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Kathy Secrist Barbara Cummings Shelly Bussard Tyler Wakefield | Tracy Leverknight Lori Taylor Robert Hanko Susan Hanko |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 | Hoban Society \$250 for 10 mos. |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$365 | Circle of Hope \$36.50 for 10 mos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 | Circle of Faith \$20 for 10 mos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | \$ |
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Make check payable to Catholic Charities.
You will receive monthly pledge reminders for balance due.

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Parish Name **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

☐ I have already given to the Annual Appeal through the mail. (DO NOT FILL IN PLEDGE BOX ON RIGHT.)
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*A note
from our Pastor*

I want to personally thank you for your past support of the mission of the Church through the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Catholic Charities in Northeast Ohio is one of the oldest and largest Catholic Charities networks in the United States, serving more than 400,000 people each year through 150 services and 60 locations in the eight counties of our Diocese. For more than 100 years, Catholic Charities has provided help and created hope for those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

God calls each of us to share the gifts that He has provided us in support of the Church. As Catholics we must first support our parish, then our Diocese and the Church throughout the world. The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is a very effective way to support ministries outside of our parish boundaries - ministries that serve people who are most in need, here in our community and throughout our diocese.

The theme for the 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal—"Faces of Hope"—reminds us that though we are many, we are one in Christ. As missionary disciples, we work together to respond to all of those in need throughout Northeast Ohio.

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic in the Diocese of Cleveland to unite with joy and gratitude for the gifts God has given, and to reach out in love to those who are less fortunate. Today, I am asking you to open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor, just as Jesus did. I am asking you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

It would be great if we could achieve 100% participation from our parish in this year's Appeal – whether that participation be prayerful or financial. Giving has a profound meaning for us as Catholics; we understand the importance of giving in return to the Lord for all He has given us. Your participation in this appeal will make a real-and-lasting difference to men, women, and children who are in served by the outreach ministries of Catholic Charities.

The refugee family support team would like everyone to know

UPDATE

that the Abdi Family is doing terrifically. The two older girls can now drive. They moved to a larger rental unit, renting a U-Haul and moving themselves. They own a car and the girls take turns driving their mother to work which saves her 2 hours a day. The children all attend regular Cleveland Schools and their English is almost fluent. The team has backed off from any direct support and now enjoys their friendship.



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, February 10

8:45 am at St. Patrick Michael Dragan

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Richard Siwinski

Thursday, February 13

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, February 14

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, February 15

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Stephen Ladina

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Theresa Kupa

Sunday, February 16

8:15 am at St. Patrick Lori Novak

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Jesse Campbell



We have chocolate for your Valentine - milk chocolate, very intense dark chocolate, dark chocolate with almonds/with mint/with ginger & lemon/with orange. We have cocoa mixes - spicy, dark & regular. And then there is the great selection of tea & coffee. They all make great gifts for that special someone, & will be available during coffee hour after Mass this weekend.

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MAJORITY OF ONE is hosting a potluck dinner (and games) for ALL single, adult parishioners in our education building from noon until 3:00 on Sunday, February 16th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and whatever utensils you'll need to serve it. Soft drinks will be provided. Please contact Carol Wilhelm at 371-8356 or proofit1@gmail.com to RSVP. If no answer, please leave your name, contact number, and what you plan to bring. Hope to see you there!



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| Monday | 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13/Mk 6: 53-56 |
| Tuesday | 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30/Mk 7: 1-13 |
| Wednesday | 1 Kgs 10: 1-10/Mk 7: 14-23 |
| Thursday | 1 Kgs 11: 4-13/Mk 7: 24-30 |
| Friday | 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19/Mk 7: 31-37 |
| Saturday | 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34/Mk 8: 1-10 |
| Sunday | Sir 15: 15-20/1 Cor 2: 6-10/Mt 5: 17-37 or 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 |

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February

9, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
" " Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

10, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

16, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
11:30 am Majority of One Potluck

17, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

20, Thursday

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

23, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
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24, Monday

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Liturgical Ministers - 15/16 February 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|--|--|
| LECTOR | Mary Jo Ockenga | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Harry Belizaire Shirley Belizaire Linda Butler Cherie Parrish | Barbara Mohrman Jessie Ferriols Mary Ann Diedrick Maria Mutnansky |
| SERVERS | Taylor Wakefield Amanda Mitchell | Jayden Strayer Linus Mutnansky |



Mark your calendar now for the **March 1st 3PM** concert at Sacred Heart Church—featuring the works of Beethoven. Several Oberlin

College students (some of whom regularly play at our Sunday Mass) are presenting this concert.

As always, there'll be a social following the concert; all are invited to bring a dessert (or, since we'll be in Lent, a healthy snack) to share.

Speaking of Lent, there'll be a slight adjustment to the weekday Mass schedule as of the start of Lent. Starting the week of February 23rd, the Thursday Mass at Sacred Heart will move **from 6:45pm to 8:45am**.

Concurrent with the Mass time move, the time for confessions will adjust as well. Scheduled confessions will follow the Sunday 10:30am Mass. And, as always, the sacrament is always available by simply making an appointment..



Starting: 23 February 2020



St. Patrick Parish
512 North Main Street
Wellington, OH 44090



Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
410 West Lorain Street

WEEKEND MASSES

6:00 pm Saturday 4:00 pm
8:15 am Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:45 am Monday
6:30 pm Wednesday
Thursday 8:45 am
Friday 8:45 am

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Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, February 17

8:45 am at St. Patrick Paul Dragan

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Molly Wiles

Thursday, February 20

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, February 21

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Marge Breeze

Saturday, February 22

4:00 pm at SH Michael Patrick Dougan

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, February 23

8:15 am at St. Patrick George Peyton, Jr.

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Bob Diedrick



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The Peace & Justice Committee had been seeking to identify and provide for an unmet need in the Oberlin community. It became apparent that those needs were basic necessities such as personal hygiene items and cleaning products. Oberlin Community Service Center (OSC) confirmed this to be accurate. It appears that the food donations received was adequate but not the hygiene or cleaning items. Having no storage capacity here, it was decided that we will provide those needed items through our donations to OSC. From now on, all food donations will go to our parish food collection. A standing needs list of items to choose from will be posted on the bulletin boards. Please drop off any of the items in the OSC bin in the back of church. Looking to the future, the Peace and Justice Committee will search for regular volume donations of these products possibly from manufacturers and big box stores to support our donations and provide for likely increasing needs.



The Amazon Smile program gives 1/2 of 1% rebate to charitable entities, which includes Sacred Heart! You pay the SAME Amazon price, but Sacred Heart reaps the benefit. To sign up, go to: amazon.sacredheartoberlin.org

St. Patrick Church, Wellington will be hosting their annual **Lenten Fish Fry/Potluck dinners and Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent. Please join us for this FREE event starting February 28th. Fish fry/Potluck will start at 5:30pm and Stations will begin at 7:00pm. St. Patrick Church will supply the fish and ask you to bring a dish to share that will serve 8-10 people.



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| Sunday | Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 |
| Monday | Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tuesday | Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wednesday | Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26 |
| Thursday | Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33 |
| Friday | Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1 |
| Saturday | 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 |
| Sunday | Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 |

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February

16, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

11:30 am Majority of One Potluck

17, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

20, Thursday

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

23, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

After Mass—Confession*

24, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

26, Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

27, Thursday

7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting

*Please note new day and time.



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Liturgical Ministers - 22/23 February 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|---|--|
| LECTOR | Eric Carpenter | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Kathy Carpenter Marianne Clary Gerald Borer Ron Mitchell | Sue Palmieri Jackie Findish Ruth Steinacker Rachel Neenan |
| SERVERS | Gabriella Rimbort Julius Rimbort | Jessie Boonekamp Milou Boonekamp |



A note from our Pastor It was not too many years ago that Wednesday and Friday were Ember Days and we all struggled to remember not to eat meat at all or only once a day.

Today, we have only two days of Fast and 8 days of Abstinence, all falling in the Lenten Season. Many of us breathed a sigh of relief when the rules were changed, but the reason we had them was to remind us and help us to sacrifice and take time to pray for world and personal renewal. When the rules governing fast and abstinence were changed for Fridays and Wednesdays, the Pope urged all Catholics to practice some other type of self-denial.

Lent is the time when we are invited to join in the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and do some of the things which He did to improve His relationship with the Father. Jesus often took time to fast and abstain. It cleared His mind and the physical hunger led Him into a deeper prayer life and helped Him to feel compassion to those in need. This is the example we are to follow during the Lenten Season.

We often hear of people giving up something during Lent, only to go back to it when Lent is over. While often commendable, this is not really in the spirit of Lenten denial. Lent invites us to make a permanent commitment to an ongoing and deepening relationship with the Trinity and with others. Fasting and Abstaining, not only on the days appointed, but often during the year will help us to be more appreciative of what we do have and through prayer help us to be more aware of the presence of God in our daily lives. Remember Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence, all Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics ages 18 to 59 are obliged to observe a sacred fast, that is, taking only one full meal during the day and not eating in between meals.

Likewise, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence and hence Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat.

While Ash Wednesday is NOT a holy day, and Catholics are NOT required to begin Lent by going to Mass, many do opt to do so.

Ash Wednesday

Masses:

8:45am: Sacred Heart

6:30pm: St. Patrick



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, February 24

8:45 am at St. Patrick Bill Boyer

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, February 26

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

6:30 pm at St. PatrickHoly Souls

Thursday, February 27

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Elsie McCormick

Friday, February 28

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Saturday, February 29

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, March 1

8:15 am at St. PatrickAubrey Bean

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Bea Bucholz

TAKE NOTE

Please take note that the new Mass schedule will start this week. Thursday Mass will now be at 8:45 am. Likewise, the day and time of confession will also change. Confession will be on Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass or as always, by appointment.



On your way out of church today, you received a Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowl Campaign is a primary fund raiser for CRS. Seventy five percent of the donations fund programs

abroad and 25% remain to fund local charities. Please be generous and keep it with you throughout Lent; they may be returned the weekend after Easter. Fidelity to the rice bowl during Lent will let us celebrate Easter with that joyful feeling of having reached out and touched those in need.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm on Fridays during Lent (except for Good Friday). Pray and walk with Jesus as He travels the road to Calvary.



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With your generous donations, the Sacred Heart pantry has been a blessing to those who are in need. Thank you to all who have helped in any way. To keep our shelves stocked, we are in need of cereal, fruit and pudding cups, pasta sauce and tuna. Please check the expiration dates. We are unable to distribute expired items.



Thank you to all who helped make the Souper Bowl Collection a success. A total of \$2657.46 was collected by the five congregations in Oberlin and the money will be equally divided between the Oberlin Community Services food pantry and the Oberlin Community Weekday Meals program.

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| Wednesday | Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday | Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 |
| Friday | Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 |
| Saturday | Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 |
| Sunday | Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 |

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February

- 23, Sunday**
9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
- 24, Monday**
11:00 am Bible Study
- 26, Wednesday**
Ash Wednesday
- 27, Thursday**
7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting
- 28, Friday**
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

March

- 1, Sunday**
9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Healing Prayer
7:30 pm OC Students' concert
- 2, Monday**
11:00 am Bible Study
- 3, Tuesday**
7:00 pm LIFT Meeting
- 4, Wednesday**
7:30 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting
- 6, Friday**
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 8, Sunday**
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9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

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Liturgical Ministers - 29/1 Feb/Mar 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Gerry Findlan | Catherine Schultis |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Barbara Cummings Tyler Wakefield Shelly Bussard Nicholas Gulish | Connie Loflin Judy Pickworth Robert Hanko Susan Hanko |
| SERVERS | Veronica Janosik Tyler Wakefield | Jayden Strayer Amanda Mitchell |



*A note
from our Pastor*

We're not quite a full week into Lent, but now is as good a time as any to ask: "How are you doing with your Lenten penances? Did you remember

to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and this past Friday? And, what should you do if you mistakenly eat meat on a day of abstinence or break your resolution?"

In 2012, Cardinal George (the then Archbishop of Chicago) was asked that very question at a gathering of youth and young adults; his response (captured in a 32-second YouTube video) was simple: "If it was accidental, it's not a sin! Simply tell God you're sorry you forgot – and do a different penance that day."

Thirty-some years ago I was at a USAF gathering of base chaplains on a Lenten Friday; I was the only Catholic in the group of 6. We went out for lunch and, forgetting it was a Friday of Lent, I ordered a chicken sandwich. On my second bite I realized I'd forgotten it was Lent – and commented that I should've ordered fish. One of the Protestant Chaplains asked: "Are you going to order something else instead?" I replied: "It would be more sinful for me to discard this sandwich and order fish than it would be for me to finish this sandwich." I believe I opted to pray a rosary as an alternate penance that day.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm on Fridays during Lent (except for Good Friday). Pray and walk with Jesus as He travels the road to Calvary.



The Oberlin College Students will be presenting a free concert at 3:00 pm this afternoon, March 1st. It will feature the works of Beethoven in honor of his 250th birthday. A social will follow the concert. We ask all to bring a dessert or healthy snack to share.



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, March 2

8:45 am at St. PatrickPoor Souls

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 pm at St. PatrickDanny Stewart

Thursday, March 5

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Friday, March 6

8:45 am at Sacred Heart.....Alice Brailer

Saturday, March 7

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, March 8

8:15 am at St. PatrickMolly Wiles

10:30 am at SHElliana Grace Holmes

Finding My Part in God's Big Plan: Did you ever wonder what your part is in God's Big Plan of Salvation? As baptized Catholic Christians, each of us is an interdependent and complimentary member of the Body of Christ. Each of us has a God given mission to fulfill, tasks to perform that are essential, both for our personal salvation as well as the material and spiritual health of our brothers and sisters in Christ. To equip each of us for our unique mission in life, God bestows on us both natural and spiritual gifts (charisms). Each of us is also responsible for discovering and exercising these gifts, not only to fulfill our own mission, but also to benefit others in Christ's Body. How can we identify our unique mission in life and discover our individual natural and spiritual gifts? **COME TO OUR 2020 SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION AND BEGIN THIS JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY.** Presenting this Mission will be Fr. Michael Stalla (Pastor of Ss Cosmas & Damian Parish) and Terri Preskar (Diocesan Office of Evangelization).

WHEN?

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2 PM

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The Healing Prayer Team will be available after Mass. Look for the people wearing the red ribbons in the back of the church. They are available to pray with you or for you.



The sacrament of reconciliation offers to us the healing grace of God in restored relationships: not only our individual relationships with friends and family, but our relationship with God and with the Catholic Church. All are asked to join us for **"An Evening of Confession", March 11, 2020**. We particularly invite anyone who may have wandered from the Catholic Church to come home this Lent, through sacramental reconciliation. For more information, go to welcomecatholics.com.

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| Sunday | Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19/Mt 4: 1-11 |
| Monday | Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Mt 25: 31-46 |
| Tuesday | Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15 |
| Wednesday | Jon 3: 1-10/Lk 11: 29-32 |
| Thursday | Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7: 7-12 |
| Friday | Ez 18: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26 |
| Saturday | Dt 26: 16-19/Mt 5: 43-48 |
| Sunday | Gn 12: 1-4a/2 Tm 1: 8b-10/Mt 17: 1-9 |

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March

1, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

After Mass—Healing Prayer

3:00 pm OC Students' concert

2, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

3, Tuesday

7:00 pm LIFT Meeting

4, Wednesday

7:30 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

6, Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

8, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

9, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

11, Wednesday

6:30 pm Evening of Confession—St. Pat's

13, Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

14, Saturday

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

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Liturgical Ministers - 7/8 Mar 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|---|--|
| LECTOR | Cherie Parrish | Cindy Sanders |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Jack Secrist Kathy Secrist Linda Butler Ron Mitchell | Lori Taylor Jessie Ferriols Chuck Leverknight Tracy Leverknight |
| SERVERS | Veronica Janosik Seth Reichle | Linus Mutnansky Derek Linebrink |



The **Diocesan-wide Evening of Confession** will be this **Wednesday, 11 March 2020 from 5–8pm.** Because I am one

priest who is pastor of two parishes, I'll only be offering the Sacrament in one location. Since St. Patrick parish has regularly scheduled Wednesday evening Confessions—that's where you'll find me for the Diocesan Evening of Confession.

To help you prepare to experience God's mercy, there are two Examinations of Conscience, as well as a step-by-step guide to Confession, included in this weekend's bulletin. Use whichever resource you find most helpful. And, if none of these resources seems helpful, you'll find 6 more at <http://eoc.stpatrickwellington.com>.

It is only by growing in an awareness of our own sinfulness that we come to appreciate and cherish the depth of mercy and forgiveness Jesus won for us as a result of His Passion & Death.



Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm on Fridays during Lent (except for Good Friday). Pray and

walk with Jesus as He travels the road to Calvary.



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, March 9

8:45 am at St. PatrickGene Tomko

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 pm at St. Patrick NO MASS

Thursday, March 12

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Cathy Mason

Friday, March 13

8:45 am at Sacred Heart.....Sharon Garrah

Saturday, March 14

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, March 15

8:15 am at St. Patrick Suzanne Stratton

10:30 am at Sacred Heart.....Betty Diedrick

Finding My Part in God's Big Plan: Did you ever wonder what your part is in God's Big Plan of Salvation? As baptized Catholic Christians, each of us is an interdependent and complimentary member of the Body of Christ. Each of us has a God given mission to fulfill, tasks to perform that are essential, both for our personal salvation as well as the material and spiritual health of our brothers and sisters in Christ. To equip each of us for our unique mission in life, God bestows on us both natural and spiritual gifts (charisms). Each of us is also responsible for discovering and exercising these gifts, not only to fulfill our own mission, but also to benefit others in Christ's Body. How can we identify our unique mission in life and discover our individual natural and spiritual gifts? **COME TO OUR 2020 SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION AND BEGIN THIS JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY.** Presenting this Mission will be Fr. Michael Stalla (Pastor of Ss Cosmas & Damian Parish) and Terri Preskar (Diocesan Office of Evangelization).

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As announced last weekend after the Masses, there will not be Fish Fry Dinners here at Sacred Heart this year. This is due to several circumstances that we have no control over. Hopefully, next year, we will be able to host the much anticipated Fish Fry Dinners. Thank you for your understanding.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets the second Saturday of the month throughout the school year. If you can knit or crochet, please join us from 10:30 until

noon this coming Saturday in the education building. We work on shawls, have refreshments, and enjoy fellowship with people from other churches. Anyone is welcome, Catholic or not, and feel free to bring a friend. If you have a question, please call Carrol at 440-647-3251. Leave a message!

March

8, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Confession

9, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

11, Wednesday

5:00 pm Evening of Confession—St. Pat's

13, Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

14, Saturday

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales

" " Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

15, Sunday

9:15 am PSR

9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing

After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales

" " Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

After Mass—Confession

2:00 pm Parish Mission

16, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Parish Mission

17, Tuesday

7:00 pm Parish Mission

19, Thursday

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

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| Monday | Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 |
| Tuesday | Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 |
| Wednesday | Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 |
| Thursday | Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 |
| Friday | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Saturday | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Sunday | Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 |

The full text of readings at: usccb.org

Liturgical Ministers - 14/15 Mar 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|--|---|
| LECTOR | Barbara Cummings | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Harry Belizaire Shirley Belizaire Gerald Borer Marianne Clary | Barbara Mohrman Sue Palmieri Maria Mutnansky Mary Ann Diedrick |
| SERVERS | Gabriella Rimbort Julius Rimbort | Jayden Strayer Milou Boonekamp |



*A note
from our Pastor*

While we use several resources to help with composing the weekend petitions, one great resource is hosted by the liturgy department at St. Louis University. In addition to their petitionary resources, they also offer an assortment of ponderings on the Sunday readings. (Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu> to peruse their resources).

One of SLU's ponderings for today's Gospel struck me, and I thought I'd share it.

The water I shall give will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Lord, when you told the woman at the well everything about her life, we think of our own lives as well. You know each of our ins and ours too: when we sit and when we stand; when we yearn for light, love, beauty and peace, for worship of you in Spirit and truth! Lord, so often we stay dry! Come, Oh Lord, Jesus, quench our thirst for life in you living love.

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Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 pm at SP David & Donna Stewart

Thursday, March 19

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Elsie McCormick

Friday, March 20

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... Joe Palmieri

Saturday, March 21

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, March 22

8:15 am at St. Patrick Ella Holmes

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Gil Miranda



MAJORITY OF ONE will be having dinner at the Moosehead Bar & Grill (7660 Leavitt Road, Amherst) on **Thursday, March 26th, at 5:30pm.** ALL ADULT

SINGLES ARE WELCOME. If you're interested in joining us, please leave a message for Carol Wilhelm at 647-3251 or proofit1@gmail.com by Monday, March 23rd. Please mention if you'll need a ride. If you have single friends at other parishes, please let them know about the dinner; we'll be happy to have them join us as well.

We may not have a fish fry for Lent this year but we will have a **Soup Supper!** The Peace & Justice Committee invites everyone to a soup supper



on **Friday, April 3rd** in the Ed Building. It will start at **5:30 pm** and end at 7:00 pm so that we can proceed to the church for Stations of the Cross. The dinner is free! We will have good soup, good bread & butter and most likely fruit for dessert. Everyone is welcome! You if desire, you may bring a bottle of shampoo, dish soap, something for our non-food assistance donation to OCS.



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| Sunday | Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 |
| Monday | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday | Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a |
| Friday | Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 |
| Saturday | Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 |
| Sunday | 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 |

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15, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Coffee Hour/Fair Trade Sales
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After Mass—Confession
2:00 pm Parish Mission

16, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Parish Mission

17, Tuesday

7:00 pm Parish Mission

19, Thursday

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

20, Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

22, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Confession

23, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

26, Thursday

7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting

27, Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

29, Sunday

9:15 am PSR
9:15 am "Grounds" for Faith Sharing
After Mass—Confession

30, Monday

11:00 am Bible Study

Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

There are still plenty of rice bowls available for the **Rice Bowl Campaign**. They may be found in the entranceways. Please take one or several. Be generous and keep it with you throughout Lent. Collection of the filled bowls begins Palm Sunday weekend (April 4th & 5th) and runs through April 18th & 19th. The Rice Bowl Campaign enables us to be the hand and heart of Christ to people in desolate circumstances abroad and around us.

Liturgical Ministers - 21/22 Mar 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|------------------------|---|--|
| LECTOR | Eric Carpenter | Diane Vreuls Friebert |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Kathy Carpenter Tyler Wakefield Nicholas Gulish Cherie Parrish | Jackie Findish Rachel Neenan Ruth Steinacker Judy Pickworth |
| SERVERS | Amanda Mitchell Kayla Bussard | Linus Mutnansky Jessie Boonekamp |



*A note
from our Pastor*

I am grateful the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have come together with regard to Sunday Mass attendance in the midst of the novel

corona virus pandemic; that they've dispensed Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass for specific weekends in the midst of his pandemic is significant. By reducing or eliminating close-interaction with others, we can reduce the strain put upon available medical resources.

You may wonder: *How can the bishops dispense us from attending Mass when it was God Himself who gave us the commandment to keep holy His Day?* The fact is, there are two issues in operation here: Attending Mass, and; Keeping Holy the Lord's day. While the Bishops can dispense us from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, which is the normative way that we Catholics keep holy the Lord's Day, they cannot and do not dispense us from the divine mandate to keep holy the Lord's Day.

What all this means is that, although you may not have to attend Mass on a particular Sunday (or a series of Sundays), you must still keep that day holy! A suitable way to do so, when personal attendance at Mass is unwise or not possible, is to participate in a Mass that is streamed; while not as good as being there in person, it's also better than nothing at all! And several streaming options are available:

- Every Sunday morning at 6am on WJW TV8 (celebrated by a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland);
- Every day at 8AM and at Noon on <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>, or
- On-demand at CatholicTV.com

And, as you participate in Mass in any of these online options, please remember Sacred Heart Parish – both prayerfully and financially.

At present (Tuesday, 17 March) we're looking at options to make Eucharist available on a weekly basis. IF we're able to make that a reality, it will have to take place OUTSIDE—and everyone would need to stay at least 10-feet away from other families or individuals. (Why that concern? Because of the ease with which the virus is spread—we can't promote any close gatherings of individuals.) Please watch the parish website (SacredHeartOberlin.org) for options on receiving Eucharist outside of Mass—and outside of any building).



Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, March 23

8:45 am at St. Patrick CANCELED

Tuesday, March 24

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary CANCELED

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 pm at St. Patrick CANCELED

Thursday, March 26

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... CANCELED

Friday, March 27

8:45 am at Sacred Heart..... CANCELED

Saturday, March 28

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart CANCELED

6:00 pm at St. Patrick CANCELED

Sunday, March 29

8:15 am at St. Patrick CANCELED

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... CANCELED



During the next few weeks, please check the parish website at sacredheartoberlin.org for any updates or changes in the parish. Please share any

information with those who may not have internet access.

✠ Spend some quiet time with the Lord ✠

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| Sunday | 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 |
| Monday | Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tuesday | Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wednesday | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday | Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 |
| Friday | Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday | Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sunday | Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 |

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The directive issued by the Catholic Bishops of Ohio in response to the current coronavirus pandemic clearly states that there are to be no public celebrations of Mass or Liturgy (aka prayer). Thus the stations of the Cross, which have been traditionally prayed on the Friday's of Lent, must be done privately at home.

Confession will be available by appointment only.



CANCELED!

Due to the ease by which the novel coronavirus can be transmitted, ALL ED BUILDING MEETINGS (whether parish groups or outside groups) will be suspended until the pandemic has passed. Whether the group is large or small in number, any gathering increases the chance of transmission.



MAJORITY OF ONE: Our March 26th dinner at Moosehead is being postponed because of concerns over the coronavirus.

Many of you have Lenten Rice Bowls, and we'd initially hoped to have them returned on Palm



Sunday, during Holy Week, or at the latest the Sunday after Easter. The truth is, they can be returned anytime—whether to the parish office if we're not back to having public Masses yet, or in the entryway boxes if we've returned to public celebrations of Mass. Bottom line: the poor will be helped whenever you can return your Rice Bowls.



St. Roch (aka St. Rocco) is the patron saint of contagious diseases. As we find ourselves in the midst of a COVID-19 epidemic, it couldn't hurt to invoke the prayerful intercession of St. Roch: **"St. Roch, pray for us!"**

St. Roch, also known as St. Rocco (c. 1295-1324), was a nobleman from Montpellier, France, the only son of the wealthy governor of the city. When his parents died he became a Third Order Franciscan. On his pilgrimage, he entered the town of Acquapendente which was badly struck by the black plague. He stayed there to care for the sick. He cured many people by simply making the Sign of the Cross over them. Once the disease was no longer spreading there, he resumed his pilgrimage. He continued to cure people in every town he passed through. Eventually, he contracted the disease. With the help of a count, his health was restored so he returned to his native Montpellier. Accused of being a spy, he was thrown into prison.

As told by a Franciscan hagiographer, Marion A. Habig, O.F.M.:

"When he felt that his end was drawing near, St. Roch asked that a priest might come and administer the last sacraments. The priest, on entering the prison, beheld it supernaturally lighted up and the poor captive surrounded with special radiance. As death claimed its victim, a tablet appeared on the wall on which an angelic hand wrote in golden letters the name of Roch, and the prediction that all who would invoke his intercession would be delivered from the plague."

St. Roch is often depicted as a pilgrim with a walking staff and seashell (the symbol of a pilgrim), an open sore on his leg, and angel by his side, and a dog at his feet.



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Weekly Scripture

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 30

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2

Lenten Weekday

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 8:51-59

First Friday, April 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday, April 4

Lenten Weekday

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Jn 11:45-56

Life in Christ

Gospel Reflection based on John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. An innocent man mounts the steps to the guillotine. He hasn't led the best of lives. He has seen in himself nothing worthy of honor. But he has exchanged places in prison with the young husband of the woman he loves. He had promised to do anything to protect her and hers. He has saved the man at the cost of his own life.

You may recognize the scene from Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. As Sydney Carton goes to meet his death, the words of Jesus echo in his mind, what Jesus said to Martha, grieving over the death of her brother Lazarus: *I am the resurrection and the life*.

When my father died, I wasn't overcome by grief. That came later. I thought about the promise of Jesus to Mary and Martha. My father, even though he should die, would live. It wasn't just Jesus that would give him life, but that Jesus *was* life. It wasn't just that Jesus would raise him up as he raised Lazarus, only to die once more, but that Jesus *was* the Resurrection. If you are in Jesus, you are in the Resurrection and the Life. It's what Sydney Carton learned at last, and what all Christians, even in the deepest sorrow, must remember.

Esolen, A. (2020). "Life in Christ" in S. White, O.P. (Ed.), *Magnificat® Lenten Companion Lent 2020*, New York: Magnificat® Inc.

Daily Mass Online

Holy Mass from the EWTN Chapel
www.ewtn.com

Holy Mass with Pope Francis
from Casa Santa Marta

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html



An Act of Spiritual Communion

When we cannot receive Holy Eucharist in person

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*As you continue to pay your bills, and if your finances allow,
your ongoing support is most appreciated!*

A Litany of Trust

The Litany of Trust is a prayer composed by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV. This prayer asks Jesus to deliver us from the things that hold us bound and to help us trust in His promises.

From the belief that I
have to earn Your love
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security
that I have what it takes
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You
will leave me more destitute
Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of
Your words and promises
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against
childlike dependency on You
Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances
in accepting Your will
Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future
Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive
preoccupation with the past
Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking
in the present moment
Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and
presence
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked
to give more than I have
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life
has no meaning or worth
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands
Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement
Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding
me, sustaining me, loving me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my
sins and failings and transforms me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow
brings is an invitation to lean on You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own,
will bear fruit in this life and the next
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan,
that You are present in Your Church
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better
than anything else
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in
Your goodness always respond to me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept
forgiveness and to forgive others
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength
I need for what is asked
Jesus, I trust in You.

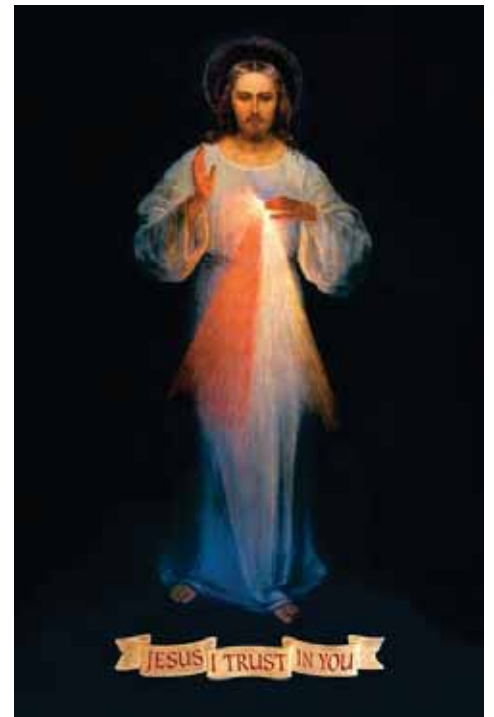
That my life is a gift
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are my Lord and my God
Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one
Jesus, I trust in You.

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Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your Will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

www.welcomehisheart.com



Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God, you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.
St. Teresa of Avila

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Weekly Scripture

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11 *Procession*; Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday, April 6

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

Life Entrusted to the Father

Gospel Reflection based on Matthew 26:14-27:66

In 1997, Hector Mendez was with his daughter visiting the top of the Empire State Building when a gunman began shooting randomly. When the shots began, Hector saw that his daughter was about to run to him, a normal thing for a nine-year-old to do at a terrifying moment. But running to her father would put her in the line of fire. Hector yelled to her to go through a nearby exit door. He firmly and passionately commanded his daughter to do the opposite of what every fiber of her being wanted to do, i.e., rush into her father's protecting arms.

She paused for what must have seemed like an eternity to Hector and, ultimately, turned and went through the exit. She and her father lived.

What enabled her to stop in her tracks and go through a door where she would find panicking strangers instead of the face of her father? She so trusted her father's love that she obeyed his voice at a most difficult moment. She trusted her father more than her immediate instinct.

That loving father and his terrified daughter help us understand Jesus' obedience to his Father, from the garden to the cross... to the Resurrection.

Psalm 22 which begins *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?* leads to the exultant affirmation, *I will live for the Lord.*

Veras, Fr. R. (2020). "Life Entrusted to the Father" in S. White, O.P. (Ed.), *Magnificat® Lenten Companion Lent 2020*, New York: Magnificat® Inc. | <https://us.magnificat.net>

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The Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 9 – Sunday, April 12

Holy Thursday, April 9

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

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 10

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13—53:12

Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1-2:2 or Gn 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 and 22

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mt 28:1-10

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Resurrection of the Lord

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 Mt 28:1-10

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FAITH THE FLESH OF CHRIST IN
THOSE WHO SUFFER.**

Pope Francis, *Message for Lent, 2020*

Access *The New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE)* online at <http://cms.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>

My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips,
they wag their heads:
“He relied on the LORD;
let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands
and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name
to my brethren;

in the midst of the assembly

I will praise you:

“You who fear the LORD, praise him;

all you descendants of Jacob,

give glory to him;

revere him, all you

descendants of Israel!”

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach us all in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



Two Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord

by Mother Teresa

When we meditate on the passion of our Lord, we should examine our conscience to see what sin of ours caused that special pain to Jesus. We can make reparation and share that pain by doubling our penance.

We should keep strict custody of the eyes. We should hold clean thoughts in our minds. We should keep greater silence of the heart. In that silence we will hear his words of comfort and, in turn, be able to comfort Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor.

Jesus said that penance is necessary if we want to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil. Sacrifice, if it is to be real, must cost us, must hurt, must empty us of self. Let us think about the passion of Christ, his sufferings. The point of such meditation is not just to have our feelings roused. Rather, our meditation should lead us to change as we cooperate with God's grace in real sacrifices of self.

Mother Teresa (2013). April 2, April 3. In A. Scolozzi M.C.III.O. (Ed). *Thirsting for God: Daily Meditations*, Franciscan Media.

Weekly Scripture

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Resurrection of the Lord

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 Mt 28:1-10

Monday, April 13

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 14

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 16

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 17

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 18

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 19

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

Lost and Found

Gospel Reflection based on John 20:1-9

Regardless of how organized we are, we still manage to lose things—whether it's the keys, the Wi-Fi password, or even just the name of the lady in the next pew. To lose even trivial things can be quite disturbing. While we're in pursuit, everything else gets put on pause. We ransack our houses and scour our memories. And we can't quit searching until it's in our hand.

Today, our Lord has been lost to us, and—as the Apostles rush off—a search ensues. Two days ago they lost their beloved friend and messianic hope. Today they lose the last remaining relic of their faith. Their minds scramble and legs careen in search of something, they know not what.

But, their pursuit is not the only one afoot. For, before they ever set out, the Lord was already in pursuit of them. Indeed, he has pursued them to the very depths of hell and back.

In his Resurrection, Christ shows that he has left no stone unturned—no ruin unredeemed. He has suffered *all loss* for love of us. Though we have strayed, he has anguished in search of us. For he loves our destiny even more than we do, and he has gone before us to seek it out. So, while our search for him continues, we rest assured that he has found us.

Pine, O.P., Fr. G. (2020). "Lost and Found" in S. White, O.P. (Ed.), *Magnificat® Lenten Companion Lent 2020*, New York: Magnificat® Inc. | <https://us.magnificat.net>

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in
that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died,
reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you."
Christ indeed from death is risen,
our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King,
ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

DO NOT ABANDON
YOURSELVES TO DESPAIR.
WE ARE THE EASTER
PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH
IS OUR SONG.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

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Easter Inspiration

From Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. This is so necessary today. However, we must not proclaim ourselves. Rather, as joyful servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love; otherwise we will be only an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs.

— *Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, March 26, 2016*

Resurrectio Domini, spes nostra! The resurrection of Christ is our hope! This the Church proclaims today with joy. She announces the hope that is now firm and invincible because God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. ... She invokes the hope that can call forth the courage to do good, even when it costs, especially when it costs. Today the Church sings “the day that the Lord has made,” and she summons people to joy.

— *Urbi et Orbi Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Easter 2009*

All of us, when we let ourselves be mastered by sin, lose the right way and end up straying like lost sheep. But God himself, our shepherd, has come in search of us. To save us, he lowered himself even to accepting death on the cross. Today we can proclaim: “*The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia*” (Roman Missal, IV Sunday of Easter, Communion antiphon).

— *Urbi et Orbi Message of His Holiness Pope Francis, Easter 2017*

LaForce, Geoffrey. “Easter Inspiration From Pope Francis And Pope Benedict XVI.” Catholic Digest Faith and Life, Bayard U.S., 22 Apr. 2019, www.catholicdigest.com/faith/lent/easter-inspiration-pope-francis-pope-benedict-xvi/.



O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O HELL, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? CHRIST IS RISEN, AND YOU ARE OVERTHROWN. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THE DEMONS ARE FALLEN. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THE ANGELS REJOICE. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND LIFE REIGNS. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND NOT ONE DEAD REMAINS IN THE GRAVE. FOR CHRIST, BEING RISEN FROM THE DEAD, IS BECOME THE FIRST FRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. TO HIM BE GLORY AND DOMINION UNTO AGES OF AGES.

St. John Chrysostom, Easter Homily



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has compiled an extensive resource list to help us spiritually during this health crisis. These resources include a reflection by Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the USCCB, as well as Quick Links to a variety of online Masses, prayers, resources for personal study and reflection, pastoral resources for those ministering to families, youth, or parish members, and more. Visit it at:

www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm

Weekly Scripture

Sunday, April 19

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pet 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Monday, April 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31

Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

*Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor
of the Church*

Acts 4:32-37

Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33

Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

*Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
Priest and Martyr*

Acts 5:34-42

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20



Thomas Believes Because He Sees Jesus

Gospel Reflection based on John 20:19-31

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Sunday Connection: Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle A. Loyola Press: A Jesuit Ministry, Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, 2020, www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-easter-cycle-a-sunday-connection.

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The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

- A Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

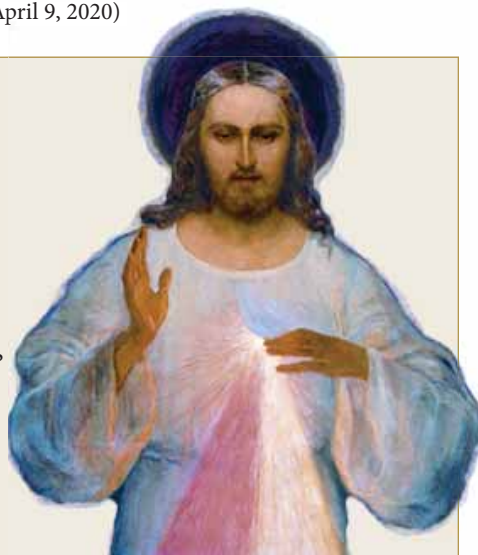
The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina and set forth in [the Divine Mercy] web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion. [thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org),
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message> (accessed April 9, 2020)

Since 1941, the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been the official promoters of the authentic Divine Mercy message. Their website offers a rich collection of history, inspiration and resources about Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and the Divine Mercy message, as well as background on the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and how to say this beautiful devotional prayer.

www.thedivinemercy.org



“Jesus, I Trust in You”

*Pope John Paul II, Homily,
Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001*

“Jesus, I trust in you”. This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in your hands, O Lord, our only Saviour.

You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of your heart learn how to build the new civilization of love.

A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of your divine mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St. Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Saviour's face, we would like to repeat with you: “Jesus, I trust in you”.
Now and for ever. Amen.

Excerpt from *Homily of John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday, 22 April 2001*

http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/homilies/2001/documents/hf_jp-ii_hom_20010422_divina-misericordia.html

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 26*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14,22-33

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Pet 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 27*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28*Easter Weekday*

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,

17 and 21ab

Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29*Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

Jn 6:44-51

First Friday, May 1*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc, 2

Jn 6:52-59

First Saturday, May 2*Memorial of St. Athanasius,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Jn 6:60-69

Pope Francis: The Secret of the Road to Emmaus*Gospel Reflection Based on Luke 24:13-35*

Two men are walking; disappointed, sad, convinced that they are leaving behind them the bitterness of an event which ended badly. Before that Easter, they had been full of enthusiasm, convinced that those days would be decisive: their expectations met as well as the hopes of all the people. Jesus, to whom they had entrusted their lives, had seemed to arrive at the final battle. He would now manifest his power, after a long period of preparation and concealment. This is what they were expecting. And it was not to be.

Jesus' encounter with those two disciples appears to be completely fortuitous. It seems to be one of those chance meetings that happen in life. The two disciples are walking, deep in thought, and a stranger comes up alongside them. It is Jesus, but their eyes are not able to recognize him.

Jesus' encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is a fleeting one. But the entire destiny of the Church is contained within it. It tells us that the Christian community is not enclosed within a fortified citadel, but rather journeys along its most essential environment, which is the road. And there, it encounters people with their hopes and disappointments, burdensome at times. The Church listens to everyone's stories as they emerge from the treasure chest of personal conscience, in order to then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And thus, the hearts of people reignite with hope.

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead". The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is simply this: despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is. And this is our hope. Let us go forward with this hope! Because he is beside us and walks with us. Always!

Abridged. *General Audience of Pope Francis*, Wednesday, 24 May 2017 (Accessed 20 April 2020).

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Lord, You Will Show Us the Path of Life

Responsorial Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (NABRE)

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,

my body, too, abides in confidence;

because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,

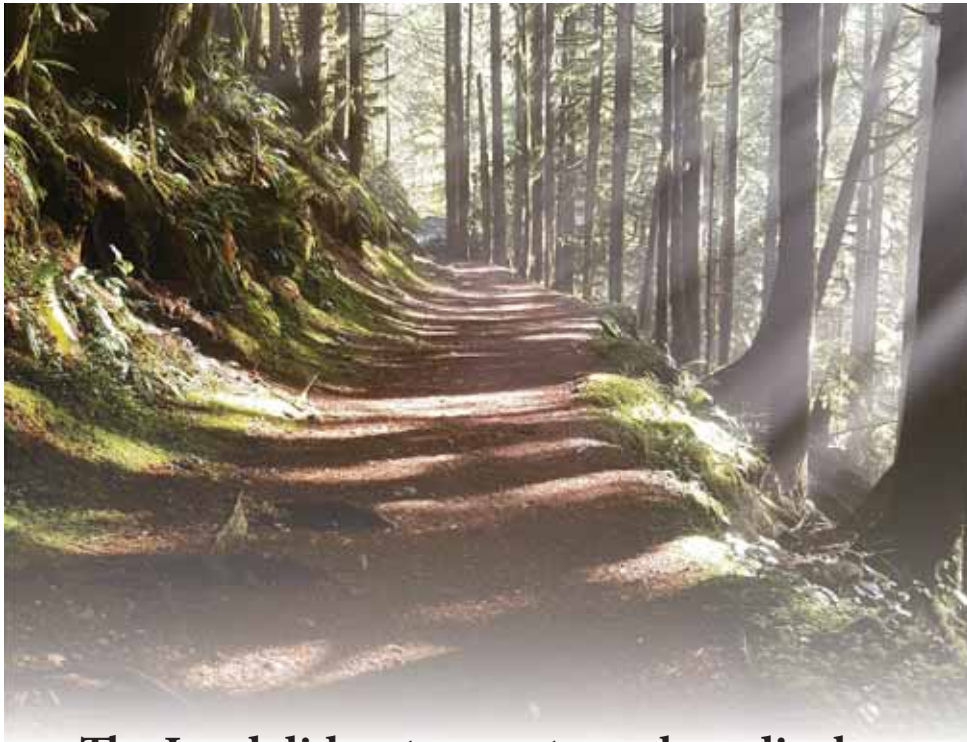
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence,

the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.



The Lord did not come to make a display.

He came to heal and to teach suffering men.

For one who wanted to make a display the thing would have been just to appear and dazzle the beholders. But for Him Who came to heal and to teach the way was not merely to dwell here, but to put Himself at the disposal of those who needed Him, and to be manifested according as they could bear it, not vitiating the value of the Divine appearing by exceeding their capacity to receive it.

St. Athanasius of Alexandria

On the Incarnation



**EVERY STEP OF THE WAY TO
HEAVEN IS HEAVEN.**

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

St. Catherine of Siena

Feast Day: April 29

Catherine was born on March 25, 1347, in Siena, Italy. She was the youngest child in a large Italian family and knew that she was devoted to God from an early age. When she was six years old, she had a fantastic vision of Jesus and the Lord blessed her. Catherine never forgot this image in her mind. Her parents wanted her to marry, but she refused on account of her desire for a religious life. Catherine became a Dominican tertiary, a mystic, and also manifested the stigmata on occasion. In a later vision she was married to Christ and the infant Jesus offered her a wedding ring as a symbol of this union. She died in 1380 of a mysterious illness.

Prayer for Temptation

St. Catherine of Siena, I call on you for help this day. I pray to the Lord to keep me from going astray. Pray with me to the Lord our God that I am responsible and true. I ask His help, along with your prayers, to remain steadfast, whatever the temptation may be. St. Catherine of Siena, I ask you to give your glory to the Father in Heaven and pray for me. Amen.

Philip Lief Group, Inc. (2004). *Saintly Advice: A Prayer for Every Problem*. Capodanno, J. (Ed.). Kansas City, MO: Barnes and Noble

Weekly Scripture

Sunday, May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

Monday, May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27

Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9

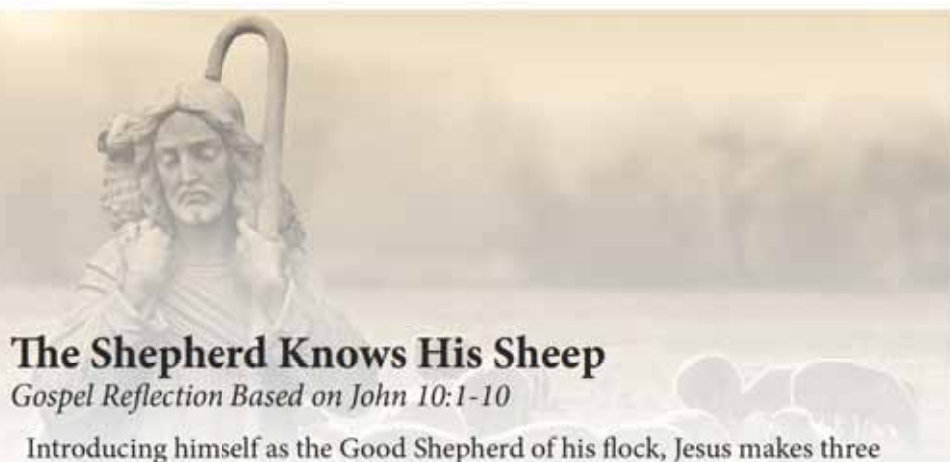
Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Jn 14:7-14

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The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

Gospel Reflection Based on John 10:1-10

Introducing himself as the Good Shepherd of his flock, Jesus makes three claims in today's Gospel.

- 1. He knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice.** Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to return his love by keeping his words. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, through our friends and through the events of our lives. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, He speaks to us in our consciences, and He shouts to us in our pain!" (C.S. Lewis).
- 2. He gives eternal life to us, his sheep by receiving us into his sheepfold** and giving us Faith through Baptism, and then he strengthens that Faith in Confirmation. He supplies food for our souls in the Holy Eucharist and in the Divine words of the Holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the Sacraments of Matrimony and the priesthood (Holy Orders).
- 3. He protects his sheep by placing them in the loving hands of his Almighty Father.** Without him to guide us and protect us, we are an easy prey for the spiritual wolves of this world, including Satan and his minions.

Through today's Gospel, Jesus teaches one of the central aspects of the ministerial priesthood: the priest as shepherd. It means that a priest is one who, by his consecration, lives for others. The title, "Father," like the title, "Shepherd," expresses a relation of loving service to others in everything, from the most sacred ministries to the most trivial chores... Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more good shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community. Let us remember that the duty of fostering vocations is the concern of the whole believing community, and we discharge that responsibility primarily by living exemplary Christian lives.

Excerpted from Kadavil, Fr. Antony. *Word of God: Reflections for the IV Sunday of Easter*. Vatican News, Dicasterium pro Communicatione, 9 May 2019, www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-05/sunday-reflections-9-may-2019.html.

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Prayer for Vocations

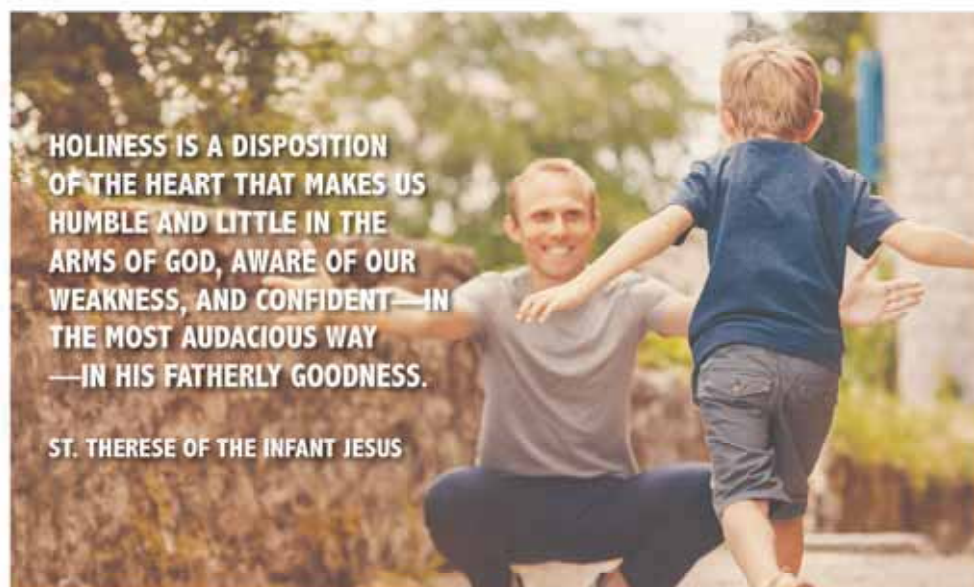
World Day of Prayer for Vocations occurs on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The day is set aside to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Vocation. Invisible Monastery, Vianney Vocations, www.invisiblemonastery.com/prayers/simple-prayers/. (Accessed 23 April 20).



HOLINESS IS A DISPOSITION OF THE HEART THAT MAKES US HUMBLE AND LITTLE IN THE ARMS OF GOD, AWARE OF OUR WEAKNESS, AND CONFIDENT—IN THE MOST AUDACIOUS WAY—IN HIS FATHERLY GOODNESS.

ST. THERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS

Mother Teresa: On Holiness

In order to be saints, you have to seriously want to be one.

Saint Thomas Aquinas assures us that holiness "is nothing else but a resolution made, the heroic act of a soul that surrenders to God." And he adds: "Spontaneously we love God, we run towards him, we get close to him, we possess him."

Our willingness is important because it changes us into the image of God and likens us to him! The decision to be holy is a dear one.

Renunciation, temptations, struggles, persecutions, and all kinds of sacrifices are what surround the soul that has opted for holiness.

Mother Teresa (1996). Holiness. In J. L. González-Balado (Ed). *Mother Teresa: In My Own Words*, Gramercy Books, New York.

Prayer to St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Protection from Isolation

Loving Jane Frances de Chantal, please ask our dearest Lord to protect all of those who have been isolated.

I pray for those without family and friends to support them and for those in my life that I have kept far away from my heart. Pray to our loving Father that those who are standing alone outside will find a kind shelter under the grace of God. Amen.



Jane Frances Fremiot's mother died when Jane was a little over a year old, and she was then raised single-handedly by her father.

At the age of 20, she married the Baron de Chantal, and they had four children together. Her husband was killed while hunting and Jane was a widow at the age of 28. With nowhere else to go, the young mother was forced to live with her father-in-law, who was known to be a very unpleasant man. In 1610 she founded the Congregation of the Visitation for widows and women who did not want to take on the complete life of the orders. Her religious order grew, and eventually Jane Frances de Chantal went on to found 69 convents. [Her feast day is celebrated on December 12.]

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Weekly Scripture

Sunday, May 10

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day*

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

Monday, May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13

Easter Weekday

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 15:1-6

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14

Easter Weekday

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Jn 15:18-21

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“Master, show us the Father”

Gospel Reflection Based on John 14:1-12

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, “I am,” so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

Sunday Connection: Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A. Loyola Press: A Jesuit Ministry, Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, 2020, <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fifth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-a-sunday-connection/>.

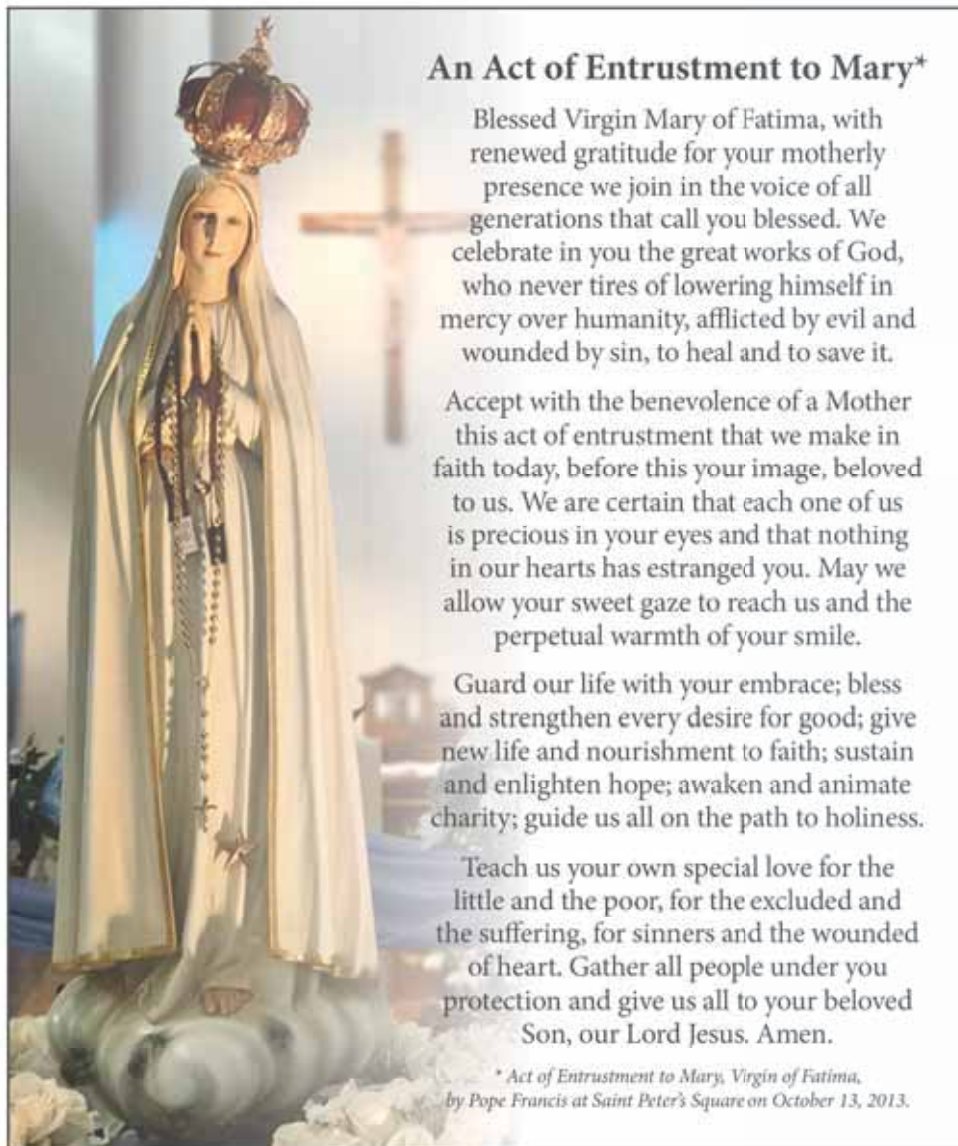
DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.
YOU HAVE FAITH IN GOD; HAVE FAITH ALSO IN ME.
- JN 14:1

Our Lady of Fatima

Feast Day: May 13

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

Our Lady of Fatima, Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/our-lady-of-fatima/. (Accessed 30 April 2020).



An Act of Entrustment to Mary*

Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed. We celebrate in you the great works of God, who never tires of lowering himself in mercy over humanity, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother this act of entrustment that we make in faith today, before this your image, beloved to us. We are certain that each one of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you. May we allow your sweet gaze to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile.

Guard our life with your embrace; bless and strengthen every desire for good; give new life and nourishment to faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide us all on the path to holiness.

Teach us your own special love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the wounded of heart. Gather all people under your protection and give us all to your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen.

* Act of Entrustment to Mary, Virgin of Fatima, by Pope Francis at Saint Peter's Square on October 13, 2013.



Prayer to St. Mary, Blessed Virgin MOTHERHOOD

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary, I humbly ask for your powerful prayers for God's guidance in raising my children. By your example, I strive to be a good mother and teach my children right from wrong. I ask your Son for patience, wisdom, strength and direction in all decisions I make for my children. Sweet Mary, I need your prayers this day. Amen.



Mary is the blessed and sacred mother of Jesus and the earthly wife of Joseph. It is thought that she was born around 20 B.C. She was a perfect mother to her holy Son and raised Him in sheer bliss. God chose her for her loving and tender nature, her patience, virtue and grace. She supported Jesus through persecution and stood by His side during His last days on earth. The Blessed Mother has many patronages but, of course, as the mother of Christ, she is most closely associated with motherhood. She is known to appear to people who are devoted and desire her prayers. [Her feast day is January 1.]

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Weekly Scripture

Sunday, May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

Monday, May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18

Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28

Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10

Jn 16:23b-28

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"If You Love Me..."

Gospel Reflection Based on John 14:15-21

We have just heard the words of Jesus: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:15-17a). With these words Jesus reveals the profound link between faith and the profession of Divine Truth, between faith and dedication to Jesus Christ in love, between faith and the practice of a life inspired by the commandments. All three dimensions of faith are the fruit of the action of the Holy Spirit. This action is manifested as an inner force that harmonizes the hearts of the disciples with the Heart of Christ and makes them capable of loving as he loved them. Hence faith is a gift, but at the same time it is a task.

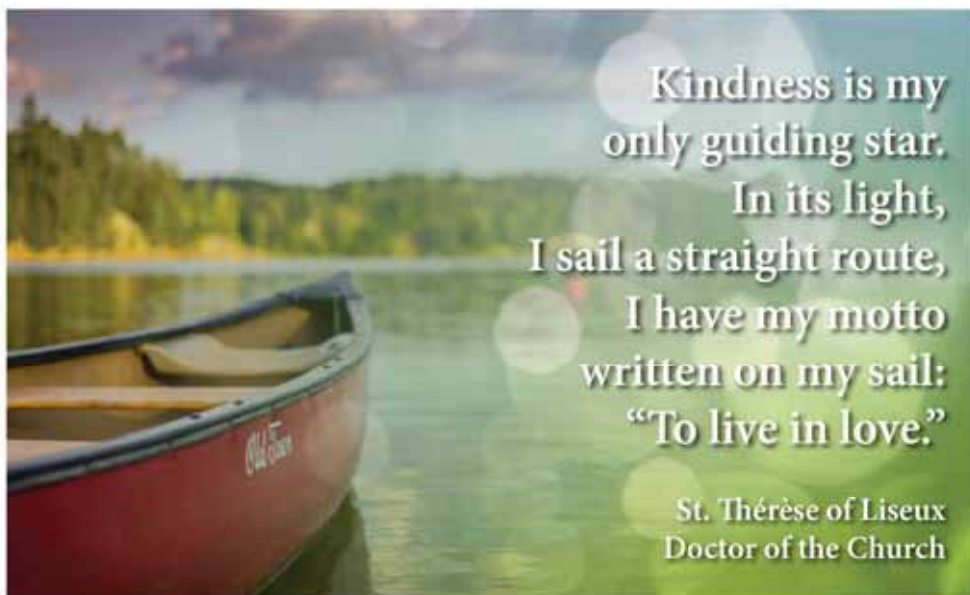
Christ says: "If you love me ..." Faith does not just mean accepting a certain number of abstract truths about the mysteries of God, of man, of life and death, of future realities. Faith consists in an intimate relationship with Christ, a relationship based on love of him who loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:11), even to the total offering of himself. "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). What other response can we give to a love so great, if not that of a heart that is open and ready to love?

But what does it mean to love Christ? It means trusting him even in times of trial, following him faithfully even on the Via Crucis, in the hope that soon the morning of the Resurrection will come. Entrusting ourselves to Christ, we lose nothing, we gain everything. In his hands our life acquires its true meaning.

Love for Christ expresses itself in the will to harmonize our own life with the thoughts and sentiments of his Heart. This is achieved through interior union based on the grace of the Sacraments, strengthened by continuous prayer, praise, thanksgiving and penance. We have to listen attentively to the inspirations that he evokes through his Word, through the people we meet, through the situations of daily life. To love him is to remain in dialogue with him, in order to know his will and to put it into effect promptly.

Excerpted from Homily by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, Warsaw, 26 May 2006

http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2006/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20060526_varsovia.html



On the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith".⁵⁶ The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".⁵⁷ (CCC, 234)

The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God".⁵⁸ To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit. (CCC, 237)

"O blessed light, O Trinity and first Unity!"⁹³ God is eternal blessedness, undying life, unfading light. God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God freely wills to communicate the glory of his blessed life. Such is the "plan of his loving kindness", conceived by the Father before the foundation of the world, in his beloved Son: "He destined us in love to be his sons" and "to be conformed to the image of his Son", through "the spirit of sonship".⁹⁴ This plan is a "grace [which] was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began", stemming immediately from Trinitarian love.⁹⁵ It unfolds in the work of creation, the whole history of salvation after the fall, and the missions of the Son and the Spirit, which are continued in the mission of the Church.⁹⁶ (CCC, 257)

Catechism of the Catholic Church, https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/pls2c1p2.htm

A Twenty-Four-Hour Prayer

from Mother Teresa: In My Own Words

There are some people who, in order not to pray, use as an excuse the fact that life is so hectic that it prevents them from praying.

This cannot be. Prayer does not demand that we interrupt our work, but that we continue working as if it were a prayer.

It is not necessary to always be meditating, nor to consciously experience the sensation that we are talking to God, no matter how nice that would be. What matters is being with him, living in him, in his will. To love with a pure heart, to love everybody, especially to love the poor, is a twenty-four-hour prayer.

Mother Teresa (1996). Prayer. In J. L. González-Balado (Ed). *Mother Teresa: In My Own Words*, Gramercy Books, New York.



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St. Rita of Cascia

Feast Day May 22

Rita was a very religious child and visited the Augustinian nuns in Cascia regularly. But her call to serve the Lord was abandoned when her parents arranged her marriage to an abusive and angry man who worked as the town watchman. She and her twin sons lived under her husband's abuse for eighteen years, until he was killed in an ambush. She taught her sons forgiveness, and when they died she was grief-stricken.

She entered the convent and lived there for forty years. The patroness of loneliness was a sad wife, a grieving mother, and, in the end, a bedridden nun. However, through it all she was devoted to the Lord.

Prayer in Loneliness

Sweet and loving St. Rita of Cascia,
I entreat your prayers in battling this loneliness. Ask the Lord to enable me to seek out those who need me, the many who love me. Ask God to help me feel that love and hold it close to my heart so that I never feel alone in His grace.
Amen.

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Weekly Scripture

Sunday, May 24

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 25

Easter Weekday

Memorial Day

Acts 19:1-8

Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26

Feast of St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Ps 68:10-11, 20-21

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Ps 11:4, 5 and 7

Jn 21:20-25

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Jesus Took His Place

Gospel Reflection by Pope John Paul II on the Ascension of Our Lord

With joy then and fresh resolves for the future, let us reflect briefly on the great mystery of today's liturgy. In the Scripture readings the whole significance of Christ's Ascension is summarized for us. The richness of this mystery is spelled out in two statements: Jesus gave instructions, and then Jesus took his place.

In the providence of God – in the eternal design of the Father – the hour had come for Christ to go away. He would leave his Apostles behind, with his Mother Mary, but only after he had given them his instructions. The Apostles now had a mission to perform according to the instructions that Jesus left, and these instructions were in turn the faithful expression of the Father's will.

The instructions indicated, above all, that the Apostles were to wait for the Holy Spirit, who was the gift of the Father. From the beginning, it had to be crystal-clear that the source of the Apostles' strength is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who guides the Church in the way of truth; the Gospel is to spread through the power of God, and not by means of human wisdom or strength.

The Apostles, moreover, were instructed to teach – to proclaim the Good News to the whole world. And they were to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, they were to speak explicitly about the Kingdom of God and about salvation. The Apostles were to give witness to Christ to the ends of the earth. The early Church clearly understood these instructions and the missionary era began. And everybody knew that this missionary era could never end until the same Jesus, who went up to heaven, would come back again.

The words of Jesus became a treasure for the Church to guard and to proclaim, to meditate on and to live. And at the same time, the Holy Spirit implanted in the Church an apostolic charism, in order to keep this revelation intact. Through his words Jesus was to live on in his Church: I am with you always. And so the whole ecclesial community became conscious of the need for fidelity to the instructions of Jesus, to the deposit of faith. This solicitude was to pass from generation to generation – down to our own day.

And the second reflection on the meaning of the Ascension is found in this phrase: Jesus took his place. After having undergone the humiliation of his passion and death, Jesus took his place at the right-hand of God; he took his place with his eternal Father. But he also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of Leo the Great, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body. For all eternity Christ takes his place as the firstborn among many brethren: our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives for ever to intercede for us with Father. At the same time, from his throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness.

Excerpted from Homily of His Holiness John Paul II, Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, 24 May 1979
http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/homilies/1979/documents/hf_jp-ii_hom_19790524_seminari-ingl-roma.html

AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.

MT 28:20

St. Philip Neri

The Patron Saint of Joy & Humor

St. Philip Neri was a Christian missionary and founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, a community of Catholic priests and lay brothers. From a very young age, Philip was known for being cheerful and obedient. A mystical vision at the age of 18 led to his Christian conversion, and this encounter with the Lord dramatically changed his life and led him to serve Jesus Christ and His Church. Philip was an evangelist. He had a knack for starting up conversations and leading his listeners to consider a new and better way of life, the Christian Way. He easily caught others' attention with his warm personality and incredible sense of humor. He encouraged groups of people to gather for discussions, studies, prayer and the enjoyment of music. His customary question was always, "Well, brothers, when shall we begin to do good?" [He lost] no time in converting good conversation to good actions, [and] would lead his followers to hospitals to wait on the sick or to the Church, to pray to and encounter Jesus Christ. In the words of one of his biographers, Philip was "all things to all men.... When he was called upon to be merry, he was so; if there was a demand upon his sympathy, he was equally ready..." Philip was respected and loved throughout Rome; he became a trusted advisor to popes, kings, cardinals and equally as important to the poor. He whole-heartedly desired the reform of the Catholic Church and worked toward that with a sense of gentleness and friendship, rather than criticism and harshness.

If your soul feels weighed down by the anxieties of the world, or if you desire to see the joy of the Gospel in a new way, pray to St. Philip Neri.

O holy St. Philip Neri, patron saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts.

We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us, we pray, especially in this need (make your request here).

Keep us safe through your loving intercession, and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, St. Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace. Amen.

Abridged from *St. Philip Neri*. Catholic Online: Saints and Angels, Your Catholic Voice Foundation, www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=97. Prayer from Kosloski, Philip. *Want to Be More Joyful?* *Pray This Prayer to St. Philip Neri*. Aletheia, Foundation of Evangelization through the Media (FEM), 3 Apr. 2018, <https://aletheia.org/2018/04/03/want-to-be-more-joyful-pray-this-prayer-to-st-philip-neri/>



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Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and
put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy
those men and women
who have died
in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom
of justice and peace.
We ask this though
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Memorial Day from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/memorial-day-prayer.cfm.



**Happy Lent!
Happy Holy
Week!
Happy Easter!
Happy Pentecost!**

It's amazing how much has transpired over the last 10 weeks since the pandemic hit in mid-March. Hopefully you've taken the time to allow the Lord to feed and nourish you as you've remained close to Him and His Church – albeit from a distance.

As we return to gathering for Mass, you'll notice all the precautions we've instituted to help us maintain social distancing. Given the ease with which the coronavirus is spread, it's hard to be too careful. That said, if you have any concerns about gathering together or about embracing the protocols, the Bishops of Ohio have continued their dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on the weekend. Thus, watching Mass on TV (or other streaming medium) or coming to one of the weekday Masses more than suffices in helping to keep the Lord's Day holy.

Before we can accept any new Mass intentions, the secretary is working diligently to reschedule the intentions of Masses that were scheduled to have been celebrated during the period of our stay-at-home directive. Once rescheduled, we'll be able to accept new requests for intentioned Masses.

Although we are returning to Mass, the weekly confession schedule is still on temporary hiatus. Because the confessional is an enclosed space without adequate ventilation, confession will continue to be celebrated by appointment in the out-of-doors and while wearing a mask. Hopefully, as they find ways to control and defeat the virus, we'll be able to return to confession in a smaller space and behind a screen.

You will notice a change in our bulletin format – starting this week. Ordinarily the bulletin spans information covering a full weeks' worth of events. Well, from this point forward it'll cover 10-12 days' worth of events/happenings/material. Thus, those opting to attend a weekday Mass (instead of a Sunday Mass) will still be able to obtain a bulletin that will take them a full 7-days into the future.

Did you receive the email updates that I sent out every Friday during the lock-down? If you received and read them I hope you found them informative, helpful, and insightful; if you have email but did not receive them – then it would seem that we don't have your up-to-date contact info.

The first time I sent out the weekly email, 40-50 of them bounced – with a message indicating that the account no longer exists or the account is invalid. Even after removing all the invalid addresses, I was routinely sending out ~250 emails to parishioners of each parish ... more than 500 weekly emails in total.

Not only did we find that many email addresses were out-of-date, but so too were many phone numbers. Because many have chosen to drop their land line, in favor of a cell phone, there were times when I found I couldn't contact parishioners.

If anything in your contact info has changed in the last 10 years, and if you did NOT have your picture taken for our parish pictorial directory (as we had everyone verify their info at the time of their picture), it would be most helpful if you'd take a few minutes to complete and return the parish information update form. I've included a copy with today's bulletin – or you may download, print, and complete it by visiting update.sacredheartoberlin.org ... or ... updated.stpatrick.us.

As you noticed, we did NOT pass out hymnals as you entered Mass today even though, in one of my Friday emails I indicated that we would. The reason for the change is scientific data and the request of the diocese. Studies have shown that we project with greater force when singing than when speaking. Hence, whereas a 6' social distance is required when speaking – a 12' social distance is required when singing.

While our Judeo-Christian tradition has always highlighted the importance of praising God in song, hymn, and inspired-song, the diocese (along with the scientific community) is asking that we temporarily suspend singing so as to further hinder the spread of the virus.

Our return to Mass has only been possible with the commitment to thoroughly sanitize the space between Masses. To that end, our custodian (Jim Maziarz) will be working Thursday and Friday mornings (to sanitize following morning Mass), Saturday evenings (to help sanitize following the Saturday 4pm Mass), and Monday morning (to sanitize from the Sunday 10:30am Mass). Anyone wishing to assist Jim in helping to clean the church is most welcome.

Because the church will not be immediately sanitized following the Sunday 10:30 Mass, it will not be a hygienically safe environment to visit. To forestall any potential COVID-19 transmission from an un-sanitized space, keycard access to the church will be disabled following the Sunday morning Mass; keycard access will resume after the church has been properly cleaned and sanitized on Monday morning ... and will remain active throughout the remainder of the week.

Although we have returned to church, access to the Ed Building will remain restricted. At present, we are not able to afford the Ed Building the same sanitizing priority that we're giving to the worship space. So, at least for the time being, our focus will remain our worship space. Those groups who've been meeting over Zoom are encouraged to continue that practice. On days when weather permits, socially distant gatherings are welcome in the picnic area (just east of the Ed Building).



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Tuesday, June 2

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary CANCELED

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 pm at SP David & Donna Stewart

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Friday, June 5

8:45 am at Sacred HeartBea Bucholz

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May 31 — June 7

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| Sunday | Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 |
| Monday | Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34 |
| Tuesday | 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17 |
| Wednesday | 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27 |
| Thursday | 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34 |
| Friday | 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37 |
| Saturday | 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44 |
| Sunday | Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 |

June 8 — June 14

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| Monday | 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12 |
| Tuesday | 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16 |
| Wednesday | 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday | Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Mt 5:20-26 |
| Friday | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32 |
| Saturday | 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37 |
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It has been refreshing to see everyone after so many weeks of extreme distancing. Yet, despite the fact that we're once

again able to worship together, the distancing is still part of the new norm. And I was grateful to all who were overly cautious with regard to distance. In fact, as I looked at everyone in the pews, most left more than the requisite 6' between themselves and others.

For those who are curious about the numbers attending, most of the weekend Masses averages ~50 people; there was no need to turn anyone away because capacity had been reached. As for the weekday Masses, attendance averaged ~25 people.

Just a reminder that the Bishops of Ohio have continued to dispense Catholics from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Thus, you are still keeping holy the Lord's Day by participating at Mass on one of the streaming mediums available to you. That said, may also do so by attending a weekday Mass—should you feel comfortable being in the midst of a smaller congregation.

Both St. Pat's and Sacred Heart are sanitized following each Mass. The only Mass where sanitization doesn't immediately follow Mass is the 10:30AM at Sacred Heart; that space is sanitized Monday morning ... which is why keycard access has been disabled for the remainder of Sunday afternoon/evening.

A gracious *thank you* to all who have donated PPE – or who have donned PPE to help sanitize after the various Masses.

On the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a feast day on which we affirm our faith in the triune God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For Eastern Orthodox Christians, Pentecost Sunday itself is called Trinity Sunday and is the start of a three-day feast celebrating the one God in three persons. The concept of the triune God is essential to Christianity, so it is natural that a feast day would be dedicated to honoring God explicitly as the Holy Trinity.

While the idea that God is a Trinity is agreed upon by mainline Christian traditions, the understanding of the nature of the Trinity has been a contentious issue for centuries. The original version of the Nicene Creed stated that the Holy Spirit is, "the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the

Father, Who together with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, Who was spoke by the prophets." God the Father was understood to be the sole source of the Holy Spirit. In the Latin Church, the phrase "and the Son" came to be added to the Nicene Creed when referring to the procession of the Holy Spirit and was admitted into the liturgy of the western Church between the 8th and 11th centuries. The addition of this new clause into the Creed did not go over very well with the Churches in the East, who maintained the more ancient understanding.

The Creed had been written in the 4th century at the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople to express the essential beliefs of the Christian faith and to combat the heresy of Arius, who had gained a following over his claims that the Son was subordinate to the Father and not co-eternal with Him. The Filioque (Latin for "and the Son") clause was probably added to the Latin liturgy because of survivals of Arian beliefs and other heretical Christologies, but as far as the eastern traditions were concerned, the Latin Church did not have the authority to add to the Creed without convening a council and obtaining the consent of the eastern bishops. Along with the medieval rise of the papacy in which the Bishop of Rome began to assume universal jurisdiction over the entire Church, the Filioque clause contributed to growing tension that led to the 11th century schism which split east and west.

The Filioque clause is often understood by the Roman Catholic Church to mean that the Holy Spirit proceeds through the Son from God the Father, not that the Spirit originates from both Father and Son. This does not contradict the Eastern Orthodox view that God the Father is the source of the Spirit and the Spirit is sent by the Son.

Whether or not the Filioque is included in the Creed, and however it is interpreted, Christians of all denominations acknowledge the importance of the understanding of God as triune, as three distinct persons who are of one substance and who are, at the same time, one God.

The Trinity teaches us the importance of relationship, as the three persons of God share in a communion of love that offers us a model for our own Christian life. As the Father, Son, and Spirit are one God, we as Christians are the many members of the One Body of Christ, distinct but united in an interconnected love for God and each other.





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June 7—June 14

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| Sunday | Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18 |
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June 15 — June 21

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| Monday | 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 |
| Tuesday | 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 |
| Wednesday | 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday | Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 |
| Friday | Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25- 30 |
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*Glory to
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit*



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A note

from our Pastor

The teaching of the Scripture regarding the Sacrament of Eucharist is very clear: Christ, having promised

his disciples to give them his own flesh as food and his own blood as drink, at the Last Supper took bread and gave it to the disciples telling them that it was his body. Then he took wine and gave it to them, telling them that it was his blood. The Scripture's accounts regarding the promise of the institution of the Eucharist do not indicate that Christ spoke figuratively. On the contrary, the circumstances, the power and wisdom of Christ himself, the manner in which his words were understood by his hearers, all point to the literal meaning of those words as the only possible interpretation.

This interpretation is confirmed by the manner in which St. Paul speaks of the Eucharist and which appears in the constant teaching of the Church from the earliest times. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th century) writes: *"When the Lord has said of the bread 'this is my body', who shall dare to doubt? And when he has asserted and said, 'this is my blood,' who shall ever doubt that it is indeed his blood?"*

It is impossible to convey in this small space the entire teaching of the Fathers of the first three or four centuries on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. References to the Eucharist we find in great abundance, but very rarely treatises on the subject. The Eucharistic doctrine was well known among Christians, requiring no explanation. So accustomed were the early Christians to frequenting the Holy Sacrifice and to receiving Communion, so intimately did the Eucharist enter into their daily lives, that their pastors did not deem it necessary to write books to teach them what must have been so familiar to them from their daily practice.

Many passages might be quoted from the writings of the Fathers of the Church. We already find St. Ignatius of Antioch (110AD) arguing: "See, that you use one Eucharist, for one is the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ, and one is the chalice unto the communion of his blood; one is

the altar, and one the bishop together with the priests and deacons." The argument for unity among Christians loses all its force unless the Eucharist is really and truly the one body and blood of Christ. Still more clearly is belief in the real presence implied in St. Ignatius' letter to the Smyrnaeans, where he says: *"They abstain from the Eucharist and prayer because they do not believe that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ which suffered for our sins and which the Father in his bounty raised up again."*

Very explicitly does St. Justin (+165) state the doctrine of the Real Presence when he presents his account of the celebration of the Eucharist in his work "The Eucharistic Sacrifice." St. Irenaeus (203AD) writes: *"The bread that is taken from the earth, perceiving the invocation of God, is no longer ordinary bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two things: an earthly and a heavenly."*

St. Cyprian (258AD), while he praises the fortitude of the many confessors of the faith, laments at the same time that many of those who had fallen into idolatry expected immediately, without having done penance, to be allowed to receive Communion: *"Violence is done to the body and blood of the Lord, and greater violence now with their hands and with their lips than when they denied the Lord."*



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June 22 — 28

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| Tuesday | 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14 |
| Wednesday | Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 |
| Thursday | 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29 |
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Most Holy Body
& Blood of Christ





Happy Father's Day to All Fathers, Including Our Father in Heaven!

As we celebrate Father's Day today in the United

States, we include Our Father in heaven and we honor and thank Him for all He has done for us in sending Christ to show us the Father, His mercy and His love.

Jesus taught His disciples the "Our Father" prayer when they asked Him to teach them how to pray. This prayer is a model for us and a sure guide to living the Christian life. As Saint Cyprian taught in a treatise on the Lord's Prayer:

How merciful the Lord is to us, how kind and richly compassionate! He wished us to repeat this prayer in God's sight, to call the Lord our Father and, as Christ is God's Son, be called in turn sons [and daughters] of God! None of us would ever have dared to utter this name unless he himself had allowed us to pray in this way. And therefore, dear friends, we should bear in mind and realize that when we call God our Father we ought also to act like sons [and daughters]. If we are pleased to call him Father, let him in turn be pleased to call us sons [and daughters].

We should live like the temples of God we are, so that it can be seen that God lives in us. No act of ours should be unworthy of the spirit. Now that we have begun to live in heaven and in spirit, all our thoughts and actions should be heavenly and spiritual; for, as the Lord God himself has said: Those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be despised [cf 1 Samuel 2:30]. And the blessed Apostle wrote in his letter: You are not your own; you were bought with a great price. So glorify and bear God in your body [1 Corinthians 6:19-20].

So, taking St. Cyprian's words to heart, for those who have not seen this, here is a popular description of some things implicit in the Our Father which call us to conversion and call us to account.* Food for thought!

- Don't say: "Our" if you live a life isolated in your own big fat ego.
- Don't say "Father"—if you don't behave as a child of God.

- Don't say: "who art in heaven"—if you are focused on earthly things.
- Don't say: "hallowed be thy name"—if you curse, swear or otherwise do not honor God's name (and His person).
- Don't say: "thy kingdom come"—if you think being successful in the world equates to the Kingdom of God.
- Don't say: "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"—if you do not accept God's will when it's painful, and if you do not believe in heaven.
- Don't say: "give us this day our daily bread" — if you're not concerned about—and doing something to help—the hungry and those without the necessities of life.
- Don't say: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"—if you hold grudges against others or bear resentment against them.
- Don't say: "lead us not into temptation"—if you intend to continue sinning.
- Don't say: "deliver us from evil"—if you do not take a stand against evil.
- Don't say: "Amen"—if you do not believe in the words of the Our Father.

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June 29 — July 5

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| Monday | Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27 |
| Wednesday | Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34 |
| Thursday | Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8 |
| Friday | Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 |
| Saturday | Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 |
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Happy Father's Day!



I don't know about you, but although we've returned to the public celebration of Mass

and can once again gather at a social-distance, there's no question that the celebration is different than anything I've ever experienced. As one who enjoys singing, it seems a bit anti-climactic to hear some beautiful music – and yet not be able to join together in song. While I call the lyrics to mind—it's just not the same as singing aloud those words of praise.

The changes we've had to make to be able to once again gather for Mass have given me pause to consider what is the real purpose behind our gathering together, week-after-week, at Mass.

If you were to ask many Catholics what the Mass is, what might you hear? Perhaps you might hear some of the following words: community event, meal, fellowship, celebration, among others. Certainly, the Mass involves all of these things. But more than anything else, the Mass is a sacrifice. It is a prayer. This is a truth that can readily be forgotten, or set aside, in our Catholic culture.

There was a study that came out maybe twenty years ago or so that asked what brings people to church on any given Sunday in any given Christian community. The three most common answers by far (including for Catholics) were:

- a) the music,
- b) the preaching, and;
- c) the community.

When it comes to the Mass, however, all three of these things are non-essential. What do I mean? I mean that even if we are missing all three, we still

have the essential sacrifice of the Mass - the sacrifice of Calvary, made present on the altar.

There is also a danger when we make any one of these our primary reasons for going to Mass - because it tends to make Mass *all about us* and *what we can get out of it*. It puts the emphasis on our feelings. The truth is, the Mass is about what we have to give to God. We have a moral obligation to worship God, but God is the one who has given us the worship - in the Mass. The Mass is how He desires to be adored. When we participate in Mass, we “render unto God what is God's” (Mt. 22:21). How do we do this? First, by offering Him His Son. Second, by offering Him ourselves.

If we understand this, it will radically change the way we see the Mass and our participation in it. We will no longer evaluate Mass by how entertained we are, or by what we “get out of it.” We will start to understand the Mass for what it truly is, which can change everything.



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Tuesday, June 30

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, July 1

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Jim Davidson

Thursday, July 2

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Nancy Ferguson

Friday, July 3

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, July 4

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Jean Olszewski

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, July 5

8:15 am at St. Patrick William Hehr

10:30 am at SH Edward, Beatrice & Thomas Horton

Monday, July 6

8:45 am at St. Patrick Aime Cresonte

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8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, July 8

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Thursday, July 9

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Dennis Smith

Friday, July 10

8:45 am at SH Dorothy & Fred Smith

Saturday, July 11

4:00 pm at SH Leonardo Leocadio

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, July 12

8:15 am at SP Patricia Goldman & John Gannon

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Betty Diedrick

Liturgical Ministers - 4/5 July 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Mary Jo Ockenga | Tracey Field |
| DISTRIBUTOR | Ron Mitchell | Barbara Mohrman |

*Sp*end some quiet time with the Lord *Sp*

June 28 — July 4

Sunday 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
Friday Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

July 5 — July 11

Sunday Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
Friday Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

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Independence Day
BLESSINGS





In “History
Reflection for 4th
of July: How
Prayer
Underpinned
American
Independence” Fr.

Stephen Lynch, states, *“Prayer played an important role in the American struggle for independence.”* He goes on to relate a request that the meetings of the Continental Congress be opened with prayer. After considerable disagreement, the Congress agreed to have the Rev. Mr. Duche read a prayer. John Adams describes what transpired:

“Accordingly, next morning the Rev. Duche appeared with his Episcopal vestments and read the 85th Psalm. I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning.”

“George Washington was kneeling there, alongside him Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Hancock. By their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England, who at that moment had reason to believe that an armed soldiery was wasting their humble households. They prayed fervently for America, for Congress, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially for the town of Boston [whose port had been closed and in which British troops were being quartered].”

Lynch concludes by saying, *“The First Continental Congress proved to be an inspiring example of the fraternal unity that can come through devout prayer.”*

In reflecting on the importance of prayer in our nation’s beginning, we are reminded of the words of Jesus Christ who declared, *“Men ought always to pray and not to faint.”* As never before, we need to continue to pray for our nation.

On this Fourth of July, when much that plagues our nation appears beyond our control, we not only celebrate our independence as a nation, but we also recognize that more than ever we must also recognize our dependence upon God as well.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.



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Over the past few months, Sacred Heart has had several new parishioners join. Please welcome the following to our parish family:

Judy Burrer
William Kasper
Christine Martin
Paul & Lynda Maguire
Russell & Darcie Parsons and sons, Jameson,
Elliott, Garrett and Anderson
Jill Henes and daughter, Callie
Michele Henes
Kelly Snyder
Kevin and Bridget Boardman and children,
Rebecca, Collin and Allison
Luke Oliver





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Friday, July 17

8:45 am at SH Linda Kaltenbach

Saturday, July 18

4:00 pm at SH William Manierre

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, July 19

8:15 am at SP Ralph & Margaret Frisina

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 11/12 July 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Cherie Parrish | Carol LaLonde |
| DISTRIBUTOR | Nicholas Gulish | Judy Pickworth |

*Sp*end some quiet time with the Lord *or*

July 5 — July 11

Sunday Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
Friday Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

July 12 — July 18

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Monday Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
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Saturday Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

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I WILL PRAISE YOUR
NAME FOREVER, MY KING
AND MY GOD.



catholicexchange.com:

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, 1647-1690, had heavy burdens from her earliest years. She lost her father to pneumonia when she was only eight years old. After her father died she was sent to the Urbanist sisters where the order and peace of soul ushered in by the convent life swept her up into her devotions. From early on she took great comfort and consolation in the Blessed Sacrament. She impressed her order of nuns by her faithfulness so much that she was invited to make her First Holy Communion when she was nine years old.

When Saint Mary Margaret was eleven years old she suffered paralysis from rheumatic fever. She embraced her suffering by way of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. She began to be gifted with visions for her faithful devotion. She was healed from her rheumatic fever and the accompanying infirmities by a vision of Holy Mother Mary, who impelled her to devote her life to God, which she did with unusual fervor.

As an additional consolation for her devotion to Christ's Sacred Heart, Saint Mary Margaret received visions from the Savior, one of which was of His scourging. Christ revealed more to Mary Margaret during her devotions by saying to her: "Look at this heart which has loved people so much, and yet they do not want to love me in return. Through you, My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth." Jesus proceeded to make many promises to her and to those who honor His Sacred Heart as she had. From the writings of St. Mary Margaret Alacoque we have twelve of the most powerful promises that Christ revealed to her through private revelation.

This list of twelve promises does not comprise all of the promises Christ made to Saint Mary Margaret concerning the devotion to His Sacred Heart. These are the twelve promises most likely to draw faithful souls to this most worthy devotion. But still, they are only a few of the many graces promised to those willing to offer up their broken hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

1. Christ promises: "I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life." Our particular challenges carry with them different needs for different graces; Christ promises to give us what we need – when we need it.
2. Christ promises: "I will give peace in their families." Who would not greatly prize bringing the graces of peace to their family in the hopes of more faithfully imitating the Holy Family?

As we're a parish under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I share with you a synopsis of an article on the topic that is available at

3. Christ promises: "I will console them in all their troubles." Though our troubles will never vanish on this side of Paradise, Christ's consolations make all things bearable. Further, by Christ's grace, our troubles become the means to further the conversion of our heart by the fruits of redemptive suffering.
4. Christ promises: "They shall find in my heart a refuge during life and especially at the hour of death." At what precise moment are we in the greatest need of Christ's grace? At the hour of our death. By daily growing in our awareness of Christ's presence, we will surely be consoled by that presence at the hour of our death.
5. Christ promises: "I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings." May God sanctify our every action so that we may amass treasure in heaven while we live in this world, all the while trying not to be of it.
6. Christ promises: "Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite Ocean of mercy." As Pope Francis has often said, Christ's Church is a *hospital for sinners*. May we offer our broken hearts to our Father in heaven.
7. Christ promises: "Tepid souls shall become fervent." By pondering the fervent love of Christ's heart – our hearts will be transformed and set aflame!
8. Christ promises: "Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection." Once the tepid heart is set aflame in love, it wants to grow evermore in love.
9. Christ promises: "I will bless the homes in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored." While images of Jesus' Sacred Heart may serve as good reminders, Christ calls us to let his love shine brightest amongst those whom we sometimes take for granted.
10. Christ promises: "I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts." At our baptism we were anointed as priest, prophet, and king! As sharers in the priesthood of believers, Christ gives us the power to touch & soften the hardest-of-hearts.
11. Christ promises: "Those who further this devotion shall have their name written in my heart." As with any relationship, the more deeply you fall in love with another – the deeper the imprint upon your heart!
12. Christ Promises: "The all-powerful love of my Heart will grant to all who regularly receive communion the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; my heart shall be their assured refuge at the last hour." Simply summarized: if we make it a point to always live in a state-of-grace ... there's no doubt that we'll die in a state-of-grace!





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4:00 pm at SH William Manierre

6:00 pm at St. Patrick..... Parishioners

Sunday, July 19

8:15 am at SP..... Ralph & Margaret Frisina

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Monday, July 20

8:45 am at St. Patrick..... Leslie Franklin

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 pm at SP Ben & Caroline Farago

Thursday, July 23

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, July 24

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, July 25

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick..... Parishioners

Sunday, July 26

8:15 am at St. Patrick.....Rhea O'Keefe

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 18/19 July 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Barbara Cummings | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Linda Butler | Jackie Findish |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

July 12 — July 18

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| Sunday | Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 |
| Monday | Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1 |
| Tuesday | Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 |
| Wednesday | Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 |
| Thursday | Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Friday | Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 |
| Saturday | Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 |

July 19 — July 25

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| Sunday | Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 |
| Monday | Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42 |
| Tuesday | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50 |
| Wednesday | 2 Cor 5:14-17/John 20:1-2, 11-18 |
| Thursday | Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17 |
| Friday | Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23 |
| Saturday | 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 |

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A note from our Pastor

A University professor at a well-known institution of higher learning challenged his students with this

question. *Did God create everything that exists?*

A student bravely replied, *Yes he did!*

God created everything? The professor asked.

Yes sir, he certainly did, the student replied.

The professor answered, *If God created everything; then God created evil and, since evil exists, and according to the principle that our works define who we are, then we can assume God is evil.*

The student became quiet and did not respond to the professor's hypothetical definition. The professor, quite pleased with himself, boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, *May I ask you a question, professor?*

Of course, replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, *Professor, does cold exist?*

What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold? The other students snickered at the young man's question.

The young man replied, *In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460 F) is the total absence of heat; and all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat.*

The student continued, *Professor, does darkness exist?*

The professor responded, *Of course it does.*

The student replied, *Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either.*

Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present.

Finally the young man asked the professor, *Sir, does evil exist?*

Now uncertain, the professor responded, *Of course, as I have already said. We see it everyday. It is in the daily examples of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.*

To this the student replied, *Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold; a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light.*

The professor sat down.

The young man's name -- Albert Einstein.

Congratulations
to Hattie Vanderpool
and Elliott Parsons
who received our Lord
through the sacrament
of Holy Communion for
the first time last
Saturday.



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10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

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4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, July 26

8:15 am at St. Patrick Rhea O'Keefe

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Monday, July 27

8:45 am at St. Patrick Answered Prayers

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Asa Sabiers

Thursday, July 30

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Elsie McCormick

Friday, July 31

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, August 1

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at SP..... Mycek & Gimbert Families

Liturgical Ministers - 25/26 July 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Jack Secrist | Catherine Schultis |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Kathy Secrist | Ruth Steinacker |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

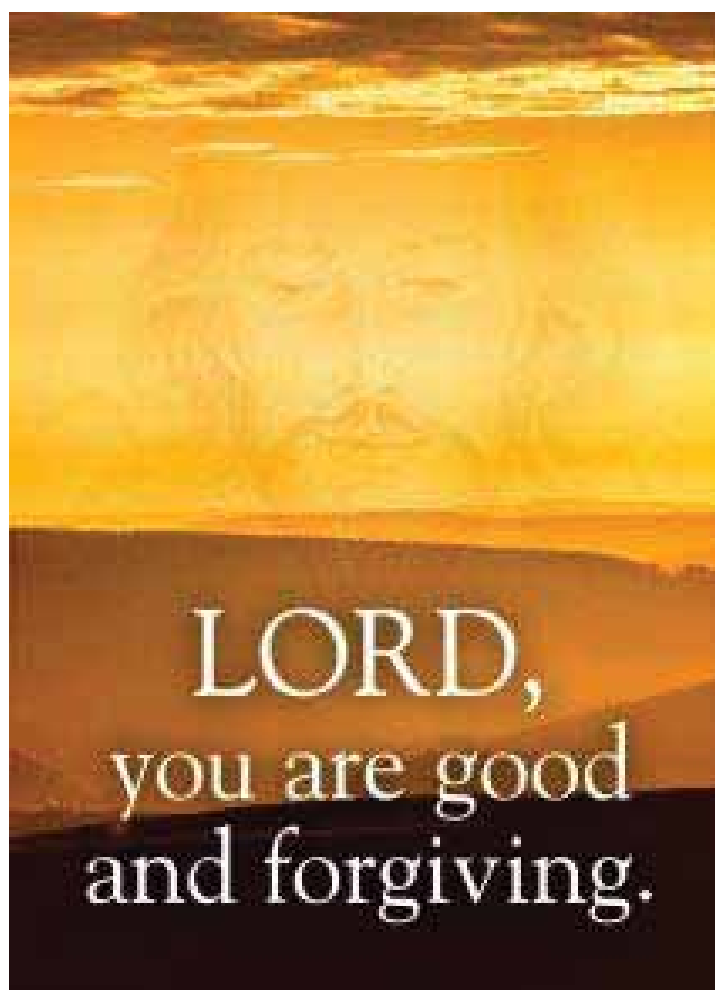
July 19 — July 25

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| Saturday | 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 |

July 26 — August 1

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| Sunday | 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 |
| Monday | Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 |
| Tuesday | Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 |
| Wednesday | Jer 15:10, 16-21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 |
| Thursday | Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 |
| Friday | Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 |
| Saturday | Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 |

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A note from our Pastor

While some might think we are going overboard on our distancing and sanitization practices at the parish, I would like to think that we've simply been prudent in our approach. But, proactive as we've been, I've recently realized that an additional prudent step would be in order – and, gratefully, that step involves no additional effort on anyone's part!

A bit over a year ago I installed a couple \$25 Wyze cams to help Deacon Tom and me assess the situation when the security company calls to report an alarm. The ability to glance at the worship space or the parking lot, while simultaneously speaking with the security company, has enabled us to assess the situation. Little did I realize that what was once installed to help prevent unnecessary calls to the local police department for assistance could play a vital role in the midst of the current pandemic; that role: CONTACT TRACING!

When the cameras were first installed, we only ever used their live feed option; memory cards were deemed superfluous because archival images seemed to serve no purpose. But more-and-more we're hearing about the importance of being able to identify anyone with whom a covid-positive person has been in contact ... which brought upon an "ah-ha" moment and a significant reason for having archival imagery.

Whereas at St. Patrick Parish there is a camera directed toward each nave (focusing on both sanctuary and congregation), the only cameras at Sacred Heart face the sanctuary – and everyone's backside. Thus, for the sake of the ability to trace contacts (should we ever be notified that someone who tested covid-positive had attended Mass), a camera is now located in the choir area facing the congregation. That said, contact tracing

would seem to be the only foreseeable reason for retaining any temporarily-archived images captured by any camera. (The cameras overwrite the oldest images as disk space begins to run low.)

Just as we wear masks, not to protect ourselves from others but to protect others from whatever it is we may have – it's also probably important to be proactive in advising others, should our wearing of masks not prove 100% effective. To that end, if you are, or if a family member is, diagnosed with the coronavirus and have recently been to Mass, I encourage you to let me know. I'll attempt to reach out to anyone who might've been sitting near you to encourage them to follow whatever CDC guidelines that might be appropriate to the situation.

May we never be faced with the necessity of notifying someone that they sitting in proximity to a covid-positive individual ... but having the ability to do so is but a step in the process of eradicating this virus.



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8:15 am at St. Patrick Rhea O'Keefe
10:30 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

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6:00 pm at SP Mycek & Gimbert Families

Sunday, August 2

8:15 am at St. Patrick Rosalie Pluta

10:30 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Monday, August 3

8:45 am at St. Patrick Carol Quinn

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Charles Linden

Thursday, August 6

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Alex Krutowskis

Friday, August 7

8:45 am at SH Sr. Mary Benjamin
Chapezynski

Saturday, August 8

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Martha Findlan

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 1/2 August 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| LECTOR | Eric Carpenter | Kathleen Schreiber |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Gerald Borer | Jessie Ferriols |

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July 26 — August 1

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August 2 — August 8

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A note from our Pastor

While we, in the USA, face our own difficulties and hardships in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, other areas of our world are being impacted even more than are we. The people of Belize, for example, whose economy is solely based on tourism, are without income altogether.

Why would I highlight the hardships of the people of Belize over those suffering in other parts of our world? This mission to Belize was first started by Fr. Bob Hass, when he was stationed at St. Mary's in Wakeman. And several parishioners from Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin have gone hands-on with this effort for the past 6 years. Additionally, parishioners from St. Joe's (Amherst), St. Mary's (Wakeman), Our Lady of Lourdes (New London), and St. Paul's (Norwalk) have also participated in this mission. In January they've ventured to Belize "on their own dime," (as do all volunteers) to assist the *Belize Children's Food Foundation* in their efforts to help the poor youth of Belize; this year they repaired tattered buildings and installed indoor plumbing in a

individuals and corporations who understand the plight of these children.

Furthermore, 100% of all these donations go directly to the purchase of food, supplies, tuition and construction materials.

In Belize, there is no government assistance. There are no programs that regulate the educational system, provide school lunches, or delegate maintenance teams to assess the classroom structure stability. Each year, a group of volunteers with the Foundation travel to Belize to help with each of these issues to ensure the well-being of the children.

This year we are focusing on two Catholic schools (St. Francis Xavier and Sacred Heart Primary), located in the Cayo district. Each of these schools needs electrical and plumbing updates, chalkboards, structural repairs, and concrete sidewalks.

The Foundation could not exist without the endless efforts and countless hours spent from all those involved to provide for these children. Please help us to continue our quest in providing food and education for each of these deprived children. Any amount can make a huge difference in a child's life and provide him or her with an opportunity for a healthy, productive and successful future.

As part of our ongoing Community Outreach and Needs collections, I'd like to designate our August receipts to help with the education and feeding of the poorest-of-the-poor in Belize. Donations should be made payable to the parish, with *Community Outreach* (or some abbreviation thereof) in the memo line. If you'd like more info about this mission in Belize, you may contact Susan Hanko at 440.724.4632.



school. And the parish in Belize that they've worked through is Sacred Heart Parish!

The *Belize Children's Food Foundation* was established as a 501(c)3 Corporation in 2009. This Foundation is specifically designed to provide hot lunch meals, school tuition, school supplies and refurbish educational facilities for the impoverished children of Belize.

As a non-profit organization, the Foundation raises proceeds only through the generosity of

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Friday, August 7

8:45 am at SH Sr. Mary Benjamin

Chapezynski

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6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, August 9

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Ormandy

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8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 12

6:30 pm at St. PatrickWilliam Hehr

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Friday, August 14

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Saturday, August 15

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Alex Krutowskis

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 8/9 August 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Gerry Findlan | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Tyler Wakefield | Rachel Neenan |

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*A note
from our Pastor*

As Saturday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven, I thought I'd share the following reflection,

which may be found on the [franciscanmedia.org](https://www.franciscanmedia.org) website (see link at end).

And while the Solemnity is a Holy Day of obligation when it falls Tuesday thru Friday, it is not obligatory in 2020 because it falls this coming Saturday.

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

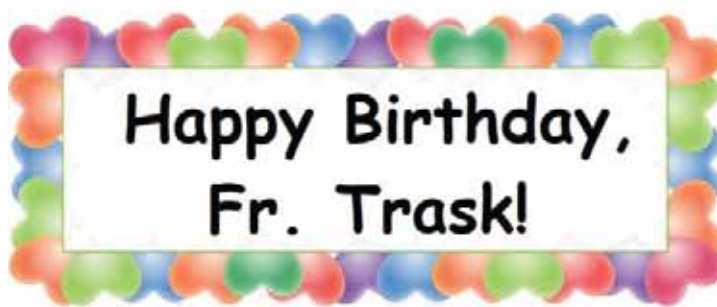
Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.


Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

FROM: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/solemnity-of-the-assumption-of-mary/>





Interested in being a catechist? If you are, please let Fr. Trask know or call the office. **Are you a parent of PSR students?** Take a few moments and fill out the PSR survey to help us decide the best way to resume the children's religious education this coming school year. The survey can be found at survey@shoj.cc.



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Liturgical Ministers - 15/16 August 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Cherie Parrish | Carol LaLonde |
| EUCARISTIC MINISTER | Shirley Belizaire | Robert Hanko |

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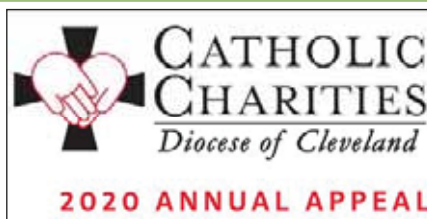
In recent weeks I've had a variety of conversations with a healthy cross-section of individuals. When I asked one person how they've been doing, they said: *"Me, I am drudging along, ... trying to keep everyone's spirits up. Sometimes it's a tough job!"*

In addition to the other stresses in everyone's life, COVID and social-distancing, are unwelcome impositions. While we may be "dealing" with the hand we've been dealt, we may not be dealing with it as well as we could be dealing with it.

A phrase that's attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo, as well as to St. Ignatius of Loyola, is: Pray as though everything depends on God; act as though everything depends on you. Probably good advice for all of us in the midst of a pandemic.

Depending on your mindset when you turn to prayer, you may wish to enter into prayer by pondering one of the following scriptural passages:

- » When in sorrow: read John 14
- » When others fail you: Psalm 27
- » When you have sinned: Psalm 51
- » When you worry: Matthew 6:19-34
- » When you have the blues: Psalm 34
- » When God seems far away: Psalm 139
- » When you are discouraged: Isaiah 40
- » If you desire to be fruitful: John 15
- » When doubts come upon you: John 7:17
- » When you feel oppressed: Psalm 33
- » When you forget blessings: Psalm 103
- » For stirring of faith: Hebrews 11
- » When you feel down and out: Romans 8:31-39
- » When you lack courage for a task: Joshua 1:1-11
- » When the world seems bigger than God: Psalm 90
- » When you want Christian assurance: Romans 8:1-30
- » When you travel: Psalm 121
- » When you grow bitter or critical: 1 Corinthians 13
- » When you experience difficulty getting along with others: Romans 12
- » Before Mass: Psalm 84
- » For James' idea of Christianity: James 1:19-27
- » For Paul's idea of Christianity: 2 Corinthians 5:15-21
- » For Jesus' idea of Christianity: Matthew 5
- » When endangered: Psalm 91



Thank you!

Your support of the Annual Appeal has made a difference,

especially as the needs of our communities continue to grow during COVID-19. Because of your generosity, people who are hungry and homeless, addicted and struggling, lonely, sick and hurting will have the services available to assist them during the pandemic and have hope for the future. **As of July 31st, a total of 39,002 faithful donors from across the Diocese have pledged more than \$12.3 million towards the Annual Appeal goal of \$13.5 million.**

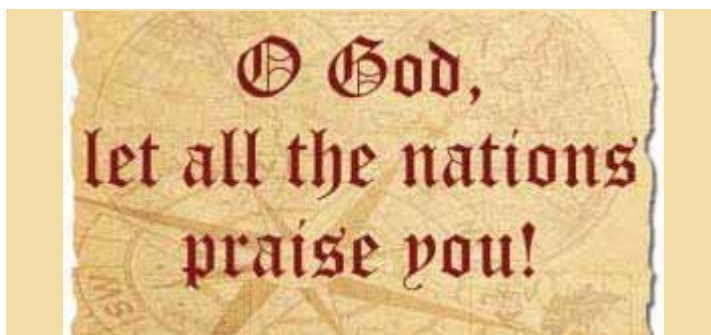
Here at Sacred Heart, 90 parishioners have pledged \$27,981 toward our parish goal of \$32,019. That is 87.39% of our overall goal! Your financial support makes a difference and transforms lives. Thank you on behalf of those served by Catholic Charities.

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Thursday, August 27

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Friday, August 28

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Saturday, August 29

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Cody Velez

Liturgical Ministers - 22/23 August 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Mary Jo Ockenga | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Harry Belizaire | Susan Hanko |

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August 23 — August 29

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"Have pity on me,
Lord,
Son of David!"



This past Monday the Office for Worship of the Diocese of Cleveland offered a webinar for parish music directors, as well as for pastors, to talk about the topic of singing at Mass while in the midst a pandemic. The short take-away from the 75-minute meeting was: don't sing!

Studies have demonstrated that: singing at a normal volume projects moisture particles nearly twice as far as those projected when speaking. (I must say that I had to chuckle, as well as simultaneously be a bit disgusted, when the speaker referred to the projected particulate as a "spit cloud" – but, essentially, that's what it is). When a group sings, whether chorally or congregationally, the space should be occupied for no more than 30-minutes. The practice that we've embodied (at both St. Pat's and Sacred Heart), namely the recitation of normally sung parts (Gloria, Holy Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, and Lamb of God) is the preferred and recommended practice. Although allowing a cantor sing the normally sung parts of Mass using an unfamiliar setting (to keep us from singing along) might sound nice, it would further reduce congregational participation. And, because Mass not being a spectator-sport but, rather, a participative event during which we encounter our God in Word and Sacrament, it is better that we remain active participants at Mass – even if that means we have to recite what, heretofore, we've always enjoyed singing.

In the Q&A that followed the presenter, one of the best suggestions of the webinar was raised. One person asked: "If we're not supposed to sing because of the particulate-cloud that's formed by the singing, would it not be acceptable to sing a verse of the final hymn and then immediately vacate the space?" The panel of presenters felt this would be an acceptable option – because the space would be vacated immediately thereafter.

I probably like singing more than most and it's been a challenge to celebrate Mass without being able to "sing unto the Lord" in a manner to which I've become accustomed. I know you feel the same way, because I've heard from many of you about how the lack of singing changes the whole tenor of Mass. I couldn't agree with you more! But, hopefully a verse of a final hymn will help bring a

bit of "normalcy" back to a way-of-life (and worship) that is anything but normal. BTW, we'll only sing a single verse of well known hymns—so no books or lyrics should ever be needed.

Speaking of hymnals: it is unlikely that we will be able to use hymnals at Mass anytime soon, we'll be distributing the current hymnals after Mass **FOR USE ONLY AT HOME** (whether you choose to prayerfully reflect on the weekend readings or sing a joyful song to the Lord). **PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO CHURCH WITH YOU**, however; they're too easily forgotten in the pew. Furthermore, if you and a person sitting nearby you should happen to both bring hymnals and errantly pick up the wrong one after communion, you've potentially cross-contaminated one another.



Congratulations to

Kathryn Lee

and

Abigail Rebraca

who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past Friday.



If your child was registered for PSR last school year, you should have received a registration form for this coming school year.

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Wednesday, September 2

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Ted Rink

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Friday, September 4

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Saturday, September 5

4:00 pm at Sacred HeartJames Carrico

6:00 pm at SP.....George & Julia Fayer

Liturgical Ministers - 29/30 August 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| LECTOR | Barbara Cummings | Catherine Schultis |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Marianne Clary | Barbara Mohrman |

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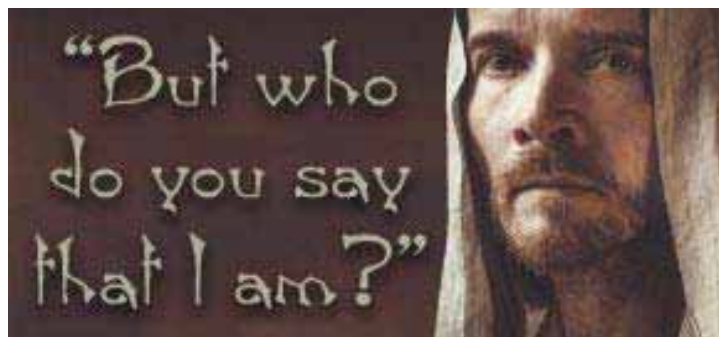
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seemed so-far-in-the-future ... and we were grateful that we'd have many months to prepare for his less-frequent presence at the parish. Well, those months flew by – and so did 1 June 2020 – and Deacon Tom is still with us. Why? He chose to postpone his retirement because COVID had caused the postponement of so many sacramental events (including First Communions, Confirmation, and receiving new Catholics into the faith) and he didn't want to step-back until he'd been a part of those celebrations!

That Deacon Tom wanted to delay his retirement didn't surprise me; he embraces his Diaconal ministry with the mindset of: "Love what you do, and do what you love." And, since his assignment at Sacred Heart began in December of 2010, he has been selfless in his love for, and the ministry he has shared with, the Sacred Heart parish family.

Over the last 3 years I have come to appreciate the experiences and insights Deacon Tom has brought to Sacred Heart. Nearly a year before Fr. Cole's retirement, Fr. Cole, Deacon Tom, and I sat in the living room of the Sacred Heart rectory to talk about how to start building the foundation that would allow for a smooth transition to retirement for Fr. Cole. Deacon Tom's analytical approach, organizational abilities and out-of-the-box thinking, were extremely helpful. After our meetings, it was not uncommon for me to find (by the time I'd returned to St. Patrick Parish) an email in my box that offered a concise synthesis of our discussion – as well as a listing of working points that we'd need to refine and hone before our next gathering; Deacon Tom surely never learned the meaning of procrastination! And, because of that, we have all reaped the benefit.

This "retirement weekend" is a weekend of mixed emotions. I've come to appreciate the friendship and ministry that Deacon Tom and I share. I also have witness not just how deeply everyone loves Deacon Tom – but his depth of love and concern for everyone at Sacred Heart. So, to speak of this weekend as his "retirement weekend" would seem to indicate that things are ending. But that's where the other emotion kicks in: it's not

over! Not only have I extended to Deacon Tom an open-door invitation to return, but he has also spoken of his desire to periodically return – and even to preach. So, the thrust of this "retirement weekend" is to connote a transition: instead of seeing Deacon Tom at both Masses almost every weekend, he'll only occasionally be joining us for Mass.

For my next statement, please make sure to read this entire paragraph for the full perspective. There's no doubt that Deacon Tom's reduced presence among us is a great loss, but I am also elated by a great gain that will result from his reduced presence. When a man is ordained to the permanent diaconate, the Bishop reminds him that his first vocation is to his spouse and family – because he embarked upon the Sacrament of Marriage long before he was ordained a deacon. For the last 2+ years that I've been at Sacred Heart, every time his wife Margee has been at Mass, Deacon Tom has been sitting alongside me – instead of alongside her. But, more often than not, only Deacon Tom has been at Sacred Heart – and Margee has been by herself (or with their family) at their local parish of St. Peter and/or St. Julie Billiart. That which our willingness to accept Deacon Tom's less-frequent-presence at Sacred Heart will allow is that: he will, once again, be able to sit beside Margee and their family at Mass with far greater frequency. For that, I am ecstatic. For 10 years, Margee's ongoing support has allowed Deacon Tom to be so loving and present to us ... and now, by our loving support of his "retirement," he'll now be able to be more lovingly present to Margee and their family.

When COVID is finally behind us, and we can gather without distance, I'll make sure that Deacon Tom joins with us at a Mass of Thanksgiving ... and for some appropriate celebration and appreciation thereafter.

Enjoy your retirement, Deacon Tom!



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8:15 am at St. Patrick Ken Farnsworth

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Alex Krutowskis

Monday, August 31

8:45 am at St. PatrickJohn Stowinsky

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Ted Rink

Thursday, September 3

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, September 4

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, September 5

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6:00 pm at SP.....George & Julia Fayer

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8:45 am at St. PatrickDorothy Ott

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Wednesday, September 9

6:30 pm at St. PatrickPat & all suffering
from cancer

Thursday, September 10

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, September 11

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, September 12

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 5/6 September 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Kathleen Schreiber | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Linda Butler | Judy Pickworth |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

August 30 — September 5

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| Sunday | Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 |
| Monday | 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tuesday | 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wednesday | 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thursday | 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 |
| Friday | 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 |
| Saturday | 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5 |

September 6 — September 12

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| Sunday | Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 |
| Monday | 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 |
| Tuesday | Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 |
| Wednesday | 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 |
| Thursday | 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 |
| Friday | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 |
| Saturday | 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49 |

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Missionary Discipleship

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that focus on labor—as well as a few prayers. All these were posted on the uscgb.org website.

Quotes from Church Documents:

“No consideration of the problems associated with development could fail to highlight the direct link between poverty and unemployment. In many cases, poverty results from a violation of the dignity of human work, either because work opportunities are limited (through unemployment or underemployment), or ‘because a low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security of the worker and his or her family’” *Charity in Truth*, § 63.

“Work must be an escape from poverty, not another version of it.” *A Place at the Table*, §17.

“Catholic social teaching supports the rights of workers to choose whether to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively, and to exercise these rights without reprisal...workers, owners, employers and unions should work together to create decent jobs, build a more just economy, and advance the common good.” *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. §76

Prayers:

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

- We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.
- We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.
- We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.
- We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

- We remember those who work in the night.
- We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.

- We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work. We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day’s work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Sacred Heart Concert Series

presents

Simon Housner as The Standing Cellist

Sunday, 13 September 2020 at 3PM

Simon’s concert will be outdoors—weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair, sun screen, and the beverage of your choice!



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Wednesday, September 16

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8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, September 18

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, September 19

4:00 pm at SH Leonardo Leocadio

6:00 pm at SP..... George & Marie Mycek

Liturgical Ministers - 12/13 September 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Eric Carpenter | Carol LaLonde |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Gerald Borer | Jackie Findish |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

September 6 — September 12

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September 13 — September 19

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| Sunday | Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 |
| Monday | Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 |
| Tuesday | 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a (444)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 |
| Wednesday | 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 |
| Thursday | 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50 |
| Friday | 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3 |
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*A note
from our Pastor*

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Edward C. Malesic as bishop-designate for the Diocese of Cleveland. He will be installed as the

12th bishop of Cleveland on Monday September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, in a Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are encouraged to watch a livestream of the Mass online at dioceseofcleveland.org as this event is ticketed and seating is severely limited due to the current public health crisis.

The Mass and installation can also be viewed live on EWTN and heard live and online at AM 1260 – The Rock -, and AM 1060 Living Bread Radio.

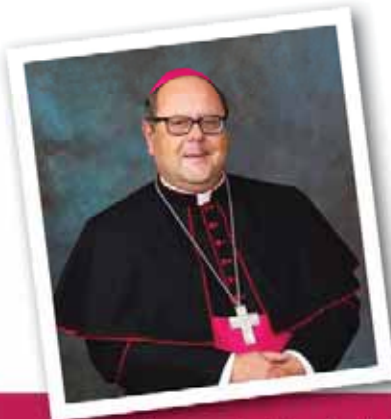


Simon's concert will be INDOORS—a planned October concert will be outdoors

JOIN US IN WELCOMING BISHOP MALESIC *as the 12th Bishop of Cleveland*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 2:00 P.M. INSTALLATION

Mass livestreamed at
dioceseofcleveland.org



*The regularly scheduled Mass at noon at the cathedral will not be available.
We invite viewers to watch the livestream at 2p.m.*



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Wednesday, September 23

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Thursday, September 24

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Elsie McCormick

Friday, September 25

8:45 am at Sacred Heart John Leek

Saturday, September 26

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Tony Foy

Liturgical Ministers - 19/20 September 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Jack Secrist | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Kathy Secrist | Ruth Steinacker |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

September 13 — September 19

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| Sunday | Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 |
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| Saturday | 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-1 |

September 20 — September 26

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| Sunday | Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a |
| Monday | Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 |
| Tuesday | Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 |
| Wednesday | Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 |
| Thursday | Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 |
| Friday | Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 |
| Saturday | Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 |

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*A note
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As believers, we do not read the Bible merely to be informed about its content or to be inspired by its religious message. We

read the Scripture in order to be transformed, to be shaped and reshaped by that message so that we can reveal it in new and authentic ways in the manner we live our lives.

Whether we realize or not, we are always involved in complex of reinterpretation. We do not simply read the Bible in order to discover what it meant to the original community. We are interested in what the Bible might say to us today, and in some ways it might say something quite different than it said to those who first heard it. This calls for reinterpretation.

The reason the Bible might be interpreted differently lies in changes that take place in our human history. Let us take, for example, the understanding of family. It has changed dramatically not only over the centuries but even in our own lifetime. We may have grown up thinking that a family consisted of Father, Mother, Jack and Jill, Spot the dog and Whiskers the cat. Today we have nuclear families, extended families, single-parent families and multiple-marriage families to name but a few examples. We now realize that when we read the word "family," we cannot automatically presume that we know what is meant by the term. The same is true with various expressions found in the Bible. Our contemporary awareness of racial or gender bias makes us sensitive to the way characters in the biblical stories relate to people of different races or to the status accorded to women in the society described. There are times that we cannot simply take the words of the Bible and apply them to our lives. Most of us knows that reinterpretation is rather difficult to do and that the customs of a distant culture do not fit the experience of our own. What should we do? It is neither necessary nor wise to reject the biblical message outright. Using the right commentary we might be able to come to new insights into how we can be faithful to the meaning of the biblical message in our times.

As we read some of the teaching found in the Scripture, we can see the need for such reinterpretation. For example, when the authors refer to the neighboring Edomites, Philistines and Samaritans with loathing. Certainly the summons of Jesus to love even one's enemies requires that we do more than loathe those who are different than we are. Interpretation will help us to see that these ancient political enemies frequently also posed a religious threat to the people of Israel. Reinterpretation will encourage us to discover what in our own lives challenges our religious integrity. Sometimes the biblical message does not challenge contemporary experience so much as contemporary insight challenges the biblical community.

We believe that God was revealed in the lives of our religious ancestors. We also believe that the traditions that they developed to describe and to explain this divine self-revelation, traditions that are contained within the Bible, also reveal God. What we must also remember is that God is revealed in our lives as well. We face the same challenge that was faced by believers down the centuries. We are called to bring the experience of our own lives into creative dialogue with our religious tradition in order to discover anew the God who is with us. We are called to transform our lives in accord with this new discovery.



We've scheduled a virtual **PSR Parent meeting** for Friday evening, September 25th at 7PM. Parents and catechists are invited to this gathering, at which we will talk

about the upcoming PSR program. Because the program will be substantially different this year, because of the COVID-19, we ask you to make every effort to join us at the meeting. For those unable to attend, we hope to record the meeting and make it available to you. All parents should have received an email with the link and passcode. If you did not receive an email, please email the church and the info will be sent to you.



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Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, September 30

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Florence Koval

Thursday, October 1

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Stuart Friebert

Friday, October 2

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, October 3

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Benny Allen

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 26/27 September 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Gerry Findlan | Catherine Schultis |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Tyler Wakefield | Jessie Ferriols |

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September 20 — September 26

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Saturday Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

September 27 — October 3

Sunday Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
Friday Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

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We are still accepting **PSR registrations** but they will now be at the higher tuition amount.

We are still looking for **PSR teachers**. If interested, please call the office or speak with Fr. Trask.

Join St. Vincent de Paul Church, 41295 North Ridge Road, Elyria, on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 pm as they pray for the sanctity of life and for our nation. The evening begins with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, followed by the Rosary, pro-life prayers and a candlelight procession to the outdoor Fatima Shrine (weather permitting). All are welcome. For more information call 440-324-4121.



Two weeks ago I was at a diaconate ordination in Youngstown, and the following day I was at the young transitional-deacon’s Mass of Thanksgiving in Canton (also part of the Youngstown Diocese). At the Cathedral church on Saturday, as well as at the parish church on Sunday, there was a LOT of singing – Opening, Offertory, Communion, Recessional, as well as ALL the acclamations.

My experience in the Diocese of Youngstown is not dissimilar to what I’ve heard about parishes west of us. As we live on the doorstep of the Diocese of Toledo, I have had individuals ask me why they’re singing and we’re not. Additionally, in the Diocese of Greensburg (from where our new bishop, Bp. Malesic hails) they have chosen to sing at Mass.

So, with everyone else singing, why aren’t we singing at St. Patrick or Sacred Heart (with the exception of a final him)? Simply put, we don’t belong to either the Diocese of Youngstown or the Diocese of Toledo.

The directive of the Diocese of Cleveland (DOC) is that we should avoid singing at Mass because you sing with greater force than you speak. Studies have demonstrated that the micro-droplets we expel when singing travel farther than those we expel while speaking. Granted, we’re all wearing masks – but the DOC felt it is better to suspend singing (and help forestall further spread of the virus) than it is to sing (and, potentially, spread the virus to other members of the congregation; succinctly put: erring on the side of caution.

I’ll be the first to admit that I really liked being able to sing again at Mass. But I must also say I was very apprehensive about the experience as well – since I didn’t feel the social distancing or practices are as disciplined as

they are within the DOC. And so, over the last two weeks, I’ve been even more diligent with mask-wearing and taking my temperature; having been a part of an environment that I didn’t feel was as safe as what we’re promoting within the DOC, I wanted to do my due-diligence to ensure my health wasn’t compromised.

When the DOC changes its COVID guidelines and believes it is appropriate to sing at Mass without risking further spread of the virus, I’ll be the second one in line for singing; I say that because I know Carl Lee is already standing in that line!



In addition to the organic natural roasted almonds & cashews, pecans have been added to the Equal Exchange

offerings. The pecans are sourced from black farmers in this country who do not have access to fair market prices. We will be happy to order nuts if enough parishioners commit to purchasing them. The prices, as always at cost, are as follows:

- Natural Pecans—10 oz—\$7.25
- Natural Almonds—8 oz—\$6.50
- Roasted Almonds—8 oz—\$7.00
- Natural Cashews—8 oz—\$5.50
- Roasted Cashews—8 oz—\$6.00

Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate is also available for purchase along with chocolate. To place an order, text Carol LaLonde at 440-864-7951 or email Mary Jo Ockenga at mj.ockenga@gmail.com or call her at 440-839-2008. A product listing is on our website at EE.SHOJ.CC.



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4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at SP..... George & Julia Fayer

Liturgical Ministers - 3/4 October 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Cherie Parrish | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Shirley Belizaire | Robert Hanko |

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| Thursday | Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12 |
| Friday | Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10 |
| Saturday | Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24 |

October 4 — October 10

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Greetings!

I am taking this time to provide to all of you my very deep feelings of gratitude for the wonderful send-off you provided to me on my last “official day” at Sacred Heart on August 29th.



I was quite surprised by “drive-by” following mass and the warm words expressed by so many as you paraded through.

I must also include my most sincere words of thanks for the ministry we have shared over these ten years. Hearts were shaped and prayers were prayed that we can all hope carry each of you into the next generations of Sacred Heart’s life.

I met most all of you ten years ago. At that time, you received me so warmly, and offered to me your trust and openness to the Holy Spirit’s work to be done among us. Thank you for that!

As I said as I retired, I left the next chapter in my ministry full of blank pages; not even an outline of what is to be written. Margee and I have been attending Mass together and are very encouraged to see the near capacity (Covid-style) in the churches where we have gone. However, we both agree that the finest liturgical experience of style, prayer, and music, thus far is only to be found at Sacred Heart.

I also say “thank you” for the beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart. We have found a place for it in our home where He remains in our visual presence every time we sit in our favorite spot. The statue was a perfect enhancement to our space and a constant inspiration and reminder of you, the parishioners.

My prayers remain with each of you and Fr. Trask daily. You will always be in my heart.

With the Love of Christ,
Deacon Tom



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Wednesday, October 7

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Thursday, October 8

8:45 am at SHJames McCollough

Friday, October 9

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, October 10

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

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Friday, October 16

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, October 17

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart John Leek

6:00 pm at St. PatrickTom Seman

Liturgical Ministers - 10/11 September 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Mary Jo Ockenga | Carol LaLonde |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Marianne Clary | Susan Hanko |

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October 11 — October 17

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| Monday | Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 |
| Tuesday | Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 |
| Wednesday | Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 |
| Thursday | Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 |
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Next weekend is 34th annual Diocesan collection for the St. Vincent DePaul Blanket Sunday. Since 1986, St. Vincent DePaul Cleveland has been purchasing thousands of blankets and other items needed by the poor and disadvantaged with donations from local parishioners and the community. They then distribute them to homeless individuals, shelters and families in need before Northeast Ohio's bitter winter temperatures arrive. Last year,

funds from the appeal were used to purchase 4,000 winter blankets that were provided to the homeless and to low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

Thank you, in advance, for helping SVDP "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion!

As always, please make your checks payable to Sacred Heart Church—with SVDP on the memo line; if you put your check in an envelope with SVDP on the outside, that'd be even better. We'll then forward a single check to SVDP for the purchase of "winter warmth!"



A message on the upcoming election from Bishop Edward Malesic

Once again, we find ourselves in a very polarized election cycle with candidates that do not reflect the complete breadth of Catholic moral teaching. Yet, it is our solemn duty as citizens of our republic to cast a vote for the candidate who best supports the greatest ideals and moral teachings of our Catholic faith, the faith that we hold and practice as the means of our personal salvation and as a benefit for the common good of the pluralistic society in which we live.

In casting our ballot, whether for those already proposed by a particular party or for those we choose to write in, we must have properly formed consciences. A properly formed conscience comes through prayer, Scripture and studying the teaching of the Church that is promoted and protected by the apostles and their successors, the bishops. This well-formed conscience seeks to understand the truth and allows itself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. A well-formed conscience is devoted to doing God’s will more than it is to supporting any particular political party.

As such, I wanted to write this letter to help you in forming your conscience in preparation for the vote that you will soon cast.

Our bishops have said, and I agree with them, that “the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family and because of the number of lives destroyed.” (See the new introductory letter found in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility* from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, which can be found online at www.usccb.org.)

The consistent teaching of the Church regarding the intrinsic evil of abortion seeks to secure all other rights as well. We are not a “single issue” Church; there are other extremely important rights that we must defend, to be sure; but these additional rights flow from and are rooted in the fundamental right to life itself.

St. Pope John Paul II stated, “Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and

illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” (*Christifideles laici*, No. 38)

Our bishops noted in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, “A Catholic voter cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter’s intent is to support that position. . . At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate’s opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.” (#34)

When we cast our vote, we must not remain indifferent to those positions and policies that would negatively impact religious freedoms, erode the traditional family, or make it difficult for the poor to access adequate education, housing and healthcare. We must carefully consider how to fix our broken immigration system, address the worldwide refugee crisis, preserve our natural resources, protect the environment and strive for humane solutions to global conflict and terrorism.

But, to be clear, although there are many causes our Church stands for and is vocal about, the right to life itself must be given our paramount consideration so that people can have the chance to secure all the other benefits that life can afford.

I humbly ask that you take my thoughts into consideration as you prepare to cast your ballot in the near future. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decision, having before all else the desire to secure the common good for our nation and to do God’s will in all things. I will pray for you and ask that you pray for me as we make our choice of civil leadership, hopefully with well-formed consciences. And, let us all pray for those who are running for election this cycle. May the Lord inspire them to be the best that they can be for all of us, for our nation and for our world.

May God bless you and those you love. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus
The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL
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Wednesday, October 21

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Joe Rink

Thursday, October 22

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Elsie McCormick

Friday, October 23

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, October 24

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Molly Wiles

Liturgical Ministers - 17/18 October 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Barb Cummings | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Harry Belizaire | Barbara Mohrman |

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Our final hymn next weekend will be: *FOR THE HEALING-Breaking Bread* #445.

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One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for loved ones who have died, or even for the living who have some need. This is an ancient Catholic practice, and all are encouraged to take it up.

If you're wondering why we've waited until October to open the 2021 Mass book, it's because Canon Law requires that we take intentions for no more than a year in advance. By waiting until October, it allows us the opportunity to fill the remaining requests for 2020 – while also keeping us within the spirit of canonical regulations.

A Mass intention may be requested for a Mass for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God (or to a particular person of the Blessed Trinity); in thanksgiving for an answered prayer from a Blessed or a Saint; or for a prayer intention (so long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching).

Please be mindful that there are some days throughout the year for which we do not accept intentions (eg. Holy Thursday, Easter, All Saints, and Christmas).

If you're wondering whether it's possible to intention a Mass on a particular date, you can always peruse the parish calendar at <http://calendar.shoj.cc>. You will find two entries for each Mass: one indicating that a Mass is scheduled, and; one indicating the intention of the particular Mass. As long as the intention entry reads "unintentioned,"

then you're 99.9% assured that (as of the moment you're perusing the web) the Mass is actually unintentioned. (I say 99.9% because there's always the possibility that I, or one of the parish secretaries, forgot to update the web at the time we put the intention into the Mass book). When visiting the online page, be mindful that Masses and intentions that are green will be celebrated at St. Patrick Parish, and Masses and intentions that are red will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. From either parish website you can see the Masses and intentions for both parishes.

Mass intention requests will be honored on a first-come-first-served basis. The Diocese of Cleveland suggests a donation of \$10 per Mass – checks should be made payable to the parish.



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Saturday, October 31

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6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 24/25 October 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| LECTOR | Kathleen Schreiber | Catherine Schultis |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Linda Butler | Judy Pickworth |

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October 25 — October 31

Sunday Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17
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We’re exactly two months away from Christmas Eve/Day—and there’s no doubt it’ll be a celebration unlike any we’ve known before.

Because Christmas Masses have always drawn a significant crowd, and because everyone’s health and safety require that we maintain social-distancing, open-seating at Christmas Masses will not be an option this year; those coming to Mass on Christmas Eve/Day will need to reserve a seat for a particular Mass. [Let me be the first to say that I dislike the idea of reserved-only seating. When I mentioned to two priest-friends from Chicago, IL that we’ll have to reserve seats for Christmas, they told me: “The Archbishop mandated reserved seating ever since churches reopened in June.” So, although I dislike the idea of needing to reserve seats for Christmas, I’m also grateful it hasn’t been a weekly necessity!]

With reserved Christmas seating a necessity, I’d like to make sure our Christmas Mass schedule is configured in such a way as to meet the needs of as many families as possible. And because 4PM Mass has always been the ‘sweet-spot’ of Christmas Eve Mass times, I’m suggesting that both St. Pat’s and Sacred Heart have a 4PM Christmas Eve Mass; this is only possible because of Fr. Kraig’s availability to assist.

As for the Christmas Night Mass. I wonder about the feasibility of retaining the 10PM time-frame. While 10PM Mass has had a comfortable attendance, it’s been far from a full church. Would having a slightly earlier Mass (perhaps 8 or 9PM) allow families to attend—perhaps after a small-group gathering instead of before.

The following survey offers several options for your prayerful consideration. And while I know that no single schedule can accommodate everyone’s wishes/desires, my preference is for a schedule that would focus on meeting the greatest needs.



Our parish **Healing Prayer Team** is willing to pray with parishioners for their needs during this time of Covid-19 and social distancing **by telephone upon request.** All Team Members have been trained for this Ministry, and all conversations, in person or by telephone **ARE KEPT IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.** For more information on Healing Prayer, contact either Fr. Trask or Eric Carpenter, Healing Prayer Team Coordinator.

Eric Carpenter 440-775-2546 or
..... 440-935-5722
Carol LaLonde 440-774-1071
Joe McCormick 440-775-7811
Sue Palmieri (9am—9pm) 440-774-1191
Kathy Schreiber..... 440-213-1586

I/We are parishioners of:

- ☐ Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- ☐ St. Patrick Parish
- ☐ Another Catholic Parish

Will you planning to attend in-person Mass on Christmas Eve/Day 2020?

- ☐ Yes, we plan to be at Christmas Mass in 2020
- ☐ No, we will be watching Christmas Mass virtually in 2020

In the past we have attended Christmas Mass at (select all that apply)

- ☐ 4PM Xmas Eve
- ☐ 6PM Xmas Eve
- ☐ 10PM Xmas Eve
- ☐ 10AM Xmas Day

On Christmas 2020, the only Christmas Mass Night I/we COULD NOT attend would be:

- ☐ 8PM Christmas Eve
- ☐ 9PM Christmas Eve
- ☐ 10PM Christmas Eve
- ☐ Christmas Mass at night (regardless of the time) is not one we would consider attending

Please return this survey via the Sunday collection basket, place it in the mailbox by the rectory office, or return the completed form via USPS or email to secretary@stpatrick.cc OR secretary@shoj.cc



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Monday, November 2

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Tuesday, November 3

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Friday, November 6

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Saturday, November 7

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6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - Oct 31/Nov 1 2020

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Eric Carpenter | Joseph Romano |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Gerald Borer | Jackie Findish |

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 Friday Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
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November 1 — November 7

Sunday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40
 Tuesday Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8
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Fall & the chocolate bars have arrived! Now available at \$2.50/bar are dark chocolate Lemon Ginger with Black Pepper, Orange, Almond, & Very Dark Chocolate (71% cacao). Dark Chocolate Almond & Sea Salt, \$3.00/bar, is also for sale. Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate is also available for purchase along with pecans, almonds and cashews. To place an order, text Carol LaLonde at 440-864-7951 or email Mary Jo Ockenga at mj.ockenga@gmail.com or call her at 440-839-2008. A product listing is on our website at EE.SHOJ.CC.



Our final hymn next weekend will be: **#708 — For All The Saints.**



*A note
from our Pastor*

On this Solemnity of All Saints we honor those holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and have done so in a glorious way.

As we honor these great champions of faith, let's reflect upon who they are and what role they continue to play in the life of the Church. The following excerpt is from Chapter 8 of *My Catholic Faith!* (by John Paul Thomas – ISBN: 978-0692511596):

Those who have gone before us and now share in the glories of Heaven, in the Beatific Vision, are not gone. Sure, we do not see them and we cannot necessarily hear them speak to us in the physical way they did while on Earth. But they are not gone at all. St. Thérèse of Lisieux said it best when she said, "I want to spend my Heaven doing good on Earth."

The saints in Heaven are in full union with God and make up the Communion of Saints in Heaven, the Church Triumphant! What's important to note, however, is that even though they are enjoying their eternal reward, they are still very much concerned about us.

The saints in Heaven are entrusted with the important task of intercession. Sure, God already knows all our needs and He could ask us to go directly to Him in our prayers. But the truth is that God wants to use the intercession, and therefore, the mediation of the saints in our lives. He uses them to bring our prayers to Him and, in return, to bring His grace to us. They become powerful intercessors for us and participators in God's divine action in the world.

Why is this the case? Again, why doesn't God just choose to deal with us directly rather than go through intermediaries? Because God wants all of us to share in His good work and to participate in His divine plan. It would be like a dad who buys a nice necklace for his wife. He shows it to his young children and they are excited about this gift. The mom comes in and the dad asks the children to bring the gift to her. Now the gift is from her husband but she will most likely thank her children first for their participation in giving this gift to her. The father wanted the children to be part of this giving and the mother wanted to make the children a part of her receiving and gratitude. So it is with God! God wants the saints to share in the

distribution of His manifold gifts. And this act fills His heart with joy!

The saints also give us a model of holiness. The charity they lived on Earth lives on. The witness of their love and sacrifice was not just a one time act in history. Rather, charity is living and continues to have an effect for the good. Therefore, the charity and witness of the saints lives on and affects our lives. This charity in their lives creates a bond with us, a communion. It enables us to love them, admire them and want to follow their example. It is this, coupled with their continuing intercession, that establishes a powerful bond of love and union with us.

Lord, as the saints in Heaven adore You for eternity, I beg for their intercession. Saints of God, please come to my aide. Pray for me and bring to me the grace I need to live a holy life in imitation of your own lives. All saints of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.



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Liturgical Ministers - 7/8 November 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Gerry Findlan | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Ron Mitchell | Jessie Ferriols |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

November 1 — November 7

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| Monday | Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40 |
| Tuesday | Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 |
| Wednesday | Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 |
| Thursday | Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday | Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 |
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November 8 — November 14

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Next week's final hymn

Our final hymn next weekend will be: #578—Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory!



As I have regularly stated, prayer is not the only thing we can do; **it's the most important thing we can do.** To that end, the US Bishops

website has a fantastic listing of prayers; to peruse it, visit: <http://uscgb.shoj.cc>

One of the prayers on the Bishops website is titled: *Prayer after an election*

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

Amen.

Another prayer is entitled: *COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity*

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Knowing that we'll all be attending Christmas Masses by reservation (and not by open-seating) because of COVID, a pressing question is: ***When can we sign up for Christmas Mass?*** And the short-answer is **early-to-mid December**. Listen to the announcements at Mass, read the bulletin, peruse my weekly email, and watch the website; details about signups will be shared via all these forums.



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Our final hymn next weekend will be: **#600, Rain Down.**

Moral Guidance regarding Vaccines and COVID-19 (23 Nov 2020)

(Prepared by Rev. Joseph Koopman, Moral Theologian- St. Mary Seminary)

With the prospect of the FDA approving one (or more) COVID-19 vaccines within the next few weeks, many questions have been raised regarding the ethical status of these vaccines (particularly questioning whether embryonic stem cells or tissue from aborted fetuses were used in their creation, and whether Catholics can morally receive such vaccines). The following is a brief moral analysis to help provide you some guidance when these questions arise. *Be mindful that this analysis is dependent on current information, and therefore could change once more information is released.* It has only been within the last few days that the findings of some of the vaccines have been submitted to the FDA for approval, so more information will be forthcoming in the upcoming weeks as the government and independent researchers have access to data.

- At this point, it appears as if the vaccine created by **Pfizer/Biontech**, along with the vaccine created by **Moderna** *have not been created using material of illicit origin (i.e., embryonic stem cells and/or the tissue of aborted children.)* For Catholics, this is *great* news. Theologically speaking, there are no moral or religious grounds that would restrict the consciences of Catholics from receiving these vaccines.

- There have been articles and press releases that affirm that, while these above vaccines were not *created* with material of illicit origin, there is good reason to believe that these vaccines may have been *tested* (post production) utilizing the tissue of aborted fetuses. These articles and statements, therefore, conclude that it is immoral to use them. This sweeping conclusion is *inconsistent with Catholic moral teaching*.

A critical question is: “Are Catholics always forbidden to perform an action if it touches upon evil, or cooperates, somehow, with the evil action of another?” The answer is ‘no’. There *certainly* are instances when Catholics *must* refrain from immoral cooperation. However, Catholic teaching on moral cooperation makes critical distinctions (mediate/immediate, proximate/remote, etc) to determine the *degree or level to which* one cooperates in evil. In some cases, some forms of cooperation, while unfortunate, can be allowed in certain circumstances.

Unfortunately, we live in a fallen world. Dig deep enough, and one finds that many of our actions somehow touch upon evil and the evil actions of others. While the Church draws a firm line in delineating certain acts of cooperation as immoral, it does not condemn *all* actions of cooperation as such. It challenges us to be aware of evil around us, to *always* choose the option that involves less evil (or no evil), and to speak and challenge others to desist from evil. It is for this reason that the Church, in the early months of vaccine development for COVID 19, boldly challenged (and continues to challenge) researchers and the medical industry to seek moral means of vaccine

production (and to reject the use of material of illicit origin that involved the destruction of unborn life).

Regarding the previous statement regarding the immorality of taking the vaccine because of immoral post-production testing, or even statements from some bishops that have forbidden vaccines derived from material of illicit origin, the following paragraph from *Dignitas Personae*, issued from the CDF under Pope Benedict XVI, offers critical (and perhaps surprising) conclusions. In speaking of the use of embryonic stem cell lines or the tissue of aborted children, the document states in no. 35: “Grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify the use of such ‘biological material’. Thus, for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available.” While the statement uses the example of the danger to the health of children, the dangers of COVID-19 particularly to our vulnerable elderly or those with compromised health could reasonably be presumed as grave reason for vaccination. While the Church unequivocally condemns researchers and the medical industry for the creation, production, and distribution of vaccines produced from embryonic stem cells and from the tissue of aborted children, the *receiving* of these vaccines is in another moral category.

- In conclusion, at this point there appears to be no moral issues to prohibit a Catholic from receiving vaccines produced by Pfizer or Moderna. If other vaccines are released which do have recourse to material of illicit origin, Catholic moral teaching would direct Catholics to utilize the option that is least morally problematic (i.e., the vaccines that were *not* created via such immoral means). Providentially, these two listed vaccines satisfy that criteria.

As more vaccines are produced, we recommend that you visit the following website, which provides a fairly complete list of all vaccines, and how they were produced and tested.

<https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>

From Fr. Trask:

You may also wish to watch a video by Fr. Casey Cole, OFM who (like Fr. Koopman in this article) offers insights on the topic of morally-acceptable vaccines. Fr. Casey's most recent video on the topic is found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeScAapnPGE>



With the end of the Liturgical Year coming with the Feast of Christ the King on November 22nd, the Church proposes us reflection on the Last Things - that is the end of life

and the end of times issues. The Church reminds us to be vigilant and prepared for our own death, and for the Second Coming of Christ. The crystallization of the faith in regard to last things is revealed to us through the Old and New Testament. Jesus proclaims this teaching by words, deeds and by His own life, death and resurrection. The last things are: death, judgment, heaven and hell.

Death is the separation of man's mortal body and immortal soul. It comes to all men as a result of original sin. It is a temporary state, for at the end of the world, all men shall rise again to be judged by Christ. Thus the whole man, body and soul, will be rewarded for the good or evil that he/she has done, body and soul, in this life.

At the moment of death, each of us is judged by God based on his/her conduct in this life, and goes immediately to his/her reward or punishment. Moreover, at the end of the world, Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. At that time, God's whole plan for the world shall be revealed, and His mercy and justice demonstrated.

Heaven is the eternal state of perfect happiness resulting from the face to face vision of God, which is the reward of those who have served Him in this life.

Hell is the eternal state of torment and despair which awaits those who, in this life, have freely rejected God and the happiness which He offers.

Before the end of the world, there will be an intermediate state called purgatory. There, those who are bound for heaven, but whose love for God is still marred by some imperfection, undergo a temporary period of purifying suffering. When this purification is complete, they are fit to enter God's presence and are admitted to the joys of heaven.

Then there will be the resurrection of the body; it is meant that at the end of the world the bodies of all men will rise from the earth and be united again to their souls, nevermore to be separated. No man knows when the world will end. The signs preceding the destruction of the world, as given in Scripture, are: wars, famine, pestilence, the coming of Antichrist, the darkening of the sun and moon, and the appearance of the cross in heaven.

Considering this teaching, we realize that Jesus gave His life for it without hesitation. He surrendered His life for our sake and salvation, to give us His example of how much He wants us to be with Him in heaven. But we can see how difficult it was to teach and transmit that faith, to the point, that Jesus and many believers who followed Him did offer their lives for it. Any martyr, starting with Jesus gave their life for the truth of the Gospel, that is for the truth of God's love and mercy and the truth of eternal

life. In heaven we will be consumed or absorbed by our personal relationship with God, being able to see God's glory in everything.

This is why especially in November the Church invites everyone to pray for all of our faithful departed, if necessary helping them to arrive in heaven. The best we can do for our departed, is to offer a Mass for them, let the sacrifice of Jesus speed their purgatory if they were in need of God's mercy at the time of their death. The gift of flowers for the dead lasts for few days, the gift of Mass is eternal. Then all other prayers and sacrifices are of real help in getting the Souls from purgatory to the joy of heaven. *May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace!!! Amen !!!*



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Liturgical Ministers - 21/22 November 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Mary Jo Ockenga | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Tyler Wakefield | Susan Hanco |

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#722, CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS.



*A note
from our Pastor*

Although this column is a repeat of the insert included in last weekends bulletin, it bears repeating—as not everyone is at Mass each weekend (due to the Bishop’s ongoing dispensation).

With COVID-19 numbers skyrocketing beyond 5000 new cases per day, and with both our weekend Masses at (or beyond) capacity, our ability to ensure a safe worship environment and adequate social distancing via open-seating is close to being compromised. (The last two weekends our 10:30AM Mass has exceeded capacity.)

In order to provide the safest environment possible for those attending weekend Mass at Sacred Heart, or the 8:15AM Mass St. Pat’s, it would be wise for us to transition to reserved seating for weekend Masses at Sacred Heart and the 8:15AM Mass at St. Pat’s. Reservations for any weekend Mass may be made on-line at <http://rsvp.shoj.cc> (from this link you can reserve a seat at either parish). Those without internet access should call the parish secretary at 440.707.6707, x0 Monday or Tuesday 9AM to 2PM, and Wednesday→Friday from 9AM until Noon. Beyond those hours, the secretary at St. Pat’s can also assist you until 5PM on weekdays by calling 440.647.4375 x0. Additionally, I will make myself available to assist anyone who has difficulty reserving a seat for weekend Mass (440.987.9873).

Before making a reservation, please peruse the diagram on the website to see how the pews have been sectioned and numbered. Additionally, it may be helpful to review the detailed tutorial at <http://rsvp.shoj.cc> prior to your initial attempt at reserving a seat at Mass.

While I thoroughly dislike the idea of needing to reserve a seat at most weekend Masses, I’m elated that we have the problem of having too many people at Mass! I’ve spoken with several priest friends who’ve lamented their extremely low attendance at weekend Mass; that we need to be cautious about having too many people at Mass is a testimony to your depth of faith and your burning desire to praise God!

Out of fairness to all, reserving a seat at Mass will be a weekly routine; there are no perpetual reservations. The option to reserve a seat at Mass for the upcoming weekend will “go live” around 1PM every Sunday afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding and your willingness to make sure that the only thing we take with us as we depart weekend Mass is the

nourishment we’ve received from God’s Word and the Eucharist.

The pew reservation shortcut is:
→ <http://rsvp.shoj.cc>

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is moving! Starting today, Nov 22, the Sunday television Mass will be seen at **10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43**, the CW43. This change provides viewers with an opportunity to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a much more convenient time. In addition, WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. Those with cable TV need only to check their local cable system listings to determine where WUAB is located on their local channel line-up.

The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland and it originates from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. The televised Mass has been a staple of religious programming on Northeast Ohio airwaves for decades, cultivating a dedicated and faithful following. It is hoped that viewers will continue to tune in on this new station at this new, more convenient time.



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Liturgical Ministers - 28/29 November 2020

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| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Shirley Belizaire | Barbara Mohrman |

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| Sunday | Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 |
| Monday | Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 |
| Tuesday | Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 |
| Wednesday | Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 |
| Thursday | Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 |
| Friday | Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33 |
| Saturday | Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 |

November 29 — December 5

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| Sunday | Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 |
| Monday | Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 |
| Tuesday | Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 |

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Next week's
final hymn

Our final hymn next weekend will be:
#39, COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS.



*A note
from our Pastor*

Happy New Year! As we enter into Advent, we also embark upon a new liturgical year. Last year (referred to as Cycle A) had us reading from the Gospel of Matthew; this year (Cycle B) we'll be primarily reading from the Gospel of Mark.

As we're a bit less than a month away from Christmas, and because family plans often center around participating at Mass on Christmas, I thought it would be helpful to publish the Christmas Mass schedule—as well as a list of FAQs about Christmas in the midst of a pandemic.

Due to COVID-19, admission to Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be **BY RESERVATION ONLY - and MASKS ARE REQUIRED**. As reserved-seating at Christmas Masses will be on a *"first-come, first-reserved"* basis please be understanding if the Mass time or seat location you desire has already been reserved by someone else.

WHY must we have reserved seating for Masses on Christmas?

While the standing-room-only crowds of prior years has powerfully demonstrated the centrality and the importance of the Incarnation in our lives - it is neither safe, prudent, or legal to gather in that manner in the midst of this pandemic.

What is the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule?

The initial Christmas schedule (more Masses will be added if these four fill up) is:

- **Christmas Eve 4PM at St. Patrick**
- **Christmas Eve 4PM at Sacred**
- **Christmas Eve 9PM at St. Patrick**
- **Christmas Morning 9AM at Sacred Heart**

When can I sign up for a seat at Christmas Eve/Day Mass?

The option to reserve seating for Christmas Masses will go live in early-to-mid-December 2020 ... so please check back at a later date to secure your reservation. **When reservations go "live,"** there will be:

1. announcements made at Mass;
2. info in my weekly email (join the mailing list at <http://lists.shoj.cc>);
3. details in the weekly bulletin, and;
4. a clickable link on the home page of our website.

When is the "children's" Mass?

All Masses on Christmas (both Eve or Day) will be parish Masses intended for the entire family. Especially in the midst of a booming-pandemic, it would be inappropriate and irresponsible to suggest or encourage those with children to flock to a particular Mass because it had a unique focus. All Christmas Masses will focus on the Incarnation → Christ being born into our world - our families, and - our lives.

What happens if ALL the Christmas Masses FILL-UP?

If the available spots at all the initially scheduled Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses fill up, Fr. Trask will add an additional Mass (or, perhaps two, if the first added Mass also fills up). There are contingency plans for up to six (6) Masses, should the need present itself.

Do I have to attend Mass on Christmas?

Because of the pandemic and the ease with which the coronavirus can be transmitted, the Bishops of Ohio have continued to dispense Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. That said, those choosing not to attend Mass should still keep the Lord's Day holy by prayerfully participating at a streamed Mass (whether on TV or over the internet).

What are my options if I wish to participate in a live-streamed Mass on Christmas?

The Diocese of Cleveland will live-stream the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass on the diocesan website at <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass>. You are welcome to gather your family around a computer, tablet, or screen and pray along with the live-streamed Christmas Eve Mass.

The FAQ section of the parish website will be updated as additional questions present themselves; visit <http://xmas.shoj.cc> to stay informed.



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10:30 am at Sacred Heart.....Marcella Dodd

Monday, November 30

8:45 am at St. Patrick Don Downs

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 2

6:30 pm at St. PatrickCharles Linden

Thursday, December 3

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Robert Teeple

Friday, December 4

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Tom Findlan

Saturday, December 5

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Sunday, December 6

8:15 am at St. Patrick Julia Blaha

10:30 am at Sacred Heart..... Parishioners

Monday, December 7

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Don Downs

Tuesday, December 8

8:45 am at St. Patrick Parishioners

6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Wednesday, December 9

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Chuck Dunick

Thursday, December 10

8:45 am at SH Leonardo Leocadio

Friday, December 11

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Fred Smith

Saturday, December 12

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart John Leek

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 5/6 December 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Barb Cummings | Joseph Romano |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Marianne Clary | Judy Pickworth |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

November 29 — December 5

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| Sunday | Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 |
| Monday | Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 |
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| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 |

December 6 — December 12

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| Sunday | Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 |
| Monday | Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tuesday | Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday | Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Thursday | Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 |
| Friday | Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 |
| Saturday | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 |

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Next week's
final hymn

Our final hymn next weekend will be:
People Look East—
#40, .



In this season of giving,
A note consider making a year-
 end gift to our parish in
 gratitude for all the
 blessings you have

received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2020, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. Even if you don't itemize your taxes, because of the new stimulus package passed by Congress, qualified charitable donations up to \$300 for individuals may be tax-deductible. The CARES Act legislation also temporarily suspended the limitation on qualified charitable contributions of cash, allowing for a current year deduction (for those who itemize) up to 100% of AGI. This provision is in effect only for the 2020 tax year. And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact us in the parish office, (440.707.6707 x0) or Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216.225.9120.

When we can once-again gather in the Ed Building, you may notice a difference in the quality of lighting throughout the building. Through a grant from Efficiency Smart, we are in the process of retrofitting all our fluorescent light fixtures with energy-efficient LED tubes at negligible cost to the parish; for the classrooms, kitchen, and restrooms, the cost of the 4' LED bulbs is 100% covered by the grant. The savings we realize from the efficiency of these new bulbs should more than offset our costs in purchasing the U-shaped bulbs used in the hallway fixtures. (The cost of these tubes is higher than the maximum \$7 rebate/bulb.)

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Mass times and Location:

Monday, December 7th 6:30 pm at
St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 8th 8:45 am at
St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 8th 6:30 pm at
Sacred Heart



Equal Exchange Christmas

Orders: If you would like to place a larger order for coffee, tea, chocolate or cocoa, please contact Carol LaLonde by text at 440-864-7951 or Mary Jo Ockenga at 440-839-2008 or at mj.ockenga@gmail.com by December 7, 2020.

ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER

NEEDED: The Refugee Family, the Abdi's, are in need of a used electric dryer. The refugee committee would be willing to purchase or accept a donation for them. Please call or text: Lori 440.213.7991.



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Tuesday, December 15

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Wednesday, December 16

6:30 pm at St. Patrick JoAnn Murowsky

Thursday, December 17

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Elsie McCormick

Friday, December 18

8:45 am at SH Leonardo Leocadio

Saturday, December 19

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Margaret Toth

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers - 12/13 December 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Kathleen Schreiber | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Harry Belizaire | Jackie Findish |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

December 6 — December 12

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Tuesday Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
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December 13 — December 19

Sunday Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
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Next week's final hymn

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*A note
from our Pastor*

This past Tuesday (12/8) we celebrated the Blessed Virgin Mary's being conceived without the stain of Original Sin. On August 15th we remembered that fact she was bodily assumed into Heaven

without undergoing the physical corruption of death. When we pray the Hail Mary we venerate her as the, "Mother of God."

Because of Mary's miraculous conception and death and her unique role in Salvation history I think we tend to think of her life on earth as being easier than it really was. We may assume that she sailed through life in the comfort of knowing God's plan in its entirety.

This was not the case, however. We have to remember that Gospels were not written as the events happened but afterwards. They were written after the Resurrection, after Jesus eternal triumph over Death and Sin.

Unlike us, Mary did not have the advantage of reading the Gospels during her time on earth. She did not have the New Testament or 2,000 years of Church tradition and teaching to buttress her faith. Yet her faith was so complete, so strong that she never once in her life sinned.

She maintained this faith in the face of incredible challenges and adversity. Mary was living quietly and devoutly in Nazareth when the Angel of the Lord announced to her that she was to "conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus." (Luke 1:31)

Mary was betrothed to Joseph. Under Jewish law Joseph would have been within his rights to renounce the child and expose Mary to the punishment for adultery, death by stoning. Faced with all of this Mary's response speaks for itself, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."

Mary was forced to give birth in a stable lacking even the most rudimentary comforts to ease the pain of labor and delivery, but she did not complain. When Jesus was brought to the Temple to be presented to the Lord, Simeon told Mary, "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign the will be opposed - and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:32-33)

Simeon's words were indeed prophetic. It is impossible for us who view Jesus life through two thousand years of Christian Scripture and teaching to fully understand how radical Jesus appeared to most in the Jewish community.

Jesus performed cures on the Sabbath. Instead of marveling at the miracles, the pillars of Jewish society, the scribes and Pharisees condemned Him. Jesus associated with taxpayers and others who were literally considered the scum of the earth by "proper" Jewish society. He even cured the daughter of a Roman soldier, in effect giving comfort to the enemy who oppressed the Jews.

In short Jesus led, what was considered by most of His contemporaries, a scandalous life. Yet, Mary's faith did not waver.

Finally, Jesus was condemned to death by crucifixion. Unlike our society, capital punishment in Jesus time was commonplace. Crucifixion was reserved, however, for the most hated criminals. It was the most, brutal, painful death, the Romans could conceive of, and they were masters of delivering death.

So, Mary saw her Son who had cured countless others, who had even raised the dead, accept this excruciatingly painful, this unbelievably humiliating death, without even lifting a finger to save Himself. God who had sent angels to announce Jesus conception and birth sent no one to save her Son from this terrible ordeal.

We know that Jesus would rise from the dead on the following Sunday. As Mary watched her Son die a slow agonizing death on the Cross, she did not have any Easter accounts to comfort her. Yet, her faith did not waver.

By the way she lived her life Mary has given us a model of Faith to help light the way as we strive to stay on the path that will lead to eternal Life.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

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Sunday, December 20

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10:30 am at SH Elliana Grace Holmes

Monday, December 21

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Rev. Willard Weisler

Tuesday, December 22

8:00 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 23

6:30 pm at St. Patrick John Dragan

Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parishioners

4:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

9:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Friday, December 25

9:00 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, December 26

4:00 pm at SH Beatrice & Ray Bucholz

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Al Pasadyn

Liturgical Ministers - 19/20 December 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Eric Carpenter | Carol LaLonde |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Linda Butler | Jessie Ferriols |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

December 13 — December 19

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| Sunday | Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 |
| Monday | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 |
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| Saturday | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 |

December 20 — December 26

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| Sunday | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Monday | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Tuesday | 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 |
| Wednesday | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 |
| Thursday | Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 |
| Friday | Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 |
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*A note
from our Pastor*

Each year, around Christmas and again around Easter, Dynamic Catholic publishes a book for distribution to the parish. This Christmas, they're

offering two different books for your spiritual edification: *Do Something Beautiful for God*, and; *I Heard God Laugh*.

"*Do Something Beautiful for God* is Mother Teresa's enduring invitation and challenge to the world. This is not an abstract invitation but a deeply personal and intimate one. There is so much happening in the world and so much happening within our own hearts, minds, and souls. All this makes it is easy to lose sight of what matters most and get absorbed in what matters least.

Mother Teresa is an icon of goodness, one of the most beloved women in history. How did she become so much to so many people? Little by little. Small acts performed with great love. You become an icon of goodness by striving to be good and by consistently doing good.

On these pages, you will find the essential teachings of Mother Teresa. They provide remarkable insight into the depths of her heart, mind, soul, and life. They will comfort you in your affliction and afflict you in your comfort. But most of all, in the midst of all this activity and noise of your life, you will hear Mother Teresa encouraging you by gently saying: Do something beautiful for God with your life!"

In the book *I Heard God Laugh*, the reader is asked to consider: "Is Your Life Working?"

Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how to remedy this problem.

When our bodies are hungry, our stomachs growl. When our souls are hungry, we become irritable, restless, confused, overwhelmed, exhausted, anxious, discontent, and tend to focus on the things that matter least and neglect the things that matter most.

Are you taking care of your soul? Are you feeding it and nurturing it? Or are you ignoring it and neglecting it? The reality is, most people have never really been taught

how to tend their souls. *I Heard God Laugh* will help you to do just that, and so much more.

If you ever wondered how Matthew Kelly has been able to write and speak the way he has over the past three decades, he is about to share his secret with you. As he shares what transformed his life, along with intimate details of his own journey and struggle, he teaches us how to apply the great spiritual lessons learned to our own lives.

At every turn he floods the reader with hope and demonstrates unmistakably that the best is yet to come!

I Heard God Laugh is being distributed at St. Patrick Parish, and; *Do Something Beautiful for God* is being passed out at Sacred Heart Parish. If you'd like both books, I'd invite you to visit both parishes during the Christmas season—perhaps for weekend or weekday Mass, or just to catch a glimpse of their Christmas decorations.

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4:00 pm at SH Beatrice & Ray Bucholz

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Al Pasadyen

Sunday, December 27

8:15 am at SP..... Catherine Holmes Gabriel

10:30 am at SH.....Mr. & Mrs. Robert Diedrick

Monday, December 28

8:45 am at St. Patrick Marilyn Tipple

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 amNativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 pm at St. PatrickGene Tomko

Thursday, December 31

5:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Friday, January 1

10:00 am at Sacred Heart.....Caroline Farago

Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Ann Lewis

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Jayne Laditka

Liturgical Ministers - 26/27 December 2020

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LECTOR | Gerry Findlan | Bob Zgrabik |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Gerald Borer | Robert Hanko |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

December 20 — December 26

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| Sunday | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Monday | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 |
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| Friday | Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 |
| Saturday | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 |

December 27 — January 2

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| Sunday | Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 |
| Monday | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 |
| Tuesday | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 |
| Wednesday | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 |
| Thursday | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 |
| Friday | Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |
| Saturday | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 |

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**Next week's
final hymn**

Our final hymn next weekend will be: **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, #98.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 DECEMBER 2020



It was the Christmas of 1914. Europe was in the throes of war. The German soldiers on one side and the French, British, Belgian

on the other were in their trenches ready to unleash their destructive powers. Pope Benedict XV, who had taken over in September called for a Christmas truce. The idea seemed preposterous and the call was officially rejected.

And then, a miracle happened. It was the night of Christmas. As Pvt. Albert Moren recalls, it was "a beautiful moonlit night, frost on the ground, white almost everywhere." Graham Williams of the Fifth London Rifle Brigade later wrote in his diary: "First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words *Adeste Fideles*. And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing -- two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war."

The Christmas spirit spread. Next morning, soldiers from both sides emerged from their trenches calling out "Merry Christmas" in each other's languages. Soldiers displayed "You no shoot, we no shoot" signs to each other. They exchanged gifts of cigarettes, food, buttons and hats. They also buried their dead comrades whose bodies lay where no one could access them.

The truce was short lived. Hostilities returned, and some 15 million people were killed in the most gruesome war the world had even seen until then. Nevertheless, on that day, there was a Christmas miracle.

We live in a time of great divisiveness. Never has our nation been so polarized. Some wear a mask to help protect others from the coronavirus, while others see masks as an infringement upon personal freedom. Some focus on particular lives that matter; others view all human life from the perspective of Christ, and; the actions of still others seem to indicate they place no value on any human life. In the midst of all the politics and divisiveness of the last many months, tonight/today a little child is calling out to us. Could we recreate the Christmas miracle?

The little child, we call the Christmas miracle, later grew up and lit up the world with love. Even though He Himself became a victim of hatred and violence, He showed us the way to peace and harmony, love and forgiveness, compassion and generosity. This Christmas, let us not merely seek a truce. Rather, let us join the angels at Christ's birth who announced. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill" (Lk 2:14). Let us be people of "goodwill." Let us make the Christmas miracle last the year-round.

May you have a blessed Christmas and peace-filled New Year!

Merry Christmas!
J. David Trask





*Let us rejoice in His life
and believe in His love and
celebrate His promise this
Christmas. Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year!*

Jan Mitchell



In unusual times with not much being constant or normal, the only thing we can depend on is our faith in our Savior. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us look to Him as our beacon guiding us, giving us the stability we all seek.

I wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year filled with peace, good health, love and happiness.

Christine Toth

In this blessed season when we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, may we appreciate the many blessings we have received from Him in our lives, both as individuals and as a parish family. May the spirit of Christmas continue to be reflected in our future actions as we continue on our journey to meet our heavenly father.

Blessed Christmas!
Joe McCormick



Dear Friends,

For the four weeks of Advent, our hopeful voices sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", and at last, at the glorious birth of our Lord and Savior, we joyfully proclaim, "Emmanuel, God is With Us!" We have all been surrounded with the joy and light which the birth of Jesus brings into the world!

At this great time of joy and thanksgiving, I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families for being a part of our faith-filled and dynamic community here at our wonderful parish. May the beauty, peace and joy of this most blessed season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, our Savior and brother, Jesus.



A joyous and blessed
Christmas to each of
you!

God Bless,
Carl Lee



As we come to an end of 2020, all of us within the PSR family would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to the birth of Jesus with Hope and Love. Hope for a healthy 2021 and Love for our neighbors.

Dr. Shelly Bussard



Merry Christmas and a
Happy, Blessed, & Safe
New Year!!

Moe Lee



*A note
from our Pastor*

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life.

Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly “just man.” Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus’ public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God’s love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God’s divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

Lord, I do offer myself to You this day and in doing so I offer You my family. I offer every relationship, be it good or difficult, and I offer every challenge we face. Please come and sanctify my family, making it holy in imitation of your family in Nazareth. Jesus, I trust in You.

A TREMENDOUS **THANK**

YOU to all who participated in this year’s Giving Tree initiative. Your generosity allowed us to touch the lives of the residents at Welcome Nursing Home—

as well as homebound parishioners who live alone or at Kendal. THANKS!



MARY,
MOTHER OF
GOD

JANUARY 1ST



New Year’s Eve and Day Masses

- **New Year’s Eve 5PM at St. Patrick**
- **New Year’s Day 10AM at Sacred Heart**



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 27

8:15 am at SP..... Catherine Holmes Gabriel

10:30 am at SH.....Mr. & Mrs. Robert Diedrick

Monday, December 28

8:45 am at St. Patrick Marilyn Tipple

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 amNativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 pm at St. Patrick Gene Tomko

Thursday, December 31

5:00 pm at St. Patrick Parishioners

Friday, January 1

10:00 am at Sacred Heart.....Caroline Farago

Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Ann Lewis

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Jayne Laditka

Sunday, January 3

8:15 am at St. Patrick Donald Downs

10:30 am at Sacred Heart.....Helen Komoski

Monday, January 4

8:45 pm at St. PatrickJoseph Tomko

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 amNativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, January 6

6:30 pm at St. PatrickDon Downs

Thursday, January 7

8:45 am at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, January 8

9:00 am at Sacred Heart Andrew Sims

Saturday, January 9

4:00 pm at SHAndrea Andrews

6:00 pm at St. Patrick Mary Minnich

Liturgical Ministers - 2/3 January 2021

| | Saturday 4:00 pm | Sunday 10:30 am |
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| LECTOR | Mary Jo Ockenga | Tracey Field |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Ron Mitchell | Susan Hanko |

Spend some quiet time with the Lord

December 27 — January 2

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| Sunday | Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 |
| Monday | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 |
| Tuesday | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 |
| Wednesday | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 |
| Thursday | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 |
| Friday | Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |
| Saturday | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 |

January 3 — January 9

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| Sunday | Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |
| Monday | 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 |
| Tuesday | 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 |
| Wednesday | 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 |
| Thursday | 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a |
| Friday | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 |
| Saturday | 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 |

The full text of readings at: usccb.org



Just a reminder that donations for the 2020 calendar year need to be received (or postmarked) by 31 December 2020. As per IRS regulation, any donation received in 2021 that doesn't bear a 2020 postmark must be listed as a 2021 donation.

A profound note of gratitude to Kathie & Ted Siller and team for their awesome work at decorating (both inside and out) for Christmas. Their many hours of self-less devotion and dedication are immensely appreciated.



Next week's
final hymn

Our final hymn next weekend will be:
HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, #96.